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## SNAP Match Fundraiser helping to feed needy in Somerville



Union Square Main Streets' SNAP Match Fundraiser program is augmenting the dietary needs of disadvantaged residents by offering dollar-for-dollar matches for purchases at the Union Square Farmers Market.

By Charles Lane

A fundraising initiative sponsored by Union Square Main Streets aims to bolster the buying power of SNAP recipients at the Union Square Farmers Market. The money raised enables Union Square Main Streets to offer a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$10, to all SNAP users.

SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is the program formerly known as food stamps. It is a federal nutrition program that helps recipients stretch their food budget and buy healthy food.

The last couple of weeks have brought an increase in the number of SNAP recipients to the market. Contributions to the SNAP Match Fundraiser are intended to make an important difference in the lives of those struggling to add healthy local fruit and

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## ArtBeat 2017: Finding its 'Voice'

By Rebecca Danvers

ArtBeat, one of the area's largest and most innovative arts festivals, is set to enliven and entertain Somerville this weekend with over a dozen bands, dance troupes, 75 craft vendors, food, and all-age activities.

On Friday night, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. there will be music and interactive performances, then on Saturday Davis Square is reserved for craft vendors, two stages of music, dance in the Somerville Theatre, and a host of great interactive performances from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This year's ArtBeat theme is "Voice," a celebration of all things that have to do with being vocal, both literally and figuratively. How does a community find a collective voice and be heard? How does an individual find a voice to speak up and share thoughts, desires and frustration? From sotto voce to a loud roar, voices can take on all volumes, tones and timbres. What is your voice, and how does it harmonize or perhaps clash with other voices?

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Afropop group Kina Zoré will be entertaining at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday at Seven Hills Park as part of ArtBeat's 2017 edition, Voice.

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Rumors still persist about some filings with the **Ethics Commission** against one or two aldermen here in the city for possible violations that could have some serious consequences. We will find out the name of the aldermen and let you know as soon as we can verify it.

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**Mayor Joe Curtatone** is having his campaign kickoff on **Tuesday, July 18**, at the **Armory**. Stop by and wish him the best. He does have opponents this year; actually two.

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**Elio LoRusso**, who is a candidate in Ward 1 for alderman, is having his campaign kickoff on **Tuesday, August 8**, at **Casey's** on Lower Broadway from 5:30 p.m. on. It's a campaign kickoff and fundraiser.

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Speaking of **Elio LoRusso**, did you know he's a business owner and has a long time family business of designing and building "iron works"? This month he is a guest on the **Real Estate Answers Show** on Channel 3, talking about his company **Somerville Ornamental Iron Work Inc.** You can view it on our website here at **The Times**. It's a very interesting small, local company that contributes to the community, like his family's business has now for several decades.

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Check out [www.ocpf.us](http://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 *Continued on page 11*

## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: **Dispute over Hudson St. mural causes neighborhood tension**

**Josh** says:

Was never know as the bend. It was always called the circle before the yuppies came in. All the neighborhood kids would always play in that spot.

**amen** says:

"....these types of crashes rarely result in serious injury" are you kidding? What do you call serious? If you're elderly, a child, pregnant, etc., etc. Any injury is serious. If it causes someone to miss work it's serious. What a ridiculous, insensitive thing to say.

**Johnny** says:

Yes, was always called the circle. Light traffic and slow speed? Try viewing in September when school starts and vacations are over in the morning between 7:30-9AM. Chalk not paint should have been chosen and let the artist change it up every year. This is graffiti and needs to be removed. Can I circulate an approval form and paint sports emblems of my non Boston favorite teams? This was a nice idea but poorly executed.

**Patti** says:

The mural is unsightly. I live in Somerville and have for 50 years and I would NOT want that in front of my house. Put it in front of the so called Mayor's house and see if he likes it, I don't think so. It has to go. Put it in a playground or the parking lot at the old Cummings School that will brighten up that area for sure.

**Harumphh** says:

Amen, looking before moving a car, in any direction, is required by law I believe. Are you pretending comments about accidents that haven't happened are insensitive? That's as silly as being upset about paint on the street. I've lived here almost 35years and believe me, there used to be lots of kids that actually played in the streets here and didn't get run over. If people can't look out for pedestrians while driving, those people shouldn't be driving.

**Ciaman** says:

I live on Hudson st and have for my whole life 35 years. I will say the circle is a place we played at all day in the summer and now that this ugly painting is on the ground I agree it would Per tray a place to play for kids and I would never let my kids play in the circle like I did with the cars that fly down Hudson she on a daily basis especially during the school year when people cut down Hudson sto by pass highland Ave in the morning. I think this was poorly organized and wouldn't be for another mural to be painted.

Thanks

Hudson St lifer

**Ron Newman** says:

This is a lovely mural. Anyone who would be against having it here hates art, culture, and people.

**Joe W** says:

Ugh! What an eyesore. First of all, permission – in writing – from each and every resident in the area should be obtained before such a thing is done. Then, if it goes ahead, PLEASE get a competent artist/designer to execute a visually agreeable design. This thing looks like a half-baked throwback to 60's/70's hippy-dippy pseudo-art. Anyone who thinks this thing is aesthetically pleasing is off their rocker.

**Old Taxpayer** says:

It is graffiti plain and simple.

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## Somerville Labor Coalition announces endorsements

By Rob Carter

The Somerville Labor Coalition voted to endorse 11 candidates for Somerville public office on Friday.

Incumbents dominated the selections, securing nine of the coalition's endorsements. These included all four Aldermen At-Large and the incumbents for aldermen of all but Ward 4. A Ward 7 alderman was not endorsed due to the questionnaire not being returned for the Candidates Night forum.

The endorsements come after the SLC's Candidates Night on June 27, when the coalition invited candidates for alderman and mayor to come address their members.

In Ward 4, where no incumbent is running, Jesse Clingan earned the SLC's endorsement over his opponent Omar Boukili. Clingan is a union member, who was born and raised in Somerville. He and Boukili butted heads over requiring civil servant tests during Candidate's Night. Boukili believed the practice to be unfair because not everyone had time to study. Clingan, meanwhile, thought that it created a fair hurdle to ensure candidates were qualified to do the work.

The other challenger to receive an endorsement from the SLC was Payton Corbett. Corbett is running for mayor against incumbent Joseph Curtatone and challenger Kenneth Van Buskirk. An



elected officer of Teamsters Local 122, Corbett promised to bring "shop-floor politics" to the mayor's office. Corbett spent the majority of Candidate's Night criticizing Curtatone, who did not attend the event, for increasing privatization and for "union-busting."

SLC co-chair Ed Halloran was pleased with the Candidate's Night turnout and, despite the decision to endorse mostly incumbents, said he was excited about the new faces and injection of youth in the room. School committee candidates will have a chance to address the coalition at a later date for a chance for endorsement.

A full list of the current SLC endorsements are as follows:

- Mayor – Payton Corbett
- Alderman At-Large – William A. White Jr., John M. Connolly, Dennis M. Sullivan and Mary Jo Rossetti
- Alderman Ward 1 – Matt McLaughlin
- Alderman Ward 2 – Maryann Heuston
- Alderman Ward 3 – Bob McWatters
- Alderman Ward 4 – Jesse Clingan
- Alderman Ward 5 – Mark Niedergang
- Alderman Ward 6 – Lance Davis

## Somerville High School, Somerville Museum bring local history to life



The Somerville Museum is providing Somerville High School's Local History Club an in-depth glimpse into local history.

By Erin Wade

When you walk into the Somerville Museum for a Sunday afternoon lecture, it's almost easy to forget that census data shows Somerville is home to more children than people of retirement age.

The lecture audience is graying, but it turns out the museum sees a lot more people of high school age than the demographics of this Sunday lecture might suggest, according to Brandon Wilson, the executive director of the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission.

"We have a Local History Club through the high school, and they actually interact with us in the museum and the city, when we do events. The students actually get dressed up in historic clothing and provide information to people," Wilson said. "They learn a lot about their own community."

This school year, Somerville High School's Local History Club had about 13 active members, most of whom were

ninth-graders, according to Adda Santos, a history teacher at Somerville High and adviser to the Local History Club. Santos, who is from Brazil, said the majority of the club's members were students with immigrant backgrounds, like her.

"The students are actually very diverse. I've had students from so many different countries," Santos said. "I've had students from Haiti, from Brazil, from Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia."

One of the students in Santos' club, Nabila Anandira, said this year's group was especially diverse.

"There's a huge range of people from everywhere," according to Anadira. She's originally from Indonesia and moved to the United States when she was 2 years old, so she said she knows more about U.S. history than Indonesian history.

But Anandira, a rising junior at Somerville High, said her involvement in the Local History Club has made her feel even more connected to her city.

"Being closer to

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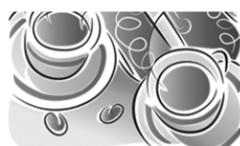
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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Candy is dandy, but pay for it, please

On Tuesday, July 4, police officers were dispatched to the Dollar Tree store on McGrath Hwy. on reports of a robbery.

While en route, police dispatch advised the officers that the suspects got into a vehicle and took off out of the parking lot onto Medford St. They were also informed that it was not a robbery but a shoplifting.

While traveling on Medford St. towards the Dollar Tree store, the officers spotted the vehicle traveling towards them, whereupon they activated their blue lights, made a U-turn, and stopped the vehicle in a Lambert St. parking lot.

Following up at the Dollar Tree store, an employee reportedly told police that he ob-

served three individuals walk out of the store with reusable baskets filled with boxes of candy and glow sticks. The employee played back video footage of them walking out of the store with the unpaid items.

According to reports, the total amount was \$139.24 worth of merchandise.

The investigating officer con-

tacted another officer who was on scene with the vehicle and asked him if he could see if there were any reusable baskets in the vehicle. He reportedly said that he could see the three baskets and they were filled with candy.

The investigating officer returned to the parking lot where the vehicle was stopped and was

able to identify the individuals that were in the video. He asked them for identification and they were unable to provide any identifying documentation.

Police then placed the suspects, a male juvenile and a female, Savannah Nichols, of New York, NY, under arrest for shoplifting by asportation and conspiracy.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Robert Gallagher**, June 30, 9:17 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

**Filsdym Modan**, of 1 Memorial Dr., June 30, 1:24 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of disturbing the peace and resisting arrest.

**Michael Puntonio**, of 220 Mayberry Ave., Medford, July 3, 1:03 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, speeding, and

reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

**Savannah Nichols**, of 4008 57th St. Woodside, New York, NY, July 4, 8:55 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of shoplifting by asportation and conspiracy.

**Cody Domings**, of 82 Gilman St., July 5, 7:35 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of possession of a class A drug.

**Frederick Tolliver**, of 25 Highland Ave., July 5, 5:51 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of distribution of a

class B drug and possession of a class C drug.

**Alexander Fedele**, of 238 Broadway, July 5, 6:06 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of distribution of a class C drug and felony nighttime breaking and entering.

**Dylan Shallow**, of 55 Ossipee, July 6, 9:58 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of assault and battery on a person over 60 or disabled and destruction of property over \$250.

**Allwell Ugwu**, of 40 Reser-

voir St., Brockton, July 6, 11:09 a.m., arrested at Tufts St. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

**Christopher Tardo**, of 62 Bradley St., July 6, 7:37 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of marked lanes violation.

**Michael Byrne**, of 309 Medford St., July 7, 6:17 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended

license, operation of a motor vehicle with license revoked as HTO, speeding, failure to stop for police, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, larceny from a building, passing violation, marked lanes violation, possession of a class E drug, and larceny of motor vehicle.

**Eric Strong**, of 19 Irene St., Burlington, July 10, 3:47 a.m., arrested at Perkins St. on warrant charges of malicious wanton defacement of property, assault with a dangerous weapon, and disturbing the peace.

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## SNAP Match Fundraiser helping to feed needy in Somerville

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vegetables to their meals.

To ensure that the organization has the funds to offer this resource to market shoppers in need of assistance in acquiring these healthy foods, the public is encouraged to go to their fundraising page at <https://www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/2017-union-square-farmers-market-snap-match>.

