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Public updated at GLX meeting, concerns shared



The imminent closure of the Ball Square/Broadway bridge and the expected traffic issues that are likely to follow are uppermost in many area residents' minds. — *Photo by Bobbie Toner*

By Henry Lin-David

On July 18, the Green Line Extension (GLX) project team held a meeting in Medford to brief the public on its progress and goals for the future. Attendees were excited about the current state of the project, but also shared concerns about transparency and traffic logistics.

The meeting serves as a small step towards the GLX's completion, which is tentatively set for late 2021. The project would drastically increase public transportation access in Somerville, from 15 percent of residents to an estimated 85 percent.

The Green Line Extension Contractors (GLXC) Project Manager John West informed the attendees that significant progress had been made on the "pre-Construction" phase, such as the removal of more than 500 tons of garbage from the track area. Tree Continued on page 4

Lincoln Park celebrates reopening of public space

By Shira Laucharoen

Somerville's Lincoln Park held its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on July 20, an event that marked the reopening of the park. The dynamic new space, a recreational area for the community, underwent a renovation process and is currently the largest park in the city. Present at the celebration were Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Ward 2 Alderman J.T. Scott, and the city's director of parks Arn Franzen.

"We know that access to quality green space isn't a luxury, it's a necessity in urban neighborhoods like ours," said Curtatone.

Planning for the changes to the park began in



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2009, and construction started in 2016. Developers initiated the upgrade with the intention of creating a state of the art outdoor common, taking into account the income of the neighborhood and recreational needs, before commencing the design process.

ng the design process. The improvements include a Continued on page 8 on July 20. Mayor Joseph Curtatone officiated the ribbon cutting for the opening of the renovated Lincoln Park — Photo by Shira Laucharoen

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It was a great send off last Friday night at Davio's in Lynnfield, as Cambridge District Court personnel and friends of Probation Officer Robert McWatters gathered to say "Happy retirement." After 34 years serving the courts, Bob was presented several gifts of appreciation for a job well done. A small crowd of about 80 to 100 of his co-workers, family and friends gathered to give Bob a proper sendoff. His many friends locally will also be giving him a sendoff this coming Friday night at Sally O'Brien's at 6:00 p.m. So if you missed last week, show up then to wish him the best and thank him for a job well done.

How many received the "door hanger literature" this past week? It read "Standing Together, We can Win the Good Jobs and Housing Our Community Needs." After reading this, one can't help thinking it was left by union members. We think that is fine, but why not say who you are? No name, other than "Somerville Stands Together" and a post office box. No name, no address, no email, no website, just a PO Box. But there is a tear off post card asking for your name, address, and email. Who is behind this and why not say who they are? If it's the local city unions, why not include a space to ask questions? We're very suspicious of literature not declaring who they are but wanting to get your information. Don't you agree?

Still no outrage from our elected officials. Where is Mayor Joe, Ward 5 Alderman Niedergang and Ward 6 Alderman Davis, who represent Ball Square and its neighbors? Why aren't they asking questions and demanding another way that they can adjust the bridge without closing down the entire bridge at once, especially for one year. Ball Square businesses will lose money and customers if they get locked out for over a year, because "the state claims it's too expensive to do otherwise." Where are Senator Jehlen, and Representatives Provost and Barber? Again, where is the outrage? Aren't they concerned about the impact it will have on both businesses and neighborhood streets that people will use to go around the bridge. The businesses and neighbors, like Highland Road, Josephine Avenue, Willow Avenue, will be disrupted. Continued on page 11

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Response to: Newstalk – July 18

DanR says:

"Oh, wait, didn't we lose the constituent alderman in the last election, in favor of other issues that might be better left to our state delegation? Guess that's what we get when we elect a socialist majority Board of Aldermen. To soon? To harsh? ...

We here at Newstalk were walking around Assembly Square, in particular by the Winter Hill Yacht Club this past weekend and couldn't stop thinking how much the city of Somerville would be to have this valuable piece of real estate returned to the city, and actually used by the residents." Sounds pretty socialist to me! Always love to read the confused, contradictory opinions of Newstalk.

DatGruntled says:

It is actually hard to see that the current board of aldermen is doing anything to earn their pay. They will just debate things till everyone has forgotten what the topic was in the first place.

What a nightmare says:

This will be a colossal nightmare for those of us that live on the side streets surrounding this area. Unless they plan on turning every side street into a one way leading into the square these streets will become unusable during the commutes. Also Medford will be crushed with this traffic Havard street and Worcester street will become completely clogged all day.

