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The majestic American elm grows to 80-100 feet high with leaves 3-5 inches long. The Prospect Hill American elm is probably more than 100 years old and is 40" in diameter. — Photo courtesy of Google Maps

By Denise Keniston

One of Somerville's largest and oldest trees may have Dutch elm disease. Dutch elm disease is a ruthless beetle-fungus alliance that all but wiped out the beloved American elm nationwide over the past several decades.

The Prospect Hill American elm, located on the corner of Munroe Street and Prospect Hill Parkway, was wrongly cataloged as a disease-resistant Siberian elm by the city for years and thus overlooked. Once reclassified, the city started trying to save the legacy tree. Samples gathered last year came back negative for Dutch elm, but the unrelenting disease is aggressive and hard to detect.

"We still think it might have Dutch elm disease, it's possible we just didn't find it in that particular sample," said Vanessa Boukili, Somerville's Urban Forestry and

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The appeal of the Winter Hill Night Market

By Melissa Rosales

Locals, craft makers, and vendors gathered together on Saturday, July 20, to celebrate the Winter Hill Night Market located beside Winter Hill Brewing Company. The pop-up market is the last of the roaming night market series organized by the Somerville Arts Council and the Somerville Flea for this year.

The free event was available to all ages. Several vendors sold vintage and artisan wares like vinyl records, handmade jewelry, and embroidered artwork. Attendees enjoyed cool beer from the Winter Hill Brewing Company tent while listening to live music from Dan Blakeslee, Hillbilly Holiday, and Danielle Miraglia from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

When asked what brings her to the night market, Emily Marvullo said, "Well, I live two blocks away and I saw on Instagram that this was happening so I just popped down to see what local craftsmen are doing."

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The Winter Hill Brewing Company played host to the Winter Hill Night Market last Saturday evening, featuring a variety of goods and entertainment for those in attendance. — Photo by Melissa Rosales

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The Friday Night Fight this year is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, at Dilboy, hosted by Somerville Youth Development & Boxing Club, located at 18 Otis Street. The event starts at 5:00 p.m. and will run most likely to 10:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Meanwhile, you can go to their Facebook page and let them know you are coming.

This week's SomerMovie on July 25 will be Spider-Man 2. It is a free, family-friendly film. All movies start at sunset and will be shown at Seven Hills Park in Davis Square. Visit the city's website for a full schedule of upcoming movies. www.somervillema.gov.

Join city staff on Thursday, August 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Winter Hill Community School cafeteria, 115 Sycamore St., for a quarterly meeting on parking changes on the Central Hill Campus. There is also a form on www.somervillema.gov/shsparking where community members can submit questions, comments, or leave suggestions about parking around Central Hill. For more information about ongoing planning for the Central Hill Campus, which includes Somerville High School, City Hall, and the Central Library, visit www.somervillema.gov/centralhillplan.

Registration is now open for the 2019 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai, which raises the most money of any single day walk in the country. Scheduled for Sunday, September 22, funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk will support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. There is an option for everyone. Participants can choose from any of the below four distances along the historic Boston Marathon® course: 5K Walk (3.1 miles) from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; 10K Walk (6.2 miles) from Newton; Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles) from Wellesley; Marathon Walk (26.2 miles)

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville positions itself as region's next world-class tech hub

JMB says:

I have been following the US2 developments since they were selected as the master developer. The lab building will be a huge step forward for the city, and finally this planning board is getting it. The old chairman would have breezed this through the entire development by now. The new leadership under Capuano and the new young woman have made me feel like we finally have a board that is trying to listen to the people who actually live here and not just developers. Could definitely use more green space though on the rest of the project.

LindaS says:

I am so sick of people telling us that these large-scale projects are going to benefit the city. When has anything done here not resulted in paying more in taxes and fees? It benefits the city, surely. The Mayor, the politicians, yes. Just not the people that live in it. We okayed having our taxes raised to pay for the new High School, only to be told once it was a done deal that the cost for the new school was going to be higher than expected. We were told bringing development would help us out, too. Well, I'm sure if you're a construction worker, you've definitely gotten better job security. But it's done nothing to lower the cost of living here. All it's done so far is shut down bridges, worsened traffic, and caused rats to spread out all over the city. We've always been snowed into approving things by the City, only to find out when it's too late that the deals have changed. All this new project is going to do for us is maybe give us "street cred" that the Mayor wants, and make us look like a clone of Boston and Cambridge. It's not going to do anything for the people already living here struggling to pay our taxes to continue to stay here. Will it lower our parking permits? Will it lower our property taxes? If anything, it will raise them due to supply and demand, because we will be even more in demand as a city for people to want to come to. Nothing has ever been done here as an improvement that made it more affordable for the people living here. Of course, this project is going to take twenty years, according to the article, so hopefully I'll be dead by the time it's done, and I won't have to worry about it anymore. That is, provided I can still afford to live here before then.

Wig Zamore says:

Median and low income housing are important for all of those who need housing that is more affordable than market. But they produce far more municipal costs than they can cover with local tax contributions. Large scale retail is the same but provides products needed by residents. Housing for high income residents can produce net fiscal benefit but not nearly as much new fiscal benefit as new or re-developed properties that can provide upper story employment – basically labs or other modern work-spaces, which can be corporate or co-work spaces. As Somerville has the greatest shortage of jobs relative to residents per square mile out of all of Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns, upper story employment that can provide good job opportunities for the local and regional economy will do the most to balance Somerville. Hotels look good on paper but are dependent on very high local job intensity and their fiscal benefits collapse quickly in economic downturns, when cities most need the money. As to green space, the South Boston waterfront developments have dedicated 40% of their total land areas to significant public open spaces, and Cambridge has had similar gains from development in districts like North Point. We should do no less!

Ben says:

They are building about 1,000 housing units, which is 40% of the whole project and almost a 3% increase in total units across Somerville. We need these large projects to increase local housing supply.

Naybor says:

"Preserve the neighborhood character"?!! Has he looked at the design for his project? I assume the neighborhood he's referring to is out on Rt 128. This project will forever be an aesthetic pock on union square. But hey – tax revenue so it's all good.

Villinous says:

As a Union resident, I am 100% cool with someone finally building taller in that spot. I get a park and T station. As long as we put in provisions that local retail/restaurants dominate the square, welcome to the neighborhood.

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Life in the

Massachusetts

VILLE

The Spirit of America

by Jimmy Del Ponte

Somerville Theatre memories



This is the second story I've written about my favorite theatre. You may have visited it during the recent heat wave, but as far as I'm concerned the Somerville Theatre has always been cool.

This Ville of ours is an ever changing place (observant aren't I?). Most of the stores, restaurants and bars from our childhood are gone. But there's one place that's still here and has remained virtually unchanged. I'm talking about The Somerville Theatre in Davis Square.

I remember my mother taking my brother and sister and me to see *The Sound of Music* there in 1965. I was 12 years old. We had a 5-minute walk from our house.

Many of us have great memories of the theatre. I've put together some more of my friends' remembrances.

"In the 1930s when my mother was a little girl, she and all her friends from Warwick Street would collect bottles to return them for a penny. A movie ticket was 10 cents but because it was during the depression, their families couldn't even afford a dime to send their kids to the movies. They would collect enough of them so that all the children could go to the movies on Saturday. They would stay there all day because there were several short films. The kids today have no idea how easy they have it! Later, it became the standing Saturday night date for my mother and father."

Here's another recollection: "Going to Gorin's first to get the long sleeve of popcorn for 25 cents and candy for the Saturday matinee. Kids running up and down

the aisles before, during and after the movie. Someone throwing trash in the path of the projected movie so it would show up on the screen. Basically a Somerville kid free for all, that happened to be showing a movie (or 2) at the same time!"

Many friends revealed that their first kiss happened at The Somerville Theatre, no doubt in the balcony. Another friend shares: "So many Saturday afternoons with all our friends! Popcorn showered from the balcony. (Watching) *Friday the 13th!* Oh, was that walk home scary!"

Three generations of my family worked at the theatre. My dad worked there around 1935 when movies like *Top Hat* and *Mutiny On the Bounty* were shown. Charlie Chan, W.C. Fields and Shirley Temple movies were big then also. I worked at the theatre around 1972 when *M*A*S*H*, *The Owl and the Pussycat*, *Tora, Tora, Tora* and *Patton* came out. I had fun putting, let's say, "silly" words up on the marquee while my friends watched. My son worked at the theatre around 2014 with movies like *The Lego Movie*, *Godzilla*, *Jersey Boys*, and *Birdman*.

My friend Ian Judge is the manager of our beloved Somerville Theatre. He has lots of interesting historic bits of info about the theatre. He's also a nice guy.

It's so comforting to still have a place like The Somerville Theatre that was such a memorable part of our upbringing in Somerville. It's comforting and important that it's remained for so long, especially when you look around at all the destruction and construction in our city. Decent prices, nice staff and the best popcorn anywhere (real butter) make The Somerville Theatre one of our favorite places. I sound like Yelp!



Some classic movies my generation saw there were *ET*, *A Hard Day's Night*, *Goldfinger*, *Grease*, *Saturday Night Fever*, *Ben Hur*, *King Kong*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Jaws*, *The Love Bug*, *Bullit*, *Omega Man*, *The Good the Bad and the Ugly* (the movie, not City Hall), James Bond and Elvis flicks, and classic horror movies

(no, not live streaming of City Council meetings!) *Frankenstein*, *Dracula*, and *The Mummy*. Don't forget ... *The Blob!* (insert your own joke here!)

The Somerville Theatre remains a treasure trove of memories for us old Somerville people. And please, no tossing popcorn, candy or people off the balcony!

Fatal hit-and-run crash in Somerville

By Jim Clark

A 52-year-old Somerville resident who authorities identified as Cheryl Pauline Richards, was struck down and killed as she stepped into the crosswalk on Mystic Ave., south of Route 28, last Saturday evening at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The driver of the vehicle that struck Richards was identified by Massachusetts State Police as Zewdu Abate Gedamu, 64, of Roxbury, who turned himself in to police on Sunday. Gedamu

was reportedly driving a 2008 Mercedes-Benz E350 at the time of the crash.

Gedamu was arraigned on Monday in Somerville District Court on charges of leaving the scene of a crash causing personal injury or death and a crosswalk violation. He was released on \$1,000 cash bail.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident is encouraged to notify the state police at 508-820-2121 or call 911

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Car-hopping shoplifter put up a fight

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the area of Buffalo Exchange on Elm St. last Friday night on reports of a shoplifter. Police units searched the area to no avail, until a patrol unit called in over the radio stating he had a party matching the description of the suspect on Meacham St. Near Kingston Rd.

Responding officers made their way to that area, where it was reported that the man ran down Lester Terrace.

The suspect, later identified as Dylan Shallow, a party reportedly known to police due to past arrests, was located in the passenger seat of a motor vehicle parked in front of a Lester Terrace residence.

According to reports, Shallow immediately exited the vehicle and became hostile. He was yelling, swearing and attempted to push one of the officers into the bushes next to the vehicle he was previously occupying.

The officers attempted to restrain Shallow, who was commanded several times to stop resisting. Officers eventually handcuffed Shallow and placed him on the ground.

Shallow reportedly continued to scream at all three of the officers and bit one of them in the hand. Shallow then attempted to flee, which resulted in one of the officers pepper spraying him, police said.

During the struggle, Shallow also reportedly assaulted another officer by kicking him.

Once Shallow was finally subdued police were able to determine that the vehicle he was occupying when they found him was not his own. One officer noted that he saw Shallow in another vehicle a few houses up the street.