Between 2000 and 2010, the poverty rate in Somerville grew from 12.5% to 18%. More than 13,000 Somerville residents live below the poverty line. With rising housing costs and federal budget cuts, it has become increasingly difficult for families to be able to afford healthy farmer's market products.

SNAP (or "food stamp") recipients use their benefit cards to purchase farmers market tokens. Union Square Main Streets then matches every dollar up to \$10 dollars, allowing SNAP customers to spend \$10 and receive \$20 worth of healthy, fresh, local food.

Since 2005, because of the generosity of Union Square residents and businesses, Union Square Main Streets has been able to provide over \$13,000 matching SNAP payments to help hundreds of our neighbors eat good, fresh, locally grown food.

They need your help again this year to ensure that they can continue to provide access to healthy food for those in need. It is reported that they need \$4,500

to sustain the SNAP match for the 2017 Union Square Farmers Market season. All donations are tax deductible.

The market is open every Saturday, through November 18 in the heart of Union Square. Vendors accept cash, credit/debit card and SNAP/EBT/Food Stamps. Several vendors also accept WIC and Elder Coupons. Please stop by the market manager tent for more information.

The market, managed by Union Square Main Streets, offers a wide range of locally produced vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs, fish, bread, cheese, mushrooms, baked goods, wine/hard cider and specialty foods in addition to weekly live music and activities.



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## Traffic pattern changes for Prospect St., Webster Ave.

By Tom Bannister

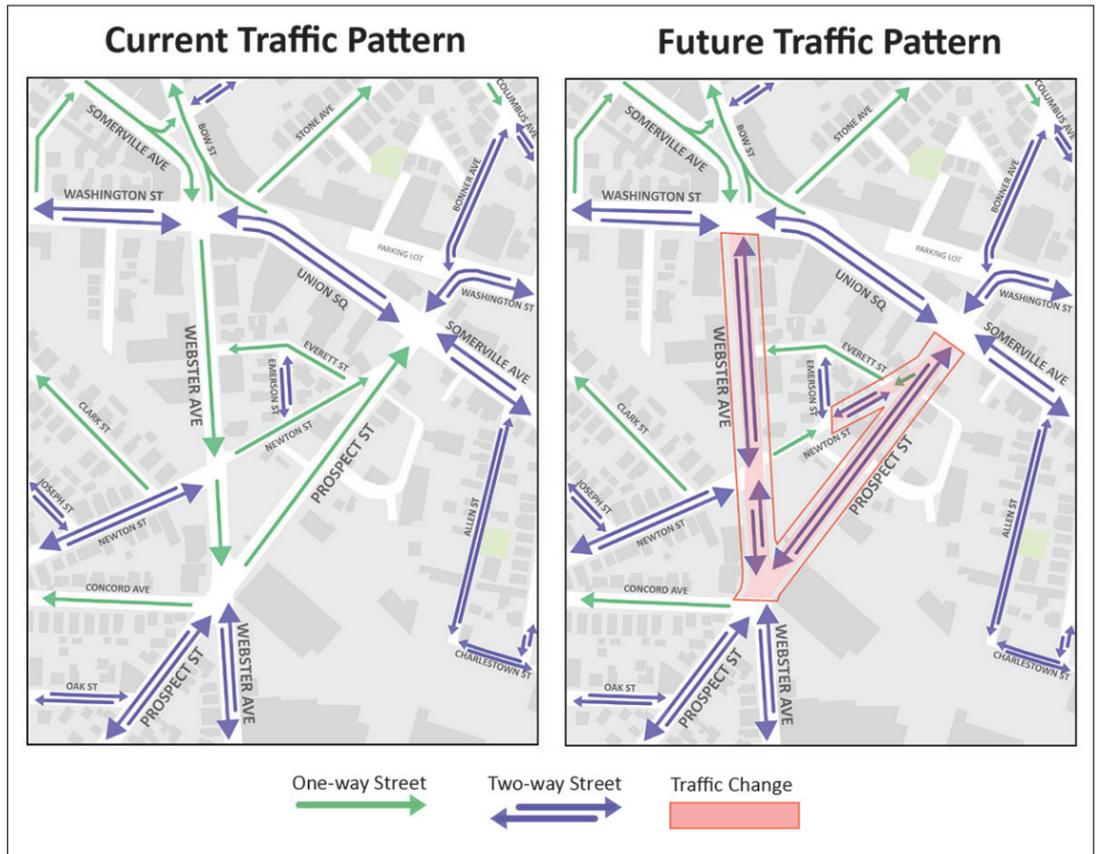
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The Union Square Early Action project has four primary goals: to relieve vehicle congestion in Union Square, to im-

prove safety and accessibility, perform minor water and sewer utility upgrades, and facilitate a safe, efficient traffic management plan for the upcoming larger sewer separation project scheduled for 2017-2018.

Prior to the traffic pattern change, electronic signage will be placed in several key locations in Somerville and in Cambridge, alerting motorists of the upcoming change. Once the lane markings have been installed and new traffic signals activated, cones, barricades, and police details will be in place temporarily as motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians gain experience with the new pattern.

For more information about the Union Square Early Action project, including plans, and presentations from past public meetings, visit [www.somerville-ma.gov/usqearlyaction](http://www.somerville-ma.gov/usqearlyaction).



Based on construction schedules not yet determined, the above traffic pattern changes will be in effect through most of the summer, according to estimates provided by the city.

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## ArtBeat CONT. FROM PG 1

Thinking in a more expansive way, voice does not have to be vocal or audible, it is more about advocacy. Someone does not always have to speak out loud to be heard. Voice can embody all types

of expression.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



**Rep. Christine Barber**

**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 legislators' votes on roll calls from the week of July 3-7.

## \$40.2 BILLION FISCAL 2018 STATE BUDGET (H 3800)

House 140-9, Senate 36-2, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a conference committee's compromise version of a \$40.2 billion fiscal 2018 state budget to cover state spending from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. .

Baker has ten days to sign the budget and to veto sections of it. It would then take a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate to override any vetoes. The conference committee version was hammered out after the House and Senate each approved different budgets.

The 6-member conference committee reduced expected state revenues by \$733 million and made millions in budget "fixes" including \$400 million in direct cuts from the proposed spending approved by legislators in the original House and Senate version of the budget. Those actions were in response to warnings about ever-decreasing revenue projections over the past several weeks.

Supporters said the budget is a balanced one that makes important investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility and not raising taxes. They noted a shortage of revenue will result in some pain in some services and programs but that the budget protects the state's most vulnerable citizens.

Opponents voted against the budget for various reasons: Legislators have only had a few hours to read the budget and the vote should be postponed for several days; the budget does not make sufficient cuts; the budget makes too many cuts and does not sufficiently fund many worthwhile programs and services; state spending has grown too much over the past few years; and billions of dollars of taxpayer money is going to government services for illegal immigrants.

(A "Yes" vote is for the budget. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## SUSPEND RULES TO CONSIDER \$40.2 BILLION FISCAL 2018 BUDGET

Prior to voting on the budget, the House 115-34, Senate 32-6, suspended rules to allow immediate consideration of the \$40.2 billion fiscal 2018 state budget.

Rule suspension supporters said it is important for the Legislature to approve this budget quickly and noted the state is currently operating on a temporary budget.

Rule suspension opponents said members have had very little time to read the budget and argued it is unfair and irresponsible to rush a \$40.2 billion package through the House late on a Friday afternoon.

(A "Yea" vote is for rule suspension. A "Nay" vote is against rule suspension).

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**LOTS OF BILLS TO BE AIRED BY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON JULY 18** - A major hearing by

the Judiciary Committee on more than 90 bills will be held on July 18 at 1 p.m. in Room A-1 at the Statehouse. Among the proposals on the agenda are:

### HONOR OATHS OR BE PROSECUTED (S 772)

- Requires the prosecution of any public employee who has violated his or her oath of office, including the state's 200 legislators, the governor and other constitutional officers. The measure provides for automatic job suspension of the offender.

Another provision provides for prosecution of any person who induces or encourages any public employee to violate his or her oath. The bill is not sponsored by any legislator and was filed by private citizen Mark Thomas of Boston.

### PROFIT FROM CRIMINAL ACT (S 797)

- Restricts the ability of convicted criminals to profit from their notoriety. The measure provides that any profits from the criminals' books, movie rights and similar profit endeavors be given to the victim as restitution.

### HEROIN PRESENCE (S 842)

- Repeals a current law that imposes a minimum 1-year prison sentence and/or up to a \$1,000 fine on a person who is "knowingly present at a place where heroin is kept or deposited."

### SHOOTING AT A HOUSE OR SCHOOL (H 3070)

Imposes up to a 5-year prison sentence on anyone who hits any dwelling, public park, daycare facility, public school or college with a firearm. The measure is designed to punish the shooter for this violent act even when no one is hurt or killed in the shooting. Currently there are no penalties for this offense.

### REPEAL ARCHAIC LAWS (H 950)

- Abolishes some archaic laws that are still on the books in Massachusetts. These laws include requiring that portions of the Bible be read in public schools; declaring that the Communist Party is a subversive organization and prohibiting adultery, anal sex, blasphemy and vagabonds.

### COMPANION ANIMALS (H 2290)

- Refers to pets as "companion animals" and requires people to protect the health and safety of these animals including dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, hamsters and ferrets. It prohibits companion animals from being left outside during extreme heat, cold, wind, rain or hail or any weather condition which poses a risk to their health and safety.

An offender is subject to a 2.5-year prison sentence for each incident of animal abuse. A first offense includes a \$2,500 fine and loss of the right to obtain another animal. A second offense includes a \$5,000 fine and placement of the offender's name on a "Do Not Adopt To" list that will be made public and provided to all shelters, rescues, animal controls offices and pet stores. A third offense includes a \$10,000 fine and their name on a "Do Not Adopt To" list.

### PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN STATE CONTRACTS (S 1689)

- Requires anyone who submits a bid or proposal of more than \$10,000 to do work for state government to say that their company is in full compliance with the state's anti-discrimination laws.

The person must also state that the company does not currently, and will not during the duration of the contract, refuse to do business with any other person based upon the person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, gender identity or sexual orientation.



# Beacon Hill Roll Call continued

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

“At a time when the NRA [National Rifle Association] is working to make our country and the commonwealth less safe, it’s absurd that Charlie Baker would reward the leader of their Massachusetts group, which has targeted [Attorney General] Maura Healey and her staff, with a plum job running a state agency.” — *Newton Mayor and 2018 gubernatorial candidate Setti Warren on the appointment of Ronald Amidon, president of the Gun Owners Action League (GOAL), as commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game.*

“I have known Ron for 15 years and his reasoned and ethical approach to dealing with issues and his absolute love of the outdoors will serve not only the sportsmen and women but all in the commonwealth.” — *Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) on Amidon’s appointment.*

“Updating our state’s law has helped ensure that transgender people are not turned away at hotels or banks, denied lifesaving medical care, or mistreated when trying to do something as basic as using the restroom. Most importantly, this law saves lives, because it sends a message to transgender youth that they have a future in this commonwealth.” — *Kasey Suffredini and Mason Dunn, co-chairs of Freedom for All Massachusetts, on the one-year anniversary of the law protecting transgender people from discrimination in public places.*

“Since this law was enacted, there’s been a significant increase in men entering women’s safe spaces and abusing them by taking videos and pictures when they’re most vulnerable and exposed ... Corporations, employees, and even the police are becoming more concerned about lawsuits than women’s safety. We need to repeal this law to restore women’s safety in private spaces.” — *Chanel Prunier, Chairman of the Keep MA Safe Ballot Committee*

“By moving your home and company to New Hampshire you could save in housing costs, and no longer pay any state income tax at all. New Hampshire’s cost of living is less than that in Massachusetts. More than 33,000 millionaires call New Hampshire home already ... there are plenty of beautiful homes to choose from.” — *Jilletta Jarvis, Libertarian candidate for governor of New Hampshire, making an offer to Bay State millionaires if the voters of Massachusetts approve the 2018 ballot question imposing an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current 5.10 percent tax, on taxpayers’ earnings of more than \$1 million.*

**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 July 3-7, the House met for a total of 12 hours and 44 minutes and the Senate met for a total of six hours and 28 minutes.

