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At the Legislative Matters committee meeting last Thursday, Alderman At-Large John Connolly expressed his view that it would be wrong to restrict service on the CBC by municipal employees.

By Jordan Deschenes

After over two months of discussions, Somerville city officials are still in the editing stages of the proposed Community Benefits Committee (CBC) ordinance. Aldermen met last week at a Legislative Matters committee meeting to review two drafts of the document, deliberating the lawfulness and ethical implications of the drafts' language.

With the assistance of city solicitor Francis Wright, several points were identified that could potentially generate issues. It was also found that a draft submitted by Union United had made changes to a previous version that would violate the legality of reaching a Community Benefits agreement between the developer and the neighborhood council.

"The changes resulted in a manner that would affect the Special Permit Continued on page 4

Somerville's 175th Anniversary celebrations continue

By Rebecca Danvers

In honor of Somerville's 175th Anniversary of our separation from Charlestown, and the beginning of our path to become an independent – and now incredibly vibrant – small city, Somerville has been hosting special events all year long. With event season in full swing, here are a number of ways you can stay involved, and capture some special, one-time 175th Anniversary events.

As a reminder, the 175th Anniversary Committee is collecting stories, photos, and memories from your Somerville past. Share your favorite memory of a long-gone local store or hangout. Got a photo of your family or friends participating in a favorite pastime, event, or at a City park? Send it in. Feel free to share a longer story, or a quick statement. The city will use all submissions to form a multimedia gallery at the end of the year and will feature photos and stories on its website,

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Break out the party hats and get ready to through the month of June and beyond.



Break out the party hats and get ready to cut the cake, as Somerville's 175th Anniversary celebrations continue through the month of June and beyond.

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"East Somerville Reunion 17" will be held this year on June 24 at the Somerville City Club. Anyone that grew up in East Somerville is invited to attend to meet and greet old friends and reminisce about your park or the corner you grew up on, and so much more. Come and have some fun. Hook up with old friends. Eat, drink, and dance your ass off to a live band. Tickets are \$10 each, available at the City Club bar. \$15 at the door. This is an adult only event. No one under 21 allowed. We know what it was like back in the day to grow up in a unique part of Somerville. The last reunion had well over 100 attendees. It looks like this year's event may be even more successful. Go to the Facebook page "East Somerville 17" and check in if you will be attending. The reunion is the idea of Dan Rogovich and his committee. They have worked hard to make this a success. A big thank you for having Somerville Pride, in particular East Somerville Pride.

Question: definition of "arrogance" - Answer: it seems that Ward 3 School Committee member Lee Erica Palmer, while attending a fundraiser for an alderman last week, was questioned by a local activist, several times asking her why she was spreading lies about Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters whom she is saying accepts money from developers. It seems as though she doesn't like Alderman McWatters and has, according the activist - and as others have told us, been going around saying that Alderman McWatters is taking "money from developers." This is not hearsay, it's first hand, hearing the conversation standing right there besides her, we heard the entire thing, and to tell you the truth we were shocked at how it was going down. Her repeated denials that she was lying. She kept insisting that it's true saying, "It's not lies." So the activist (not a public elected official) asked her to prove it, and she said she couldn't right there. Then the activist reminded her, "You know, Bob helped you to get elected to the School Board," to which she replied, "I would have won anyway." Blowing off the comment like it was nothing and that he did not help her get elected, when in fact we know that Alderman McWatters took her around to various places and homes in Ward 3 when she first ran. Any other person would at least fake Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville Police joins Click It or Ticket Campaign

LindaS says:

I'm all for buckling up. The problem is sometimes getting other passengers to do it, too. My late dad was terrible about it, he would never buckle up, and I always told him I would make sure to give him the blame if we ever got stopped by a policeman.

If a car gets stopped and anyone other than the driver is not using a seat belt, then that person or persons should be the ones who get ticketed if the driver is using theirs.

Matt says:

Not the way it works, as the driver you are responsible for their lives.

Old Taxpayer says:

Don't buckle up you don't get to ride with me.

Response to: SHS Class of 2017 Graduation

Steve Keenan says:

Congratulations to the class of 2017. Use your knowledge and life experiences to make the World a better place. You are needed so badly at this time. God bless you all!

ritepride says

Steve brings out a very good point. As you move on in life there will be experiences that will continue and make your life for the better. You will remember things that your parents and teachers said that have come true. Some will go to college and others will go to work and both will help improve this world. Computers alone will not improve the world, they assist. You make them work and there are many more things that the human workforce is needed to improve the world. Like eliminating driverless cars (lol)

Response to: Union Square Portraits: Conversations about America – with Wilson

Barbara Brown says:

It's been too many yrs since I heard from Wilson. He uses words in such a way—as does the writer—that I feel I'm sitting across the table from him, enjoying a long, refreshing conversation about Wilson, life, Kenya and the US. Thank you both for sharing it with us all. And Wilson: you must get back to writing!

Response to: Somerville property owners file major lawsuit to stop unconstitutional land grab

Dawna Carrette says:

The Institute for Justice lawyers are absolutely amazing. I watched them defend an elderly couple against the government trying to take their family owned motel for three days at the Moakley. They won! I love IJ!

Response to: SHS teacher Kevin Dua named Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year

Steve Keenan says:

Way to go, Mr. Dua. I am pleased that a Somerville High School teacher received and earned this award. I had a teacher at SHS, Mr. David Jones(RIP) who was loved and respected by many of us who attended his classes in Problems of Democracy and Civics. Teachers have a profound and positive effect on students. Keep up the good work, Mr. Dua. You are everything a teacher should be.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



Call to community to take part in planning process for Somerville comprehensive climate change plan

By Charles Lane

Members of the Somerville community concerned about climate change and determined to stick to the goals of the Paris Climate Accord, have a direct opportunity to get involved locally. On June 26th, the City of Somerville will launch the next phase of their planning process to create a new climate change plan. The plan, called Somerville Climate Forward, will serve as the city's comprehensive strategy for addressing climate change. Somerville Climate Forward will identify actionable short- and medium-term policies, projects, and programs around two key goals:

1. Significantly decreasing Somerville's contribution to climate change by reducing the collective carbon emissions of both city government and the larger community while working toward the city's goal of being carbon neutral by 2050.

2. Preparing Somerville to be resilient in the face of the expected impacts of climate change.

"With the United States pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement, it has never been more important to address climate change locally," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone. "The U.S. has historically been the largest contributor to climate change, and if we're stepping away at the federal level, we must step up at the local level and generate solutions that both reduce our contribution to climate change and prepare for the existing and evolving risks climate change presents."

Somerville Climate Forward, led by the city's Office of Sustainability and Environment along with a consulting team from the firms of Kleinfelder and AECOM, will be developed over the next year. There will be opportunities throughout the planning process for the Somerville community to provide input and to help shape the strategies within the plan.

The first Somerville Climate Forward community meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School. Baseline climate information will be shared at the meeting, and participants will be able share their thoughts regarding the goals of the plan. Those who want to get more involved in the planning process are invited to join working groups that will begin meeting at a later date. Email the City's Sustainability Coordinator Hannah Payne at HPayne@somervillema.gov for more information.

Developing the Somerville Climate Forward plan is the culminating stage of a multi-year climate change planning process. The Office of Sustainability and Environment has conducted baseline studies that will serve as the technical



foundation for the plan. Two completed studies of carbon emissions are available on the Sustaina Ville website, and a study of climate impacts in Somerville is forthcoming. The basic findings of the carbon emission studies will be reviewed at the meeting on June 26 and more in-depth meetings will be held later in the summer.

In addition to planning, there has been ongoing work throughout the city to reduce carbon emissions and advance climate resiliency efforts, including leveraging new development to help fund infrastructure improvements throughout the city, updating the zoning code to include new sustainability provisions, and increasing access to residential renewable energy. Somerville Climate Forward will be an opportunity to identify new policies, programs, and projects that may not be available through existing initiatives.

In developing Somerville Climate Forward, Somerville joins neighbors Boston and Cambridge, as well as cities and towns around the country and the world, in taking action toward strategically planning for climate change. Somerville was the first city in Massachusetts to set a goal to be carbon neutral by 2050, and now all 14 Boston-area cities and towns in the Metro Mayors Coalition have signed on to the same commitment.

For more information about the Somerville Climate Forward plan, contact Hannah Payne at HPayne@ somervillema.gov. For other Sustaina-Ville initiatives, including tips on what can be done at home to reduce carbon emissions, visit www.somervillema.gov/ Sustaina Ville, sign up for Sustaina Ville updates, or follow the work on Facebook at Green Somerville.

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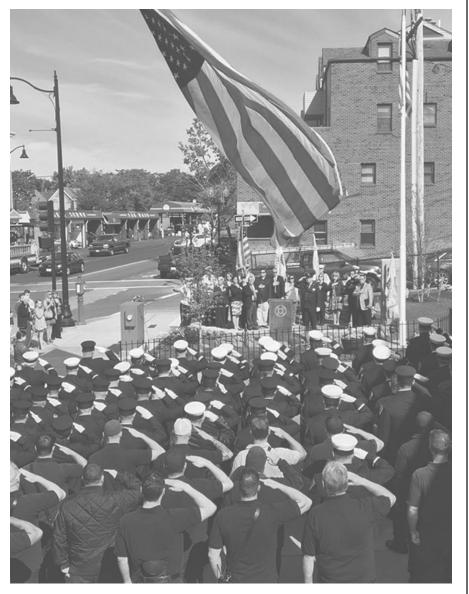
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Somerville Firefighters Memorial



A memorial service honoring the sacrifices of fallen Somerville firefighters was held on Sunday, June 4 at the Lowell Street Fire Station. Firefighters, elected officials, and members of the general public gathered to take part in the ceremony.

— Photo courtesy of Charlie Houghton

By Jim Clark

Can collector's celebration interrupted

Police officers were dispatched to a Boston St. location last Thursday on reports of two men consuming alcohol in public.

Upon arrival, the officers observed one of the men, later identified as Davron Davis, attempt to hide a twenty four ounce can of malt liquor behind a stone retaining wall.

The other man, later identified as Steven Haughton, of Boston, was also present with Davis when the responding of-

ficers had arrived.

Both Haughton and Davis were asked to leave the area three separate times by the officers. Haughton reportedly became irate and belligerent and began shouting obscenities at the officers.

Neighborhood residents were reportedly looking out their windows, and a few people walking by focused their attention on the tumultuous behavior.