Disgusted says:

Where is the administration and the BOA members who fought for the green line for years, yet never planned for how construction would be done. Suddenly they realize that the bridge needs to be closed for an entire year, and if this is news to them then they are all asleep at the switch. No mention of the fact that the bridge was just re-built a few years ago. There was a pedestrian walkway during construction to the School Street bridge, because they didn't want City Hall impacted. We now know for sure that they don't care about the impact on other constituents across the city. Where is the Disabilities Commission? I would suggest that the ADA should be invoked. This will primarily impact the elderly, the disabled, and families with children. Imagine living on Willow Ave. and being unable to get to your doctor's office right across the bridge. And they want to send buses down Cedar Street? People who work at City Hall should actually drive some of the city streets occasionally. Maybe they'd see the folly in this 'plan'. No one knows how people will get to the bus or where it will stop, never mind how it will navigate Cedar Street. There are many people who cannot avoid Cedar Street. There are side streets that run off Cedar and one-way streets that feed into Cedar. This will also impact people and traffic. Now they're discussing what impact it will have on the Brown School. There is actually a suggestion out there that police details be stationed on Willow to prevent people from using it. Will they stop every vehicle to determine if they're an abbutter, or if they are a teacher or parent at the school? For a year? Great use of police resources. Someone please explain why the city has yet to make a real plan for this issue. But the BOA did vote themselves a raise and plan how they could take away property rights, so that was a good use of their time, right?

Oh Boy says:

The State says 1 year to finish the work on the bridge = figure on 2 years minimum, maybe 3.

Response to: Movie Nights in the Park

Joe Beckmann says:

Retired, I start each day reading – news like the Times – and then take a break with a huge online movie library. Recently I saw The Search (1948), which was about a US soldier, played by Montgomery Clift, help a 9 year old find his mother, in Germany, after Auschwitz split them - the way Trump's ICE splits families. This parallel was painful, and obvious. Yet in one scene the film shows truck fulls of Auschwitz children going to Israel, since their families were already dead. And that scene implies why this kind of "compassion" is all the more dreadful. What are we creating in the "New South"?



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The Somerville Times Immigrant/Police Dialogue Series raises questions of equity

By Shira Laucharoen

The Human Rights Commission held a session of the Immigrant/Police Dialogue Series addressing pressing social concerns at the Cross Street Center on July 19. With the aim of increasing transparency and examining this complicated relationship, the Chief of Police David Fallon responded to questions from attendees.

Fallon revealed that the report of domestic violence related incidents has experienced some dips over the years, rising and falling since 2015. Of these incidents, the Somerville Police Department does not know the ethnicity of those involved, as Fallon said that the police do not report race in their statistics.

One individual raised the question of whether victims of crime who do not have a social security number and only have a foreign passport would have their information shared with other parties. Fallon said that information would be passed on to Homeland Security Investigations, a division of ICE, if requested, although he stated that there have not yet been reported incidents of Somerville residents being picked up by ICE.

Maureen DiPaolo, a victim witness advocate with the Family Services Unit, explained that the police do not have official translators for victims who may not speak English, but that there are often officers who speak different languages at hand or third parties accompanying the victims. The Police Department also offers a language access line for callers. DiPaolo described her role in helping victims find resources, stating that victims are often dependent on abusers for food sources and housing, a condition that may complicate each case.

"We want members of the community to feel safe in this space and ask questions without fear"

Attendees of the meeting reflected on the past and current relationship between immigrant residents and the police. Regina Bertholdo, of Somerville Public Schools, stated that she had "witnessed horrible behavior of the police in the past towards immigrants," but that the situation has improved greatly. One individual drew attention to the gang ordinance passed in May 2004, a law that was viewed as promoting racial profiling and creating a strained dynamic between the police and the community. In addition, Fallon updated meeting participants on new initiatives the Police Department is establishing, including a cadet program which will recruit from high school minority and female students, as well as a



Manager of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Nency Salamoun (left) introduced Chief of Police David Fallon (right) at the Immigrant/Police Dialogue Series. — Photo by Shira Laucharoen

basketball program.

The Immigrant/Police Dialogue Series, which are public meetings that have been run for the past 10 years, will be held quarterly, and the next session will be hosted on October 18 at the Central Library. The city's manager of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Nency Salamoun said that it is the program's goal to have increased immigrant representation at the meetings.

"We want members of the community to feel safe in this space and ask questions without fear," Salamoun said.





Join the City of Somerville Planning Department for a discussion about the Davis Square Neighborhood Plan on Tuesday, July 31, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave. Planning staff will review feedback received from the community via prior discussions and outreach, and receive additional input, which will be used to help finalize the plan.