Mon. July 3	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. No Senate session
Tues. July 4	No House session No Senate session
Wed. July 5	House 11:01 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. Senate 1:09 p.m. to 1:13 p.m.
Thurs. July 6	House 11:02 a.m. to 4:29 p.m. Senate 1:17 p.m. to 5:04 p.m.
Fri. July 7	House 1:39 p.m. to 5:33 p.m. Senate 2:06 p.m. to 4:43 p.m.

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**Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:**

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
39 Ash Avenue	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	1	\$629,000	\$660,000
255 Powder House Blvd	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	24	\$749,000	\$735,000
99 Thurston St	7 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	16	\$775,000	\$807,000
23 Stickney Ave	8 room, 5 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian	22	\$839,000	\$860,000
6 Adams	10 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Other	12	\$925,000	\$1,075,000
11 Williams Court	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Other	7	\$1,150,000	\$1,480,000

**Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:**

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
18R Lake Street U:18R	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	15	\$799,000	\$804,000
26 Indiana Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$799,900	\$870,000
82 Pearson Ave U:1	5 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	14	\$799,900	\$800,000
91 Highland Rd U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Detached	24	\$825,000	\$900,000
20 Hall Ave U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	23	\$839,000	\$839,000
16 Adams St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	48	\$874,900	\$850,000
52 Thurston U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Garden	16	\$874,900	\$876,000
62 Lowden Avenue U:1	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath 2/3 Family	26	\$899,900	\$920,000
35 Cutter Street U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	35	\$969,900	\$964,450
221 Beacon Street U:3	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	6	\$985,000	\$1,035,000
58 Clyde St U:5	6 room, 2 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	21	\$999,990	\$1,025,000
152 Albion U:A	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	19	\$1,150,000	\$1,185,000

**Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:**

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
69 Berkeley Street	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	17	\$989,900	\$1,050,000
7 Franklin St	2 unit, 14 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	26	\$994,900	\$928,000
305 Summer Street	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	20	\$1,100,000	\$1,050,000
6 Bedford St	4 unit, 15 total room, 5 total bedroom 5-9 Family	6	\$1,200,000	\$1,355,000
45 Banks St	2 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	7	\$1,200,000	\$1,450,000
58 Willow Ave	2 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	19	\$1,399,500	\$1,425,000
65 Lowden Ave	3 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	7	\$1,499,900	\$1,550,000
19 Windom St	2 unit, 15 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	154	\$2,150,000	\$2,150,000

# 'Baby Driver' hits the ground running

By Dre Joseph

The one prevailing takeaway from Edgar Wright's latest actionized endeavor, *Baby Driver*, I had rattling off the walls of my head was this: "If you really know what you're doing behind the wheel of a car, you can have some serious fun. Note to self: Ansel Elgort is a super weird name. End note."

*Baby Driver*, starring Ansel Elgort, Lily James, Jon Hamm, Jon Bernthal and Oscar-winners Kevin Spacey and Jamie Foxx is not as timewasting and stupid as it appears to be. The protagonist, "Baby" (Elgort), is basically 2017's version of Dale Earnhardt or Mario Andretti and operates as an unnaturally talented getaway driver for the portentous criminal mastermind "Doc" (Spacey).

At times, it feels like you're watching a music video of an up-and-coming recording artist when Baby is passionately dancing to the beat of his own drum (literally, he turns regular conversations into instrumentals) while mouthing the lyrics of old songs simultaneously. The character, aided significantly by Elgort's performance, is interesting to watch unfold on the screen.

Baby barely converses with anyone aside from his lovable, but deaf, foster-father until he meets the beautiful "Debra" (played by the charming Lily James) and constantly has Apple earphones plugged in even during the film's most exhilarating moments.

Jamie Foxx continues his current string of mean character portrayals as a homicidal thug with a pension for tying up loose ends. Though Bernthal (if you



*Baby Driver* is currently showing at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square.

haven't seen him in Netflix's *Daredevil* web series, then just cancel your subscription already – just kidding ... kind of!) filled only a minor role that would've been better suited for some veteran "no-name" character actor or a brand-spanking newbie, he still manages to add yet another noteworthy performance to his resume. However, it was Hamm's rare descent into the unhinged and recklessly breathtaking character – not named Don Draper – that just misses stealing the show right out from underneath Elgort.

James, who is best known for her role as *Cinderella* in the 2014 live-action film adaptation of the same name, somehow (for the life of me) finds a way to be almost more enchanting as the singing-waitress Debra than as a Disney princess. Whether she was singing (more like flirting) with Baby or fleeing gun-toting psychopaths mattered little, she was still believable.

A lot of focus was given to Baby's hearing condition, which was extremely evident with his vast, and prized, collection of personal instrumentals, including one labeled simply as "Mom."

Luckily however, the entertainment value of the film does not begin and end with Baby. Aside from refreshing array of great music and high-octane car chase scenes, what *Baby Driver* does best is how it uses its cast of A-list talent. Nobody – neither Spacey, Foxx, or Hamm – overstayed their welcome, which allowed the young leads to shine even brighter as a result. Had a less experienced (or more easily intimidated) director been at the helm that might not have been the case.

I won't dare presume to think that *Baby Driver* will appeal to every single need-for-speed freak out there or those who prefer slow to normal velocities. Still, though, the entertainment value of the film cannot be understated nor ignored, plus it is less than 2 hours long and that fact is a check in the mind's "see it" box in and of itself.

Presently, *Baby Driver* is playing at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square at times ranging from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.

I'm not a clairvoyant, but I'm willing to bet this won't be the worst film you see this year, so give it a go, and if you do, tell them Dre sent you.

## The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #133

### A Walk up Winter Hill

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

It roughly encompasses the area between Magoun Square to McGrath Highway and Medford Street to the Mystic River. Rising 135 feet, it has been called Winter Hill since the Puritan fathers settled there in the early sixteen hundreds. In 1621, Captain Myles Standish, military protector of the Plymouth Pilgrims, was the first European to explore the area. Massachusetts Governor John Winthrop was the first to become a Winter Hill resident.



History runs deep on this historic ground. On September 1, 1774, after disembarking from the Mystic River, 260 British troops marched over Winter Hill and one mile beyond to the Powder House. This secret raid proved to be the dress rehearsal for the attack on Concord eight months later.

On April 18, 1775, Colonel Paul Revere crossed over its crown on his midnight ride to Lexington. Two months later, organized by Anne Adams Tufts, a field hospital for Bunker Hill's wounded soldiers was first formed at the summit of Winter Hill. At this same time, the patriots fortified the hill. This kept the British at bay during the siege of Boston for the following year.

From November, 1777, until November, 1778, two thousand Hessian/German prisoners of war were held at this site. They brought with them the practice of Christmas trees and the sport of keg legging, now known as bowling. For over half of the eight-year Revolutionary War, Winter Hill residents suffered greatly.

From the 1800's to the 1900's, it was different. Peaceful strollers over the Hill would witness much development and change. As years went by, the residences grew more impressive, as did the notables who settled there. Let's take a walk up the Hill and meet some of them.



• Captain Nathan Hale - The last year of his life was at Winter Hill. "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

• Saxton Foss - The park's namesake, lost his life in France during World War I.  
• The Fisher brothers - Myron and Edmund, founded Winter Hill Business College in 1903, now Fisher College.  
• Rufus Stickney - Creator of the oldest spice company in America, Stickney & Pours. It is 202 years old and counting.

• Daniel Stillson - Inventor of one of the country's most common wrenches, the Genuine Stillson. *Continued on page 15*



## Workshop for community members interested in applying for CPA funds for a project on public land

Planning on applying for CPA funding for a project on City or State land? Join the city's Community Preservation Act Manager on Thursday, July 13, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Central Library Auditorium to learn more about the CPA application process and requirements for community projects on public land. Eligibility determination forms for community projects proposed on public land only are due to the CPA Manager by August 4, 2017, via email to [kstelljes@somervillema.com](mailto:kstelljes@somervillema.com).

Can't make the meeting? View the Somerville guide for applying for projects on public land, view a recording of the workshop and/or access the FY18 eligibility determination form and learn more about the CPA program at [www.somervillema.gov/cpa](http://www.somervillema.gov/cpa).

If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Stelljes at 617-625-6600 ext. 2107, or [kstelljes@somervillema.gov](mailto:kstelljes@somervillema.gov).



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## COMMENTARY

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### What a difference two years makes



By Sean J. Fitzgerald

In 2015, there was a dearth of electoral activity. Yet again, there was an uncontested Mayor's race, just one Ward Alderman race, a couple of sleepy School Committee races, and myself being the only challenger to the four incumbent At Large Aldermen. Believe it or not, only 6,546 people voted. With over 46,000 registered Somerville voters, that equates to barely 14% of the eligible voters who actually took the time and went to the polls on Election Day to cast their ballot. In a modern democracy, that's just unacceptable.

Then the tumultuous Presidential election of 2016 happened, and the questionable election of Donald Trump-and its aftermath-was forever seared into our nation's consciousness-and Somerville's too. The change movement has been with us for some time now-Cam-

bridge and Somerville have long been viewed and admired as the vanguard of progressive change. But with the candidacy of Bernie Sanders, this was clearly a game-changer. The whole change the status quo movement just exploded. The effects are still being felt today. This year, electoral participation is the now the watchword.

For the first time since 2003, there's a primary for Mayor. We have four hot Ward Alderman contests, and three challengers for the At Large race. Now that's more like it! After working successfully in politics and government for over 20 years as a campaign operative, Communications Director for the City of Somerville, Chief of Staff for Senator Charlie Shannon, and Representative Jay Kaufman, I made my first attempt at political office, running for an At Large seat in 2011. Like this year, there were seven of us running for four seats. There were a couple of ward fights, but with no Mayor's race, turnout was still very low, under 25%.

The incumbents were happy, three people to divide the protest vote means they're comfortably re-elected. I came in fifth, trailing 4th place finisher

Bruce Desmond by 400 votes. Although I lost, I took some measure in the fact that I topped the ticket in my home Ward 7, heard from many voters enthusiastic about my message, received solid support from quarters all across the city, and ran a positive, issue-based campaign. I was optimistic about the future, and immediately made plans to run again in two years.

In 2013, Bruce chose not to seek re-election. Finally, I now had a very strong chance to win, or so I thought. Again, seven candidates lined up to run, but now this time there was an open seat. Wow, when was the last time that happened, other than a special election? This electoral cycle, I poured my heart and soul into the race, campaigning all over the city and knocking on almost 10,000 doors. I was endorsed by The Somerville Journal, The Somerville News (now The Times) Progressive Democrats of Somerville (PDS), the Sierra Club, and SEIU.

Running from the outside gave me the freedom to stand for what I believe in; most notably, responsive open government, transparency, accessible public transportation, (think GLX) affordable housing,

union rights, and smart commercial development in Assembly, Union, and elsewhere. Regrettably, the inside view prevailed yet again, I finished in 5th place. It was so bittersweet, now losing by only 200+ votes, out of a total of 10,241 cast!

In 2015, I ran again, this time being the only challenger. Unfortunately, family health issues prevented me from campaigning all out like I did in 2013. Turnout was no help, as I mentioned before. But when you boil it all down, there was simply no compelling issue or reason to get anyone beyond the core voter to come out to the polls. That's sad, but Somerville is not alone. Other than presidential elections, we do not have the voter participation that other countries practice. Maybe we should vote on Saturday, like many regularly do.

That being said, after careful consideration, I have decided not to run in this year's race for At-Large Alderman. With the field now solidified, I felt it best to take a pass this year. If I ran, there'd be 8 candidates in the race, 1 more challenger to divide the protest vote even further. There are two first time challengers in the At Large race,

as well as a qualified former Alderman, and their energy and excitement is refreshing to say the least! I hope they stay encouraged, as there's but a handful who really understand just how difficult it is to run-and win-at large.

First off, I would like to thank my wife Rachael, Samantha, and Ronan, couldn't have done it without you guys! Hats off to TAC, who logged so many countless door knocking adventures from minute one, in every subsequent election; thanks Terry! I was fortunate enough to have a small, but truly dedicated campaign volunteer organization, (that's you LM & TH, among many others!) Of course, I'm most thankful for the people who ever voted for me, thank you very much!