According to the officers,

during their interaction with Haughton and Davis, they could smell the odor of alcohol emitting from their breath.

Haughton had also stated that they were collecting cans, contradicted by the officers' initial observation upon their arrival, and the partially consumed cold can of malt liquor.

There were two empty and opened twenty four ounce cans of malt liquor in a brown paper bag in the vicinity.

A cold, partially consumed twenty four ounce can of malt liquor was the can hidden behind the wall as the responding officers arrived.

A cold, sealed twenty four ounce can of malt liquor was laying on the grass behind the retaining wall.

Because Haughton refused to leave the area, he was placed under arrest on a charge of disorderly conduct.

While waiting for the pris-

oner transport vehicle unit, Davis was asked to leave the area numerous times. Davis reportedly appeared to walk away, but he returned and interacted with Haughton while closely approaching one of the officers. After a few failed attempts of ordering Davis away, he was then placed under arrest on charges of municipal bylaw or ordinance violation and miscellaneous common law violation.

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Arrests:

Jean Cypien, of 3 Woodrow Wilson Ct., Cambridge, June 1, 4:40 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of no inspection sticker and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Davron Davis, June 1, 7:52

p.m., arrested at Boston St. on charges of municipal bylaw or ordinance violation and miscellaneous common law violation.

Steven Haughton, of 39 Kingston St., Boston, June 1, 7:52 p.m., arrested at Boston St. on a charge of disorderly

conduct.

Neels Malval, of 50 Perryin St., Roxbury, June 1, 8:18 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Victor Villnueva, of 34 Sar-

gent Ave., June 1, 10:13 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a warrant charge of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.

Elias Guillen, of 24 Cross St., June 2, 4:41 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation and on a warrant charge of disorderly conduct.

Seanna Garcia, of 67 Sen Bolling Cir., Dorchester, June 4,9:24 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of disorderly conduct, trespassing, and resisting arrest.

City officials address issues of legality, conflict of interest in CBC

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Granting Authority's ability to make a decision as is its function, without the private parties – in this case, the developer and the Neighborhood Council – meeting in good faith to reach a community benefits agreement (CBA). In our opinion, that is a violation of the law," said Wright.

Wright further explained that the Neighborhood Council's ability to enter into a binding CBA with a developer was in violation of a 1963 Massachusetts Supreme Court finding, Weld vs. Board of Appeals of Gloucester. According to Wright, the ruling argues that it is unlawful to cede a function of a government entity, specifically the Special Permit Granting Authority, to another lesser entity.

In addition to discussing the CBC ordinance, aldermen also weighed the possibility of establishing a Home Rule Petition to ensure the collection of revenue from developers who will benefit from the Green Line Extension project in Union Square. Despite this proposal, OSPCD and Intergovernmental Affairs Directors Michael Glavin and Tim Snyder both reminded city officials that current agreements with developers have been successful, and there is a plan in place "to ensure greater contributions" than those collected from a Home Rule Petition.

Although city officials have made it clear that the CBC ordinance was not written specifically for the Union Square Revitalization Plan, the two are mutually exclusive with regards to meeting the timeline and funding goals for the comprehensive Union Square Revitalization Plan. Having undergone talks for years, the plan is dependent on the master developer, US2, to enter into a Community Benefits Agreement with the city, the legality of which has also come into question.

Currently, the deadline to negotiate and approve both the Union Square zoning and covenant ordinances has been extended to June 8 from May 31, according to multiple city sources.

Amid discussions surrounding the proposed Union Square Revitalization Plan, city officials have been working carefully to ensure that residents will be fairly represented throughout the process. Aldermen have been adamant in emphasizing that the CBC's makeup should fairly represent the city's population.

"Committees such as this tend to lean towards having professionals and people with expertise in particular areas and that's very important, but it also tends to exclude people who don't have that who might bring a lot to the committee," said Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang.

"The way it reads now is that if you aren't an expert, you're not qualified. I don't want to say that...we need to add language that reminds the nominating committee that it doesn't have to be a professional or expert that they nominate."

As it is written, CBC members will be designated as uncompensated, "special" municipal employees. Upon questioning from Niedergang, Solicitor Wright explained that the current language in section 1c of the draft ordinance would create an exemption for municipal employees, allowing them to serve on the committee.

Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin expressed his concerns about a conflict of interest in permitting city employees onto the committee, citing a recent video that he had seen depicting a vote that took place for the Union Square Advisory Committee. McLaughlin argued that in the video, at least one USAC member abstained from voting because he was a specially designated municipal

employee at risk of affecting his job position.

Director Glavin expanded upon the point, raising the question as to whether municipal employees should be allowed to serve on the committee or instead, in direct proportion to non-city employee CBC members.

Despite their concerns, aldermen agreed Continued on page 17

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Ward 4 ResiStat meeting









The Ward 4 ResiStat meeting was held last Thursday, June 1, at the Healey School. There was a good turnout of Ward 4 Winter Hill and Ten Hills residents who came out to find out what is going on in their ward. Many city department heads were present and they talked about the issues facing not just Ward 4 but all of Somerville. The new zoning ordinance will be up for a vote shortly. After the mayor spoke he opened it up for questions and answers from the audience. — Donald Norton

Bill White campaign kickoff and fundraiser









Alderman At-Large Bill White, who is running for re-election, held his campaign kickoff last week on June 1 in Union Square at Cantina La Mexicana. The event was hosted by outgoing Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente, who introduced several of the local politicians who were present, proceeded to make a very emotional introduction of his good friend Bill White. Lafuente spoke of how much Bill White meant to him and his family, but also just as significantly, how important it is to re-elect White to the Board of Alderman, because of his — Donald Norton integrity and his love for Somerville.

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A single family home was purchased for \$875,000 and the new owners tore it down to build three new homes. The pictures show the house being torn down, and what's left now - a hole in the ground. It seems as though the entire Kent Court is going to look so totally different than before, with all the new homes replacing a lot of older ones. — Donald Norton





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DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Thirty-fourth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts in wards 4 and 5, precinct 1 of ward 7, and precinct 2 of ward 8, of the city of Medford, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 4, and all precincts of ward 7, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Denise Provost

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-seventh Middlesex. - Consisting of precinct 3 of ward 2, all precincts of ward 3, precinct 3 of ward 4, and all precincts of wards 5 and 6, of the city of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Mike Connolly

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11, inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county of Middlesex.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on roll calls from late May sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

\$100,000 FOR STUDYING EARLY EDUCA- (A"Yes" vote is for the amendment.) TION AND CARE WORKFORCE (S 3)

Senate 38-0, approved an amendment providing \$100,000 for a study by UMass Boston of the early education and care workforce.

Amendment supporters said this will help develop a plan to attract new and retain existing early education and care workers who are underpaid but are crucial to our children's education.

(A"Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

EPINEPHRINE BULK PURCHASE PROGRAM (S3)

Senate 38-0, approved an amendment creating a Municipal Epinephrine Bulk Purchase Program that will allow cities and towns to save money on their purchase of epinephrine for municipal first responders agencies and schools. Epinephrine is a drug that treats life-threatening allergic reactions caused by a variety of things including an insect bite or sting, food, medication and latex.

Amendment supporters said the cost of a pair of life-saving EpiPens has skyrocketed from \$100 in 2006 to \$608 in 2017. They noted that this price gouging by the maker Mylan has made the EpiPen unaffordable to many people who need them and has sadly resulted in deaths. They argued that banding together and bulk-purchasing allows the government to negotiate with the manufacturer to get the lowest price.

(A"Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

\$1 MILLION FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSIS-TANCE (S 3)

Senate 37-0, approved an amendment increasing funding for the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program (MEFAP) by \$1 million (from \$16.5 million to \$17.5 million). MEFAP provides quality and healthy foods and locally grown fresh produce to a statewide network of over 800 emergency food providers who distribute the food to low-income families.

Amendment supporters said this program, established in 1995, has fed hundreds of thousands of people. They said that projected federal government rollback of protections for the state's neediest requires the state to step up and make up the shortfall.

(A"Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

\$2 MILLION FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR IN-DIGENT (S 3)

Senate 38-0, approved an increase of \$2 million (from \$18 million to \$20 million) in funding for the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (MLAC).

The MLAC provides legal representation for indigent and disadvantaged residents.

Amendment supporters said these services ensure equal access to the justice system for thousands of below-poverty level Massachusetts residents including accused criminals, the poor, seniors, battered women, tenants and Medicaid recipients.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

\$500,000 FOR LGBTQ YOUTH (S 3)

Senate 38-0, approved an amendment earmarking \$500,000 of existing funding for youth at-risk programs utilizing an evidence-based positive youth development model, including programs that serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth.

Amendment supporters said this funding will help improve the lives of many youths who still face discrimination, violence and bullying. They noted these teens have a high suicide rate.

(A"Yes" vote is for the amendment).

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

HEARING ON TAX CUTS AND MORE - The Revenue Committee will hold a hearing on June 13th at 10 a.m. in Room B-2 at the Statehouse on several tax bills including:

SENIOR CITIZEN TAX REDUCTION (H 1512)

- Increases from \$700 to \$1,200 the income tax exemption for seniors over age 65.

CARING FOR ELDERLY RELATIVES (H 1519) -Gives an income tax credit of up to \$4,000 for families caring for elderly relatives at home if the taxpayer provides more than one-half of the support of the relative over age 70. The relative must live with the taxpayer at least six months per year and have an annual income of less than \$30,000.

EXEMPT SENIORS FROM AUTO EXCISE TAX

(H 1568) - Exempts seniors over 65 with income below the federal poverty line from the automobile excise tax. The current federal poverty line is \$12,060 for a single person and \$16,240 for a married couple.

PROHIBIT TAX AUDITS OF TAXPAYERS OVER 80 (H 1584) - Prohibits the state from conducting tax audits on anyone over the age of 80 who earns less the \$400,000 per year.

ALLOW CITIES AND TOWNS TO INCLUDE MARKETING MATERIAL WITH PROPERTY TAX BILLS (H 3318) - Allows cities and towns to include in the envelope or electronic message in which a property tax bill is sent, nonpolitical informational or marketing material.

PROPERTY TAX CEILING FOR LOW-INCOME

SENIORS (H 3332) - Allows cities and towns to place a cap on the property tax paid by single seniors over 65 who are earning under \$50,000 and married seniors who are earning under \$60,000. To qualify, seniors would not be allowed to have assets of over \$75,000, not counting their primary residence and automobile.