The following questions will be discussed at the meeting: How should the City address the increasing maintenance issues in Davis Square? Should the residential areas around the core of Davis Square be upzoned for additional housing? How should a potential new four-way intersection be designed?

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All he was doing was walking home

While parked near the intersection of Kidder and Willow Ave. last week, police officers observed a vehicle speeding toward the intersection heading North on Willow.

The intersection is a fourway stop and is raised to slow traffic. This area is in a school zone and the posted speed limit is 20 mph.

The car reportedly bounced hard when it hit the raised intersection and then the car took off rapidly with the tires squealing loudly.

The officers activated their

emergency lights and pursued the vehicle northbound. They observed the car turn right on Broadway without stopping at the stop light, then disappear after they turned the corner.

At the next intersection the officers observed two helpful citizens at the intersection of Broadway and Josephine Ave. frantically waving their arms, directing them to go down Josephine Ave., a one-way street.

The officers turned down Josephine Ave. and observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed ahead of them. It reportedly turned right on Kidder Ave. and came to stop almost exactly where the police cruiser was parked when they first observed the car run its first stop sign.

The driver, later identified as Peter McIlroy, of Medford, opened his car door as the officers approached and began to exit his car.

The officers told McIlroy to stay in the car, which he did, but he attempted to exit the car several times as they were talking.

The officers reported that they detected a strong odor of alcohol coming from the driver. They also reportedly also observed the driver's eyes to be glassy and his speech slurred.

McIlroy was asked why he ran the stop sign and was driving so fast, to which he reportedly replied that he did not know he was driving fast.

McIlroy was asked to perform a field sobriety test, but he refused to cooperate so he was placed into custody.

While waiting for the prisoner transport wagon, McIlroy repeatedly asked the officers to put him in contact with his lawyer in several different ways.

Each time he asked, the officers explained that he would get his phone call after he was booked at the station, but he reportedly did not understand their responses or was unable to comprehend them. McIlroy also stated that the officers were harassing him and all he was doing was walking home.

McIlroy was taken in for booking on charges of failure to stop or yield, improper operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

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Arrests:

Peter McIlroy, of 15 Martin St., Medford, July 16, 12:04 a.m., arrested at Willow Ave. on charges of failure to stop or yield, improper operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a

motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

Jeffrey Solomon, of 534 Revere St., Revere, July 17, 11:04 a.m., arrested at Pearl St. on warrant charges of shoplifting over \$250 by concealing merchandise and conspiracy.

Julio Rolon-Lopez, of 24 North St., July 17, 2:06 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a warrant charge of assault to murder.

Laquan Holland, of 55

O'Reily Way, Charlestown, July 18, 3:48 p.m., arrested at Revolution Dr. on a warrant charge of sex offender failure to register.

Rishaad Lee, of 170 Medford St., Boston, July 21, 7:25 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Kasey Citron, of 70 Porter St., July 22, 1:31 a.m., arrested at Porter St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

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clearing is also well underway, says West. But although the project appears to be running on schedule, he urged the community to be understanding of potential delays.

"The paramount concern we have is safety, not only of our workers, but of the public," said West.

The team also updated residents on the design for the community path, which would provide additional pedestrian access to transit. The most recent plans include several safety features such as call boxes and lighting. Despite progress, these designs are still in their preliminary stages, said GLXC Engineering Coordinator Sean Anderson. Finally, the community heard about the bridge replacement plan from Mike Ortlier, the GLXC Construction and Traffic Coordinator. The project will affect seven bridges between now and 2020, starting with the Broadway Bridge this coming fall. For the Broadway Bridge closure, the team presented a possible car detour as well as three potential bus routes, inviting the community to consider which proposal might be optimal.

were given an opportunity to comment on the project. The participants included State Representative Christine Parker, who emphasized the importance of communication between the GLX team and the community.

"I'm hoping for a process where people are listened to," said Parker.

Community members were perhaps most anxious about the Broadway Bridge, which will be closed for reconstruction for twelve months. The current detour would direct cars onto Harvard Street. which residents claimed would not only be disruptive, but dangerous.

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"Harvard Street is in pathetic shape," one person declared. Another resident said that a National Grid worker had likened the road's conditions to "Swiss cheese." One person said that Harvard Street would need to be repaired before facing this massive increase in traffic. In addition, attendees worried that large backups caused by detours might encourage drivers to pour into residential areas. "I'm very concerned about the motor vehicle detour route," said Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang. "Keep people the hell out of our neighborhoods!"

Following the presentation, attendees

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of July 16-20.

\$41.88 BILLION FISCAL 2019 STATE BUDGET (H 4800)

House 143-6, Senate 36-1, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker the conference committee compromise version of a \$41.88 billion fiscal 2019 state budget.