I certainly wish all of candidates on this year's ballot; incumbents, challengers, or first-timers the best of luck. I'll stay engaged as always, and will be back in some capacity, to try again.

### 2017 'Somerville Reads' book choice announced

The annual "Somerville Reads" campaign returns for 2017, with the chosen title, *El Deafo* by Cece Bell.

*El Deafo*, a New York Times bestselling graphic novel about growing up hearing impaired, has received numerous awards, including a 2015 Newbery Honor, the 2015 Eisner Award for Best Publication for Kids (ages 8-12), and the 2017 Massachusetts Children's Book Award. Cece Bell's graphic novel memoir will appeal to readers of all ages, and draws on themes of acceptance, friendship, and the celebration of differences.

"Somerville Reads" is a citywide reading initiative that encourages all Somerville residents to read and discuss the same book to promote literacy and community engagement. The month-long Somerville Reads initiative will begin with the kick-off event on Wednesday, September 20, at the Somerville Central Public Library and will continue with citywide programming through October. Throughout the initiative, the Somerville Public Library will host various intergenerational programs including discussions, workshops, classes, readings, book clubs, and more, all related to the themes found in *El Deafo*.

Copies of the book will be available for check out in a variety of formats at all Somerville Public Library locations and via the Library's online catalog starting June 21. All Somerville residents are encourage to read the book anytime between now and the end of the "Somerville Reads" month-long initiative.

For more information or questions about e-book and audiobook versions of the book, please call the Somerville Public Library at 617-623-5000 ext. 2955.



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## Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at notable city data – and interesting numbers.

**159 Standards** – For police departments, achieving certification from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is no simple task. A department must meet 159 law enforcement professional standards to receive this coveted recognition. So it's no wonder that many police departments choose not to participate in the voluntary program. But after intense and diligent work, the Somerville Police Department achieved this notable goal. The SPD received certification on May 3, which is an accomplishment for which we should all be proud. Among the steps our police took to get there, the Department updated and documented numerous rules and regulations not just to

state but to national standards and best practices. Policies are also now posted online for public transparency. Additionally, more than 50 percent of officers have completed Crisis Intervention Training, and community engagement has increased tremendously with “park, walk, and talks” and more than 500 school visits during the 2016-2017 school year.

Because of their diligent work, the SPD not only achieved certification, they are also recognized as a regional model for compassionate 21st century policing. But they will not be stopping here. The department is now working toward accreditation, which requires they meet a total of 382 standards. I want to congratulate all of the SPD's sworn and civilian members—from our officers, clerks, and 911 operators to our command staff and Chief—whose professionalism and dedication not only made this achievement possible, but keep our community safe every day. If you see an officer or SPD member, please congratulate and thank them as well.

**15 Weekends** – This season, the Somerville Mobile Farmer's Market truck will be traveling

around the city selling fresh, local produce on 15 weekends starting July 14. Our market-on-wheels partners with local Massachusetts farms, including Groundwork Somerville's South Street Farm to bring fresh and affordable produce right into our neighborhoods. The idea is to make it easy for residents to shop for locally grown, healthy foods. Market stops include the Council on Aging at Holland Street, East Somerville Community School, North St. housing, and Mystic housing. So if you like berries, fresh greens, summer tomatoes and more, come on by.

All are welcome, and the market accepts SNAP/EBT, WIC farmer's market coupons, and senior farmer's market coupons, in addition to cash, debit, and credit. Residents of North Street and Mystic River housing along with recipients of SNAP, WIC, and senior farmer's market coupons receive 50 percent off all purchases. For a schedule and more information, visit [www.somervillemobilefarmersmarket.wordpress.com](http://www.somervillemobilefarmersmarket.wordpress.com). The Mobile Market is part of our Shape Up Somerville initiative to build a healthier and more equitable

community by making healthy eating and active living the easy choice for our residents.

**1 Committee Member** – The Somerville Community Preservation Committee is looking to fill one upcoming position, and if you care about green space, housing, and history, this may be the right opportunity for you. The Committee evaluates Somerville's needs in the areas of open space and outdoor recreation, affordable housing, and historic preservation and makes recommendations to the Board of Aldermen on how approximately \$2 million dollars in annual Community Preservation Act funding should be spent.

For more information on the duties of Community Preservation Committee members and how to apply, visit [www.somervillema.gov/cpa](http://www.somervillema.gov/cpa). And please note, the deadline to apply is by August 3, 2017, and the new member will serve a three-year term that starts January 1, 2018.

**24 Workgroup Members** – Recently, the U.S. Department of Energy invited just 24 representatives from across the country to help fine tune their new Better Building Residential Network Toolkit: Community-Based

Social Marketing. I'm proud to report that a representative from the City of Somerville's Office of Planning and Community Development Housing Division was among the 24 participants. The Somerville Energy Efficiency Now (SEEN) program, which our Housing Division offers to make energy-efficient upgrades for Somerville homeowners, landlords, and tenants easier and more affordable, was featured in the toolkit as a model program in several areas. For more information on the SEEN program or to find out how to get your own no-cost energy assessment, visit [www.somervillema.gov/seen](http://www.somervillema.gov/seen).

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, as well as interesting updates. To see more Somerville Data, visit the online Somerville Data Farm at <http://www.somervillema.gov/datafarm/>.

## Our sick healthcare system needs a single-payer transplant, stat!



By William C. Shelton

Republican leadership is flailing about for a healthcare bill that will not immediately make obvious the cruelty at the heart of their enterprise. Meanwhile Democratic leaders advocate doubling down on a failing program.

Single-payer healthcare is a system in which a state covers basic healthcare costs for all of its citizens. It would deliver better outcomes at far lower costs. And it would increase the probability of a more egalitarian and less authoritarian society when, by mid-century, half or more of the nation's jobs have disappeared.

### Lower costs

Americans pay more for healthcare than any other people on earth. We pay twice as much or more than most of the 35 developed capitalist democracies in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Our per-person expenditures are 126% those of the Swiss, who have the next costliest healthcare system. They are 214% of the Japanese, who have the world's highest life expectancy, and 210% of the French, who are widely considered to have the world's most effective system.

And those cost differences are all the more stark when one considers how many Americans – unlike Swiss, Japanese, and French – remain uninsured.

A single-payer system would vastly reduce costs. Medicare administrative expenses, for example, average about 2 percent of total costs, less than one-sixth the corresponding percentage for many private insurers. And

single-payer systems don't have to spend money on competitive advertising, which can amount to more than 15 percent of total expenses for private insurers.

But by far, the greatest cost savings would come from economies of scale and the bargaining power of a single payer. Bargaining power is why virtually every common medical procedure costs so much more here than in other developed countries. (Cornea transplants, the one exception, are more expensive in Switzerland.)

It's why the average cost of a routine office visit in the U.S. is \$95, while it's \$30 in Canada and France. It's why the average bypass surgery cost in the U.S. is \$73,420, while it's \$26,432 in France and \$14,117 in the U.K.

It's why we pay twice as much for the same brand-name drugs that citizens in other countries buy. And to ensure that this continues, lawmakers block drug importation from those coun-

tries, while U.S. pharmaceutical and medical device companies' profit margins are 20 percent, and they spend only 12 percent of revenues on innovation.

### Better outcomes

Another important reason why universal-care systems are less expensive is that those served by them receive preventative care throughout their

lives, and “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” By covering everyone and emphasizing preventative care, many health problems never arise, while those that do can be identified at an early stage, when treatment is more effective and less expensive.

Despite our healthcare system's being the

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### Correction

In my last column, “Every candidacy needs a reason,” I wrote that Alderman Bob McWatters is not accepting campaign donations from developers. This is literally true in that Bob is not accepting donations from developers in this campaign cycle. But it may be misleading.

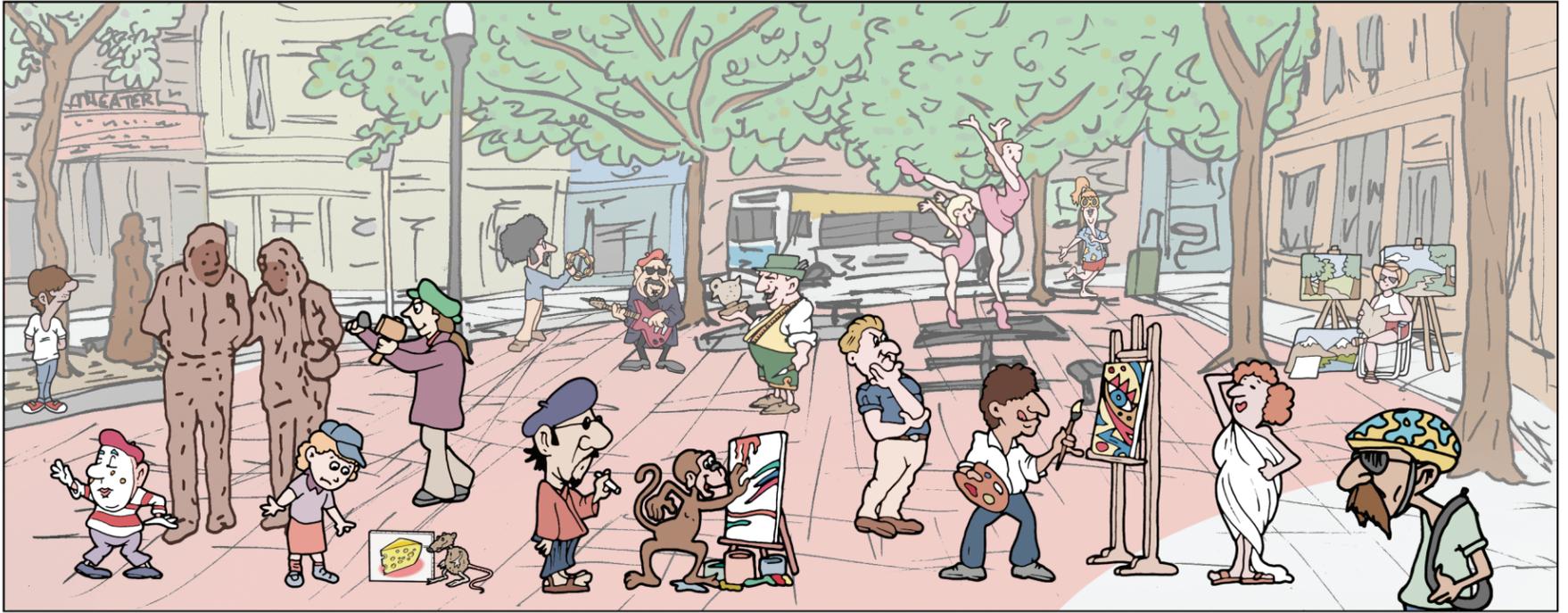
He did accept such a donation in the past. It was \$500 from Douglas Beaudet. Mr. Beaudet owns 515 Somerville Avenue. In 2015, some city officials were considering taking the property by eminent domain for a fire station. In response to opposition from Somerville residents and skepticism by aldermen, the plan was abandoned, leaving Mr. Beaudet free to develop his property.

I had researched Alderman McWatters' campaign contributions before I wrote the column, but did not recognize Mr. Beaudet as a developer. I apologize for the inaccuracy.

# COMMENTARY

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



ArtBeat is on its way, reminding us all of how alive with creativity Somerville is.

## Our View Of The Times



Somerville enjoys a well-deserved reputation as being one of the most creatively diverse and active communities in the entire country. This coming weekend we celebrate this fact with ArtBeat, the Somerville Arts Council's annual arts festival which spotlights the works of local artists, musicians, and others who help make the city a constant source of inspiration and pride of accomplishment for all of us.

This year's ArtBeat theme, "Voice," adds an extra dimension of meaning to the festivities. Whether referring to singing, speaking, or alternative means of expression, the sheer volume of talent presented over the two-day event will be overwhelmingly stimulating to all who attend.

Throughout the day, there will be ongoing activities from various artists and organization such as Groundworks Somerville, Artisans Asylum, Portrait for

a Story, the Growing Center, Outside the Lines, and many more.