PROHIBIT LOWER TUITION RATES FOR IL-LEGAL IMMIGRANTS - The Higher Education Committee will hold a public hearing on June 13 at 10 a.m. in room A-2 at the Statehouse on a bill that would prohibit Massachusetts state universities from offering lower in-state tuition and fees to illegal immigrants and their children (H 637). Currently, the lower tuition rate

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is offered to legal citizens who live in the Bay State and Massachusetts students who have been accepted into the federal program for those who immigrated illegally to the country as children and have a work permit.

Another bill on the agenda (H 685) does the opposite. It allows illegal immigrants to pay the in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts colleges and universities if they have attended a high school in Massachusetts for at least three years and have graduated or received the equivalent of a diploma. The measure also requires these students to have a social security number or individual taxpayer identification number; provide an affidavit stating that he or she has filed or will in file an application to become a citizen or permanent resident and register for selective service.

Supporters of the ban say the state should not offer financial rewards to anyone who has broken the law and is in this country illegally. They argued it is outrageous to offer low tuition rates to these students while legal citizens from outside Massachusetts, including war veterans, are required to pay higher rates if they attend a Massachusetts state university.

Opponents of the ban say many of these students were babies when they were brought here by their parents and had no choice about entering the country illegally. They noted some hardworking students are currently required to pay out-of-state tuition rates that are significantly higher than the in-state rate.

MAKE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME PERMA-

NENT - The special legislative commission charged with studying the practical, economic and health-related impacts of the state remaining on Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) throughout the calendar year held its final meeting last week. Currently, the Bay State is on EDT only when we push the clocks ahead during the period of the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November. During EDT, evening daylight lasts an hour longer while sunrise is an hour later.

Supporters of permanent EDT say that it delivers more sunlight in the evening after work and school when people can enjoy it, rather than during the morning rush. They argue that studies show it helps businesses, saves energy, reduces robberies and improves physical and mental health.

Opponents question the energy savings and say that studies have shown that EDT increases the risk of a heart attack. Some farmers say the practice leaves them with an hour less sunlight to get crops to market and tampers with the milking schedules of cows which often do not adapt easily to a sudden shift. Many parents and schools oppose EDT because it makes sunrise times much later and results in children being out on dark streets on their way to school.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of May 29-June 2, the House met for a total of two hours and 42 minutes and the Senate met for a total of two hours and 28 minutes.

Mon. May 29	No House session No Senate session
Tues. May 30	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
Wed. May 31	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. June 1	House 11:00 a.m. to 1:29 p.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 1:32 p.m.
Fri. June 2	No House session No Senate session

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Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
28 Forest St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	10	\$849,000	\$875,000		
53 Kent Street U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	103	\$849,900	\$849,900		
7 Gould Avenue U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	6	\$888,000	\$956,000		
7 Gould Avenue U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	6	\$898,000	\$920,000		
73 Central Street U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$948,000	\$975,000		
89 Josephine Ave U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 3f 1h bath 2/3 Family	11	\$949,000	\$995,000		
15 Ivaloo St U:15	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	48	\$964,999	\$935,000		
89 Josephine Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	11	\$1,049,000	\$1,150,000		
56 Line Street U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	123	\$1,049,900	\$1,049,000		
10 Powder House Terrace U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath 2/3 Family	28	\$1,199,000	\$1,250,000		
62 Lowden Avenue U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	43	\$1,199,900	\$1,130,000		
12 Newbury Street U:2	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	17	\$1,495,000	\$1,420,000		

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
40-42 Pennsylvania Avenue	2 unit, 13 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	16	\$899,000	\$899,000		
10-12 Boston Ave	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	27	\$925,000	\$1,000,000		
21 Lake Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	32	\$929,000	\$880,000		
36 Ware St	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	19	\$975,000	\$1,001,000		
17-19 Wallace Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	9	\$1,200,000	\$1,390,000		
34 Gilman St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	15	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000		
57 College Ave	2 unit, 14 total room, 9 total bedroom 2 Family	7	\$1,450,000	\$1,550,000		
9 Chapel St	2 unit, 14 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	8	\$1,699,000	\$1,705,000		

Somerville High School graduation 2017



















— Photos by Bobbie Toner

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Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Ropa Vieja, or old clothes as translated to English, is one of Cuba's national dishes. This dish is perfect for serving a group of people since it can be made ahead and is perfect for a buffet or served family style. Packed full of flavor the tender flank steak takes on the smoky flavor of the cumin and paprika and has a slight acidic flavor from the wine and tomato purée that make it a perfect marriage of flavors. Recipe courtesy of Fermin Rojas.

- 2 lbs Flank Steak
- 3 Bay Leaves
- 4 Garlic Cloves, finely minced, plus 3 crushed whole cloves
- 1 Large Onion, small diced
- 1/2 tsp Black Pepper, more to taste 1/2 tsp Salt, more to taste
- 1 Red Bell Pepper (cut into 1/2" strips)
- strips)
 1 Green Bell Pepper (cut into 1/2"
- strips) 1/4 tsp Garlic Powder
- 1 Tablespoon Cumin
- 1 tsp Smoked Paprika
- 1 tsp Dried Oregano

- 3 Tablespoons Olive oil, plus 1 Tablespoon Olive Oil
- 1 Cup Dry White Wine, such as Vinho Verde or Riesling
- 1 Cup Tomato Purée
- 1 1/2 Cups Reserved Beef Stock

There are two methods that can be used for cooking the flank steak until tender so it can be shredded. The first method is placing the flank steak in a pressure cooker and covering with water enough water to cover, then add bay leaves, garlic cloves or just use beef stock. You may need to cut the flank steak into a couple of pieces to fit into the pressure cooker or stock pot. Bring up to temperature and cook for 45 minutes.

Reserve the stock and put the steak aside until it cools enough to shred, about 20 minutes. For the second method, place the flank steak into a 6 quart pot, cover with water, add bay leaves, and garlic cloves, or just use beef stock. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer until tender, about 2 1/2 hours.

Reserve the stock and let the steak cool for about 20 minutes before shredding. Over medium heat, in a

sauté pan, add 1 tablespoon olive oil, green and red peppers, a pinch of salt and the 1/4 teaspoon of garlic powder and cook until the peppers are soft and not mushy and has maintained their bright colors, about 10-15 minutes. Do not brown the peppers. Transfer to a serving plate and put aside. In the stockpot, add 3 tablespoons of olive oil and onion and cook until translucent, about 12 minutes.

Add the minced garlic, salt, pepper, cumin, paprika, and oregano and cook for about 2 minutes. Add the wine and tomato purée. Bring to a simmer and add the shredded flank steak. Bring back to a simmer and reduce the wine and tomato purée, this will take about 1/2 hour. Add the 1-1/2 cups reserved beef stock and reduce, this will take another 30-45 minutes. *Stir often during the reduction process to assure nothing sticks to the bottom of the pot. Adjust heat as needed. There should always be a slight bubbling going on through this cooking process.

Make sure there's not too much liquid in the pot, it should not be a soupy consistency, but should be moist with



some liquid in the bottom of the pot. Taste and adjust seasoning if needed. Serve with the peppers either over the top or on the side. For a side, serve with Cuban style black beans and rice. http://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/63333 Serves 6-8.

Save the remaining beef stock to use for another dish. You can either keep it for up to 5 days in the refrigerator or freeze up to 3 months.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief.

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Election 2017 update

Below are citizens who have pulled nomination papers for elected office in Somerville.

Office	Last Name	First Name	Middle	Street Address & Zip
Red Indicates Complete Certification				
Mayor- 300 Signatures				
Mayor	Curtatone	Joseph A	Joe	130 Ten Hills Rd 02145
	Van Buskirk III	Kenneth C		114 Highland Ave # 302 02143
	Corbett	Payton		28 Mount Pleasant St #1 02145
Alderman At Large- 180 Signatures		_		
		_		
Alderman At Large	Sullivan	Dennis	Michael	138 Ten Hills Rd 02145
	Mbah	Will		65 Woods Ave 02144
	Tarpley	Kevin	Allen	15 Hamlet St 02143
	Rossetti	Mary Jo		80 Electric Ave 02144
	Fitzgerald	Sean	J	46 Garrison Ave 02144
	White	William	A Bill Jr	125 Ten Hills Rd 02145
	Connolly	John M	Jack	17 Winslow Ave 02144
	Hirsh	Stephanie	Α	17 Fremont Ave 02143
Ward Alderman 120 Signatures				
Alderman Ward 1	Mclaughlin	Matthew	С	50 Flint St #3 02145
Alderman Ward 2	Scott	JT		269 Washington St 02143
	Heuston	Mary Ann		115 Beacon St 02145
Alderman Ward 3	McWatters	Robert		218 A Summer St 02143
	Ewen-Campen	Ben		28 Warren Ave #5 02143
Alderman Ward 4	Clingan	Jesse		33 Puritan Rd 02145
	Boukili	Omar		91 Putnam Rd 02145
Alderman Ward 5	Niedergang	Mark		29 Conwell St 02143
Alderman Ward 6	Davis	Lance		356 Highland Ave 02144
Alderman Ward 7	Ballantyne	Katajana		49 Russell Rd 02144
School Committee 120 Signatures				
School Committee Ward 1	Hamlin	Guillermo	Samuel	69 Myrtle St 02145
	Salvato	Kenneth	М	28 Brook St 02145
	Pratt	Tracey	Leah	19A Bonair St 02145
	Ackman	Emily		23 Autumn St 02145
School Committee Ward 2	Futrell	Dan	J	20 Concord Ave #1 02143
School Committee Ward 3	Palmer	Lee	Erica	17 Pitman St 02143
School Committee Ward 4	Green	Andre	L	88 Governor Winthrop Rd 02145
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School Committee Ward 5	Pitone	Laura	J	46 Rogers Ave 02144
			_	
School Committee Ward 6	OSullivan	Paula	G	10 Morrison Pl 02144
School Committee Ward 7	Normand	Caroline	Carrie	25 Kingston St 02144
	Jimana			

Potential candidates for public office here in Somerville this year have until Monday, June 26, to obtain nomination papers. The final date to submit them with the required signatures is Wednesday, June 28. The certification of nomination papers to be completed, filed by the Board of Election Commissioners by — Donald Norton July 17.

Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest

On Saturday, June 17, get ready for a free all-day outdoor event in beautiful Powderhouse Park (a.k.a Nathan Tufts Park). The Somerville High School Jazz Band will kick off the concert at noon. There will be non-stop music from 12 - 6 pm. The lineup includes: Sara Bielanski, Air Congo, The Composers Saxophone Quartet, Kit Holliday and the Ominous Vultures, and The Tarbox Ramblers. Produced by the Somerville Arts Council, City of Somerville, Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor.



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Union Square Portraits:

Conversations about America – with Dave

By JT Thompson

Dave: the owner of Grooves, a secondhand record store in Union Square which is riding the wave of the vinyl revival. The long plate glass window is full of old album covers - from Dylan and the Stones to Devo and "Mickey Mouse Disco" – as well as posters for guitar lessons, violin lessons, ukulele lessons, a front person for a band, an Antique Radio Flea Market.

Dave is perched behind the wooden counter next to a record player, which is not state-of-theart perfectionist, but a cozy, simple looking thing that probably dates back to the 80s. He has long, frizzy, reddish hair, complicated facial whiskers, an aquamarine t-shirt, and glasses which he puts on whenever a customer comes up to the counter, then quickly takes off again.

Dave looks like he is in his late 40s, but still has the shy, sweet air of a teenage music nerd. When he replies to a question, he looks down in concentration while he is speaking and then, when he is finished, looks up out of the corner of his eye with a questioning smile. And then



Secondhand record store Grooves owner, Dave.

laughs when he relaxes into his answer.

Dave grew up in Lowell, one of the formerly industrial cities north of Boston, and had "a normal suburban childhood." He was "not a participator" and mostly hung out with friends who also liked records. "Like what I do now."

"My family didn't have broad horizons, but I was lucky as a young man to travel around the States and Europe a bit. England once, Holland once. It didn't really change my perspective on the States, but it did drive home what the rest of the world thinks about Americans.

"They expect an American to be self-centered, to have a sense of self-importance about them. There's a general feeling that Americans Continued on page 17

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Thursday June 15

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Friday June 16

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Saturday June 17

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COMMENTARY

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at this month's notable city data—and interesting numbers.

30 – That's the number of months that rates are locked in through the city's new Community Choice Electricity program (Somerville CEE). We recently joined more than 60 other cities and towns in Massachusetts to harnesses the bulk buying power of ratepayers to secure a low, fixed rate for electricity. Somerville CEE, which will run from

July 1, 2017, to December 31, 2019, aims to reduce the cost of electricity for residents and businesses in Somerville by insulating them from market fluctuations like those that have occurred in recent winter months.

Another positive aspect of the program is the increase in renewable energy it will bring to Somerville's supply, helping us inch closer to our goal of being carbon neutral by 2050. All participants will be drawing 5 percent of their energy from renewable sources, and those who are able and willing to pay a higher rate can opt to use 100 percent renewable power.

Participation is voluntary. Information and opt-out cards were included with notification letters that were mailed out to all Somerville ratepayers last week. Look for the City seal on the letter and you'll know it's

from us. For more information on the program, along with current rates and a list of frequently asked questions, visit www. SomervilleCEE.com.

325 - That's the number of requests received by our grounds team so far in Fiscal Year 2017, down 31 percent to date when compared to the previous year. Grounds crews handle a variety of park maintenance issues including repairing water features, trash collection, and barrel cleanings. Last year, we noticed an increase in calls to 311 about overflowing trash barrels in our parks and public spaces attracting rodents. Most were due to increased activity on weekends. To address this matter, we implemented a Sunday trash barrel service starting in May and running through the middle of November, weather permitting, and have seen fewer reports of this to constituent services since then. This is just one example of how we use resident feedback to improve our policies and procedures.

5 - One local nonprofit will soon receive a 5 kW solar energy system donation from Solar-Flair, Solarize Somerville's solar panel installation partner. Solar-Flair is donating the system as a result of our Solarize Somerville team exceeding its goal for recruiting residents to sign up for solar during the 2016 program. The City is now accepting applications for the 5 kilowatt system donation. So if you know a nonprofit you'd like to nominate, check here for eligibility requirements and the nomination form www.somervillema.gov/5kw.

4,000 – That's the approximate number of manholes owned and maintained by the City. Manholes provide the City with access to our underground sewer

system for inspections and repairs. Likewise, it's essential that we also complete maintenance work on the manholes. This spring the City is inspecting the condition of all of its manholes. So far more than 2,300 have been inspected, and the information collected will be used to develop plans for focused repair efforts in the future.

Data-based decision making is at the core of how the City of Somerville develops policy and sets priorities. Every day we check the latest 311 stats, and throughout the week we meet for in-depth review of departmental data and city trends. The monthly Data Download column shares some of the data we've been reviewing recently. To see more Somerville Data, visit the online Somerville Data Farm at http://www.somervillema.gov/datafarm/.

Bluntly Speaking by Ross E. Blouin, Publisher The Somerville Times

Union Square Zoning vote pending this week; inaction could force the Board of Aldermen to start over

On June 8, the Somerville Board of Aldermen will have the opportunity to finally vote on new zoning that will allow Union Square's revitalization to move forward. The redevelopment, which will be implemented by Union Square Station Associates (US2), is slated to create over 1.3 million square feet of commercial space, high quality open space and hundreds of units of new market rate and affordable housing over the next decade or so. The new development will create 5,000 new permanent jobs, 4,000 construction jobs, will generate millions in new annual tax revenue and will help to pay for the vote comes on the heels of several missed deadlines and extensions for the rezoning process that started in summer 2016.

Residents of Somerville have been working on the revitalization of Union Square for almost a decade.

- In 2009, Somerville Residents and City staff started a lively community planning process with the goal of creating Somerville's first comprehensive master plan.
- In early 2012, the Board of Aldermen endorsed SomerVision which set out the community's vision to make Somerville an even more exceptional place to live, work, play and raise a family.
- In October 2012, the City adopted the State approved Union Square Revitalization Plan for the SRA to acquire and dispose of the 7 parcels identified in the plan so they could be redeveloped and contribute to Somer Vision's goals.
- tax revenue and will help to pay for the
 Green Line Extension to Somerville. The
 vote comes on the heels of several missed

 * In June 2014, US2 was selected by the SRA as the City's Master Developer
 Partner for the Union Square Revitaliza-

tion Project.

- In May of 2016, the award-winning Union Square Neighborhood Plan was adopted by the Somerville Planning Board after a 17 month community based planning process.
- + In April 2017, the SRA approved US2's Master Land Disposition Agreement with the City.
- The Board of Aldermen is currently considering the Union Square Zoning Overlay and Development Covenant. These approvals are required for the project to move forward.

Once the Board of Aldermen approves zoning, the next step in the process will be a Planning Board review and approval of US2's Coordinated Development Plan which will give the community further opportunity to influence what finally is to be built.

If the Board of Aldermen does not vote this week, zoning will be set aside for City

budget deliberations which are slated to begin next week and run through late June, right around the time that the current zoning petition expires on June 29. Inaction would likely signal the end for the current zoning petition and require the City and the Board of Aldermen to begin the process all over again. New zoning review would take place during the fall election season and would likely delay approval and project construction start for many months. A delay would have meaningful financial consequences for the City as the start of construction will allow the City to recover millions of dollars through the land sale, permits fees and developer contributions to community priorities. Overall, the community benefits from the project are estimated at \$112 million dollars which includes \$19.2 million in direct payments for neighborhood community benefits priorities, the Green Line and infrastructure.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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It's time to say "yes" to new zoning for Union Square

Dear Editor,

Over the last 11 months, the Board of Aldermen has been hammering out the details of new zoning for Union Square including the seven Union Square Revitalization Area blocks, most of which are adjacent or near the future Green Line stop.

The proposed zoning itself it as outgrowth of the Union Square Revitalization Plan passed by the Board of Aldermen in 2012 and the Union Square Neighborhood Plan adopted by Somerville's Planning Board in 2016. With plans for the Green Line Extension on firmer footing and an eager master developer, US2—selected by the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA)—it's time to push forward with approval of the

Union Square zoning.

The overall project will have far reaching implications for Union Square and all of Somerville. Benefits to the community include:

- An estimated 5,000 permanent new jobs - Approximately 900 housing units, including 180 (20%) affordable housing units - 2.5 acres of new, high quality parks and plazas - 1.1 acres of other public realm improvements (e.g., expand-

ed sidewalks, alleys, etc.) - Ambitious requirements for sustainable building standards - \$5.5 million to offset costs of the Green Line Extension - \$6.6 million for Somerville's Affordable Housing Trust Fund - \$4.6 million to offset costs of water, sewer, and roadway infrastructure - \$3.6 million for a Community Benefits fund from which, spending priorities will be identified by the Union Square Neighborhood Council - \$3.5 Continued on page 17

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Congratulations Somerville High School class of 2017 and graduates everywhere!



Another year passes and we pause at this time to congratulate and honor the hard-working students who achieved their goal of successfully completing their courses of studies at their respective high schools and colleges.

It takes a lot of dedication and commitment to follow through to completion in this world, which is filled with so many challenges and distractions. It is no small feat to take one's education to the limit, and these moments represent important milestones along the path to success in life.

We should lavish these kids with praise for their accomplishments and encourage them to take it to the next level. To constantly strive to better themselves, be it moving on to college or grad school, professional or vocational schooling. Going yet another step further shows ambition and a sense of belief in oneself that can propel one to success unimagined by those who fall short of the mark.

It can be said that one's life is a never-ending process of discovery and learning. That we are always in school, in fact.

Still, achieving the goal of completing a set course of study is especially satisfying and sets the stage for even bigger accomplishments.

And so we applaud the achievements of the class of 2017. May they go on to know great success in their professional and personal lives. They so clearly deserve it.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

it and not make that comment, but she showed her ignorance. Now we understand why we heard over the past couple of years that a lot of the School Department personnel don't like her, not to mention some of her colleagues on the Board. By the way, we checked. He did receive a check from the **Somerville** Community Corporation Director, who is a lifelong friend and resident of Somerville. SCC is an agency devoted to low income residents here in the city, so we are asking ourselves if Palmer is upset about them, who develop here in Somerville for the low to moderate income residents, not the high price ones. You know, this all begs the question, is it illegal to accept money from a developer? And if so, why is it illegal? I mean, other special interest groups donate to politicians. Let's say, if Palmer was to receive money from the Massachusetts Teachers Association because she's on the School Board or the local Teachers Association, wouldn't that be a conflict? Why would they donate to a School Board member? Maybe to vote their way when contract time comes around? If not, then why not? What's the difference? Or is it illegal to accept money from LA or NY lawyers, for \$1K each? Maybe it's a good question. We're going to check into

where the School Committee members get their money. Maybe it is the MTA or Somerville Teachers Association?