As of yet, neither owner of the vehicles was able to be reached to determine if anything of value was taken.

Shallow was subsequently placed under arrest on charges of assault and battery on a police officer, nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, shoplifting by asportation, and resisting arrest.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:			
Shawn Smith , of 15 Sheafe, Malden, July 15, 7:25 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on charges of carrying a firearm with ammunition, drug possession to distribute, possession of a class B drug, carrying a firearm without a license, aggravated assault	and battery, possession of ammunition without FID card, and witness intimidation.	Charles Hayes , July 17, 5:23 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on warrant charges of larceny over \$1200 by single scheme and identity fraud.	at Elm St. on charges of assault and battery on a police officer, nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, shoplifting by asportation, and resisting arrest.
Henry Augustine , of 50 River Rd., July 15, 7:25 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on charges of carrying a firearm with ammunition, drug possession to distribute, possession of a class		Dylan Shallow , of 55 Ossipee Rd., July 19, 7:22 p.m., arrested	Shaun Belgrave , of 130 Morton St., Jamaica Plain, July 20, 10:05 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, felony daytime breaking and entering, and malicious wanton defacement of property.
			ing by asportation.

Dutch elm disease suspected in one of Somerville's elm trees

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Landscape Planner. "We did go ahead last year with a one-time injection for fast-acting treatment with the intention this year of treating with a longer-term fungicide."

The tree was the first order of business at the Somerville's Urban Forestry Committee meeting Thursday, July 18 at City Hall. Members learned the tree shows further signs of dieback and stress this summer.

"Let's discuss the fertilization issue sooner than later," said Committee Member and scientist Jennifer Clifford. "I think that by promoting some health for the tree – because we don't know what the issue is with it right now, what the cause of the dieback is – fertilization can 'sure up' the health of the tree, which can be one of its best defenses and then tackle with treatment after that."

The Prospect Hill American elm taskforce was formed and will research options and report back to the Committee at large. Taskforce Citizen Member Mandy DeBurro has a deep connection with the tree. "I can't even put into words how spectacular this tree is," said DeBurro. "In my heart, I want to make sure we're doing everything we can to save this magnificent tree. I want to turn over every rock, leaf, and stone to save it!"

The outlook can be bleak. Several years ago the legendary Olmstead elm was taken down in Brookline. Dutch elm disease had slowly eaten at the tree from the inside for several years. That, coupled with another fungus, spelled the end of the venerable tree.

There is hope for the future. Boukili has planted twenty new elm trees over the past couple of years that are Dutch elm disease resistant. In all, there are one hundred and thirty-one elms in Somerville. "There's no replacing the historical significance of the Prospect Hill elm tree," said Boukili. "It's probably more than one hundred years old, and it provides a lot of environmental benefits and has a lot of character."

Saving an American elm can be costly. The Urban Forestry Committee has access to a \$15k fund, but it's unclear whether efforts to save the Prospect Hill elm will fit the guidelines. "It just seems to me that saving one of Somerville's biggest trees, on the tallest hill is worth the effort," said Committee Member (co-chair) Chris Dwan. "The task force will help us move more quickly to find out what's wrong with tree and access funds if we have to."

The City of Somerville provides a thorough tree inventory online with detailed statistics and environmental benefits of more than 25,000 trees. You can access it with this link or going to www.somervillema.gov and searching "tree inventory": <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/office-strategic-planning-and-community-development-ospd/ospd-urban-forestry>.



This summer's hot, wet conditions may have further compromised the tree. The taskforce, reporting to the Urban Forestry Committee, will research possible treatment options by reaching out to the Boston Arboretum and other experts for advice.

— Photo by Denise Keniston

City tackles burnout syndrome

By Jennifer Grimes

On July 11, the Somerville City Council discussed ways to manage burnout in the community and how to reduce stress for those who are constantly juggling their home and work life.

The Council further discussed the need for home/work balance.

Burnout syndrome, the grim result of our busy lives, has been a hot topic for a while. Burnout is especially common among those who function throughout the day in one setting: busy. The busyness of a work schedule combined with the busyness of a home routine can easily weigh on anyone.

For those in the City of Somerville, it has been something that workers who serve the public have been bringing to the fore. Many community members have reached out to

those on the Somerville City Council in search of help and relief. Counselor At-Large Stephanie Hirsch, resonating with the struggles of stressed out employees, brought the topic into the council meeting.

According to Hirsch, “People in general and in public, in Somerville and beyond who raise issues with us, are asking how we can help those serving the public. I just wanted to put them on the radar. If we can think about how we can change the culture so that it can become more manageable for them.”

It is easy for those in the community to wear themselves out at a job where their main focus is serving. Whether its waitressing, catering, sales, or anyone else working on the front lines and obliging to the needs of the public. After a long shift it can be difficult to find the en-



The prevalence of burnout syndrome in the community has been brought to the attention of the Somerville City Council.

ergy to cook dinner or make a meal for a family. Council has put the topic of burnout syndrome on the table, they are hoping to come up with a strategy to relieve the busyness in the lives of those in their community who are struggling.

Powder House Blvd. community meeting scheduled for July 31

Please join the City of Somerville for a community meeting in regards to ongoing construction and design elements on Powder House Blvd. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd., and will include a brief presentation with construction updates, parking study results, questions about the temporary, short-term solution to stripe a bike lane in one direction on a portion of the Boulevard, (see below), and the completion of traffic calming measures this summer.

This meeting will not cover additional information about proposed permanent bicycle options on the Boulevard. A meeting on that topic will be scheduled this fall.

With utility and sidewalk reconstruction nearing completion this summer and lane and crosswalk striping to occur in August, the city will stripe a temporary single bike lane using low-durability paint. This temporary condition will not require the loss of any parking, but will provide a dedicated bike lane and is anticipated to reduce motor vehicle speeds on the Boulevard.

This paint will wear off over the course of the next 12 months

as we continue to work with the community for a permanent solution as discussed in previous meetings. A full list of Frequently Asked Questions can be found at www.somervillema.gov/powderhouseboulevard, however please note the following important selections from the FAQ section:

♦ **Is this the final decision regarding street design?**

No. This temporary, short-term solution is NOT a final design. The City will continue the process of finding the best long-term street design solution, but an interim decision had to be made given that the street was repaved in early July and needs paint in the very near future for safety reasons.

♦ **Will the temporary single bike lane be on the same side of the street for the full length?**

No. The temporary single bike lane will be on the westbound side of the street from Powder House Circle to about halfway between Packard Ave. and Curtis St., and on the eastbound side of the street from North St. to about halfway between Packard Ave. and Curtis St.

♦ **Is the 4-way stop pilot at Curtis St. still happening?**

Yes, the city will test the safety benefits of temporarily convert-



ing the traffic signal at Curtis Street to a 4-way stop sign, similar to the Packard Avenue intersection. Given the timing of the sidewalk reconstruction, repaving, and restriping on Powder House, the decision was made to wait until construction is complete to start the pilot. This is now estimated to begin in early August.

♦ **What happened to the rubber speed tables and flex posts outside the school?**

The rubber speed tables and flex posts were removed to allow for the street to be repaved. Giv-

en that the rubber speed tables were a success but are seasonal in nature (they have to be removed for winter snow plowing), the city has instructed its contractor to install permanent asphalt speed humps in their place. These are expected to be constructed in the next 2-3 weeks. Flex posts will also be reinstalled upon completion of final striping.

♦ **Does the City still intend to install a different on-demand, red pedestrian signal at the entrance to the school?**

Yes, the city still intends to in-

stall a hybrid pedestrian signal (also known as a HAWK signal) at Hardan Road to provide a safer pedestrian crossing. This type of signal flashes red when activated by a pedestrian, and motor vehicles are required to stop. However, this depends on the success of the 4-way stop pilot at Curtis Street – the HAWK signal cannot be installed so close to a traditional traffic signal.

For a full list of FAQs and additional information about the temporary plan, please visit www.somervillema.gov/powderhouseboulevard.

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

PURCHASE LIFE-SAVING NARCAN AT DISCOUNT (S 3)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment that would provide \$500,000 for the Municipal Naloxone Bulk Purchase Program that allows cities and towns to purchase this life-saving overdose-reversal drug also known by its brand name Narcan, for its municipal first responder agencies at a discount.

“In Springfield, deaths from opioid overdose have nearly doubled in the last year,” said Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow), the sponsor of the amendment. “In Chicopee and Holyoke and other regional cities across Massachusetts, the picture is similar. We have not yet turned a corner in the opioid epidemic, so we need to keep the Naloxone Bulk Purchase Trust Fund fully funded and we need to continue investing in recovery and treatment tools to help those struggling with addiction.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

\$200,000 TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING (S 3)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment providing \$200,000 in funding for the state’s Division of Professional Licensure to investigate human trafficking and sexual exploitation in massage spas and all the other facilities subject to inspection by the division.

“Human trafficking is an atrocious crime that inflicts an incomprehensible level of brutality and suffering upon victims,” said the bill’s sponsor Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford). “For too long traffickers have seized upon the bodyworks loophole and limited state resources to perpetuate such heinous activity. As long as we have hundreds of spas in Massachusetts with only two inspectors, we are not serious about protecting vulnerable victims.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

AUDIT CREDIT CARDS OF STATE EMPLOYEES (S 3)

Senate 6-33, rejected an amendment giving the state auditor the power to access state employees’ credit card records “to ensure integrity and accountability of employee credit card usage.”

“I support the auditor accessing state credits cards to ensure transparency and accountability of taxpayer money,” said Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Webster), a co-sponsor of the amendment. “I’ve seen stories of extravagant spending at some agencies and shining a light on that spending permits legislators to make better decisions in the state budgetary process.”

Amendment opponents said the state auditor already has all the statutory authority she needs to complete these audits and argued this amendment is duplicative and unnecessary.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PROVIDE HOMELESS CHILDREN WITH TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOL (S 344) – The Education Committee is considering a bill that would provide school transportation to homeless students. The schools would be reimbursed by the state for any costs that aren’t covered by federal funding.

Supporters cited a 2018 report that says over 3,000 students in Massachusetts experience homelessness in a given year.

“One of the biggest factors for determining positive life outcomes for a child is education, and the quality of that education is an equally important determinant,” said Sen. Dean Tran (R-Fitchburg), the sponsor of the proposal. “Fortunately for those of us who live in the commonwealth, we have the ability to take advantage of the best educational system in the country. Unfortunately, the overall quality of our education system is meaningless if our children cannot get to class.”

POSTING GAS PRICES (H 253) – A bill heard by the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee would require gas stations which post large signs with the price of gasoline to include both the price if paid by credit card and the price if paid by cash. The prices must be in the same size lettering.

Supporters say some stations are very misleading because they post only the cash price. They note it’s not until drivers pull onto the property and up to the pump that they see two sets of pricing per gallon - based on paying with cash or credit card, with up to a 10-cent-per-gallon differential.

WARNINGS ON SLOT MACHINES (S 214) – The Economic Development and Emerging Technologies Committee held a hearing on a bill that would require all slot machines to have a sticker in plain sight explaining the addictive nature of slot machines; the programming and therefore non-randomness of the machines; and the compulsive gambling hotline phone number.

Supporters say with two casinos now operating, it is time to ensure players know that that the odds of winning at the slot machines are overwhelmingly against them.