Along with the first-rate visual arts to be enjoyed and purchased, a veritable deluge of performance art will be presented at several venues throughout the Davis Square vicinity.

More than a dozen musical acts will be on hand on the Park Stage at Seven Hills Park behind the Somerville Theatre.

On Saturday afternoon, the Somerville

Theatre Dance Showcase will be offering a wide range of dance performances, from Hula and other ethnic styles to modern dance theater.

Kid-Friendly Elm Street Plaza Happenings, between Starbucks and Chipotle Grill, as well as various activities in Statue Park round out the festivities.

Be sure to take some time to take some of it in. You are sure to be inspired by the rich variety of artistry on hand.

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interests, including developers, lawyers or unions of any kind.

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Happy birthday this week here in the Ville: Happy birthday to former mayor and great guy, His Honor **Gene Brune**. He has served the city in many ways. What a great ambassador for our city. We wish him the best of birthdays this week. Happy birthday to one of the nicest ladies in our city, **Charlotte Farrar-Pye**. We hope she has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to one of Somerville's finest police officers, **Mike Wyatt**, a dedicated and nice guy. We hope he has a great day as well. Also this week, happy birthday to **Ken Pitman**, whom we wish has a great birthday himself. Happy birthday to **Joe Vanessa**, the owner of **Modelo's Market Café and Bakery** in Magoun Square. A nice guy, a great place, combo bakery, meat market and café. We wish him the very best. To all others celebrating this week we salute you and hope you enjoy your birthdays as well. If you know of someone you'd like mentioned here for their birthday, anniversary or any special event, let us know.

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For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the **Lawrence Rod & Gun Club**. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email [gunclub@earthlink.net](mailto:gunclub@earthlink.net) for more information and or go to their website at [www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org](http://www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org) and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

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Remember, the **175th birthday** of our city is this year. Celebratory events are scheduled throughout the coming year. Go to <http://www.somervillema.gov/somerville175> for more information about events you might be interested in.

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It's 2017 and **Demet's Donuts** over on Mystic Avenue is the best. We're noticing more and more Somerville residents over there getting their coffee and donuts to start the day. The ladies working there are fantastic and always smiling. If you're in the mood for a huge, great tasting donut drop over early since they disappear as the day gets on.

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**Little Sisters of the Poor** will be holding a **rummage sale** on **Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15**, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. There will be books, clothing, household items, furniture and a plant sale. 186 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA (behind the main building). 617-776-4420.

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**LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston**, 598 Assembly Row, Somerville, is hosting **The Ultimate Imagination Build-Off Challenge** where it's kids vs. grown-up in a LEGO build challenge. The build-offs will take place the weekends of **July 15 – 16** and **July 22 – 23** in the **Master Builder Academy** at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The challenge will task participants with building a creation straight from their

imagination – no limits, no boundaries, no rules – just pure creativity! The five-minute challenge, which sees kids compete with grown-ups, will be mediated and judged by attraction staff who will decide who has the winning imagination. One grand-prize winner of The Ultimate Build Challenge in Boston will be chosen to receive a private build session with **LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston Master Model Builder Megan Amaral** and a family four pack of tickets. Teams do not have to register in advance and the winner will be notified the week of July 24.

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Congratulations to Somerville's **Miranda Lawson**, who has joined the **Reach: Summer Outreach Dance/Teen Apprenticeship Dance Program**. On **Wednesday, July 19**, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (rain date: July 26), Reach's intergenerational dance company will present a free performance at the **Cambridge Municipal Lot #5** at Bishop Allen Drive and Essex Street. The performance will showcase the diversity of the individual teen apprentices' training as well as their personal and cultural backgrounds. Be sure to attend and cheer Miranda on!

# 2017 Nepal Festival

Union Square Plaza played host to the annual Nepal Festival on Sunday, offering a chance for the Nepali community to celebrate their culture in their city as well as an opportunity for the rest of the Somerville community to learn about and enjoy Nepali music, dance, food crafts and more.

Participants enjoyed yummy Nepali food, while peering the handcraft and artisan vendors tables, and listening to beautiful music.

The program line-up included Nepali musical performance by Himalayan Heritage Cultural Academy; Newari cultural dance by Lakhey Naach, Newari Organization of New England; Kauda Naach -Gurung cultural dance from mid-western region of Nepal; Lok Dohori folk song performance by Boston Lok Suseli group, one of Boston's most popular Nepali folk singer Min KC and one of New York's most popular Nepali folk singer Nisha Sunuwar; Live performance by Boston's most popular Nepali Rock Band the Monday Junkies; and a DJ Performance by Boston's favorite Nepali DJ Mukund.





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# SPORTS

## SHS hockey players shine at Bay State Games

By Peter Hickey

After a disappointing overtime loss in a game that would have sent them to play for the gold medal, the Metro hockey team captured a bronze medal at last weekend's Bay State Games.

Several of the key players on the Metro team also play for Somerville High School. Goalie Ryan Vogel and Forwards Craig Resmini and Chris DeSousa played key roles for the team in the tournament.

Vogel and Resmini will be seniors for the Somerville Highlanders this upcoming season and are expected to fill critical leadership roles for the team. DeSousa will be a junior in the fall and hopes to lead the offense for the high school team.

This was the first appearance for all three players at the Bay

State Games.

The Metro team roster consisted of the following players: Ryan Vogel (Somerville), Anthony Messuri (Arlington), Thomas Muizulis (Waltham), Craig Resmini (Somerville), Shane Devlin (Waltham), Andrew Miller (Waltham), Cameron Antonellis (Waltham), Ryan Donahue (Medford), Chris DeSousa (Somerville), Jake Burgess (BC High), Joseph Barros (Matignon), Ryan Davies (Arlington), Johnny Oblak (Lincoln Sudbury), and Kyle Penton (Waltham). The team was coached by Brad Gilmartin of WPI.

The Bay State Games is an Olympic style competition that has been held annually since 1982. This year's tournament was held July 6-9 at the Foxboro Sports Center.



Somerville High School hockey players Ryan Vogel, Craig Resmini, and Chris DeSousa were key players in last week's Metro team's victory at the Bay State Games.

Ms. Cam's

# Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| <p>1. What coffee company is said to be the first to pack and ship roasted coffee in sealed tins?</p> <p>2. What delivery company uses the tagline "We Love Logistics"?</p> <p>3. What business made John D. Rockefeller Sr. wealthy?</p> <p>4. What is Bart Simpson's middle name?</p> <p>5. What was the name of the saloon in the TV series <i>Gunslinger</i>?</p> <p>6. How do sand dollars breathe?</p> | <p>7. What type of flowers produce vanilla pods?</p> <p>8. What is traditionally eaten in the UK on the day before Ash Wednesday?</p> <p>9. In <i>Star Trek</i>, who rules the Ferengi?</p> <p>10. Who created the first computer virus, Elk Cloner?</p> <p>11. Who was Clark Kent's high school sweetheart?</p> <p>12. What baseball player was called the Georgia Peach?</p> |
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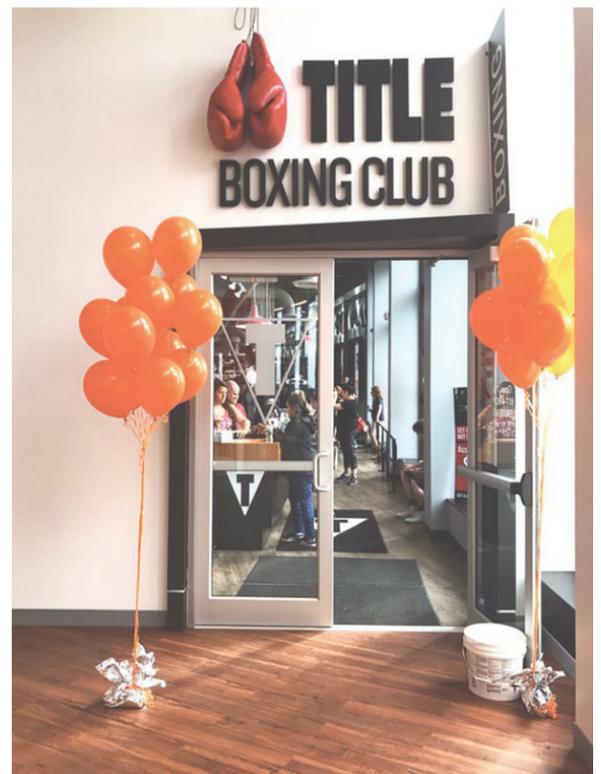
## TITLE Boxing Club Grand Opening

TITLE Boxing Club Boston hosted the official grand opening of its third location at 381 Revolution Drive at Assembly Row in Somerville on Tuesday, July 11, providing residents and business professionals a transformative workout experience through invigorating and energizing total body boxing and kickboxing classes.

TITLE will offer free training sessions through the week, ending on Friday, July 14. Classes are booking up fast, so those interested in their 'First Shot Free' complimentary class are encouraged to call (617) 426-9464 to secure his or her spot.

Classes on July 13 and 14 will be held at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Classes on July 12 will be held at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Register for the class by requesting at [www.TITLEAssembly.com](http://www.TITLEAssembly.com) and submitting a Try A Class form. Or the post on TITLE Assembly Row's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/TBCAssemblyRow](http://www.facebook.com/TBCAssemblyRow).



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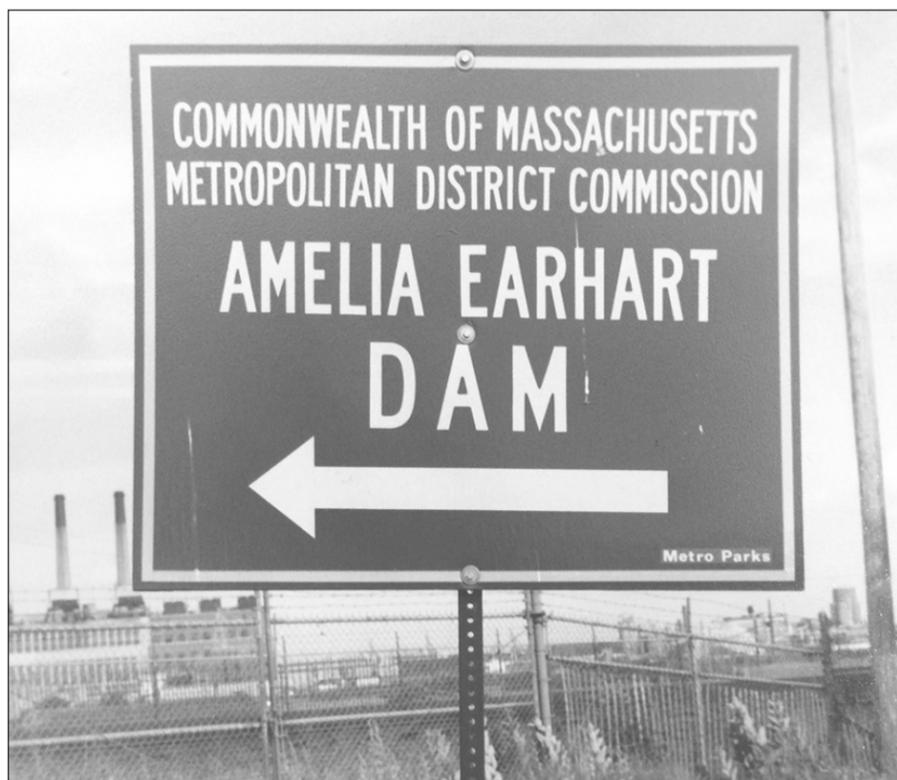
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- William "Willie" Nickerson – Co-inventor of the Gillette razor.
- Thatcher Magoun - From the view on Winter Hill, he was inspired to build the first of his 84 sailing ships.
- Frederick Hastings Rindge – Philanthropist who donated Paul Revere Park to the city.
- Jacob Hittinger - Ice business pioneer before the invention of electricity.
- James Sanborn – Coffee baron who co-founded the Chase and Sanborn Coffee Company.
- Dr. George Parkman – Donated land for the Harvard Medical School and was the brother-in-law of Colonel Robert Gould Shaw of the famous Massachusetts 54th Infantry noted in the movie, *Glory*.
- Elias Haskett Derby – America's first millionaire. Derby Street was named after him.
- Edward Everett – Massachusetts Congressman, Senator and Governor. He was President of Harvard College, Ambassador to England, and the keynote speaker at Gettysburg. The City of

- Everett was named after him.
  - Florentine Ariosto Jones – Founder of the International Watch Company.
  - United States Marine Sgt. Henry O. Hansen – Iwo Jima flag raiser.
  - Leonard Nimoy – Student and later fundraiser for the Elizabeth Peabody House. He was "Spock" in the *Star Trek* series.
  - President Barack Obama – Forty-fourth President of the United States who lived at Langmaid Terrace, 365 Broadway from 1988 to 1991 while attending Harvard Law School.
  - Amelia Earhart – First female to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. She departed on June 17, 1928, Bunker Hill Day. In her honor, a parade began in Winter Hill's Magoun Square and ended in Medford Square. She disappeared over the Pacific Ocean 80 years ago this month on July 2, 1937, attempting to circle the earth. Somerville's largest memorial, the Amelia Earhart Dam at Assembly Row, celebrates her life.
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# Cinema Somerville Outdoor Movies: 'Little Shop of Horrors' (1960)

Somerville Media Center has brought back its Cinema Somerville Outdoor Movie Series for its 3rd year. This week's edition feature the 1960 production of Little Shop of Horrors, on Thursday, July 13, at The Growing Center, 22 Vinal Ave. Bring your own picnic at 7:30 p.m., screening at 8:00 p.m.