Good friend and Medford City Councilor Adam Knight is having his campaign kickoff fundraiser Thursday, June 22, at the Post 45 American Legion, 321 Winthrop St. in Medford. Adam is dedicated and is one of Medford's up and coming elected officials. He learned from one of the best, he used to work for former Senator Charlie Shannon. We hope Adam tops the ticket in Medford. He's a great guy, smart and dedicated to the city of Medford.

Check out www.ocpf.us and plug in a name to find out who and how local politicians stand in fundraising. We're looking it over and seeing who contributes to whom. Remember, it's not illegal to accept money from special interests, including developers, lawyers or unions of any kind.

Happy 40th Anniversary to **Tom and Dolly Barry**. Tom is one of the best workers at the Somerville Department of Public Works. We hope he and his wife Dolly have a great anniversary. Forty years is remarkable in this day and

age, and we hear they are very devoted to each other.

Although this column is mainly about Somerville (yeah, we know we sometimes depart from that), we sometimes like to give a shout out to those outside the city. In this case, to our mini-Somerville with lots of trees, the City of Woburn. In particular, the dedicated firefighters that ride Engine 4 in Woburn. They are the best. We salute firefighter John Fowkes and the guys on Engine 4. We thank them for their service and kindness.

Happy Birthday this week here in the Ville: Lots of well-known and popular individuals are celebrating their birthdays this week. A good guy, Keith MacKinnon over in Cambridge celebrates this week. He's sort of a curator for the Freemason Building in Porter Square. Keith is a collector and he has collected a huge variety of Masonic regalia from the past. Check out the next Masonic Open House. If you like history, that's a place to drop in on. Happy birthday to a lady that no one has seen or talked to that we know of, Rose Luciana is celebrating her birthday. Davis Square guy Brendan Mansfield is celebrating

his birthday this week. A great lady and good friend for a long time who is from here and is frequently here in Somerville, Muriel White (Berry) is also enjoying her birthday. To all the others celebrating this week, we salute you and wish you the very best, and if you know of someone you'd like to see mentioned here let us know.

We reported on this before, but more and more residents - Winter Hill residents in particular - are appalled at the new the building on the corner of Temple and Broadway. Descriptions such as "cheap looking," "looks like a Lego building," etc., are mentioned. The bricks aren't even real, they're attached to the building. It looks as if a stiff wind coming up Winter Hill could blow the building down. How can the city justify the owner of the building getting away with it? We hear it's a developer from China that purchased the land and is building on it. We wonder if it is a client of that lawyer up on Winter Hill who represents some of these people? Speaking of such, how about Patsy's Pastry Shop being told over two years ago they needed to be out so that the owners could tear it down. The property is still standing and we are out one of the best Continued on page 17

SomerStreets: Carnaval

SomerStreets: Carnaval returned for its 8th year of shaking up East Somerville on Sunday.

Revelers enjoyed the best of the East Broadway Business District and the East Somerville community including food, music, and culture from around the world.

A variety of interactive activities including stilting and parkour, or watch Esh Circus Arts fly through the air on their trapeze rig was also on hand.

Soccer and preschool games was run Somerville Recreation Department. The Arts Council's MUSCRAT bus offered a series of shorts filmed in East Somerville.

Attendees were invited to be part of a talk show interview with SCATV, and let their creative sides shine by making crafts, gadgets, and other engineering projects with Parts and Crafts. The Beautiful Stuff Project offered mask making, and held a mask contest by tweeting pictures with #eastsomerville.

Music was provided throughout the day on three stages. Acts included Zili Musik, Grupo Los Nitidos, A Nova Brazil, La Nueva Serie, Somerville Symphony Orkestrar, Electrolux Combo, Loma Larga Banda de la Paz, and DJ Sotomatic.

A concert from Somerville's own string section from El Sistema, and performances by Girls Rock Band, marimba music from the students at the East Somerville Community School, and dances from On Stage Dance Company and Rancho Folclórico Corações Lusíadas were also featured.





















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SPORTS

Just One Run – In Memory of Joseph P. Roche

By Tom Bannister

The Ryan Harrington Foundation held its annual 5k Walk/ Run to raise funds to help individuals and families impacted by addiction.

The "JUST ONE" 5k Walk/ Run took place on Sunday June 4, at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse located at 32 Shore Drive in Somerville.

This year being Somervilles's 175 birthday celebrating the city's split from Charlestown, the two cities reunited for one common cause. Two cities, two families, Just One Cause ... to save "Just One."

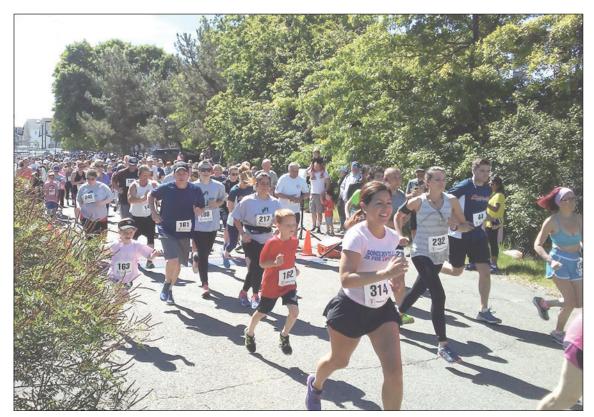
The Ryan Harrington Foundation strives to keep its mission simple as it addresses the complex issue of substance abuse. Whether hosting an education

forum on addiction or supplying MBTA passes to women living in Somerville-based recovery homes, our thought is always the same: If we can help JUST ONE individual find and maintain their recovery, we have succeeded. Everything starts with one.

The proceeds raised from the Just One Run will be used to fund treatment options, recovery supports, and prevention efforts in support of those whose lives have been affected by the disease of the addiction.

It was an all-inclusive fun community event with entertainment and activities for children as well as resources and information for all.

This event was held in honor of Charlestown resident Joseph P. Roches, who recently lost his battle with addiction.

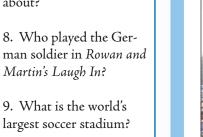


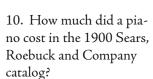












Martin's Laugh In?

9. What is the world's

largest soccer stadium?

11. Who said "Middle age is when your age starts to show around your middle"?

12. Where is the Valley of Ten Thousand

Answers on page 23



about?

mixture, hodgepodge 1. What food item did Ed Great White Hope written

Peterson invent? 2. Who wrote the fantasy novel for children The

Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe?

3. Who held the first Miss World title?

4. In the musical play The Wiz, what role did Michael Jackson play?

5. What product did Rod Stewart and Tina Turner's advertise with a version of It Takes Two?

6. Who discovered the wreck of the Titanic?

7. What boxer was The

Smokes?

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PMC Day at Fenway Park

Next Saturday, June 10, local cancer patients and survivors, including Betsy Bowman of Somerville, will be honored during PMC Day at Fenway Park in a pre-game ceremony before the Red Sox take on the Tigers that evening.

Red Sox Nation will cheer on these Living Proof Pan-Mass Challenge riders as they ride in a special parade around the warning track, followed by the official reveal of this year's PMC logo on the famed Green Monster. PMC Pedal Partners, pediatric cancer patients at the Jimmy Fund Clinic, will also act as bat boys and girls and serve as the official Play Ball Kids to kick off the

WHEN: Saturday, June 10 (tentative schedule) 5:00 p.m. John Hancock PMC Pedal Partner reception 6:00 p.m. Pre-game ceremonies begin (PMC Living Proof Riders Survivor Parade, National Anthem and first pitch) at 7:15 p.m.

WHERE: Fenway Park.

2017 Taste of Somerville

On June 14, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Nathan Tufts Park, feast on a bountiful sampling of dishes from Somerville's eclectic dining scene. More than 60 local restaurants and food trucks will be serving their tastiest offerings. Sip drinks with friends from wineries and local breweries. Entertainment for children and adults will include a pop-up playground jungle from Parkour and a firetruck from the Somerville Fire Department.



Adults can pass the time playing cornhole, fooseball and bocce. Drink artisanal cocktails on inviting carpets, enjoy oyster and wine pairings, relax in garden furniture, and try exclusive tastes from some of Somerville's high end restaurants like Juliet, only available in the VIP section. Lounge on the park lawn, relax in the beauty of Nathan Tufts Park, and chill to the summer beats of local favorite DJ Nate Bluhm.

Proceeds from the Taste of Somerville will benefit Somerville Home and the Walnut Street Center. Enter to win a bounty of prizes in our raffle.

For more information visit www.tasteofsomerville.org.

Somerville's 175th Anniversary celebrations continue

for the rest of the year.

"Foodie Month" in Somerville

As part of this year's festivities, the city wants to take time to particularly celebrate our "foodie" culture, and continue to showcase the wonderfully diverse and delicious cuisines found in our city. Throughout the month of June, restaurants are invited to celebrate in several ways, including sponsoring prix fixe dinner menus during the last two weeks of June, providing special offers and discounts, and/or offering a special food or drink item on their menu featuring Fluff, in honor of its own 100th anniversary. To get involved:

- Restaurants: Email Somerville175@ somervillema.gov to get more informa-
- · Residents and visitors: Check www. somervillema.gov/Somerville175 throughout the month of June for important updates, schedules, and information about participating venues.

Foodie Month officially kicks off on Wednesday, June 14, with the Taste of Somerville at its new location in Nathan Tufts Park, sponsored by the Somerville Chamber of Commerce. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www. tasteofsomerville.org.

Celebrate "Grand Union Flag Day" on June 17

On Saturday, June 17, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, join the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, Historic Somerville, and special guest speaker By-

www.somervillema.gov/Somerville175 ron DeLear, at the Prospect Hill Tower to learn about the history of the Grand Union Flag, first flown atop Prospect Hill in January 1776 by General George Washington. DeLear, Editor-in-Chief of the North American Vexillological Association News, will lead a discussion and Q&A about this important part of Somerville - and American - history, and docents will lead tours of the Tower as part of the program now offered thanks to recent renovations with Community Preservation Act Funding. For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov/Somerville175.

Other ways to stay involved

Join in on the many upcoming summer events, and visit the 175th Anniversary booth to get information, or to share your favorite Somerville memory.