BAN SMOKING IN CARS WITH CHILDREN (H 1909) - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on a measure that would prohibit smoking in any motor vehicle in which there is a child who is required to be in a child passenger restraint. Under Massachusetts law, children must use a restraint until they are at least eight years old or at least 57 inches tall. The measure imposes a \$100 fine on drivers who violate the ban. The proposal prohibits a police officer from searching a motor vehicle, its contents, the driver or a passenger solely because of a violation of this law. It also prohibits the violation from being used as evidence of contributory negligence by the driver in any civil action and requires officers, for 90 days after the law is in effect, to give only a warning and not a citation to a driver who violates this law.

Supporters say that second-hand smoke causes respiratory problems, ear infections and mental health disorders including depression. They note it can also make a child’s asthma worse. Some opponents say this is another example of unnecessary government intrusion

into people’s lives. Others ask why this arbitrary bill doesn't protect children older than eight or taller than 57 inches.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“The Massachusetts National Guard and the Baker-Polito administration will continue to support transgender soldiers and airmen in serving our commonwealth with dignity and respect.” — *Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco.*

“Although I’m angered by the misguided policies of the current occupant of the White House, I am grateful for the commitment in writing from Secretary Turco that the Massachusetts National Guard will continue to embrace all wishing to serve, including transgender and gender non-conforming residents of our commonwealth.” — *Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro).*

“Across the country, millions of bees are dying off and bee colonies are in distress due to a phenomenon known as colony collapse disorder. While many factors are implicated in colony collapse disorder, one cause is the increased use of neonicotinoid insecticides, or neonics.” — *Ben Hellerstein, State Director for Environment Massachusetts, supporting a petition signed by 20,000 Massachusetts residents today asking state leaders to restrict the use of bee-killing pesticides known as neonicotinoids.*

“We as a Legislature must do everything in our power to ensure the safety, dignity, and civil rights for our community members stuck on our streets. — *Sen. Becca Rausch (D-Needham) on her bill seeking to provide meaningful civil rights for people experiencing homelessness and combat discrimination based on housing status in Massachusetts.*

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 15-19, the House met for a total of ten hours and seven minutes while the Senate met for a total of six hours and 25 minutes.

Mon. July 15	House 11:02 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.
Tues. July 16	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.
Wed. July 17	No House session Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.
Thurs. July 18	House 11:02 a.m. to 4:48 p.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 5:03 p.m.
Fri. July 19	House 11:03 a.m. to 1:33 p.m. No Senate session
Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com	

Two income-restricted rental units available at 3 Ward Street in Somerville

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), in collaboration with Block Properties, LLC are pleased to announce the affordable rental opportunities for two rental apartments, both located at 3 Ward Street, Somerville. The apartments are available for rent through the Inclusionary Housing Program via an application and lottery process for income-eligible households with a combined gross income that meets the income eligibility requirements detailed below.

Preferences will be provided to households who currently reside or work full time in Somerville (32 hours or more per week) and provide current verification dated within the last thirty (30) days from the date a complete application is submitted.

Address	Unit Type	Tier	# of Units available	Rent*	No. of Bathrooms	Approx. Size	Floor	No. of People in Household
3 Ward Street	Studio (Unit 303)	1	1	\$917	1	679 sq. ft.	3 rd	1-2 Persons
	3BR (Unit 204)	2	1	\$1,728	2	1,260 sq. ft.	2 nd	3-6 Persons

*Tenants must pay electric heating, gas cooking and hot water. Applicable pet (\$25) and parking fees (\$75) are deducted from rent.

Gross Annual Income Range Requirements** <i>Adjusted by Household Size</i>		
Household Size***	Unit 303 (Studio) Tier 1 (<50% AMI)	Unit 204 (3BR) Tier 2 (51%-80% AMI)
1	\$24,888 - \$41,500	N/A
2	\$24,888 - \$47,400	
3	N/A	\$53,351 - \$80,300
4		\$59,251 - \$89,200
5		\$64,001 - \$96,350
6		\$68,751 - \$103,500

**Minimum income requirement waived for households with MRVP, Section 8, PASS or other mobile rental voucher
*** Head of household cannot be full-time student; other eligibility requirements apply.

3 Ward St. is a mixed-use four-story wood frame, building with retail space on the ground floor anticipated for completion mid-September 2019. This building consists of 12 rental apartments on three floors above ground floor, 12 parking spaces (9 within the building and 3 across the street) and 12 bicycle parking spaces. There is free on-site parking for one bike per unit. One parking space will be available per unit for rent. There is no storage space. One pet per household is allowed; a dog up to 50 lbs., or a cat.

Additional restrictions apply for the two apartments available through the City of Somerville’s Inclusionary Housing Program including: 1) the head of household cannot be a full time student and 2) an asset limit of \$250,000 excluding restricted retirement, college savings and health plans. Inclusionary units must be the household’s primary principal residence. The units cannot be subleased; rooms cannot be placed on AirBnB or similar websites. Households who move into these units are subject to annual income re-certifications to ensure their continued eligibility. Interested applicants should prepare to proceed with an income certification after the lottery if their number is pulled first from the bingo wheel; the Housing Division recommends households begin to collect their: 1) 2018 Federal Tax Returns (all pages and schedules), W2s and 1099s, and 2) the most recent three (3) months of all income and all asset (ex. Bank, Venmo/ Paypal statements) statements. The City reserves the right to request more income/asset information during the income certification.

The Housing Division and Block Properties LLC will host two information sessions to review income and asset eligibility requirements, the application, lottery process and restrictions. The first information session will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2019 in the third floor Community Room of the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) located at 259 Lowell Street in Somerville. All guests must sign in at the front desk prior to heading up to the Community Room. A second information session is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday September 12, 2019 in the Performance Hall of the Armory located at 191 Highland Avenue #1C, Somerville. Pre-lottery applications will be distributed at the end of the first information session.

On August 5, 2019 information and pre-lottery applications can also be printed from the City of Somerville’s Inclusionary Housing Program website or picked up at the City Hall Annex located at 50 Evergreen Ave., City Hall located at 93 Highland Ave., and the Somerville Public Library branches. Complete pre-lottery applications must be submitted and received by the Housing Division located on the first floor of the Somerville City Hall Annex at 50 Evergreen Ave. by 2 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2019. Applications must be completed and signed by all adult household members. Applicants must write “N/A” in sections that do not apply and should not leave any part of their application blank. Incomplete and late application will not be accepted. Applications submitted by piece-meal will not be accepted.

Complete and eligible pre-lottery applications received before the deadline will be included in the lottery scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 11 a.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall. Applicants do not need to attend the lottery to proceed with an income certification. The lottery will be available to watch on the Youtube at SomervilleCityTV. The two winners will be notified immediately after the lottery and will have five business days to submit initial income and asset documents. All applicants will be notified of their standing on the waiting list for both units via email by September 5, 2019.

Complete applications can be submitted via email to inclusionary@somervillema.gov, via fax at 617-591-3235, or mail and in person at the Annex. The Housing Division is open from Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you have any additional questions regarding this opportunity please contact Andres Bueno at 617-625-6600 ext. 2584.

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Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville or to attend meetings, should contact the City’s ADA Coordinator, Nancy Salamoun, at 617-625-6600 x2323 or NSalamoun@somervillema.gov.

OBITUARY

Vincent J. Piro



Vincent J. Piro, Age 78, of Medford and East Dennis, formally of Somerville, Mass., died peacefully on July 19 surrounded by family. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Karen Lee (Kelly) Piro, 18 months ago. He was a devoted father to Lisa Bowler and her husband, Brian, and Vincent and Michael Piro. He was a loving grandfather to Katie and Will Bowler and Ella and Vincent Piro.

Vinny grew up in Somerville. He attended Salem State College where he played basketball and received a degree in education and a master's in business. He started his career as a teacher and became a vice principal in the Wakefield school system. He soon launched a political career where he was elected to the Somerville Board of Aldermen and subsequently served as a state representative for 16 years, rising through the ranks to become assistant Democratic leader. In his later years he worked as a consultant in the building and construction industry. Everyone turned to Vinny for his

expert advice on building and remodeling, and for his notorious attention to detail.

Vinny had lots of interests including golf and tennis, entertaining, good food and good company. He also had a passion for waxing and detailing, not only his own cars, but his friends' cars as well. However, he mostly enjoyed the time he spent on Cape Cod with his family where he was the happiest and most at peace.

Vinny was larger than life — charismatic, magnetic and fun. He lit up a room. If you were fortunate to be called his friend, you could expect a lifetime of unwavering and enduring loyalty. You would be forever in his orbit and the recipient of warmth, generosity and friendship.

Vinny was, and always will be, truly unforgettable.

Funeral from the McLaughlin-Dello Russo Family Funeral Home, 60 Pleasant St., Woburn on Wednesday, July 24, at 9:00 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass celebrated in St. Patrick Church, 71 Central St., Stoneham, at 10:00 a.m. Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday July 23, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Services will conclude with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in Vincent's name to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation (NAAF), 65 Mitchell Blvd, Suite 200B, San Rafael, CA 94903. To leave a message of condolence please visit www.dellorusso.net.

AFC scores high marks in consumer satisfaction survey

By Nathan Lamb

Adult Family Care recently received overwhelmingly positive feedback from caregivers and people receiving in-home assistance through the program.

On average, AFC received the top score 95 percent of the time in the most recent edition of the biannual AFC Satisfaction Survey, which polls participants on their satisfaction with the program.

AFC Program Director Jeanne Leyden said the results of the survey confirmed what she already believed to be true about the program and the AFC team.

"It makes me proud to see the quality care being provided by our caregivers, and to hear such kind words about our team of nurses and social workers," said Leyden.

AFC is a MassHealth-funded program that helps eligible adults who cannot live alone, due to a medical diagnosis. The program helps people receive care at home by supporting caregivers with compensation, paid time off and monthly training from a nurse and social worker.

Among other things, the survey graded AFC on how well the program trains caregivers and helps them manage challenges.



Adult Family Care

"We are constantly striving to provide the best quality care and support to both our program caregivers and participants," said Leyden. "Although we are required by MassHealth to conduct these surveys, we truly appreciate the opportunity to hear how we are doing as a program, and to identify areas in which we can make improvements."

AFC can provide a personalized care plan for eligible applicants who are elderly, or young and disabled, and have a chronic medical or psychiatric diagnosis that necessitates assistance with at least one of the following: bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring between positions, ambulating or eating.

To provide care through AFC, the caregiver must be able to meet those needs and live in the same home as the person receiving

care. Friends and family are eligible to become live-in caregivers — but legal guardians and spouses are not.

In addition to grading services, the AFC Satisfaction Survey also offered caregivers and participants an opportunity to provide written feedback on their experiences. Many of those comments thanked AFC for helping a loved one receive in-home care.

"I feel like we always have caring staff available, whenever we need them," wrote one caregiver.

Adult Family Care is a regional program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services that helps people receive the best care at home by supporting family caregivers. AFC is a nonprofit program that serves the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit adultfamilycare.org or call 617-628-2601.

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Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Summer Salad

During the hot summer months, I prefer to eat on the lighter side. Salads are a big part of my lunch menu. I usually have most of the items listed below on hand. Sometimes I have left over grilled chicken, grilled steak, or even roasted vegetables that I like to incorporate into my salads. For additional protein garbanzo beans or edamame beans can be added for texture and color. You can add just about anything for a fun, not so boring and nutritious salad. The sky is the limit!