Baker has ten days to sign the budget and to veto sections of it. It would then take a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate to override any vetoes. The conference committee version was hammered out after the House and Senate each approved different budgets. The final version is nearly \$400 million more than what either branch approved.

"This budget demonstrates a commitment to our constituents and is a testament to the fiscal strength of our commonwealth," said Senate President Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester). "With this funding, we are supporting our children's education, the transit systems in our cities and towns, and underserved youth and families across Massachusetts."

"I voted against the conference committee budget for fiscal year 2019 because it did not contain even rudimentary protections from overzealous law enforcement for immigrants in Massachusetts," said Rep. Denise Provost (D-Somerville). "Massachusetts should not be abetting or participating in enforcement of these policies. It violates our heritage as the state which, in 1855, passed a law which prohibited state officers from assisting in the removal from the commonwealth of escaped slaves seeking refuge here."

"This is a fiscally sound budget that addresses key House priorities," said House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "I am particularly proud of our investments in early education and care, the stabilization fund deposit, our work to bolster this year's landmark criminal justice bill and our decision to lift the cap on welfare benefits."

Other opponents said the budget does not make sufficient cuts, state spending has grown too much over the past few years and billions of dollars of taxpayer money is going to government services for illegal immigrants.

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

have access to better training practices and resources as well as fulfill training mandates required by the state. Training is critical for officers to safely do their jobs and it is more important than ever that we make sure our men and women in law enforcement get all the support they need to keep us all safe."

"I am extremely disappointed that police training money was used as a cover to create a new tax on rental cars," said Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton). The commonwealth has a \$1.2 billion surplus of revenue and yet the state could not find the money to fund police training without raising taxes. Unfortunately, all too often when a tax is implemented for a purpose it disappears into the General Fund."

"The commonwealth's municipal police officers have been underserved by reliance on an annual budget appropriation to the Municipal Police Training Council," said Rep. Tim Whelan (R-Brewster), a former police officer. "The bill is a vehicle for guaranteed funding long sought by the Mass Chiefs of Police Association to ensure our brave law enforcement officers have resources available to give them access to the training they need to improve their safety and their dedicated service to our communities."

"I completely support our police and their need for ongoing training," said Rep. Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica). "I oppose a new tax to fund this while we have a \$1.2 billion budget surplus. We should have funded this within the budget with existing revenues."

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$2 tax to fund police training. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

RAISE AGE FROM 18 TO 21 TO PURCHASE TOBACCO (H 4784)

House 146-3, Senate 32-3, approved a bill raising from 18 to 21 the age to legally purchase cigarettes and electronic cigarettes in the Bay State. Other provisions ban e-cigarettes and other vape devices from the workplace and prohibit pharmacies and healthcare facilities from selling any tobacco or vape products.

"Increasing the tobacco age to 21 will reduce tobacco use among youth and young adults – age groups when nearly all tobacco use begins and that are heavily targeted by the tobacco industry," said Matthew Myers, President of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "We know that about 95 percent of adult smokers began smoking before they turned 21. We also know that tobacco companies spend \$9.5 billion a year – more than \$1 million every hour – to market their deadly and addictive products, much of it aimed at young people." (A"Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine BarberYesRep. Mike ConnollyYesRep. Denise ProvostYesSen. Patricia JehlenYes

REPEAL ARCHAIC SEX AND ABORTION LAWS (S 2260)

House 138-9, Senate 38-0, approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill that would eliminate old state laws restricting or banning abortion and contraception.

The laws repealed include the ban on unmarried people accessing abortion and contraception; the ban on distributing information on how to procure contraception or abortion care; a law which punishes doctors, pharmacists and all healthcare providers for distributing contraception or providing abortion care; and a ban on adultery and fornication.

"I applaud the Massachusetts House of Representatives for voting overwhelmingly to wipe archaic and unconstitutional laws off the books and make clear the right to safe, legal abortion is protected in our state," said Dr. Jennifer Childs-Roshak, president and CEO, of Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts. "These archaic laws represent a Massachusetts that no longer exists – one in which women did not have autonomy over their bodies, futures, or lives—and one that should never again exist."

"The vote to pass [the bill] was a decade in the making, and its passage proves that Massachusetts is ready to lead the way in ensuring access to abortion and contraceptive care, especially given the threat to our basic rights on the federal level" said Rebecca Hart Holder, President of NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts. "With this win, Massachusetts now has the momentum necessary to push even further, having laid the groundwork to take the next steps to enshrine protections for abortion access in state law and become a safe haven state for reproductive health care."