- · SomerStreets. Held one Sunday each month, from June through October, in different locations throughout the City. Check www.somervillema.gov for a full list of SomerStreets events. Somer-Streets kicks off on June 4, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on East Broadway.
- Independence Day Fireworks. Thursday, June 29, 6:00 p.m., Trum Field. Live music followed by fireworks at 9:00 p.m.
- · What the Fluff? Festival. Saturday, September 23, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., Union Square Plaza. Celebrate Fluff's 100th birthday.

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1st Somerville Non-Profit **Kickball Game**

Monday, June 12, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Trum Field The public is welcome to come cheer!



What do you get when you combine dozens of Somerville-based community organizations plus a baseball field and a kickball? One heck of an entertaining spectacle!

On Monday, June 12 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. @Trum Field, join the Somerville Media Center and the Somerville Arts Council for a community kickball game, open to Somerville community groups as a chance to come together for an afternoon of light exercise and entertainment.

The goal is to build a stronger relationship among all our community organizations and to invite the community-at-large to come cheer us along while learning more about these wonderful community resources.

Participating organizations include:

CAAS Community Action Agency of Somerville + RESPOND Inc.- Working to End Domestic Violence + Second Chances, Inc. + Somerville Arts Council + Somerville Local First + Somerville Media Center - SMC + The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc. + The Welcome Project

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Community Room, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA.

27 Belmont Street (ZBA 2017-51) Applicant and Owner, Allison Ellis, seeks a Variance under Section 5.5 and 9.8.d of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to locate/legalize a parking space within the front yard of the property. RB Zone. Ward 3.

33 Walnut Street (ZBA 2017-44) Applicant / Owner Name, Kevin Kee, seeks a Special Permit under Section 4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a three-story open deck off the rear of the structure. RA Zone. Ward 3.

240 Elm Street (ZBA 2016-143-R1-0517) Applicant, Sage Naturals, Inc., and Owner, Davis Square Realty Ventures Nominee Trust, seek a revision to a Special Permit under SZO \$5.3.8 to allow for entry via an Elm Street entrance to the previously approved Medical Marijuana Facility in the basement of the building. CBD Zone and Medical Marijuana Overlay District. Ward 6.

132 Perkins Street (ZBA 2017-42) Applicant and Owner, 132 Perkins, LLC seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to make exterior changes to an existing 6-unit residential property, including adding an addition with will increase the FAR by more than 25%. RB zone. Ward 1.

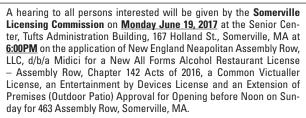
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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 6/7/17~&~6/14/17.

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For the Commission Andrew Upton

John J. McKenna **Attest: Lori Batzek**

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Licensing Commission on Monday June 19, 2017 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM for a Transfer of an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License, from Pavan Restaurant Group d/b/a Diva at 246 Elm St., Somerville, MA to Genki Investment & Development, Inc. d/b/a Genki Ya of Somerville, at 246 Elm St., Somerville, MA, a Common Victualler License, an Entertainment by Devices License, an Extension of Premises (Outdoor Patio) License and Approval for Opening before Noon on Sunday

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Elm St., Somerville, MA for a New Enhancement Area, Chapter 142

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70 Broadway (PB 2017-13): Applicant/Owner, Juan Vasquez and Maria Monge Sibrian, seeks approval of design and site plan review (DSPR) under SZO §6.1.22.D of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to construct a small addition to the existing structure on the west side and construct a new exterior stair and lift in the rear. CCD-45 zone. Ward 1.

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> Angela M. Allen **Purchasing Director** 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville ter, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at <u>6:00PM</u> for a Transfer of an All Forms Package Store License, from The Square Beverage Company d/b/a Sullivan Square Liquors at 30 Broadway, Somerville, MA to E Broadway, Inc. d/b/a Sullivan Square Liquors, at 88 Broadway, Somerville, MA, a Change of location from 30 Broadway to 88 Broadway and a Pledge of License

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City officials address issues of legality, conflict of interest in CBC

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that the best option for nominating CBC members would be to do so on a case-bycase basis. Solicitor Wright downplayed the threat of a municipal employee having a true conflict of interest in any decisions that would be made by the CBC, citing that any "special" designation would bind an employee to state ethics laws.

"It's wrong not to allow any member of the community that wants to serve (on

the CBC) who might be a crossing guard, a parking enforcement officer, or even a librarian who has a special interest in serving," said Alderman At-Large John Connolly.

"I want to make certain that we leave

this as open as possible and make sure that the CBC nominating committee should look far and wide to get the people who truly want to serve their community, whether they work for the city or not."

Union Square Portraits CONT. FROM PG 9

are loud and dumb.

"That's not something I got confronted with directly. I dressed non-descript. Not a fluorescent t-shirt. Not a Coke t-shirt."

Dave's favorites from his travels around the States are California "it's a totally different place" – and New York City. "There's so much going on." He shrugs. "It's the capital of the world."

I ask him if he thinks there are parts of the country that are more American than others.

"We're lucky around here – we live in the nice Massachusetts bubble. Not so much part of the idiocracy."

I didn't quite hear him, and ask, "Did you say theocracy?"

He laughs. "Idiocracy. But both could apply."

He pauses.

"There's been a lot of negativity

in the media lately. But it's not affecting my daily life. People are still friendly."

A young guy with bleached, punk-inspired hair comes up to the counter with a stack of records. Dave looks through them, taps at the register, and says, "That'll be \$107.45"

The young guy starts fumbling with a sheaf of twenties and Dave says, "If you've got cash, \$100 is fine."

The guy thanks him, and Dave gets him a box, which looks rescued from a wine shop. The young guy walks out of the shop with his finds clasped to his

Before he opened Grooves, Dave was a copyeditor at a publishing company.

"Then I got laid off at 45. This was in 2011. I noticed that a lot of the record stores I was shopping at were getting busier, so I thought it was a viable option." It's been five years.

I ask him how he ended up in Union Square.

"Oh, randomly. But I like it. There's a lot going on. People are nice. Part of that Massachusetts bubble I was talking about."

I ask if there are things about America as a whole that he thinks are great.

He gives me a sad smile. "We have a lot of great traditions I hope we can continue."

-"What traditions?" I ask.

He raises his eyebrows. "The Constitution." Pausing, he steps over to change a record on the player, then steps back. "Our free liberal culture makes America

"I hope we still have it in five

"And there's our love of knowl-

edge, of science.

"Things many Americans don't seem to value currently.

"I hope they hold up."

I ask him what American music traditions he likes.

"Oh, there are countless traditions. Jazz, blues, hip hop. That come and go based on audience. You've got programmed electronic music now. People gravitate towards what's new.

"I wouldn't choose any over the others. I don't want to represent myself that way. That's not interesting.

"But I don't think our musical traditions are in danger the way our liberal culture is."

Dave gets busy with customers again and I look around the store. The room is small and boomerang shaped, with only narrow aisles between the full album cases. The records are

meticulously organized but the store's décor is cheerfully, messily eclectic. Bright pink walls. Posters everywhere, Talking Heads, Iron Maiden, Peter Frampton. You get the feeling you could find anything in here and, according to the Yelp reviews, you can. Grooves gets universally high ratings, for Dave's knowledgeability and for what he stocks. And, because this is Somerville not Cambridge, the prices are lower.

When Dave is free again, I ask him if he wants to be anony-

He looks at me seriously.

"No. Put my name on it. Dave Plunkett."

He spells it for me, and I walk back out into Union Square, cheered up by his confidence that America's music traditions will last no matter what.

Letter to the Editor CONT. FROM PG 10

million in additional "future phase" contributions from the developer - \$2 million for workforce development and training

Moreover, the City estimates nearly \$450 million in new tax revenues from the development over 30-years.

Not surprisingly, a project of this scale has raised many concerns from a diversity of residents, workers, and businesses. Collectively, we've put pressure on the mayor, city staff, the SRA, the Board of Aldermen, and US2 to address a variety of issues spanning from commercial phasing, green and open space, family-sized affordable housing units, and more.

The plan is not perfect. There is no

commitment for a community center, and it's not clear where our police and fire services will go if not in the current location. There is no firm promise for home-ownership opportunities among the 900 new residential units. For our existing small businesses, which have helped create the neighborhood we love, it's not clear what level of financial support and assistance will be offered during and after construction.

Fortunately, the community input process is not over. Not by a long shot. Once the zoning passes, US2 must present its plans and hold neighborhood meetings, apply for a Coordinated Development Special Permit from the Planning Board (which itself must hold a public hearing), incorporate guidance from Somerville's Design Review Committee, and receive approval from the state's environmental agency. Then each phase of the project must undergo another round of neighborhood meetings and review by the Planning Board and Design Review Committee.

Moreover, US2 must negotiate a Community Benefits Agreement with the Union Square Neighborhood Council, a community-based organization still in

Certainly, many people are not yet Union Square resident

100-percent satisfied with the zoning plan for Union Square. I'm not. But I'm also not willing to jeopardize the years of hard work, planning, and organizing that got us to this point. If we fail to act, we risk passing up on the housing and jobs that Somerville so desperately needs, and the pace of displacement will only increase. It's time to say "yes" to making our shared vision for Union Square become a reality.

Sincerely

Rob Buchanan

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

pastry shops ever in Somerville. ******

Question: can you name where at least two First National Stores where located in Winter Hill and East Somerville? What current resident and former pizza/sub shop owner (and yes, local cable access show host) owned the Three Bells Pizza and where was it located in Somerville? Hint: around the "bucket of blood" bar.

Posted on our blog are some answers: We said the Car Hop in Wellington

was Kelly's. We were wrong. Its name was Richard's Car Hop. Thanks for the correction. Now, this week name the location of the Winter Hill First National store on one side of the hill and the A&P store on the other end of Winter Hill. Does anyone remember going there and where they were? ******

Logan Airport is at it again. Planes are flying low over the city, in particular Ten Hills. So low you can see who you're waving to. At one point over the weekend,

every minute or so in the evening hours.