5 oz Container of Mixed Greens
2 Cups Tuscan Kale, Cleaned and Julienned
1/2 English Cucumber, Chopped
2 Tablespoons Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1/2 Teaspoon, Kosher Salt
1/4 Teaspoon, Freshly Ground Black Pepper
2 Medium Tomatoes, Sliced into 1/4"

Rounds
2 Oranges, (Naval or Cara Cara) *see preparation below
8 oz Mozzarella, Sliced 1/4" Rounds
6 Pieces Precooked Bacon, Chopped
1 Cup Fresh Basil, Julienned
1/8 Cup Balsamic Glaze
Finishing Salt, Such as Maldon Flake
Sea Salt, optional

In a large bowl, add the mixed greens, kale, cucumber, olive oil, salt, and pepper. Blend well. Place the well-blended greens onto a large serving platter and spread out the mixture evenly.

*Cut off the top and bottom of the oranges. With a sharp knife, starting at the top of the orange, cut the peel and pith following the contour of the orange down to the bottom. Repeat until the orange is completely peeled. If there is any of the pith left, make sure it is trimmed off so that the fruit will not taste bitter.

Once they are peeled, slice the or-



anges into 1/4" rounds. Each orange will yield 5-6 slices. Pour the orange juice produced by slicing the oranges over the greens. Fan out the orange slices, tomato slices and the mozzarella slices onto the platter. Add the chopped bacon, if using, or substitute garbanzo beans or edamame beans

for a vegetarian option. Add the basil. Drizzle the balsamic glaze over the platter. Add the finishing salt at this time, if using.

Serves 3.

Visit Dorothy's website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix>.

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'Seize the Summer' at SomerStreets on Holland St.

Celebrate the season at "Seize the Summer," the August installment of the city's SomerStreets festival, on Sunday, August 4, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. between Davis Square and Teele Square on Holland Street.

SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally renowned Open Streets concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity. Through SomerStreets, the city and its community partners aim to promote and encourage easy access to physical activity, fresh foods, and reconnecting with neighborhoods, businesses, and their unique cultural elements in a thriving urban environment.

Activities along Holland St. will include:

- Live music on two stages including Brenan, Houndstooth, and Emma June
- A 40 foot water slide – open to people of all ages. Bring your bathing suit!
- Aerial arts performance by Esh Circus Arts
- Parkour play area with Park-

our Generations

- Hockey, interactive activities, preschool games and other fun with Somerville Recreation
- Vintage and artisan market by Somerville Flea
- Martial arts performance and demonstration class with Villari Martial Arts
- Explore a fire truck and ambulance
- Craft vendors, and community vendors and local businesses
- Face painting
- And more.

To ensure public safety at the event, the following road closures and parking bans will be in effect.

- No Parking on Holland St. from Davis Square to Cameron Ave., from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; street closed to vehicles 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- All one way side streets leading onto Holland St. will temporarily be converted to two-way traffic for abutters only to allow residents to get to and from their homes, including:
- Moore St., Gorham St., Paulina St., Simpson Ave., Jay St., Irving St., and Wallace St.



• Bus routes 87 and 88 will be rerouted from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. For locations of rerouted bus stops, visit MBTA.com.

All SomerStreets events will run from 2 to 6 p.m., rain or shine, unless otherwise noted.

Remaining 2019 events include:

• Sunday, Sept. 15: Strike Up the Band: Highland Ave. (School St. to Lowell St.)

• Sunday, Oct. 20: Monster Mashed-Up: Somerville Ave. (Hawkins St. to Spring St.) (Rain Date: Oct 28)

For more information, vis-

it www.somervillema.gov, or www.somervilleartscouncil.org/somerstreets.

With questions about the festival or press queries, please contact Special Events Manager, Nina Eichner at 617-625-6600 ext. 2998.

Somerville YMCA CIT/LIT Job Readiness Program

Plenty of spaces are still open for the second session of the Somerville CIT/LIT Job Readiness program. The program serves approximately twenty-four, 13-15 year olds in a four-week long session.

With partnership from the Somerville YMCA, Somerville Community Youth Program, Healey Community School and the Teen Empowerment Program this motivational program provides youth leadership, team building, and job readiness training activities.

The purpose of the program is to train youth for future employment in a summer camp program or other job opportunities when they are age appropriate. The program runs 30 hours a week, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility is the Healey Community School, 5 Meacham St., Somerville, MA 02145.

In addition, the program will cover many aspects such as leadership, diversity, and teamwork. The youth will also learn how to fill out job applications, create resumes, go on mock job interviews, as well as learn to set up bank accounts.

During the program teens spend time as a counselor in training for a few hours at the YMCA and other local summer day camp programs. At the end of the four-week session the participating youth will receive a certificate of achievement and stipend for completing the program.

The second session runs from July 18 to August 9. They are still accepting applications for this session. Applications are available at the Somerville YMCA, 101 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143, as well as online at www.somervillymca.org. For more information, please contact Matt O'Donnell or Joe Pinto at the YMCA (617) 625-5050 or jpinto@somervillymca.org, citlit@somervillymca.org.



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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

A monthly look at ways to get involved with your city: Don't just live in Somerville, be Somerville!

SomerVision 2040 Youth Forum, July 31

Young people's voices are important as we plan for the future of Somerville, so teens are invited to share their thoughts and concerns about important topics like housing, education, and job training and access at a SomerVision 2040 Youth Forum on Wednesday, July 31, at 5 p.m., in the Central Library auditorium, 79 Highland Ave. This session is being held specifically to hear from youth, but there are plenty of other ways to be part of the SomerVision 2040 process. Visit www.somervision2040.com where you can sign up for updates on SomerVision 2040 and learn more about what's been done and what's coming up.

Powder House Blvd. Community Meeting, July 31

Please join the City of Somerville for a community meeting in regards to ongoing construction and design elements on Powder House Blvd. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd., and will include a brief presentation with construction updates, parking study results, questions about the temporary, short-term solution to stripe a bike lane in one direction on a portion of the Boulevard, and the completion of traffic calming measures this summer. This meeting will not cover additional information about proposed permanent bicycle options on the Boulevard. A meeting on that topic will be scheduled this fall. For more information about the ongoing work on Powder House Blvd. and a list of frequently asked questions, visit www.somervillema.gov/powderhouseboulevard.

thority, and the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust. Applications will be accepted through Monday, August 5. Visit www.somervillema.gov/besomerville to learn more about each position and to find information on how to apply.

Central Hill Parking Update Meeting, August 15

Join City staff for a quarterly update on parking changes on the Central Hill Campus, which includes City Hall, Somerville High School, and the Central Library. The meeting will be on Thursday, August 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Winter Hill Community School cafeteria, 115 Sycamore St. You can also submit any Central hill parking comments, questions, or concerns at www.somervillema.gov/shsparking anytime.

Deadline to Apply for Conservation Commission Position, August 19

Applications for one three-year term on Somerville's Conservation Commission are being accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 19. The Conservation Commission works to preserve and protect the natural environment with an emphasis on wetlands, open space, and community gardens. The Commission's key responsibilities are administering and enforcing

the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Rivers Protection Act and overseeing the community gardens program. To learn more about serving on the Conservation Commission, visit www.somervillema.gov/departments/conservation-commission and www.maccweb.org. To apply, send a resume, cover letter, and any other relevant information to Conservation Agent Malik Drayton at mdayton@somervillema.gov.

Support the Mobile Farmers' Market, weekends through October 19

The Somerville Mobile Farmers' Market is open for another season and is bringing fresh, local produce into neighborhoods around the city. The Mobile Market offers a variety of produce each week, including some culturally significant fruits and vegetables that are hard to find in grocery stores. The Mobile Market offers a 50% discount to residents of North Street or Mystic Housing, as well as those who receive SNAP, WIC, Senior Farmers' Market Coupons, or MassHealth. Customers paying full price help support this discount. Visit www.somervillemobilefarmersmarket.wordpress.com for Mobile Market hours and locations, as well as information on what's in stock each week.

Submit Comments on the Davis Square Neighborhood Plan

The Davis Square Neighborhood Plan, which is the result of six years of work with the community, was released for public review. The plan includes ideas for Davis Square's future – like increasing public space in the neighborhood, as well as the steps that would need to be taken to realize those ideas. You can find the full plan on www.somerville-bydesign.com. Comments can be submitted by Friday, August 16, by emailing planning@somervillema.gov.

City Alerts

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City Newsletter

For weekly updates on city cultural and civic events, City services, job openings, and more, sign up for the City e-newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/newsletter.

City Calendar

Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Representative Ayanna Pressley is a champion of We the People

Most readers of the Times will have noticed that Ayanna Pressley, Somerville's Representative in U.S. Congress, has been thrust into the media spotlight lately as a result of personal attacks by the President. However, Times readers and Representative Pressley's constituents in general may not be aware that Representative Pressley recently took a major step in defense of American democracy, which has received too little attention: she signed on as a cosponsor of H.J. Res. 48, also known as the "We the People Amendment," which if enacted would amend the U.S. Constitution to affirm that (1) money spent to influence elec-

tions shall be regulated by Congress and the states and is not considered protected free speech under the First Amendment, and (2) rights granted under the United States Constitution are the rights of natural persons, and are not the rights of artificial incorporated entities.

This proposed amendment is necessary to save American democracy. The Supreme Court's infamous 2010 decision *Citizens United v. FEC* opened the floodgates of special interest money buying America's elections and controlling public policy. Furthermore, judicial activism extending constitutional rights to corporations and other artificial entities has resulted in America's courts overturning hundreds of democratically enacted laws intended to protect the American people

against corporate domination and abuse.

In 2018, the citizens of Massachusetts voted 71%-29% in favor of creating an advisory commission for amendments to the U.S. Constitution regarding political spending and corporate personhood. H.J. Res. 48 is the only existing amendment proposal would address both of these concerns.

In May, a delegation consisting of members of Indivisible Somerville and several other grassroots pro-democracy groups visited Representative Pressley's district office to advocate for the value of this amendment to her constituents, and to all Americans. Representative Pressley formally signed on a cosponsor of H.J. Res. 48 later that week, and since then, three more Massachusetts U.S. Representatives have followed her, bringing the Mas-

sachusetts delegation's co-sponsorship to seven of our state's nine Representatives.

At a time when the noise of a constantly churning news cycle drowns out so many truly important goings-on in the nation, Representative Pressley deserves her constituents' gratitude for taking this critical step in reclaiming American democracy from corporations and the wealthy, and putting it back into the hands of We the People. We hope that others will join us in thanking Representative Pressley for doing her part to restore the full American promise of government of, by, and for the people.

Ulysses Lateiner and Larry Yu
on behalf of the Indivisible Somerville Steering Committee

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Keep cool Somerville – the heat is on!

Our View Of The Times



It’s been getting pretty darn hot lately. And it’s looking like we’ll be facing a good little stretch of even more hot weather in the days and – yes, even maybe – the weeks to come.

The city has opened cooling centers now. Thanks for that. Beyond this there’s little to be done other than exercise a little common sense to minimize dangers of heat stroke. Watch your activity levels, get plenty of water, etc. Just be careful and do

the right things. You’ll make it.

We love it when the winter thaws and the explosion of life in the natural world around us takes place in the springtime, and many of us love to lounge and loll in the vibrant warmth of a hot summer day. Keep in mind that moderation is the key to good health and personal safety.

A few common sense tips can help to ensure that your summertime fun will come off safely in the weeks to come:

- Never leave children or pets alone in a closed vehicle – even with the windows cracked open.
- Drink plenty of water — even if you are not thirsty. Avoid alcoholic beverages and liquids high in sugar or caffeine.
- Limit outdoor activities and exposure to the sun. Do not leave pets outside for extended periods of time.
- If you must be outdoors, limit your outdoor activity to the morning and eve-

ning hours.