Cinema Somerville is a popup movie series and is free to the public. Seating is limited. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring their own portable seats, blankets, and lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, movie night will be cancelled. Check the website (<http://www.scatsomerville.org/news/scatv-presents-cinema-somerville-movie/>) or social media for up-to-date information.

Cinema Somerville is a popup movie screening project of Somerville Media Center. It builds community in Somerville through collaborations with community organizations and residents by presenting free public film screenings at various locations in Somerville.

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For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro**  
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For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
John J. McKenna

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## Somerville High School, Somerville Museum bring local history to life

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Somerville history makes me feel more ... Somerville-ian," she said, laughing. And her teacher said the Local History Club makes her feel more connected to the Somerville community, too.

"After everything I've been through, and after all the education I got, and all the years I've worked here, I find that finally I've found myself. Like, OK, I love this club, I love this job," Santos said. "And I feel like ... I feel that I belong somewhere."

Santos works with Historic Somerville to coordinate about four events for club members every year, including the Ghosts of Somerville, where the students wear costumes and assume the roles of significant figures from Somerville's past. Anandira said she loves putting on the club's era-appropriate costumes for these events.

"The costumes are really cool. Like, for the Ghosts of Somerville, I wore this matching ensemble, and the hat was handmade," Anandira said. "And it

was just really cool."

Santos said this is a common reaction amongst the group of kids in the club, who get excited every time they have an opportunity to dress up.

"This is the generation of pictures and selfies, so I think they love being in historical clothing, and it's something completely new to them," Santos said. "A lot of the clothes are really nice. They may not be in the best shape, but they're really nice and authentic."

The Local History Club's costumes are stored in the basement of the Somerville Museum, a few blocks down Highland Avenue from the high school.

There are costumes from a whole range of time periods, with plenty of wool overcoats, jackets and pants and dresses with lace cuffs and the occasional hoop skirt. A slightly musty smell hangs over the collection.

But the kids really do love to wear them. Kenia Arbaiza, whose first Local History Club

activity was dressing up for the Patriots' Day festivities at Foss Park, said she wanted to participate because it meant she got to put on a costume.

"I really wanted to pick out a costume, because I think they're so pretty and it's not something you see every day," Arbaiza said. For Patriots' Day, she wore a floor-length floral skirt, a white blouse, a vest and a mob-cap, a colonial-era pleated bonnet with a ruffled brim.

Barbara Mangum, the president of the Somerville Museum's board of trustees and former chief conservator at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, said watching kids get excited about history is one of the reasons she loves working with local high school students at the museum.

And, according to Mangum, the Local History Club students aren't the only ones hanging out at the museum. Some students in Somerville Public Schools design their own Somerville Museum exhibits, which Mangum

says is a unique program.

"There's, like, no other place I know of where high school students actually get to go into a museum and create the exhibition, from step one to the final exhibition," Mangum said.

Special programs like these can be pricey for a small museum. Mangum said the Somerville Museum's main source of income is membership dues, calling it "the people's museum."

But some of its funding for special projects, like the elevator the museum is installing for disabled patrons, comes from government grants by groups like the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which is partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

President Donald Trump has proposed cutting all funding to the NEA for the 2018 fiscal year, which has the potential to impact the Somerville Museum's grant-funded projects and programs. Mangum, however, thinks continuing to fund small community museums like the

Somerville Museum is especially important to the cultures of those communities.

"A museum is a place where people can create meaning. It's a place where we can create it and show it in our own context. And say, you know, 'This is meaningful to me. I hope it's meaningful to you.' And to share that," Mangum said. "That creates culture. So, every community should have their own small museum that they can dabble in."

And Anandira agrees. She said interacting directly with history in museums, not just hearing about it in the classroom, makes it more real to her.

"I went to a World War II museum, and it's one thing to learn about it in the textbooks and to read about stories, but it's another thing to be surrounded by actual artifacts," Anandira said. "That makes you feel so much more connected to it, so I think it's your surroundings that definitely make local history way more compelling."

### Don White, Chris and Meredith Thompson to play the Burren Backroom Series

When Don White and Chris and Meredith Thompson split the bill at the Burren Backroom Series July 15, it will be more than the usual collection of great performers the Burren has made a point of promoting. It will be a gathering of friends and collaborators.

Don White and the Thompsons have known and performed with each other for years. Both Chris and Meredith sang on *More Alive*, White's latest album. And when Chris and Meredith got together to record their new album, *Lines of Longitude* – their first release together in 12 years – they decided to cover White's moving classic *I Know What Love Is*.

There is no one-word description for what Don White does. He has survived and thrived for twenty-five years, bringing his audiences to laughter and tears in his live performances, studio recordings, and on the printed page. He is a storyteller-comedian-author-troubadour-folk singer-songwriter.

July 15, 7:00 p.m., The Burren, 247 Elm St., Somerville, Ma. Tickets: \$20 adv/\$24 at the door.



— Photo by Fred Ellert

# Don't wait on making your health care decisions known

By Colleen Morrissey

People often procrastinate when it comes to health care decisions, and that can lead to serious dilemmas for friends and family if there's an unforeseen crisis. But a new initiative at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) aims to help people take charge of that process.

SCES is partnering with Honoring Choices Massachusetts to provide guidance for adults and caregivers on ensuring that vital health care decisions are recorded, in the event of a crisis.

Honoring Choices uses a community-based model that provides health care information, documents such as the health care proxy or MOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), planning tools, and more. They collaborate with local entities like SCES, which are already linked to community members, to disseminate and explain these materials.

SCES Clinical Director Annie Fowler said the partnership fits with SCES' mission to enhance health, wellbeing, and independence for local older adults.

"We pride ourselves on personal choice when it comes to our services, so we also want to encourage individuals to ex-

press their wishes about end-of-life decisions, and to share those wishes with people close to them," said Fowler. "End-of-life planning is something that everyone, regardless of current health status or age, should think about."

*"We pride ourselves on personal choice when it comes to our services..."*

As part of the partnership, SCES has trained five staff members to lead conversations on healthcare planning, using the Honoring Choices approach. These employees will provide free advice and tools to adults and caregivers in the Somerville and Cambridge areas.

Additional help with selecting a health care proxy, specific healthcare decisions, or communicating with health care providers is also available through Community Living Options (CLO), a private pay program that specializes in aging and caregiving issues.

In addition to Honoring



Five SCES staff members were recently certified with Honoring Choices Massachusetts, a program that provides guidance for adults and caregivers on ensuring that vital health care decisions are recorded, in the event of a crisis.

Choices, CLO social workers can also provide assistance with applying for public benefits, and managing chronic illnesses and medical appointments, explained CLO social worker Carolyn Nagao-Marcotte.

"CLO social workers act as guides to help you research healthcare options specific to your situation, because everyone is different," said Nagao-Marcotte. "We can also facilitate conversations with

family members who are uncomfortable with end-of-life planning or in disagreement."

"The Honoring Choices model fits into CLO's mission to respect each person's autonomy and dignity, and to help them make informed choices about their care," she added.

Colleen Morrissey is a Resource Specialist at SCES.

About SCES: Established in

1972, Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services is a private, non-profit agency dedicated to improving the quality of life and maintaining the dignity and independence of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. The SCES Aging Information Center can be reached at 617-628-2601. Community Living Options is an SCES program that serves much of the Greater Boston Area. Call 617-756-1026 for more information.

## Our sick healthcare system needs a single-payer transplant, stat!

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most expensive, it produces shameful outcomes. Both the United Nations and the CIA rank U.S. life expectancy at 43rd in the world. The United Nations puts our infant mortality rate at 40th best in the world (for the period after 2010), while the CIA puts it at 57th. The World Health Organization ranks the U.S. healthcare system 37th in efficiency, between Costa Rica and Slovenia.

The system's staffing levels are low, and it lacks safety controls, putting staff and patients at risk. More than 250,000 Americans die from medical errors each year, making those errors the third leading cause of death, after heart disease and cancer.

But single-payer systems can disseminate and encourage best practices. Mitchell Selzer, a leading hospital consultant, studied

the practice profiles of 24,000 physicians treating 1.5 million patients. He found that a subgroup of those doctors consistently admitted, diagnosed, and treated patients using 20-to-30% fewer resources than average. Yet this group produced fewer errors, shorter stays, fewer infections, fewer readmissions, and fewer deaths.

### A better future

Those who study such things tell us that somewhere between twenty and sixty years from now digital technology and robotics will eliminate half the jobs in the economy. The options for what our society will become range from one in which we live comfortably, sharing work and enjoying ample leisure, to one in which the great majority of us struggle for economic survival, kept in our place by a police state.

The trajectory of the last forty years' aims us more toward the latter future than the former. Productivity gains have been entirely appropriated by the wealthiest of us. Working people have lost extensive protections and bargaining power. And as Thomas Picketty observes, wage inequality in the United States "is probably higher than in any other society at any time in the past, anywhere in the world."

Creating universal healthcare through a U.S. single-payer system would alter that trajectory. It would establish that we are all in this together, and that every human deserves a human existence.

### A problematic present

In the 2009 run up to Obamacare, Democratic leadership refused to even allow testimony on a single-payer approach. Instead

they dredged up a 1990s plan from the conservative Heritage Foundation and made it more expensive and much more complicated. Premiums continue to rise, while tens of millions remain uninsured.

These same leaders now want to "stabilize the market," which means giving health insurance companies even more public subsidies so that they will not greatly raise premiums, while remaining sufficiently profitable. Adding a "public option"—allowing people to purchase public instead of private insurance—would just add complexity and bureaucracy while attracting the sickest and most expensive enrollees.

A slim majority of Americans now supports single-payer healthcare. Even this is surprising, given the extent to which awareness of such a sys-

tem's capacity to improve the nation's health while shrinking deficits has been suppressed or falsified.

So hostile lawmakers and their owners are shrieking that a single-payer system would raise taxes by \$32 trillion over a decade. They ignore—and hope the electorate will ignore—that it would save taxpayers, families, and businesses far more than that. Similar propaganda has been sufficient to stall single-payer legislation in California, Colorado and Vermont.

It may not be politically feasible to pass a single-payer system in this moment. But the more its proponents educate and advocate, the more it becomes the obvious choice as Republican alternatives reveal their cruelty and Democratic alternatives become more costly and inefficient.