This week on Real Estate Answers Show (cable channel 3) with Donald Norton of the Norton Group, his guest will be Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, who will be discussing the zoning proposal and Union Square. Watch for the show Friday night on Channel 3 and first of the week on the website www. nortongroupre.com, where the show

****** The Endicott Young Writer's Workshop will be held on June 24-25. This

will be posted, along with others.

camp-like experience provides students who will be in grades 9-12 in the fall, and who have an interest in creative writing, an opportunity to meet other student writers and to work closely with three of Endicott's most accomplished professors and writers: Charlotte Gordon, Dan Sklar, and Elizabeth Winthrop. A press release about the workshop from the College's website is available here: http://www.endicott. edu/News/2017/4-28WritersWorkshop.aspx. To register: https://endicottyoungwritersworkshop.eventbrite.com.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday June 7

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday June 8

Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

Central Library Teen Advisory Board: The Leader in

You! 3 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Lego Club

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday June 9

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday June 12

Central Library

Sing Along 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Creative Drama Workshop 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday June 13

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Teen Game Day 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday June 14

East Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library Teen Game Day

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Wednesday June 7

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Bull McCabe's Pub

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Thunder Road

Grateful Dead Residency

8 p.m.| 379 Somerville Ave **Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Zion I

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Pants Role Nation 8 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday June 8

Sally O'Brien's

Real Stormin Norman|8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Compa-

ny|9:30 pm Backroom Series: Klezperanto 7 p.m.

Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Thunder Road

Ross Livermore Band (Rock/Soul) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Reverend Horton Heat Agent Orange, Flat Duo Jets 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Funk & Flights 14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Something Big with Ryan Donahue and Jeff Scheen 8:30 p.m.|255 Elm

Arts at the Armory

Pub Sing at The Armory 7p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|June 9

Sally O'Brien's

Real Stormin Norman|6 p.m. The Six Nine Show: Dan Miller & The Highlife, RockSpring, Rick Fire & The Ricktones, Bryan Mac & The Bleed, James Christensen \$10 sugqested|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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Live music p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

Entertainment every Friday

173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Wildcat Slim (Rock 'n' Roll) Special Guests: Alan Scardapane 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Toddlerbilly Reverend Heat(on)|5

Reverend Horton Heat Agent Orange, Flat Duo Jets 8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. **Bites Beats Beams** Cocek! Brass Band

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

Shit Faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet|7 p.m.

Boston's Unscripted Musical Project|9:30 p.m. Dirty Disney|11 p.m.

255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Hyperlocal Craft Brewfest - Friday Night Session 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday June 10

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Box Of Records, Stains of a Sunflower \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Kerplunk! 11 a.m.

DELIVERED Boston's Spring Slam|2 Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo &

Juliet|7 p.m. 50 First Dates, Zero Second Dates|10

255 Elm Street

Aeronaut Brewing Co. DJ Tina|8:30 p.m.

14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Hyperlocal Craft Brewfest - Saturday Day Session 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.|Performance Hall Hyperlocal Brewfest - Saturday Eve-

ning Session 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Laughing Liberally Boston

8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday June 11

Sally O'Brien's Bar Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters |6 p.m.

Kristen Ford|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Beatles Brunchl11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session 3

p.m. Los Goutos 7 p.m.

Back Room The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pend-

ergast

8am - 2:30pm Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5

The Burren Lantern Sessions | 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Palaver Strings | 8 p.m.

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

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150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131 Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DI 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Thunder Road

over-Pride Disco Brunchl10 a.m.

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Rockwell

156 Highland Ave

379 Somerville Ave

On the other side of thin - bustin' the body police|5 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Paul Yu|2 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Tongue in Cheek presents: Good Vibrations and other seismic events 5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday June 12

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedyl7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Conquerors reggae 10 p.m.

P.A.'s Lounge Troll 2 Matthew Charles Churches & Trains Absinthe Rose

7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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156 Highland Ave

Tuesday|June 13 Sally O'Brien's Bar SYM-Jam Tuesdays 8 p.m.

7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-

666-3589 The Burren Front Room

Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room:

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge Open Mic Night

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes)

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen**

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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PJ Ryan's

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

Thunder Road

Breaking the Band New Talent Showcase 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Indie Trivia 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. | 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory **Animatic Boston**

Wednesday June 14 Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes!

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Burren

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P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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Highland Kitchen

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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The Moth: True Stories Told Live 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Wolff Sisters 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Been Out Here Teen Open Mic 7p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

Thursday June 8 **Central Library**

40 College Ave

East Branch Library

FREE Yoga at the Library

6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

(Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Drop in Knitting at the East Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Central Library Lacan Reading Group with Special Guest Sheldon George 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Saturday June 10

Central Library Retirement Planning Talk

2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Union Square Farmer's Market

9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Holland St

Sunday June 11 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups**

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday|June 12 **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

(Session 2) 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Unity Church of God

115 Broadway

Drop in Knitting at West Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

West Branch Library

Tuesday June 13

Central Library

Central Library Chess Night 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Wednesday June 14

Central Library

Board of Library Trustees Meeting 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. 79 Highland Ave **Central Library**

Indivisible Somerville 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers. Everyone 55+ is encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. Our centers are open to everyone from Somerville and surrounding communities. Check out our calendar and give a call with any questions or to make a reservation. 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. Stay for lunch and receive free transportation.

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

*Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors – VERY LIMITED AMOUNT AVAILABLE – The SCOA, The Health & Human Services Department in partnering with the SFD has a limited amount of free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors available to qualifying older adults. If you are 60 years of age or older, Somerville resident or a Somerville resident with a disability please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 to request a brief application.

The Council on Aging wants you! – The SCOA is supporting D.A. Marian Ryan's Project C.A.R.E. and Project Linus. Helping children of trauma have some comfort in their time of need by providing them with homemade blankets. Help us reach our goal of 200 blankets. Knitted, crochet or handmade fleece accepted. Please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Join the SCOA's email group – The email group is for Somerville Council on Aging Seniors and/or Caregivers who are interested in the latest information on resources, events, programming, etc., in and around the Somerville area. Use the link https://groups.google.com/group/somerville-council-on-aging - If you have any questions or need help joining please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

Ageless Grace – Ageless Grace, the Council on Aging's new Fitness class for the body and mind. Held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Holland St. Center, the Ageless Grace program is an innovative wellness and fitness program done seated in a chair to upbeat music. Classes are playful, imaginative and different every time. All the movements are designed to focus on the healthy longevity of the body and the brain. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Yoga - Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 5-week Yoga series is a low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program that lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more info and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes!

Silver Alert Program – The Somerville Council on Aging with the Somerville Police Department have implemented a program to take a proactive approach towards protecting some of Somerville's most vulnerable citizens who suffer with serious cognitive impairments that put them at risk for wandering and getting lost. The Silver Alert Program is designed to collect specific information about a potential missing person, along with photo identification. This confidential information will be kept on file for immediate use in the event a loved one is reported missing. Please contact the SCOA at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Children of the World Preschool – Thursday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. The Children

of the World Preschool will be coming to entertain us. For questions or additional information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Memory Café – Thursday, June 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant located at 14 Broadway. Memory Café is a safe comfortable environment to share your stories and socialize with others who have worries about their memory. If you have any questions or need additional information and to RSVP contact Natasha or Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Planning for the Future – Thursday, June 15 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Planning for the future can be difficult. It's never too early to look at securing your future. To register call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Singer/Guitarist Doug Schmolze – Wednesday, June 28 – 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center – Join us for "Songs of WW1" – Please RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Castle Island – Friday, July 14 - \$5 transportation fee. Check in 8:30 a.m. Holland and 8:45 a.m. Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 1:00 p.m. To reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Twin River Casino – Monday, July 24 - \$20 includes transportation and a yet to be determined package. Check in 9:30 a.m. at Holland and 9:45 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. To reserve your spot or for additional information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Foxwoods Casino – Wednesday, August 30 - \$25 includes transportation, \$10 bonus slot and \$10 buffet. Check in 7:00 a.m. at Holland and 7:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 8:00 p.m. To reserve your spot or for additional information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Niagara/Toronto – Monday, September 4 to Thursday, September 7th - \$488 per person double - \$585 per person single includes motor coach transportation, lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, a bottle of Niagara wine and so much more. For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Kim or Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Planning for Medicare/A Countdown to 65 – Thursday, September 14 – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be speaking about various Medicare topics. For more information please contact Ashley or Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

One Night in Memphis – Thursday, September 21 - \$83 per person includes transportation, lunch and show at Venus De Milo. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot contact Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

The day trip to see the Tall Ships scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip, Gloucester Harbor Cruise scheduled for Thursday, July 27th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to the Lowell Spinners scheduled for Thursday, August 10th is SOLD OUT.

The Pine Grove Dude Ranch trip scheduled for September 24th – 20th is BOOK SOLID. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to put your name on the waiting list should there be an opening.

The trip to NYC scheduled for December 8th, 9th and 10th is SOLD OUT. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to put your name on the waiting list should there be an opening.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes.

Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

LGBTQ Ice Cream Social – Monday, June 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. To RSVP and join the fun please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

2017 Advisory Dates – 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Holland St. July 10, October 16.

STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

Mondays:

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics*** 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise *All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

Every Monday

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C)

Every Tuesday

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C, RJ) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Every Wednesday

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays (RJ)

Every Thursday

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ)
1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

Every Friday

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo (H)