The Catholic Action League called the House vote "hasty, histrionic, and gratuitous, but unsurprising." "Once again, members of the Massachusetts Legislature have demonstrated their toadying subservience to one of the state's most powerful special interests – Planned Parenthood," said the league's Executive Director C. J. Doyle. "More than 70 percent of state senators and more 64 percent of state representatives are listed by the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts as 'Champions' or 'Allies.""

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Denise Provost	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

HIKE CAR RENTAL TAX BY \$2 TO FUND PO-LICE TRAINING (H 4516)

House 143-5, Senate 36-0, approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill imposing a \$2 tax on car rentals to fund municipal police training.

Amendment supporters said the small fee would raise up to \$10 million annually for this fund established by the criminal justice law signed by Gov. Baker last month.

"This is the result of years of tireless advocacy from the Mass Chiefs of Police Association and other law enforcement entities to secure a dedicated revenue stream for police training," said Rep. Hal Naughton (D-Clinton). "This will ensure our officers in the commonwealth

Sen. Don Humason (R-Westfield) said he opposes the bill because it takes away personal freedom and individual responsibility. He revealed that he has never smoked cigarettes or marijuana or vaped. He said he doesn't think people should do any of those three things but that he has a hard time when the government tries to tell adults what they can and cannot do. He said the government should provide information to help people make a decision on these matters. Doyle continued, "As the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court asserted as long ago as 1981, in Moe v. Secretary of Administration and Finance, that the state Constitution contains a right to abortion, a possible future U.S. Supreme decision reversing or modifying Roe v. Wade would have no effect in Massachusetts. This measure is more about pandering than lawmaking."

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it. The House vote is from last week. The Senate vote is from January.)

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

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ALLOW NEIGHBORHOODS TO BAND TO-**GETHER AND FORM A DISTRICT (H 4546)**

Senate 22-15, approved a local option bill allowing a city or town to authorize the creation of community benefit districts which would permit owners of contiguous property in a city or town to form a district and require property owners to pay for additional services, improvements, events and other projects and activities within the district. The districts would be operated by a nonprofit board.

Is the required payment a tax or an assessment fee? It depends on who you ask.

"Assessment fees are not a tax," said Andre Leroux, Executive Director MA Smart Growth Alliance which supports the bill."They are established by local initiative through the development of a management plan, a petition signed by participants, after a public hearing, approval by the City Council or Board of Selectmen, and under the control of a nonprofit management entity that allows broad community input and control. The fees are paid by property owners for services (benefits) that they receive and manage. Is a condo fee a tax? It's the same principle on a district scale."

"Condo fees are a voluntary imposition, part of a contract entered into only if one chooses," said Citizens for Limited Taxation Executive Director Chip Ford who opposes the measure. "They are avoidable. Community Benefit District taxes will be imposed ex-post facto on an unwilling entity by a hungry majority of beneficiaries. It will become the proverbial two wolves and a lamb democratically voting on what's for dinner. By the way, the wolves and lamb have already paid their dinner tab, to the state and municipality, so

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don't need to vote on it."

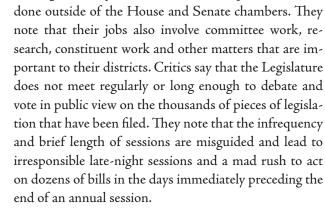
"While our statewide economy is strong and unemployment low, there are still many communities where that is not the case," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn). "Municipalities across the state do their best to create environments that spur economic growth, but they are often dealing with limited resources and capacities. Community Benefit Districts can help by offering a tool that brings all of the stakeholders together with the goal of making neighborhood improvements, creating jobs, and growing our local economies. These benefits could include improved walkability, lighting, cultural programs, branding, landscaping, and supports for local businesses."

"Communities already have democratic and voluntary tools to make district improvements," said Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville) who voted against the proposal. "This bill would make it easier for a minority of property owners to form a private corporation with the power to tax their neighbors and make decisions about public spaces and district services."

The House and Senate have approved different versions of the bill. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)					
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No				

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

During the week of July 16-20, the House met for a total of 18 hours and 58 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 32 hours and 15 minutes.