A Cooling Center is located at 165 Cross St., along with Somerville Public Libraries, which are closed on Sundays during the summer. Also, the Council on Aging’s Holland St. Center and Cross St. Center are good places to cool off.

Please be careful while you’re out there, and also exercise a little caution while you’re indoors. The heat is everywhere, but we can beat it.

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from Hopkinton. Walkers are treated to refueling stations throughout the course as well as a celebration at the **Copley Square Finish Line**, complete with food, music, and a speaking program. All walkers commit to raise a minimum of \$325, except for walkers 12 years old and younger whose fundraising commitment is \$125. There is also a **Virtual Walker option** for those unable to attend the event on September 22, who still want to support the cause. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$135 million in its 30-year history. When you donate to Dana-Farber’s Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, you are helping patients directly. Every dollar you donate and every step you take helps those in need. **The Boston Athletic Association** has supported the Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002. To register for the Walk ([#JimmyFundWalk](#)), to support a walker, or to volunteer, visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](#) or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. Walkers who do not have a team to join, are more than welcome to contact the Jimmy Fund Walk to connect them with

other Walkers in their area.

Our sincere condolences go out to the friends and family of **Vinny Piro**, who passed away last Friday. He is fondly remembered by all who knew and will be sorely missed.

Love the **Union Square Farmers Market** and **#LoveUnionSquare**? Union Square Main Streets businesses are rewarding you for being **#Loyal2Local**. On Saturdays after you shop the market, visit the **Market Lead tent** for a special sticker to wear proudly as you **#ShoptheSquare**. Participating businesses will offer discounts on Market days to friends and neighbors who visit both. Visit their website at [union-squaremain.org](#) for more info on participating businesses and restrictions that may apply.

To better support Somerville’s diverse business community, **the Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development** is seeking businesses interested in participating in the city’s first **Diversity Catalog**. The Diversity Catalog will highlight businesses owned

by underrepresented communities and serve as a marketing tool for Somerville businesses that want to offer their products and services to customers throughout the region. Information collected for the catalog will also help **Economic Development staff** design business support programs that meet the needs of local businesses. To participate in the Diversity Catalog, businesses must be at least 51% of one or more of the following: Immigrant-owned; Women-owned; Service-disabled veteran-owned; Veteran-owned; Lesbian-, gay-, bisexual-, transgender-, queer-, intersex-, and/or asexual-owned; Disability-owned business enterprise. If you are interested in having your business included in the Diversity Catalog, please fill out a short survey at [www.somervillema.gov/diversitycatalog](#) by Friday, September 13. If you have any questions, please contact **Economic Development Assistant Daniela Carrillo** at [dcarrillo@somervillema.gov](#) or (617) 625-6600 ext. 2446.

The city wants to hear ideas from **young people** about the future of Somerville. Teens are invited to share their thoughts and concerns about important topics

like housing, education, and job training and access at a **SomerVision 2040 Youth Forum** on **Wednesday, July 31**, at 5 p.m., in the **Central Library auditorium**, 79 Highland Ave. SomerVision 2040 is an ongoing effort to reexamine and update Somerville’s comprehensive plan – SomerVision. The community-developed plan set priorities around many issues, including housing, open space, transportation, sustainability, the local economy, and education. To learn more about the ongoing SomerVision 2040 process, visit [www.somervision2040.com](#). While there, you can also sign up to get SomerVision 2040 updates.

Looking for a job as a **real estate professional** here in the Greater Boston area and Somerville? Contact **Century 21 North East – Norton Group RE**, 699 Broadway Somerville Ball Square. Phone 617-623-6600 or email [donaldfnorton@gmail.com](#). Century 21 North East has over 45 offices here in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Maine. It’s the fastest growing company around, headed by **Jimmy D’Amico**,

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The appeal of the Winter Hill Night Market

Marvullo enjoyed a cold bottle of pink lemonade from Neighborhood Produce while remarking on the many interesting works from local craftsmen like Conor Waligory.

Waligory sells handmade dyed shirts, backpacks, paintings, and other apparel. He lives just a mile away from the market and says he is happy to be a part of it. Waligory said the event is more important to him than his nine-to-five job.

"This is what I want to do in my life rather than what I do and make a living so being a part of these things are very important," Waligory said.

In another booth, intricate jewelry made with recycled glass was sold by Carolina Portillo. She works by herself all day long to run her business. She enjoys events like these because she can meet customers and observe the reactions to her designs.

"I'm a crafter. This is what I make. This is what I enjoy making, and also this is how I make a living. These markets are the way I can interact with customers," Portillo said.

Candice Oyer lives just down the street from the event. She bought an embroidered art piece as a gift and old newspaper clippings from the 70s about the moon landing.

"I really love it," Oyer said. "I think it brings the community together and it's just a nice all around event for the neighborhood."



Photos by Melissa Rosales



Somerville Sunsetters on Josephine Ave.

The Somerville Sunsetters, a traveling performance group comprised of Somerville youth in 6th to 12th grade, performs in Somerville neighborhoods Monday through Thursday evenings in July and August. On Monday, July 22, they gave a performance at 22 Josephine Ave.

It was a hot night, and the event hosts served slush and ice cream to the Sunsetters and the audience.



Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos

Photos by Claudia Ferro



Learning how local mushrooms grow

A talk, *Local Mushrooms: How Do They Grow?*, will be presented by Elizabeth Almeida, owner and farmer at Fat Moon Mushrooms, a local farm that supplies gourmet, organic mushrooms to the finest restaurants, grocery stores, and farm stands in the Merrimack Valley, at the next meeting of the Somerville Garden Club on Wednesday, August 14, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Almeida will talk about the science and business of producing locally grown mushrooms.

The program will include demonstration of mushroom cultivation techniques you can try at home such as tissue culture, grow kits, and log inoculation. This evening is for those who support the local food system, foodies who love mushrooms, and life-long learners who are curious about the science of mushrooms. There will also be the usual plant roundtable and raffle.

Fat Moon Farm, now in its ninth season, is where and how



Elizabeth Almeida cultivates her passion for growing and eating delicious food. Fat Moon Farm produces gourmet, organic mushrooms for local restaurants, CSAs, farmstands, and boutique grocery stores.

Fat Moon began as an organic vegetable CSA, but finding land to create a permanent home for the vegetable operation was a challenge in Westford. After four seasons of vegetable farming, Fat Moon evolved a mushroom business that began in Almeida's basement and in the woods around their home.

In 2018, the business moved

out of the basement and into a nearby mill building. Today, Almeida sells her mushrooms to the finest restaurants in Eastern Massachusetts, delivering through Verrill Farm to restaurants in Boston, Concord, and surrounding areas.

Almeida got her start in farming from her family. Her parents were beef farmers in Ohio and both grandfathers were farmers. Her father and grandfather also taught her how to forage for morels on the family farm.

A 2014 article about Fat Moon Farm in *Edible Boston* quoted Almeida describing how

grounding farming is for her "... not just working the earth, but doing something that my ancestors have done and something that we all innately know how to do: to nurture and grow things."

All Somerville Garden Club meetings are free and open to the public. Meetings are held 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Tufts Administration Building, (TAB), 167 Holland Street, second floor, wheelchair accessible. Parking is available, and the building is a ten-minute walk from the Davis Square MBTA stop. For additional information please visit www.somervillgardenclub.org.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What is a giga (roller) coaster?

2. Bonnie Franklin played a mom on what TV series?

3. Who played Ron Burgundy in the film *Anchor-man: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*?

4. On the show *Cheers*, what did Sam Malone carry with him for good luck and remind him not to drink?

5. What Beatles song did Joe Cocker have a hit with?

6. In golf, who was first native-born American to win the British Open?

7. What battle marked the end of the Napoleonic Wars?

8. In horse racing, what is the bet called when you bet the finish of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in exact order?

9. What group is Michael Stipe the singer of?

10. What kind of animal is a Komodo dragon?

11. What is a Cabbage White?

12. What musician played all 27 instruments on his debut album?

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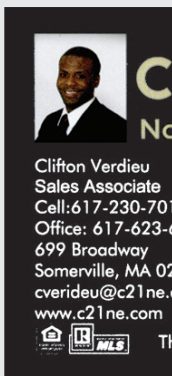


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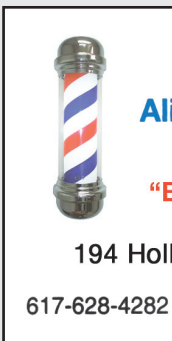
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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, August 7, 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue**.

65-69 Adams Street (ZBA 2019-64): Applicant, Martin Cafasso, and Owner, 65 Adams LLC, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming six-unit structure by constructing an exterior rear stair within the rear yard setback and increasing the floor area ratio (FAR). RA Zone. Ward 4.

260 Beacon Street (ZBA 2019-75): Applicant, Pfaff Wellness LLC dba Barre3 c/o Simone Bernstein, and Owner, Highland CBD 260 Beacon LLC, seek a special permit under SZO §7.11.6.3.a to establish a commercial exercise facility in one of the storefronts of the newly constructed building. A special permit for parking relief under SZO §9.13 is also being sought. RC Zone. Ward 2.

9 Clifton Street (ZBA 2019-57): Applicant and Owner, Sherri Noel Geldersma, seeks a special permit with site plan review (SPSR) under SZO §7.2 to construct a second principal structure on the lot and a special permit for parking under SZO §9.13. The existing structure will become one dwelling unit and the proposed structure will include one dwelling unit. RA Zone. Ward 6.

17 Dartmouth Street (ZBA 2019-63): Applicants and Owners, Alvaro and Eduarda Carvalho, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming three-family dwelling by constructing an exterior stair in the rear. RA Zone. Ward 4.

5B Evergreen Avenue (ZBA 2019-70): Applicant, Our House Contracting, and Owners, Luce Petringa and Davis Yanolis, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by increasing the floor area ratio (FAR) by finishing the attic. RA Zone. Ward 4.

298 Lowell Street (ZBA 2019-69): Applicants and Owners, Claire Brickell and Elie Dolgin, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a dormer on each side of the roof. RA Zone. Ward 5.

43-47 Pennsylvania Avenue (ZBA 2019-71): Applicant and Owner, Brian Tamm, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to enclose a second story rear porch. RA Zone. Ward 1.

30-32 Whitman Street (ZBA 2019-59): Applicant, Douglas Okun, and Owner, Robert W. Sinnott, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a dormer on each side of the roof. RA Zone. Ward 7.

515 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2018-122-R1-7/19): Applicant, Douglas Okun, and Owner, Robert W. Sinnott, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a dormer on each side of the roof. RA Zone. Ward 7.

71 Bow Street (ZBA 2019-52): Applicant, Scott Zink, and Owner, Leins Family Realty Trust with Luis E. Leins, Trustee, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure, a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct a mixed-use building with 24 residential units and ground floor commercial space, Variances including height, number of stories, FAR, and parking relief under Article 9. NB zone. Ward 3.

124 Highland Avenue (ZBA 2018-93): Applicant, Barros Properties, LLC, and Owner, Somerville Post 19 American Legion, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure, parking relief under Article 9, a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct 19 residential units, Variances include lot area per dwelling unit, FAR. Existing building to be demolished. Somerville Post 19 to be relocated to rear of the building. NB zone. Ward 3.


48 Berkeley Street (ZBA 2019-49): Applicant and Owner, Kevin Gorham / Goodwin Berkeley, LLC, seeks special Permits to alter a non-conforming property including constructing a dormer within the right side yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9. RA zone. Ward 3.

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30pm www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning.