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Preschool Storytime  
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### Thursday|July 13

**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds  
10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
Pinto Bella Hoops  
12 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**West Branch Library**  
Lego Club  
3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

**East Branch Library**  
Pajama Story Time!  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

### Friday|July 14

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

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

### Saturday|July 15

**Artbeat 2017**  
through 6 p.m.|Davis Square

### Monday|July 17

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

**Central Library**  
Middle School Summer Writers' Den  
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Tuesday|July 18

**West Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime and Touch a Truck  
11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

**West Branch Library**  
Read to a Dog  
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|40 College Ave

### Wednesday|July 19

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

## MUSIC|ARTS

### Wednesday|July 12

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.  
Back Room  
Backroom Series: Colin Farrell, Johnny B. Connolly, and Cary Novotny|7 p.m.  
Comedy Night With Jordan Hadren-Seavey|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
The Threads  
Newfane  
Above the Din  
SAM  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
The A-Beez – Funk & Soul  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road**  
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
The Moth: True Stories Told Live  
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
American Dreamer

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street  
**Arts at the Armory**  
Alex's Farewell Show  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

### Thursday|July 13

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Ways & Means Committee  
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm  
Backroom Series: Florie Namir and Kristen Ford|7 p.m.  
Scattershots|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
Safeguard  
Exit 18  
Placeville  
Cook Bag  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's**  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Destroy Babylon  
Stray Bullets, Riki Rocksteady  
7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
The Mystical Misfits  
8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Pub Sing at The Armory  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

### Friday|July 14

**Sally O'Brien's**  
David Johnston Band |6 p.m.  
HearNowLive presents Haley Trapella & Friends, Jimmy T of Krush Faktory, Water |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Backroom Series:Kevin So & Midnight Snack: Official Homecoming Concert|7 p.m.  
Jimmy's Down|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
Hidden Hospitals  
The Velvet Ants  
Fosy Jaw  
Alternate Weekends  
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
DJ  
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
DJ starting at 10 p.m.  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's**  
TBA  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Joshua Tree**  
DJ McRiddleton  
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

**Casey's**  
Entertainment every Friday  
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road**  
Crush – A Tribute To The Dave Matthews Band  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Oxbow  
The Cancer Conspiracy, Chrome Over Brass, Queen Elephantine  
8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Lula Wiles  
7 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|7 p.m.  
Boston's Unscripted Musical Proj-

ect|9:30 p.m.  
Dirty Disney|10:30 p.m.  
255 Elm Street

### Saturday|July 15

**Artbeat 2017**  
through 6 p.m.|Davis Square

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Chris Hersch & The Moonraiders |6 p.m.  
Leon Trout, The Stupid Robots |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room:  
Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.  
The BagBoys|5 p.m.  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room

The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast  
8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Don White and Chris and Meredith Thompson|7 p.m.  
Red Square|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St

**Bull McCabe's**  
TBA  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Casey's**  
Entertainment every Saturday  
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road**  
Gangstagrass (Bluegrass)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
14 Tyler Street

### Sunday|July 16

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
The Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m.  
Forrest Pettengill presents songwriters Phil Berman, Xenia Dunford, Josie Lowder|8:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Beatles Brunch|11 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 Pendergast  
8am - 2:30pm  
Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 p.m.  
Kerr Griffin CD Release! w/guests Jocelyn Limmer and Three At Home followed by: The Burren lantern Sessions|8 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Dub Apocalypse  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen**  
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass  
Sunday Night Live Music  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Game Night  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Thunder Road**  
Rihanna Tribute Brunch: "Brunch Better Have My Money"|10 a.m.  
Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma  
7 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Bellows  
Big Ups, Lilith, Hexpet  
7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**

Hillbilly Holiday|2 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

### Monday|July 17

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.  
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Bur-Run  
Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.  
Back Room  
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
BobbyRock  
Radio Paila  
Slick Sharks  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Stump! Team Trivia  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Stephen Smith (The Morning Line, Salem 66, etc.)  
Julie Mina  
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Queer Tango  
6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

### Tuesday|July 18

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
SYM Tuesdays  
8 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**  
345 Somerville Ave

**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 Egoart.  
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**PJ Ryan's**  
Pub Quiz  
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co**  
Indie Trivia  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
First and Last Word Poetry  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

### Wednesday|July 19

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.  
Back Room  
Backroom Series: Jesse Smith, Sean Gavin, and John Blake|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night With Jordan Hadren-Seavey|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**

345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
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**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Poets & Pints: Poetry Lab  
10 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
AniMatic Boston  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

## CLASSES AND GROUPS

### Wednesday|July 12

**Central Library**  
Programming, Reference, & PR  
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
Somerville Republican City Committee  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
BIAA Kappa Kappa Gamma Board Meeting  
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Thursday|July 13

**Central Library**  
Applying for CPA funding for a community proposed project on public land  
6:15 p.m.-7:15 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.  
40 College Ave

**East Branch Library**  
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

### Saturday|July 15

**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|July 16

**Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups**  
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

**Unity Church of God**  
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

### Monday|July 17

**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.  
115 Broadway

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

### Tuesday|July 18

**Central Library**  
Business Counseling and Mentoring (Free)  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
Matthew Miller  
7 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

## 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.

**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 home-made 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](mailto: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.

**Back to the 50's** – Monday, July 17, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Music, pizza, soda and dessert. Bring in your memories and lets stroll down memory lane. \$1 cost – For more information or to reserve your spot please call Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**BBQ at Ralph & Jenny** – Thursday, July 20 – 11:00 a.m. - Keep summer going and join us for a wonderful BBQ of hot dogs and hamburgers and then play Bingo. To sign up call Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**The Edwards Twin Master Impersonators** – Thursday, July 20 at the Stoneham Theater - \$40 per person for the play – check in at 1:15 p.m. at Ralph & Jenny with

an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. Dinner at WAXY O'Connor's after play is on your own. Call Kim or Connie for more info 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.

**Beach Blanket Bingo** – Wednesday, July 26 – Super Bingo at our Holland Street Center - \$10. For more information or to reserve your spot (RSVP a must) please call Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Reminiscing Group** – July 28, August 25 and September 22. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join the Reminiscing Group as we go back in time. To RSVP and join the fun please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

**37th Annual Mayor's Senior Picnic** – Wednesday, August 2 – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Powerhouse Park – Tickets available starting July 5 at all centers and City Hall. If you live in a senior building you will pick your ticket up at the senior building. For more 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 the JFK Museum scheduled for Monday, July 10th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Castle Island scheduled for Friday, July 14th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Bingo in Hudson, NH scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th is SOLD OUT.

The BBQ at Ralph & Jenny scheduled for Thursday, July 20th is SOLD OUT.

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

The BBQ at Holland Street scheduled for Thursday, August 10th is SOLD OUT.

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

The day trip to Foxwoods scheduled for Wednesday, August 30th 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 Atlantic City scheduled for October 24th to October 31st is SOLD OUT.

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 look-

ing 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](mailto: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 Monthly Lunch is Back** – Please join us the second Wednesday of the month at the Senior Center at 167 Holland Street. A Hot Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov) or 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. A \$2.00 donation is suggested.

**STAY ACTIVE:**

**Weekly Exercise Class Schedule**

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

**Mondays:**

9:00 Walking Club (H)

11:00 Tai Chi (H)

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

**Tuesdays:**

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

**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

11:00 Nutrition one-on-one (H)

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)

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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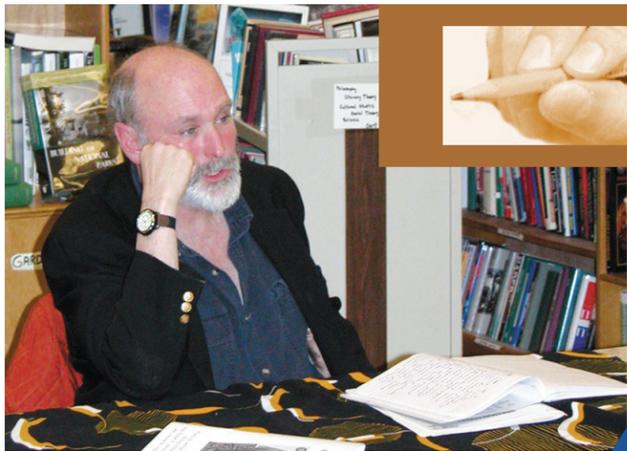
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10:00am Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:00pm Public Access Boyz	7:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm Tele Galaxie	
10:30am Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center	11:30pm SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm Visual Radio	6:00pm The Struggle	
11:00am DW Global 3000	<b>Friday, July 14</b>	9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm Fallon's Daily Toast	
11:30am Hello Neighbor!	6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm The Folklorist	7:00pm Start Up TV Boston	
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	
1:00pm Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm Flotilla	8:00pm (LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction	
1:30pm Fallon's Daily Toast	9:00am Caring for Others: Caring for Ourselves	<b>Sunday, July 16</b>	9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade	
2:00pm StartUp TV Boston	10:00am Greater Somerville	6:00am Hello Neighbor!	10:00pm DW Tomorrow Today	
2:30pm Road To Recovery	10:30pm NASA X	6:30am Eckankar	10:30pm NASA X	
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4:00pm Pirate Television (Free Speech TV)	11:30am DW Tomorrow Today	8:00am Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm Rare Groove Revolution	
5:00pm Art at SCATV	12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am Heritage Baptist Church	<b>Tuesday, July 18</b>	
5:30pm Justicia Migrante	1:00pm Aging Well	10:00am Aging Well	6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board	
6:00pm Rising Up! with Sonali (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm Health is Wealth	10:30am International Church of God	7:30am Art at SCAT	
7:00pm The Beantown Beatdown	2:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am Chef's Table Series	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
8:00pm LIVE: Somerville Pundits	2:30pm SCOUTV	12:00pm Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	9:00am The Chef's Table Series	
8:30pm LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm Health is Wealth	10:00am Estoy Sano!	
9:30pm Beyond Boston	4:00pm Gay USA	3:00pm Tufts University Jumbo Sports	10:30am Fallon's Daily Toast	
10:00pm SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	5:00pm Reeling Review	4:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction	11:00am What's Left	
11:00pm Flotilla	5:30pm What's New Massachusetts	4:00pm Dedilhando a Saudade	11:30am Legacies	
<b>Thursday, July 13</b>	6:00pm Real Estate Answers	5:00pm Bate Papo com Shirley	12:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show	
6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:30pm The Language of Business	6:00pm DW In Good Shape	1:00pm (LIVE) Words on Film	
7:30am Esoteric Science	7:00pm StartUp TV Boston	6:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News Digest	2:00pm Somerville Pundits	
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm (LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	7:00pm African Television Network	2:30pm Taking Back Your Health	
9:00am SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm (LIVE) The Somerville Line	8:00pm Telemagazine	3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
9:30am Somerville Pundits	10:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	9:00pm Public Domain Film Festival	4:00pm Aging Well	
10:00am Dead Air Live	11:00pm Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	11:00pm Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	4:30pm The Struggle	
11:00am Greater Somerville	11:00pm Ojo Rojo	11:30pm Ojo Rojo	5:00pm (LIVE) Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	
11:30am What's Left	<b>Saturday, July 15</b>	<b>Monday, July 17</b>	5:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News	
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00pm What's New Massachusetts?	
1:00pm The Somerville Line	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30am Health is Wealth	6:30pm Beyond Boston	
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<b>Wednesday, July 12</b>		12:30am Family Fun Day	<b>Sunday, July 16</b>	8:00pm Union Sq. Neighborhood Council Meeting
9:00am Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	12:35am Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	12:00am Jane's Walk	9:30pm Congressional Update	
11:30am Union Sq. Neighborhood Council Meeting	1:00am Union Sq. Neighborhood Council Meeting	1:19am Pride Flag Raising 2017	10:00pm SomerStreets: Carnaval	
1:14pm SomerViva em Português	2:44am SomerViva em Português	1:32am Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	10:50pm Pride Flag Raising 2017	
1:42pm Haitian Community Mtg.- Immigration Law	9:00am Connecting Communities	9:00am Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	11:03pm SomerViva em Português	
6:00pm Raising Families "Immigration Law"	9:30am SomerViva em Português	12:00pm Senior Circuit "Summer Activities"	<b>Tuesday, July 18</b>	
6:30pm BOA Legislative Matters Committee	11:30am BOA Legislative Matters Committee	12:30pm Connecting Communities	12:00am Memorial on the Mystic	
8:00pm Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	1:02pm Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	1:00pm Week of the Young Child	1:35am Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	
8:30pm Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	1:21pm Family Fun Day	1:35pm Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	2:00am SomerViva en Español	
8:51pm Pride Flag Raising 2017	1:30pm Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	2:05pm SomerViva em Português	2:30am Haitian Community Mtg.- Immigration Law	
9:04pm SomerStreets: Carnaval	6:30pm Connecting Communities	2:34pm Flag Day at Prospect Hill Tower	9:00am Haitian Community Mtg.- Immigration Law	
10:00pm Connecting Communities - Summer Events	7:00pm Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	6:30pm Raising Families "Special Needs Ed."	11:30am Congressional Update	
10:30pm SomerViva en Español	9:00pm SomerViva en Español	7:00pm Senior Circuit "Summer Activities"	12:00pm Senior Circuit "Summer Activities"	
11:00pm Rally Point	9:30pm SomerStreets: Carnaval	7:30pm Connecting Communities	12:30pm 2017 Somerville Heroes Salute	
<b>Thursday, July 13</b>	10:20pm Flag Day at Prospect Hill Tower	8:00pm Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	1:50pm Pride Flag Raising 2017	
12:00am Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	<b>Saturday, July 15</b>	8:30pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - 7.13.17	2:03pm Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	
2:00am 2017 Somerville Heroes Salute	12:00am Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	<b>Monday, July 17</b>	6:30pm Raising Families "Immigration Law"	
9:00am Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	1:30am SomerViva em Português	12:00am Senior Circuit	7:00pm SomerViva em Português	
9:34am 2017 Somerville Heroes Salute	2:00am 2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	12:30am Connecting Communities	7:30pm 2017 Somerville Heroes Salute	
11:30am Family Fun Day	9:00am Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	1:00am Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	8:50pm Family Fun Day	
11:35am Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	9:34am Porchfest 2017	8:30am S it & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	9:00pm Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	
12:00pm Memorial on the Mystic	12:00pm Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	9:00am Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	10:30pm SomerViva en Espanol	
1:35pm Porchfest 2017	1:30pm Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	12:00pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - 7.13.17	11:00pm Pride Flag Raising	
4:00pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda	6:00pm 2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	3:00pm SomerViva em Português	<b>Wednesday, July 19</b>	
7:00pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	8:00pm Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	6:00pm Raising Families "Immigration Law"	12:00am Senior Circuit "Summer Activities"	
<b>Friday, July 14</b>	9:30pm BOA Legislative Matters Committee	6:30pm Jane's Walk	12:30am SomerViva em Português	
12:00am Connecting Communities	11:02pm SomerViva em Português	7:49pm Family Fun Day	1:00am Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	