Mon. July 16	House 11:00 a.m. to 5:01 p.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 4:44 p.m.
Tues. July 17	House 11:04 a.m. to 4:47 p.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 5:14 p.m.
Wed. July 19	House 11:02 a.m. to 5:56 p.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 7:55 p.m.
Thurs. July 19	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 10:48 p.m.
Fri. July 20	No House session No Senate session

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72303188	96R Summer	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Contemporary	15	\$895,000	\$971,000	
72302744	52 Highland Road	10 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	7	\$999,000	\$1,151,000	
72309676	392 Broadway	9 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath Italianate	13	\$1,075,000	\$1,100,0008	
	Ree	cent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the	Past Month:			
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	



/230344/	7 Grand view Ave U:7B	7 room, 3 bed, 3f in bath lownhouse	10	\$1,125,000	\$1,090,000
72296664	51 Boston Street U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	33	\$1,180,000	\$1,150,000
72074908	375 Canal Street U:1014	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	97	\$1,255,600	\$1,320,600
72306563	10 Emerson U:2	10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	24	\$1,375,000	\$1,300,000
72314133	10 Emerson U:1	10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	10	\$1,375,000	\$1,300,000
72147358	375 Canal Street U:1114	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	42	\$1,455,000	\$1,455,000
72307668	79 Park Street U:	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bathTownhouse	25	\$1,475,000	\$1,475,000
72114250	375 Canal Street U:PH214	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	6	\$1,596,000	\$1,636,000

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

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72301194	67 Temple Street	3 unit, 17 total room, 8 total bedroom 3 Family	34	\$1,195,000	\$1,140,000
72295052	19 Alpine	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	24	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
72319880	328 Beacon St	4 unit, 12 total room, 4 total bedroom 4 Family	13	\$1,295,000	\$1,275,000
72302826	47 Greenville St	2 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	14	\$1,300,000	\$1,400,000
72299278	17-19 Wallace Street	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	27	\$1,468,000	\$1,550,000
72320451	8 Cherry Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 9 total bedroom 3 Family	8	\$1,975,000	\$2,000,000
72296534	306-308 Summer Street	4 unit, 20 total room, 12 total bedroom 4 Family	12	\$2,250,000	\$2,100,000

Eagle feathers #158

Lincoln Park celebrates reopening of public space CONT. FROM PG 1



Children played in the water park in the state of the art public space.

basketball court, a baseball field, a soccer field, a water park, community gardens, and soaring playground equipment. The park also green features, such as 150-200 new trees and an underground storm water storage system. The infrastructure will be able to hold 250,000 gallons of water, relieving flooding problems that the Lincoln Park area has historically faced. Franzen said that all surfaces in the park are permeable, with a playground design that incorporates spongy, water absorbent material. In design stages, two camps existed, advocating for synthetic turf and natural grass.

"We went with natural grass, and the topography is much different now," said Franzen. "There was a flat dirt field, and it now has a rolling topography with trees and informal places for sitting around. There's a huge new playground that's the core of the park, with spaces for little kids and a sand play area."

The renovation of the park cost over 8 million dollars, with funding approved by the Board of Aldermen in 2016. The first phase of the project was the building of the Argenziano schoolyard facility, which was completed in September 2016. Design for the park was developed by Weston & Sampson architects, a team of landscape architects, urban designers, and planners, while MacKay's Construction Services was responsible for building. During planning meetings, developers pointed towards the importance of equitable access to out— Photos by Shira Laucharoen

door recreation opportunities. Franzen said that he hopes the park will be a draw for the entire community, accommodating all with recreation programming for soccer, softball, and basketball, and offering a space for Argenziano School's physical education classes to utilize. The park will be an environment that fosters developmentally healthy play, guiding kids "away from screens," said Franzen.

"There are towering play structures that dominate the skyline, with three towers connected by net bridges," said Franzen." We're trying to promote the idea of adventure play and know that kids are going to be healthier and do better when challenged. We wanted to provide the most interesting and stimulating play that we could."





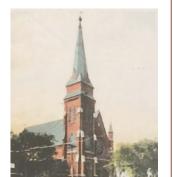
The Highway By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Since 1922, Route 28 has been the longest state numbered highway in Massachusetts. Beginning at the Orleans rotary on outer Cape Cod, it pushes its patchwork way north for 152 miles to the New Hampshire border at Salem. Route 28 meanders through six counties and, coincidently, 28 different towns. Today, as it traces its way over a half dozen former Colonial Turnpikes, it is called by many local names. In Somerville, it has been referred to as the Middlesex Fells Parkway, Route 28, the Northern Artery, and sometimes more affectionately as Monsignor McGrath Highway.



On November 29, 1869, Father Christopher T. McGrath founded Saint Joseph's Church in Union Square which was the first Catholic Church in Somerville. It will be 150 years old next year and was founded three years before Somerville became a city. Father McGrath kept his post there for over sixty-two years, and his residence during the initial church construction was at Poplar and Washington Streets in the heavily Irish-populated Brick Bottom section of the town. This was his original flock. They had come to America after fleeing the devastating famine of Ireland that had taken one million lives and reduced that country's population by half.