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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director
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6 Broadway (PB 2019-16): Applicant, Philadelphia Sign Co., and Owner, LaCourt Enterprises LLC, seek a special permit under SZO §6.5.D.5.a to install signage and an awning for an automated teller machine (ATM) on the ground floor of the building. TOD55 Zone. Ward 1.

9 Sanborn Court (PB 2019-17): Applicant, Sara Markey, and Owner, EJB Realty LLC c/o Edward Kepnes, seeks a special permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.6 to conduct a portion of the business outdoors by installing a patio. CCD-55/Arts Overlay Zone. Ward 3.


181 Washington Street (ZBA 2019-14): Applicant, 181 Washington St, LLC, and Owner, 181 Washington Street, aka 185 Washington Street, Unit 1, seek Special Permits for a dental office. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. CCD-55 zone. Ward 3.

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IFB 20-06

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, August 8, 2019 at 6:40 p.m.** in the 3rd floor Conference Room opposite the Community Room at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street regarding a proposal by Applicants: City of Somerville to demolish the pre-1884 wood-framed house at **5 Palmer Avenue**.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant". Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved". For further information, please contact Commission Staff Kristi Chase at (617) 625-6600 x 2525 (kchase@somervillema.gov), or Sarah White at (617) 625-6600 x 2534 (swwhite@somervillema.gov).

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Sealed filed sub bids will be received until **Wednesday August 7th, 2019 at 1:00pm**. Sealed general bids will be received until **Wednesday August 14th, 2019 at 1:00pm**. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact **Michael Richards** at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

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Somerville seeking resident to serve on city’s Conservation Commission



Open Positions: one position available
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The City of Somerville is currently seeking applicants for one open position on the Somerville Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Commission is devoted to preserving and protecting Somerville’s natural environment with an emphasis on several specific areas: wetlands, open space, and community gardens.

The key responsibility of members is to protect the city’s wetlands and rivers via their authority to administer and enforce the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Rivers Protection Act.

In addition, the Commission plays an important role as a sounding board for open space planning and open space initiatives. The city’s community gardens program, which offers gardening plots to residents, is also overseen by the Commission.

The Commission meets monthly, typically on the fourth Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and conducts occasional site visits during the week. Its seven volunteer members are appointed by the mayor and approved by the City Council for three-year terms.

To find out more about serving as a conservation commissioner see the following web sites:

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<http://www.maccweb.org>

Qualifications:

Experience in the following area is strongly preferred: civil engineering with expertise in erosion and sediment control, storm water management, and/or environmental permitting.

Applicants with experience in any of the following areas may also be considered: Wetlands Protection Act and regulation implementation, wetlands biology, hydrology, geology, and/or resource management.

Applicants with other relevant or transferable experience are also encouraged to apply.

How to Apply:

Applicants interested in volunteering to serve on the Commission are invited to submit a resume and cover letter, as well as any relevant supplemental material by email to Conservation Agent Malik Drayton at: mdrayton@somervillema.gov. All applications must be received by Monday, August 19, 2019, by the close of business.

Applications will be reviewed by

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POSTPONED: Pedestrian path at former Powder House Community School to close for approximately 4 months for park construction

As part of the ongoing reconstruction of the former Powder House Community School, located at 1060 Broadway, the pedestrian walkway connecting Broadway and Holland St. will need to be closed for approximately four months as the project team begins work on the new green space adjacent to the building.

The walkway was originally expected to close in mid- to late-July, however that start date has been postponed. A new start date will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information about the project and updates on the pathway closure, visit www.somervillema.gov/phcspark.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|July 24

East Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Sound Explorers!
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Middle School Summer Writers' Den
5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|July 25

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Central Library
Summer Jam on the Lawn!
4 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday|July 26

Central Library

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

Monday|July 29

Central Library

Middle School Writers' Den
5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|July 30

Somerville Community Baptist Church

Singalong with Matt Heaton
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 31 College Ave

East Branch Library

Garden Storytime
3 p.m.- 4 p.m.,|115 Broadway

Wednesday|July 31

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

SomerVision Forum for Teens
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Wednesday|July 24

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes!
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room:Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.
Backroom: Lindsay Foote, Hannah Siglin, Alisa Amador |7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

The A-Beez
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Residency
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Rozwell Kid
Perspective, A Lovely Hand To Hold, Pet Fox, Dog Stuff
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Mike Morrissey
8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Thursday|July 25

Sally O'Brien's

BT ALC Big Band 7pm - \$10 cover
7 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room:Americana Session with Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company |7 p.m.
Back Room: Chuck McDermott |7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

Krush Faktory(Dub Down)
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Half-Astronaut with special guests Sunshine Brothers Inc., and Divvisions
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Holy Grail, Striker, Bewitcher, Black Mass
Striker, Bewitcher, Black Mass
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Russ Gershon Trio
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

The Loop
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|July 26

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.
Jason Bennett and The Resistance, more! |9pm
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Backroom: Suzie Brown CDRRelease & Scot Sax |7 p.m.
Kilroe| 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville

The Buttertones
daisybones, Tzivia & theband Vú
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m.
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

The Summer Villains
9:30 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

An Evening with The Jauntie at Thunder Road!
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Road Trip Sessions: Ill Doots
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

B.U.M.P.
9:15 p.m.
Dirty Disney
10:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Saturday|July 27

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.
Ghost Truckers, Murphy & The Mess, Speedfossil - \$10 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m.
Back Room: Don White, Tom Bianchi - Burren Backroom Series Anniversary Show!!! |7p.m.
Cover Up|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's

Kong Thunderfunk
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Bleach The Sky with special guests Roll Over White and TBA! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

"The New England Ska Summit" with Bim Skala Bim
The Copacetics, The Hempsteadys, El Grande
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Summer Concert Film Series: Stop Making Sense
8 p.m./10 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Rick and Friends
10 a.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Kerplunk|11 a.m.
Mr. Neptune & Kung Fu Bruno Present A Real-Life Comedy Telethon
7 p.m./9:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Union Tavern

Please don't sleep/The Alpacas/Handsom
9 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Sunday|July 28

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Roundtable Acoustic Series: Betty & The Bellhops |1 p.m.
Roy Sludge Trio |4:30 p.m.
African Night, SambaLolo and guests|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9 p.m.
Back Room: Amber Eyes: VIP Album Release Party w Special Guest, Sam Robbins|4 p.m.
Nora Tirrell and Elle Rose |7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bat Soup Comedy with Young Southpaw, J Smitty, Cliff Mula, Chris Kinback, Caitlin Arcand, Rob Crean, Ish Gupta, and Mega Harrison 4 p.m.
Americana Sundays with Melanie Brulee and special guest Highlife Special|7 p..m. |379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Loma Prieta
Jeromes Dream
Elizabeth Colour Wheel, Kindling, Amitié
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Last Sunday BYOP Residency: The Late Risers
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Monday|July 29

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|6:45 p.m., Run, Helena Delaney & Friends|9:30 p.m.
Back Room: Irish Session with Frank Horrigan|6 p.m.
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub

Jimmy James Trivia|8:30 p.m.
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Jetty Bones
Bloom., Shallow Pools
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Board Game Bonanza
6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Queer Tango
6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunsetters

22 Josephine Avenue|7 p.m.

Tuesday|July 30

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Songwriter Roundup with Katie Dobbins and Various Special Guests!
7p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers|8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub

Ghetto People Band
10 p.m.|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

Neighbor Tuesdays in Union Square, Somerville!
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co

Indie Trivia
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Sunsetters

Cobble Hill Apartments|7 p.m.

Wednesday|July 31

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes!
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room:Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.
BackroomThe Brother Brothers |7 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

The Nephrok Allstars

10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Residency
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Second Chance Dance
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Last Wednesday Residency: Strangled Darlings
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Sunsetters

Lesley Avenue|7 p.m.

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|July 24

Central Library

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Davis Square Farmers Market

Farmers Market
12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert Streets

Thursday|July 25

Ciampa Manor

Learn English with the Library!
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|27 College Ave

West at TAB

Books-to-Movies Club
6:30 p.m.- 7 p.m.|167 Holland St, 2nd floor

East Branch Library

Family Game Night
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 27

Central Library Lawn

Gardening Workshop with Green City Growers
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Union Square Farmers 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 28

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 29

Central Library

Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!
4 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library

Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway

Tuesday|July 30

Central Library

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

Wednesday|July 31

Central Library

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Davis Square Farmers Market

12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert Streets

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

Holland Street Senior Center: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square)
Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)
Mondays & Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fridays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
617-625-6600, ext. 2335
Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
617- 666-5223

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.)
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
617-625-6600, ext. 2300
Fax: 617-625-0688
TTY: 866-808-4851

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers needed for the Engage for Brain Health Study. Are you starting to have problems with your memory or have trouble climbing stairs? Engage B might be right for you! 24 week study for people 60 to 89 years of age. Call Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email him at ckowaleski@Somervillema.gov for questions and additional information.

Fit-4-Life Nutrition Classes – Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our Nutritionist Caitlin McAfee. Learn about our new and upcoming nutrition programs including, Cooking with Caitlin, Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class, Meal in a Mug and more. For more information call Caitlin at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316.

Healthy Steps – Thursdays – Holland Street from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery, frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Class is free. For additional information or questions to call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Country Western Line Dancing – The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month- Holland Street Center . – class is free. No experience needed. For additional information or questions call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Somerville Mobile Farmer’s Market – Running until Saturday, October 19. Fridays: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Holland Street Center. 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. East Somerville Community School. Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. North Street Housing Development and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Mystic Housing Development.. The Somerville Mobile Farmer’s Market sells fresh, affordable produce. 50% off for residents of Mystic or North Street Housing, or for showing your SNAP, MassHealth, WIC or Senior Coupons. Questions please call 617-625-6600, ext. 4321.

Somerville Mobile Farmer’s Market Senior Coupons – Thursday, July 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street. Thursday, July 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway. Friday, July 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street. If coupons run out you may request to be put on a waiting list if more become available. Call Somerville Cambridge Elder Services at 617-628-2601with questions or concerns.

Arts & Crafts with Judy – Wednesday, July 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Bingo and lunch will follow. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to sign up.

Foxwoods Casino – Monday, July 29 - \$25 per person includes roundtrip transportation and a yet to be determined bonus package. Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 7:30 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. Sign up with Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Summer Sizzle Super Bingo – Wednesday, July 31 at our Holland Street Center. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$12 includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Sign up

with Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.
BBQ at the Cross Street Center – Tuesday, August 6 starting at 10:00 a.m. 165 Broadway. Join us for a BBQ of hot dogs and hamburgers and Bingo too. Please call Maureen to RSVP at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Essex, Gloucester & Rockport – Wednesday, August 14 - \$55 per person includes motorcoach transportation, lunch and shopping on your own. Lunch at Village Restaurant. Lunch choices are steak tips, seafood medley or oven roasted chicken, Space is limited. Check in time is 10:00 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 4:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Afternoon at the Theatre – La Cage Aux Folles – Thursday, August 15 at 2:00 p.m. \$33 per person. First come – first serve, space is limited, no refunds. Check in time is 12:30 p.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. Payment due at time of reservation. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Movie Day Tuesday – August 20 starting at 10:30 a.m. Sister Act starring Whoopi Goldberg. Lunch and Bingo to follow. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Arts & Crafts with Judy – Wednesday, August 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Bingo and lunch will follow. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to sign up.

BBQ at the Ralph & Jenny Center – Thursday, August 22 starting at 10:00 a.m. 9 New Washington Street. Join us for a BBQ of hot dogs and hamburgers and Bingo too. Please call Josie or Vivian at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to RSVP.