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12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	7:30am	What's Left	10:30pm	Act Out! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
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		6:00pm	Real Estate Answers	5:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
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9:30am	Somerville Pundits	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	4:30pm	The Struggle
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Ojo Rojo	11:30pm	Oio Rojo	5:00pm	(LIVE) Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
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Wednesd	ay, June 7	12:00am	Jane's Walk	6:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	12:33am	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly
8:00am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	1:19am	Congressional Update	7:00pm	2017 Somerville Heroes Salute	1:03am	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte
9:00am	2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	2:00am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	8:20pm	Memorial on the Mystic	1:31am	BOA Land Use Committee Meeting
12:00pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	9:00am So	merville Community Choice Electricity Info	9:30pm	Community Choice Electricity Info	9:00am	Community Choice Electricity Info
12:30pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	9:30am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	9:45pm	SomerViva	9:15am	SomerViva
12:48pm	Memorial Day Parade 2017	12:00pm	Pride Flag Raising 2017	10:07pm	Porchfest 2017	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 6.8.17
2:36pm	Memorial on the Mystic	12:30pm	Memorial Day Parade 2017	Sunday, J	une 11	3:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly
6:00pm	BOA Land Use Committee of the Whole	2:17pm	Memorial on the Mystic	12:00am	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	6:00pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole
		6:30pm	Honor & Remembrance Candle Light Vigil		Honor & Remembrance Candle Light Vigil	Tuesday,	June 13
Thursday, 12:00am	2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	7:00pm	2017 Somerville Heroes Salute	1:00am	Jane's Walk	12:00am	Memorial Day Parade 2017
2:00am		8:20pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	2:19am	SomerViva en Español	1:47am	Week of the Young Child
	Community Choice Electricity Info	8:39pm	Congressional Update	9:00am	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	2:23am	Pride Flag Raising 2017
2:15am	SomerViva	9:08pm	Pride Flag Raising 2017	10:00am	Week of the Young Child	9:00am	Honor & Remembrance Candle Light Vigil
9:00am	Memorial on the Mystic 2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	9:30pm	2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	9:30am	Pride Flag Raising 2017
10:00am		Saturday,	lune 10	12:33pm	Union Sq. CAC/LOCUS Public Meeting	10:00am	2017 Somerville Preservation Awards
12:00pm	Senior Circuit Community Choice Electricity Info	12:00am	An Economic History of Somerville	2:30pm	SomerViva en Español	12:00pm	
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1:37pm	SomerViva en Español	9:00am	2017 Somerville Heroes Salute	7:00pm	Senior Circuit	6:00pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole
2:00pm 2:21pm	Honor & Remembrance Candle Light Vigil	10:20am	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	7:33pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	Modnose	day, June 14
	3 3	12:00pm	Memorial on the Mystic	8:00pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	12:00am	Senior Circuit
4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	1:00pm	Congressional Update	8:30pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 6.8.17	12:00am	Porchfest 2017
7:00pm	3	1:30pm	Patriots Day Colonial Fair 2017	Monday,	ğ ,	12:33am	SomerViva en Español
Friday, June 9		2:07pm	An Economic History of Somerville	12:00am	Senior Circuit	1:53am	2017 Somerville Preservation Awards
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Educational TV 15 Schedule

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	Wednesd	lay, June 7	Friday, Ju	ine 9	10:06pm	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads	6:00pm	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert
	9:00am	2017 SHS Graduation	12:00am	2017 SHS Class Day	10:36pm	Raising Caring Children in Somerville	6:40pm	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads
	10:30am	2017 SHS Class Day	2:21am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS	Sunday,	June 11	7:10pm	2017 SHS Graduation
	1:00pm	SHS Chamber Strings and Viol de Gamba	2:39am	Public Domain Theater	12:00am	Raising Families - Special Needs Education	9:00pm	Spring String Fling
	1:30pm	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads	12:30am	Raising Caring Children in Somerville	9:48pm	SHS Chamber Strings and Viol de Gamba
	2:10pm	Student of the Qtr Argenziano School	10:00am	2017 SHS National Honor Society	1:30am	SHS Softball v Everett	10:10pm	World Language Awards Night
	2:30pm	Week of the Young Child Celebration	12:00pm	2017 SHS Class Day	9:00am	All-City Middle School Spring Concert	Tuesday,	June 13
	6:30pm	Vocational Senior Awards Banquet	5:30pm	SHS Scholarship Awards	9:38am	2017 SHS Class Day	12:00am	SHS Baseball v Saugus
	8:03pm	SHS Multicultural Fair	7:43pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Brown School	12:00pm	2017 SHS Graduation	1:43am	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads
	8:42pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS	8:00pm	WHCS Spring Concert	2:00pm	Vocational Senior Awards Banquet	2:13am	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
	9:01pm	2017 SHS Class Day	9:03pm	SHS Spring Concert	6:00pm	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert	2:40am	Public Domain Theater
	Thursday	v. lune 8	11:00pm	Student of the Qtr Awards - Healey School	6:40pm	Student of the Qtr Argenziano School	9:00am	World Language Awards Night
12:00am Healey School K-2 Spring Concert		Saturday	, June 10	7:02pm	2017 SHS Graduation	10:00am	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads	
	12:30am	2017 SHS Graduation	12:00am	SHS Baseball v Malden 5.18.16	9:00pm	Argenziano School Heritage Night	12:00pm	Vocational Senior Awards Banquet
	2:30am	Public Domain Theater	1:22am	SHS Spring Concert	9:40pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS	1:33pm	2017 SHS Class Day
	9:00am	SHS Chamber Strings and Viol de Gamba	3:15am	Public Domain Theater	Monday,	June 12	6:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS
	9:30am	SHS Baseball v Saugus	9:00am	SHS Spring Concert	12:00am	Spring String Fling	6:30pm	WHCIS Spring Concert
	12:00pm	2017 SHS Class Day	12:00pm	All-City Middle School Spring Concert	12:48am	All-City Middle School Spring Concert	7:15pm	Student of the Qtr WHCIS - 4.28.16
	2:21pm	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert	12:38pm	SHS Baseball vs St. Clement	1:30am	2017 SHS Class Day	7:36pm	SHS Spring Concert
	3:01pm	Our Schools, Our City - Top Grads	1:52pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS	3:51am	Public Domain Theater	9:30pm	SHS Baseball v Malden 5.18.16
	6:00pm	Argenziano School Heritage Night	2:17pm	Student of the Qtr Awards - Healey School	9:00am	Spring String Fling	11:00pm	Raising Caring Children in Somerville
	6:40pm	Student of the Qtr Argenziano School	5:30pm	SHS Volleyball v Greater Lowell Tech	11:00am	2017 SHS Graduation	Wednes	day, June 14
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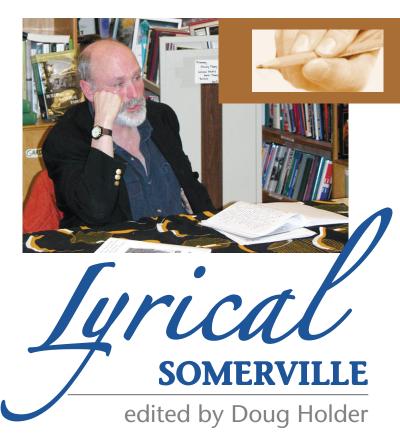
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Interview with Poet Joyce Peseroff

Friend to Jane Kenyon, member of the Alice James Collective, author of Know Thyself,

Poet and editor Joyce Peseroff grew up in the Bronx. She earned a BA at Queens College and an MFA at the University of California at Irvine, where she studied with Donald Justice. She began a lifelong friendship with poet Jane Kenyon in 1973, when Peseroff entered the University of Michigan's Society of Fellows. In 1977, after both poets had returned to the Northeast, Peseroff and Kenyon cofounded the literary magazine Greenhouse.

Peseroff is the author of several collections of poetry, including The Hardness Scale (1977, reissued in 2000), Mortal Education (2000), Eastern Mountain Time (2006), and Know Thyself. She has served as an editor for Ploughshares and edited The Ploughshares Poetry Reader (1987), Robert Bly: When Sleepers Awake (1984), and Simply Lasting: Writers on Jane Kenyon

Her honors include grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Artists Foundation as well as a Pushcart Prize. Peseroff lives in Lexington, Massachusetts, and teaches at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

I talked with her on my Somerville Community Access TV show Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer.

Doug Holder: You are from the Bronx. I know a lot of great writers grew up there ... Cynthia Ozick comes to mind. Is there a Bronx sensibility to your writing?

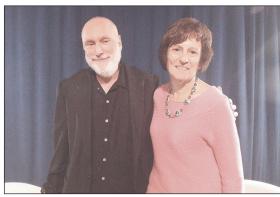
Joyce Peseroff: In my first book I wrote about growing up in New York City. There is a certain awareness about growing up in New York that you never lose. You are always aware of the people around you. You are always aware of how the landscape is made up of things - made by humans. One of the things I like is tension, between the outer world and the inner world. And you see that in the city streets. It is less likely in the suburbs.

Doug Holder: You were a part of a great literary collective, Alice James Books - that was founded in Cambridge, MA in the 70s. Can you tell us about your experience with this group?

Joyce Peseroff: It was a collective with an emphasis of publishing books by women. But Ron Schrieber was one of the male founding members. But the collective was formed to fill a gap for women writers. Women, at that time, were not finding an opening with traditional publishers. Jane Kenyon's first book was published by Alice James. Celia Gilbert had her first. Kathleen Aguero was part of the collective. It was a piece of literary history. We had an office on Mt. Auburn Street in Cambridge. We did it all by ourselves. We did all the production, publicity, order fulfilling, advertising, etc. All decisions were made by a consensus. About 20 years ago, Alice James moved to Maine.

Doug Holder: You were the first director of the MFA program at UMass/Boston. Tell us about this.

Joyce Peseroff: It was something that the administration asked me to do, because they knew what a wonderful job Martha Collins did with developing the undergraduate creative writing program, along with Lloyd Schwartz. So we wrote a proposal and I was the first director. I was there for four years. We had strong ideas about the kind of students we wanted to have. We were looking for diversity. We wanted people who were from Boston, have jobs and wanted to finish an MFA without going into a low residency. Most of our classes are held after 4:00 p.m. We also looked for older students. People who have been out in the world and had stories to tell. We are a small program. We only have ten students,



Doug Holder with Joyce Peseroff.

poetry and fiction. Everybody gets to know one another. Doug Holder: You are friends with Donald Hall and the late Jane Kenyon. In fact, you got Hall to edit an issue of Ploughshares.

Joyce Peseroff: Yes, DeWitt Henry and I asked Hall to edit an issue. I first met Hall and Kenyon on a fellowship to the University of Michigan. There were scholars from all around as part of it. Jane and Donald were there-and I met Jane through Donald. They were married then. They had an informal workshop, with Greg Orr and others. Greg, Don, Jane and I along others would share poems there. After two years I came back to Massachusetts. Jane and Don moved to New Hampshire. He bought his family farm. We kept up our friendship. I would visit there. Jane and I were editing a small press magazine, Green House, at the time. We were looking to place and feature poets with different sensibilities.

Doug Holder: In your poetry collection Know Thyself, you pair lightness with pain and darkness. It seems that you are always looking over your shoulder.

Joyce Peseroff: Yes. Maybe because I grew up in the Bronx, and I feel the world is a surprising place. I am not world-weary. This is part of the way I developed as

Doug Holder: From the poems I read, you seem to have an ongoing conversation with your late mother.

Joyce Peseroff: I've lost both my parents within four years. I think when I write about the deceased, in someway I am trying to keep them alive and in the conversation.

Doug Holder: Have you ever seen ghosts?

Joyce Peseroff: No. But I have had dreams, and in waking life I was heartbroken that the folks I dreamed about were no longer around. I remember thinking, "That was a dream. I am never going to see those people again."

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