Father McGrath studied theology at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore during the Civil War where he was ordained a priest on December 23, 1865. While a seminarian, he had marched in President Lincoln's funeral procession just eight months earlier.



New playground facilities are at the core of the redesign of The park features a new swing set for recreational use. Lincoln Park.

Brisket Cutting with Mayor Curtatone

On Tuesday, July 24, Chef/Owner Andy Husbands of The Smoke Shop was joined by Mayor Joe Curtatone for the official Cutting of Brisket (in lieu of a traditional ribbon cutting) to celebrate the opening of the restaurant's newest location at 325 Assembly Row. The Smoke Shop Assembly is inspired by southern tobacco barns, boasting 120 seats in the main dining room with two exterior patios on the North and South side of the building for al fresco dining.

For more information about The Smoke Shop, visit their website at www.thesmokeshopbbq.com.



Before his arrival, Somerville Catholics had to travel far to attend religious services; and by the end of his career, they had close access to seven parishes. He was a priest for sixty-six years and sixty-two of them were spent at Saint Joseph's Church and Schools helping and aiding Somerville residents. He did this for over three generations regardless of their faith and needs.



"King of Swat" into the major leagues. Father McGrath was elevated to

One of his students at Saint Joseph's achieved national fame by discovering Babe Ruth. It was Somerville's Brother Gilbert Cairns who worked at Baltimore's Saint Mary's Industrial School for Boys who scouted and coached the 18-year-old future

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SCW working to ensure a healthy Somerville



The Somerville Commission for Women (SCW) and Doug Kress, Director of Health and Human Services, welcomed Lisa Brukilacchio, Director of the Somerville Community Health Agenda at the Cambridge Health Alliance, and Katherine Smith and Marisa Rafal, two summer interns, to present statistics from the 2017 Wellbeing of Somerville Report. The report is a recent publication that focuses on health across life stages and promotes a holistic look at wellbeing, including social determinants from prenatal stage onward.

For the meeting, Brukilacchio and her team's focus was the health of women. Utilizing the data, the SCW discussed how we can best collaborate to improve the lives of Somerville women and children across their lifespans.

The entirety of the Wellbeing of Somerville Report can be accessed online by visiting www.somervillema.gov/wellbeing.



Somerville Stands Together for good jobs, affordable housing



Dozens of Somerville Stands Together volunteers knocked on hundreds of doors last Saturday, talking to neighbors about the importance of building a Somerville that works for all of us.

Somerville residents are becoming increasingly alarmed with wealthy out-of-town developers receiving tax breaks and sweetheart deals while families are priced out of their own neighborhoods and public service workers are denied fair contracts.

Somerville Stands Together (SST) launched in April 2018 in response to this growing wave of frustration. Since then, the coalition of labor, community and social justice groups has steadily gained momentum. More and more concerned Somerville residents and organizations have continued to join the campaign every week.

SST canvassers talked to

of the campaign:

+ Invest in new and existing affordable housing, to safeguard residents against displacement. + I Negotiate fair contracts for

" A lot of people are fired up about these issues"

+ I Update and enforce Somerville's existing fair labor ordinances.

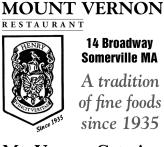
+ I Allow employees to form unions and hold free and fair elections at businesses that receive tax breaks from the City of Somerville.

+ I Hire local and union labor on construction projects to ensure high standards for safety and training and to provide family-sustaining career pathways for workers.

about these issues," Somerville Resident and SST member Marianne Walles said. "Elected officials need to remember who put them in office - hardworking families, not rich developers. More and more of our neighbors are raising their voices to insist that Somerville leaders lift up working families and support our city's progressive values."

As a result of the door knocking action, dozens of new members joined Somerville Stands Together to help build a Somerville that works for all of us.

— Somerville Stands Together



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COMMENTARY

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

150 new trees, 1.25 million gallons of stormwater, and more: We know that access to quality green space isn't a luxury. It's a necessity in urban areas like ours, not just for our physical and mental well-being but also to bring our community out of their homes and into the fresh air together. That's what made last week's highly anticipated celebration of the re-opening of Lincoln Park so special.

While new features include towering play structures, a skate park and parkour area, a basketball court, water features, fitness station, a toddler area with climbing logs and a sandbox, and more, the new Lincoln Park is much more than just a play-

ground. With 150 new trees, community gardens, and an underground storage system that can hold 1.25 million gallons of stormwater, it's also an essential community asset that's helping us achieve some of our most important environmental goals.

Construction on the lawns and fields isn't complete and will continue through the fall and spring. And I know that may be frustrating, but we needed to take the time to do this right. In the meantime, we hope that you and your friends and family take advantage of what is opening and get outside and get playing and moving together.