Twin Rivers Casino – Monday, August 26 - \$25 per person includes roundtrip transportation and a yet to be determined bonus package. Check in time is 9:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 9:30 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Music and Movement with Steve Gintz – August 26, September 30 and October 28 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Steve Gintz is a board certified music therapist and mental health clinician. He will inspire those with and without memory decline to connect with one another as we move and groove to music. For more information or to RSVP please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

Positive Thinking with Roberta Robinson – Wednesday, August 28 at our Holland Street Center starting at 10:00 a.m. Come and learn how this mental attitude can affect every aspect of your life. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Wrentham Outlets – Sunday, November 10 – check in at 10:00 a.m. at Holland with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. \$10 per person for transportation to the outlets; lunch is on your own. For more info or to sign up please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS

LBT Women Fit-4-Life at Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street - Fitness class is 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. 2315.

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE (PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

Monday:
Keep Moving Walking Club - 9:00 a.m. (H)
Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life – 11:00 a.m. (C)
Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)
Tuesday:
Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. - \$3 per class (H)
Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)
Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)
Wednesdays:
Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) – 8:45 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H)
Thursdays:
Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)
Healthy Steps – 12:30 p.m. (H)
Nutrition Class – 3:00 p.m. (H)
LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)
Fridays:
Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)
Adventure Group – Please call for details
All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Caregiver Support Group – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

Conversations of the Heart – Meets bi-monthly on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317.

Cribbage Club – Meets every Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by volunteer Northbert DeAmato. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317.

De-cluttering support group – If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group meets both in the spring and fall for 6-8 weeks. This group is co-facilitated by Natasha Naim and Marina Colonas. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317.

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Lunch is served every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for sign up.

Coffee & Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. Come meet people from all over the world and join in the discussion of a different topic every day. Conversation is followed by the Fit-4-Life exercise program and then lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Game Hour – Every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us for lunch and activities. Immediately following lunch we will have a “Game Hour.” Yahtzee, Sorry, Jenga, Cards, Scrabble, Checkers, Clue, Qwirkle, Dominoes, Uno & Connect 4 are available to play. Community Cooks provides us with a family style lunch on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays and Food Services provides us with lunch on the off days. If you are interested in joining, please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. There is a different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive greenhouses. Group runs for approximately an hour. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

National Night Out in Somerville
scheduled for August 6 at Foss Park



“America’s Night Out Against Crime” to feature Fire and Police demonstrations, children’s activities and games, performances, and more.

Please join us for Somerville’s 16th annual National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs on Tuesday, August 6, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Foss Park. Hosted by Somerville Prevention Services and Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP) in partnership with the Somerville Police Department & Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, National Night Out will include Fire, Police, & EMS vehicles, a presentation from the Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit, performances, youth activities/games, and resource tables from over thirty city departments and community partners.

“National Night Out provides a great opportunity to bring law enforcement and community members together under positive circumstances,” said Somerville’s Prevention Services Manager, Matthew Mitchell. “It was amazing to see the turn out last year and we are looking forward to seeing even more residents and community partners this year.”

For more information or to become involved with strategies to reduce substance abuse, please contact Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager, at (617) 625-6600 x 2570 or ormmitchell@somervillema.gov.

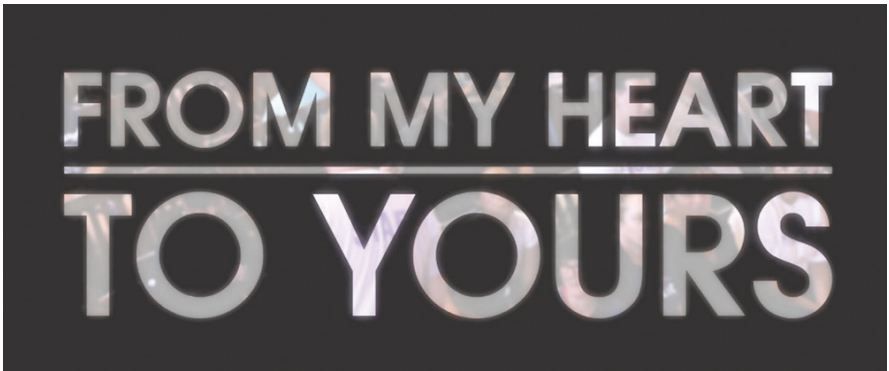


BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris

How do they make holy water?
I think they boil the hell out of it.

Upcoming VOX POP event



From My Heart to Yours documentary screening and discussion
Wednesday, July 31, at 6:30 pm - 8:00pm
VOX POP, 431 Artisan Way, Assembly Row

The City of Somerville, in partnership with the Somerville Media Center (SMC), announced the release of a short documentary entitled *From My Heart to Yours*. It features insights, perspectives, and stories from individuals working to address the opioid epidemic across the region, particularly in Somerville.

From My Heart to Yours provides an intimate look at how the availability and use of opioids have impacted the lives of many individuals, especially here locally,” said Somerville’s Prevention Services Manager Matthew Mitchell. “It offers an opportunity for folks to see how the City of Somerville is working to stamp out stigma and support individuals in recovery as well as their families/friends and the community as a whole.”

The public is invited to the premiere screening of on Wednesday, July 31, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at VOX POP.

From My Heart to Yours is the result of a collaboration between the City of Somerville’s Health and Human Services Department and the Somerville Media Center, a non-profit community media arts organization that is the oldest media access center in Massachusetts.

“It has been our mission as an organization for nearly forty years to share the stories often unheard or not represented in mainstream media with our community through educational videos,” adds Erica Jones, Director of Institutional Advancement at Somerville Media Center. “The opioid epidemic is one that hits home for many people and to be able to try to convey the stories of those who were at their most vulnerable state and their journey to recovery was an incredibly powerful and moving experience for our team.”

Both organizations plan to determine ways to best incorporate this educational video into city trainings and offer it as a community resource. Additional screenings will be announced soon. The post film discussion panelists will be announced soon.

For more information, please contact Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager, at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2570 or mmitchell@somervillema.gov.

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12:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amEsoteric Science

7:30amDW In Good Shape

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amDW Global 3000

9:30amBoth Sides of the Bars

10:00amPoet to Poet, Writer to Writer

10:30amSomerville Storytellers

11:00amLIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast

12:00pmThe Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)

1:00pmHealth is Wealth

1:30pmArt Seen at SMC

2:00pmScience 360

3:00pmDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pmSpeak Up! Somerville

4:30pmThe Literati Scene

5:00pmHello Neighbor

5:30pmWomen2Women Today

6:00pmSpeak Up! Somerville

6:30pmOff the Shelf

7:00pmHaitian Poetry in 3 Languages

8:00pmLIVE - Somerville Pundits

8:30pmSpeak Up! Somerville

9:00pmBoston Come Through

10:00pmLIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pmFlotilla

Thursday, July 25

12:00amSCATV Secret Stash

12:30amSCATV Secret Stash

1:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amPerils for Pedestrians

7:30amDW Focus on Europe

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amDW Tomorrow Today

9:30amHello Neighbor

10:00amLegacies

10:30amSomerville Pundits

11:00amTeen Empowerment

11:30amArt & Ideas

12:00pmThe Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)

1:00pmThe Somerville Line

3:00pmDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pmHello Neighbor!

4:30pmThe Struggle

5:00pmWords on Film with Dan Burke

6:00pmCommunity Lens

6:30pmSomerville Pundits

Friday, July 26

7:00pmLIVE - The Boston Medium

8:00pmStartup TV Boston

9:00pmThe Beantown Beatdown

10:00pmThe Chatman Booth

10:30pmTUTV

11:00pmDIWHY The show

12:00amHeavy Leather Topless Dance Party

1:00amSCATV Secret Stash

1:30amSCATV Secret Stash

2:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amThe Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amEsoteric Science

9:30amCambridge Calendar

10:00amNASA TV

11:00amSOM ARTS

11:30amDW Tomorrow Today

12:00pmThe Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)

1:00pmThe Yellow Jacket Lady

1:30pmSpeak Up! Somerville

2:00pmThe Kamla Show

2:30pmSMC Youth Media

3:00pmDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pmGay USA

5:00pmThe Chatman Booth

5:30pmWhat's New Massachusetts?

6:00pmLIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast

7:00pmSOM ARTS

7:30pmArt Seen at SMC

8:00pmThe Grandstanders

8:30pmGreater Somerville

9:00pmThe Boston Medium

10:00pmHeavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pmTotally Working Out

Saturday, July 27

12:00amDIWHY The Show

1:00amBoston Come Through

2:00amHeavy Leather Topless Dance Party

3:00amFree Speech TV

5:00amEffort Pour Christ

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amRoad to Recovery

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amSMC Youth Media

9:30amSomerville Storytellers

10:00amDead Air Live

11:00amHaitian Poetry in 3 Languages

12:00pmTeleGalaxie

Sunday, July 28

12:00amFlotilla

1:00amSCATV Secret Stash

1:30amSCATV Secret Stash

2:00amHeavy Leather Topless Dance Party

3:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amCommunity Bulletin Board

7:00amNossa Gentes e Costumes

8:00amEffort Pour Christ

9:00amTele Kreyol

10:00amEvangelista Camillo Fodera

11:00amThe Chef's Table Series

12:00pmGentle Belly Dancing

1:00pmOff the Shelf

1:30pmDW Conflict Zone

2:00pmStartup TV Boston

3:00pmAfrican Television Network

4:00pmDedilhando a Saudade

5:00pmGay USA

6:00pmThe Grandstanders

7:00pmTeen Empowerment

8:30pmCinema Somerville

9:00pmSomerville Neighborhood News

10:00pmTele Magazine

11:00pmThe Boston Medium

11:30pmBox House Productions Presents

Monday, July 29

12:00amFree Speech TV

5:00amEvangelista Camillo Fodera

6:00amCommunity Bulletin Board

7:00amPerils for Pedestrians

7:30amGoing Postal

Tuesday, July 30

12:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amCommunity Bulletin Board

7:00amDW Euromaxx

7:30amEsoteric Science

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amThe Chef's Table Series

10:00amRoad to Recovery

11:00amGraphic Content

11:30amDW In Good Shape

12:00pmThe Thom Hartman Show

1:00pmWords on Film with Dan Burke

2:00pmSomerville Overcoming Addiction

3:00pmDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pmSMC Youth Media

4:30pmHenry Parker Presents

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6:30pmArt & Ideas

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7:30pmLIVE - Greater Somerville

8:00pmLIVE - Dead Air Live

9:00pmThe Somerville Line

10:00pmTUTV

10:30pmPublic Access Boyz

11:00pmBox House Productions Presents

11:30pmOjo Rojo

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Wednesday, July 24

7:30amFit-4-Life #6

8:00amArt Beat 2019

9:00amCity Council Meeting - 7.11.19

2:00pmTalking Business "Bow Market"

2:30pmHaiti in the 'Ville

6:00pmRaising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

6:30pmHaiti in the 'Ville

7:13pmSomerville Ave. Construction Public Meeting

9:30pmArt Beat 2019

10:30pmSomerViva em Português

11:01pmJoe's Jazz & Blues Fest - 6.15.19

Thursday, July 25

12:00amConnecting Communities

12:30amSomerville Ave. Construction Public Meeting

2:30amEast Somerville Walking Tour - 6.16.19

8:00amMiddlesex Update w/Marian Ryan

8:30amSomerViva em Português

9:01amSomerville Ave. Construction Public Meeting

11:30amConnecting Communities

12:00pmSenior Circuit - June 2019

12:30pmSomerViva en Español

1:00pmPOW Veterans' Cemetery Ceremony

1:30pmCC Finance Committee - FY20 Budget

6:30pmSomerViva em Português

7:01pmCopp's Hill Burying Ground

8:00pmIndependence Day Celebration & Fireworks

10:00pmConnecting Communities

10:30pmLetters of World War II at Council on Aging

Friday, July 26

12:00amJoe's Jazz & Blues Fest - 6.15.19

1:00amSCAP Annual Meeting 2019

2:30amHistoric Preservation Awards

7:30amSCAP Annual Meeting 2019

9:00amHistoric Preservation Awards

11:30amRoll Call of Heroes 2019

12:05pmMilk Row Cemetery Tour - 5.23.19

1:35pmTalking Business "Bow Market"