## Educational TV 15 Schedule

<b>Wednesday, July 12</b>		12:45am Healey School Spring Concert	4:00am Public Domain Theater	11:30pm Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
9:00am SCALE Graduation 2017	9:00am SHS Prom Red Carpet	9:00am 96th Annual City-Wide Track Meet	<b>Tuesday, July 18</b>	
10:00am WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2017	10:00am WSNS Science Fair	10:00am Spring String Fling	12:00am Raising Caring Children in Somerville	
11:00am Argenziano Spring Concert	11:00am Kennedy School Drama Club	11:00am Vocational Senior Awards Banquet	1:00am SHS Volleyball vs Haverhill - 4.21.17	
12:00pm WHCS Leadership Day	12:30pm 2017 SHS Class Day	1:00pm SHS Boys Basketball Highlights 2016-17	9:00am Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School	
1:00pm WSNS Spring Concert	3:00pm 2017 SHS Graduation	1:30pm SHS Girls Basketball Highlights 2016-17	9:30am Student of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS	
2:30pm Healey School K-2 Spring Concert		2:00pm 2017 Youth Peace Conference	10:00am Student of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS	
3:00pm WHCS Spring Concert	5:00pm SHS Prom Red Carpet	4:00pm Kennedy School Drama Club	10:30am Student of the Qtr Awards - Healey School	
5:00pm SCALE Graduation 2017	6:00pm WSNS Science Fair	6:00pm 96th Annual City-Wide Track Meet	11:00am Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS	
6:00pm WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2017	7:00pm Kennedy School Drama Club	7:00pm Spring String Fling	11:30am Student of the Qtr. Awards - Kennedy School	
7:00pm Argenziano Spring Concert	8:30pm 2017 SHS Class Day	8:00pm Vocational Senior Awards Banquet	12:00pm 96th Annual City-Wide Track Meet	
8:00pm WHCS Leadership Day	11:00pm 2017 SHS Graduation	10:00pm SHS Boys Basketball Highlights 2016-17	1:00pm SCALE Graduation 2017	
9:00pm WSNS Spring Concert	<b>Saturday, July 15</b>	10:30pm SHS Girls Basketball Highlights 2016-17	2:00pm WSNS Science Fair	
10:30pm Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	1:00am 96th Annual City-Wide Track Meet	11:00pm 2017 Youth Peace Conference	3:00pm SHS Prom Red Carpet	
10:56pm WHCS Spring Concert	2:00am Public Domain Theater	<b>Monday, July 17</b>	4:00pm Argenziano Spring Concert	
<b>Thursday, July 13</b>	9:00am Girls' Middle School Basketball	1:00am Kennedy School Drama Club	5:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School	
12:00am SHS Scholarship Awards	10:30am Boys' Middle School Basketball	9:00am WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2017	5:30pm Student of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS	
2:30am Week of the Young Child Celebration	12:00pm El Sistema Spring Concert	10:00am 96th Annual City-Wide Track Meet	6:00pm Student of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS	
9:00am World Language Awards Night	1:00pm WHCS Spring Concert	11:00am WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2017	6:30pm Student of the Qtr Awards - Healey School	
10:00am 2017 SCAP Annual Meeting	3:00pm Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	12:00pm Argenziano Spring Concert	7:00pm Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS	
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# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

## Cambridge Poet Joseph A. Cohen turns 100

By William Falcetano

You'll find him most Saturday mornings seated in the same café with a cheese danish and a black coffee, chatting with his fellow poets, writers, and artists. He is Joe Cohen and he is about to turn one-hundred years old tomorrow, July 13. The fact that a ninety-nine-year-old gentleman is a "man about town" is in itself noteworthy, but Joseph A. Cohen doesn't only attend the Bagel Bards informal weekly meet-up. He also gives public readings of his poetry in such literary settings as the Periodicals Room of the Boston Public Library (for National Poetry Month), the Armory in Somerville, and the Somerville and Cambridge Public Libraries. Joe's poetry readings are often accompanied by his violinist daughter Beth Bahia Cohen, who teaches world violin traditions at Berklee College of Music and Tufts University.



Poet Joseph A. Cohen with Legion of Honor document and medal.

Joe's parents were Arabic-speaking Jews from Aleppo, Syria. They emigrated to America in 1911. Six years later, in 1917, Joe was born in the Lower East Side of New York City. The Cohens moved to the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, where they raised a large family of 8 children.

Joe's childhood in the 1920s was straight out of *The Little Rascals* – he and his pals searched for empty lots for a place to play stickball. They went to Ebbets Field to see the Brooklyn Dodgers play baseball (his cousin Sam Nahem pitched for the Dodgers in 1938). But by the time Joe went to New Utrecht High School the Great Depression had descended on America and people were hurting, but Joe got straight into the table linen business after graduation.

As a young man, and a handsome fellow to boot. Joe was naturally looking for love, and he found it when he met Sonia, who was from a Yiddish-speaking Jewish family from Ukraine. From these two regions of the world, now so mired in misery, they seemed destined to find happiness together in America.

To the question, "How'd you meet your wife?" Joe shrugged his shoulders and said, "Well, we were both lefties and we went to meetings." He brought Sonia home and said to his disapproving mother (it was a mixed marriage after all), "If you like her I'll marry her, and if you don't like her I'll marry her."

Then, in December, 1941, America was suddenly at war and Joe joined the U.S. Army. He fought Hitler's legions as part of an anti-aircraft gun battery in North Africa, Italy (Anzio), France, and Belgium. Joe Cohen went up against Hermann Goering's dreaded Luftwaffe and shot Messerschmitts and Junkers out of the European skies, but you could never get him to admit it. "Hundreds of shots went up but nobody knew whose shot downed the plane." That's how real heroes talk, never taking personal credit for their amazing deeds. On Bastille Day last year, Joe was awarded the Legion of Honor from the government of France for his services during the war. That's no small distinction when a whole country says, "Thank You!"

The 1950s were good to the Cohens. Joe's table linen business boomed and he employed 200 workers selling his wares all over the world. Joe and Sonia had three children. He lived in Great

Neck N.Y. for 50 years before he moved to Cambridge at the age of 94. Despite his business success Joe never forgot his political convictions, so he pitched in to help singer-activist Harry Belafonte fund and organize the legal defense for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Then he fought to desegregate another famous American place, Levittown, N.Y., where the Cohens lived for a time on their journey from Brooklyn to Great Neck.

In the meantime, Joe became a student and later a teacher of photography. He studied with highly acclaimed photographers at The New School in NYC, Parsons School of Design, CW Post. He also taught the art of photography for over 40 years at colleges in the area. His photos were exhibited widely in New York. Joe also took time out to study poetry, and he became a published poet with two fine chapbooks. One book, aptly named *A Full Life*, shows a photograph of Joe reading Tolstoy's *War and Peace* in a foxhole. A second book titled *A New Path*, was published in June. Joe's poems often evoke scenes of Middle Eastern hospitality, food, and music. They reveal a man who pays attention to details and who savors the good things of life – family, friends, the taste of Syrian cuisine, the color of green in springtime.

Joe has been a beloved "Bagel Bard" ever since he arrived in town, and he has graced our table with portraits of each of us, as well as with his poetry readings, his keen observations, and his wry wit. I can report that Joe Cohen still has a strong handshake. He takes a glass of scotch and soda every night with dinner. His eyes twinkle and his wit is keen. Now, don't be fooled, old age isn't a walk in the park, it's not easy being a hundred. After all, most of the people he grew up with are long gone. As Joe complained in a turn of phrase worthy of Yogi Bera, "Everybody I know is dead".

In Joe Cohen, we find a man who was a soldier and a poet, a successful businessman and a civil rights activist. A Jew who speaks Arabic, a beloved husband, an adored father of three and grandfather of five, and a photographer whose long and clear view of life has earned him the right to the title *A Full Life*. But to come out at a hundred with another title, *A New Path*, what can be new at 100? Stay tuned to Joe Cohen and you'll find out. No wonder that the City of Cambridge has declared July 13 Joseph A. Cohen Day.

To order Joe's book go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or <http://lulu.com/ibbetsonpress>.

# Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Let's face it, sometimes don't you want to get down and downright dirty? Poet Lo Galluccio takes on that persona.

### A WICKED QUEEN

Sometimes I want to be the wicked queen and lock Snow White's pure red heart in a gold and black box, so she can't love the blue birds or kiss the prince and be saved. Sometimes I want a heart so black it can never be moved or touched. I want to scorch the earth and embrace darkness and lunacy. I want to be as far away from everybody as the moon is from the earth. I want snow and thunder and tornados. I would freeze myself in my mother's black 50s dress and walk with my sunglasses through fields of poppies. I want to be a Chinese dragoness with a red satin Shanghai dress and roses with thick dark thorns around my neck. I want the skull necklace and blue face of Kali. I want to ruin weddings and cackle at funerals. Sometimes the pain of being human and having failed is so much vertigo and nausea and suffering that I want to strike back with a laser beam and just dematerialize anything that bores me, maintains me, banal or concrete or even useful. I want to be a vampire or Scarlett O'Hara or Al Pacino, famous and ravishing, past death and futility, able to blast my way through the traffic jam of life. I want to fly. I want to destroy the goodness in me, the quaint way we smile and pretend it's okay when it's boring and insane and ridiculous to be mortal. Sometimes I just want to wail and cry and kill with my blues. Yes I want vengeance at being born on this sorry small incredible planet earth and the wicked queen will do.

— Lo Galluccio



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| 3. Oil                    | 9. Grand Nagus                |
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