2:00pmPorchfest '19

3:00pmHaiti in the 'Ville

6:30pmConnecting Communities

7:00pmJoe's Jazz & Blues Fest - 6.15.19

8:00pmArt Beat 2019

9:00pmSomerViva en Español

9:30pmMemorial on the Mystic 2019

11:05pmTalking Business "Bow Market"

11:30pmSomerViva em Português

Saturday, July 27

12:01amCC Finance Committee - FY20 Budget

8:00amSit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout

8:30amPride Flag Raising

9:00amArt Beat 2019

10:00amConnecting Communities

11:30amSenior Circuit - June 2019

12:00pmCity Council Meeting - 7.11.19

6:30pmRaising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

7:00pmSCAP Annual Meeting 2019

8:30pmHaiti in the 'Ville

9:13pmPride Flag Raising

9:30pmMayor's Senior Picnic

11:00pmEast Somerville Walking Tour - 6.16.19

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11:00pmArt Beat 2019

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12:00amSomerViva en Español

12:30amCC Finance Committee - FY20 Budget

7:30amSit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout

8:00amPOW Veterans' Cemetery Ceremony

8:30amConnecting Communities

9:00amRoll Call of Heroes 2019

11:00amPride Flag Raising

11:30amConnecting Communities

12:00pmSenior Circuit - June 2019

12:30pmCC Finance Committee - FY20 Budget

6:00pmSomerViva em Português

6:31pmRaising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

7:00pmSenior Circuit - June 2019

7:30pmSomerville Ave. Construction Public Meeting

9:30pmArt Beat 2019

10:30pmEast Somerville Walking Tour - 6.16.19

Wednesday, July 31

12:00amSenior Circuit - June 2019

12:30amArt Beat 2019

1:30amIndependence Day Celebration & Fireworks

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Wednesday, July 24

12:02amBoys Intramural Basketball Championship

1:05amGirls Intramural Basketball Championship

5:00amPublic Domain Theater

9:00amArgenziano School Spring Concert

10:00amWSNS Science Fair Winners

11:00amWSNS Spring Concert

12:00pmBrown School Spring Concert

1:05pmClass Day 2019

3:30pmSHS Graduation 2019

5:30pmEl Sistema Year End Concert

6:00pmArgenziano School Spring Concert

7:00pmWSNS Science Fair Winners

8:00pmWSNS Spring Concert

9:00pmBrown School Spring Concert

10:05pmClass Day 2019

Thursday, July 25

12:30amEl Sistema Year End Concert

1:00amAll-City Middle School Spring Concert

9:00amKennedy School K-3 Spring Concert

10:00amWSNS Moving On Ceremony

11:00amWHCIS Moving On Ceremony

12:00pmSCALE Graduation 2019

2:00pmAn Evening of Song

3:00pmBrown School Spring Concert

4:30pmSHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19

5:00pmKennedy School K-3 Spring Concert

6:00pmWSNS Moving On Ceremony

7:00pmWHCIS Moving On Ceremony

8:00pmSCALE Graduation 2019

9:30pmSHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19

10:00pmAn Evening of Song

11:00pmBrown School Spring Concert

Friday, July 26

12:05amSHS Volleyball vs Greater Lowell Tech

1:00amPublic Domain Theater

9:00amSpring String Fling

10:00amSHS Baseball vs Pope John

11:30amStudent of the Qtr. - Brown School

12:00pmBoys Intramural Basketball Championship

1:00pmGirls Intramural Basketball Championship

2:00pmSHS Graduation 2019

4:00pmKennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert

5:00pmSpring String Fling

6:00pmSHS Baseball vs Pope John

7:30pmStudent of the Qtr. - Brown School

8:00pmBoys Intramural Basketball Championship

9:00pmGirls Intramural Basketball Championship

10:00pmSHS Graduation 2019

Saturday, July 27

12:00amKennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert

1:00amWSNS Science Fair Winners

2:00amRec All City Track Meet

9:00amSING! Somerville

10:00amWSNS Science Fair Winners

11:00amArgenziano School Spring Concert

12:00pmSCALE Graduation 2019

1:30pmRec All City Track Meet

3:00pmEl Sistema Year End Concert

3:57pmESCS Spring Concert

5:00pmSING! Somerville

6:00pmWSNS Science Fair Winners

7:00pmArgenziano School Spring Concert

8:00pmSCALE Graduation 2019

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3:57pmESCS Spring Concert

5:00pmSING! Somerville

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Robert Smyth and the Yellow Moon Press

This article is from 2003.

On a nondescript stretch of Somerville Avenue just outside Porter Square, there is an unexpected storefront, Yellow Moon Press. It is a veritable treasure trove of story, poetry books, CDs and tapes, that celebrate the oral tradition.

In their catalog, Yellow Moon describes itself as "committed to publishing materials from the various arts of the oral tradition. It is our goal to make available material that explores the oral tradition and breathes new life into it."

This pleasingly eclectic small press and retail outlet has poetry titles by local poets such as Elizabeth McKim to the more globally known Robert Bly and Ruth Stone. The books range from *The Hungry Tigress*, that deals with Buddhist legends, to *Journey In – An Anthology of Audience Participation Poems and How to Tell Them*.

Yellow Moon Press (www.yellowmoon.com) started publishing poetry in 1978, but gradually shifted to the spoken word and oral tradition. Since then, Yellow Moon books are being used in courses in many schools around the country, and they have been a recipient of awards by such notable organizations as the American Library Association and the American Book Association.

I talked with Robert Smyth, the founder of the Press, in his small store on a sunny morning in June:

DH: Tell me something about your background. How did you get into publishing and the retailing of books?

RS: My love of poetry started in my last years of high school, and continued to college. I went to Denison University out in Ohio. When I was there Denise Levertov (once a Somerville poet) came for a week. Robert Bly came for a number of years, and in my senior year I brought Allen Ginsberg in. Soon after I got out of college I started going to Robert Bly's annual conference, The Great Mother and the New Father. That is where I was introduced to storytelling.

I first did a small chap for a woman out in Washington state. Yellow Moon was founded in 1979. My idea was that I would do little books of poetry now and again, when I found something I really liked. I did not do it as my livelihood. I did it because I loved poetry. Our first book was printed in Union Square (Somerville), by an old leftist press whose name escapes me. I think I found it through Ed Hogan, who founded Somerville's Aspect Magazine. Ed taught me a lot about publishing.

The storefront opened up three years ago. Before that I did it out of my house. When I first started Yellow Moon Press I worked at Rounder Records, which at that time was in Somerville. Yellow Moon publishes books and cassettes of storytelling, poetry and music. We have 53 titles in print. We have books on poetry, folklore, collections of Buddhist legends – a range of stuff.

DH: Do you find that Somerville has a good atmosphere for your business?

RS: The location here at 689 Somerville Ave. has more foot traffic than I thought.

DH: Can you talk about some of the local storytellers and poets you have published?

RS: The first person that comes to mind is Doug Lipman. He lived in Somerville but now he lives



in Atlanta. Doug has been a real part of the storytelling community for years. He is one of the first artists I did a storytelling tape with back in the late 80's. I was associated with a group, Storytellers In Concert, that Doug was a part of. They put on monthly concerts for adults. Doug was the founding member of that. We did four storytelling cassettes with him. We have also published Jennifer Justice, Maggie Purse, Elizabeth McKim (Body India), and other local people we worked with.

DH: Your wife Anna Warrock is a poet. How is it being a literary couple? Have you published your wife?

RS: We toyed with the idea. I was willing and glad to produce something for Anna. She feels that she wants to get a publisher who is someone other than her husband. She has won a number of awards for her poetry. I have to honor how she wants to do it. We do stuff together. I've helped her with getting her manuscripts ready to go. We are currently working on a reading series, *Crossing Open Ground* at the Brickbottom Studios. It is a mixture of poets, fiction writers, and storytellers. The first evening we had the Somerville storyteller, Peggy Melanson.

DH: You told me that you and Anna have coordinated Robert Bly's 28th Annual Conference on *The Great Mother and the New Father*. Can you tell me how you became involved with Bly and the festival?

RS: I became acquainted with Robert Bly in the early 70's. I was struck by his charisma. The conference is an interdisciplinary arts festival. There was an art gallery at the festival with some tremendous paintings, photos and sculptures. The conference this year was focused on the confluence of Jewish, Islamic, and Spanish culture. The conference explored the masculine and feminine. It explored this through the arts.

DH: How hard is it to run a small press and an indie bookstore?

RS: I don't count on the bookstore as a primary source of income. I still do freelance work, audio production and tapes, and I also do book production. I just did a book design for Joe Armstrong, who lives in Davis Square. He studied with Pablo Casals in the 50's. Yellow Moon is a nonprofit. Several books are used as course texts at colleges around the country. Lesley University extension uses our books. We also sell to storytelling festivals.

DH: Any future plans for the store and press?

RS: I am on a push to grow the press. I've just signed up with Words Distribution, out in California. Distribution is the nut to crack.

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MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72465558	67 Gilman St	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	6	\$499,999	\$572,000
72475965	66 Marshall Street U:A	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath	6	\$595,000	\$641,000
72463960	2 Snow Terrace	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	7	\$685,000	\$715,000
72361444	23 Glendale Ave	8 room, 5 bed, 2f bath	276	\$800,000	\$750,000
72455592	33 Avon Street	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1hbath	61	\$1,399,000	\$1,380,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72464755	56 Line Street U:1	8 room, 3 bed, 3f bath	3	\$1,085,000	\$1,200,000
72448116	40 Harvard St U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 3f bath	27	\$1,099,900	\$1,085,000
72403300	12 Columbus Ave U:12	7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	199	\$1,145,000	\$1,100,000
72485889	35 Woodbine Street U:35	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	7	\$1,148,000	\$1,155,000
72476091	5 Elmwood Street U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 3f bath	7	\$1,175,000	\$1,195,000
72458234	33 Bay State Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	29	\$1,190,000	\$1,141,500
72418896	9-11 Sherman Ct U:9	7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath	159	\$1,299,900	\$1,250,000
72460554	22 White Street Place U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	31	\$1,419,000	\$1,380,000

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

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72322821	46-48 High Street	11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms 2 Family	368	\$1,250,000	\$1,100,000
72476211	78 Morrison Avenue	12 total rooms, 3 total bedrooms 3 Family	15	\$1,350,000	\$1,400,000
72452986	30-32 Whitman St	14 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms 2 Family	51	\$1,374,900	\$1,342,500
72487492	94 Albion Street	10 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms 2 Family	20	\$1,398,000	\$1,400,000
72497854	11 Preston Rd	17 total rooms, 7 total bedrooms 3 Family	9	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
72469003	242 Broadway	21 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms 4 Family	31	\$1,649,999	\$1,560,000
72463745	65-69 Adams Street	36 total rooms, 18 total bedrooms 5-9 Family	21	\$3,650,000	\$3,200,000