14.3 million tons of clothing in landfills: Approximately 85 percent of clothing is thrown away instead of being recycled or donated, and 14.3 million tons of it ends up in landfills across the country each year. It's important that Somerville does our part to change this.

Beginning July 30, in an effort to help residents more easily recycle clothes, shoes, jewelry, dishes, and other small household items, the City will begin offering curbside textile recycling pick-up to residences already receiving City trash and recycling services. The collection days will operate on the same schedule as normal trash and recycling pick-up.

Residents who are eligible to participate in the program should have already received pink Simple Recycling bags in the mail along with informational materials. To request more Simple Recycling bags and for information on what items are able to be recycled, visit www. simplerecycling.com. For more information on the Somerville Curbside Textile Recycling Program, visit www.somervillema. gov/textilerecycling.

52,547 registered Somerville voters: It's already that time of year again – time to start thinking about elections. As of Friday, July 20, there were more than 52,000 voters registered in Somerville, and this year they'll be deciding many races for statewide offices, including governor, secretary of state, representative and senate in General Court, and representative and senate in Congress. Sample ballots for the September 4th State Primary are already available, so you can research, learn more about the candidates, and make an informed decision.

As a reminder, the last day to register to vote for the State Primary or to amend your registration (change your address, political party affiliation, etc.) is Wednesday, August 15. For more information on this year's elections calendar - and for the sample ballots - visit www. somervillema.gov/elections.

A hole as small as 12 millimeters: It's no secret that no one wants to live with rats. And it's certainly no one's favorite topic for discussion, but it's an important one. While many may chalk up rodent activity to an inevitability of urban life, there are some steps we can take together to reduce their impacts, and that includes education.

A startling fact I learned recently is that holes as small as 12 millimeters (just under a half-inch) can allow rodents entry into a space. This means that we must carefully examine and rodent proof our homes, businesses, and trash receptacles. More information on how to correctly do this can be found at www.somervillema. gov/rodentcontrol.

The City is working hard to continually advance our efforts around rodent control. We hired the top rodent management consultant in the country (a video of his walkthrough around Somerville Ave. can be found at the address above), and the inter-departmental Rodent Action Team meets regularly to review the data and develop interventions. But we need your help. Please continue to report any sightings of rodent activity to 311, and review the information on the website to learn what you and your neighbors can do on your property and in your neighborhoods to help us curb rodent activity.

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

Citizen Jack Connolly Commentary



campaign in order to entice recent arrived millennials and leftover "Bernie Bros" to change the political landscape as it existed, and it worked, with five rookie aldermen elected.

As a result, the good ship Somerville has certainly taken a hard-course "left" out of the comfy confines of Massachusetts Bay, and appears to be heading for open and likely more troubling waters, as the City of Somerville craft appears to be steering towards more socialist shores. After over three decades of achieved progress through the collective efforts of Mayors' Ralph, Brune, Capuano, Gay, current Mayor Curtatone, and cooperative Boards of Aldermen, a largely rookie Board of Aldermen this year has divided the Somerville community much like the tough times of the 70's, when rent control was in its heyday (now outlawed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), over the issue everybody's talking about, the much bally-

hooed "affordability" crisis.

The primary focus of this Board thus far has been to try to implement a transfer tax, that with the approval of the Commonwealth through a Home Rule Petition, would allow the city to impose a 1% tax on property sales, to be deposited into a city affiliated Affordable Housing Trust Fund with an as yet

zoning reform languishing in the Land Use Committee. This much-needed reform of the last revision in 1990, has been kicked to the curb to the dismay of city planning and zoning officials, who are valiantly trying to update and improve dated regulations much in need of significant improvements to conform to the goals of the city

expire, and then move forward with demolition. The new proposal would prevent demolition (and possible renovations) to occur for up to 24 months.

In a recent well-attended Public Hearing back on July 9, many questions and concerns were raised by property owners, bankers, real estate agents, and developers, and especially by

By Jack Connolly

It's been a little over six months since I've stepped down from over three decades of public service as the Ward Six Alderman and an Alderman at Large, having fallen victim to the "Our Revolution" ouster effort that knocked out to longtime native Somervilians, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, Ward 3 Alderman Rob McWatters, as well as myself and East Somerville native-born Alderman At-Large Dennis Sullivan, off of the BOA. The leftist political group and self-professed Socialist-leaning progressive Democrats group known as "Our Revolution" employed a masterful social media undefined structure or clear administration to handle the proceeds of this new tax.

Despite fierce opposition from Somerville taxpayers and property owners, a Home Rule Petition was recently passed by the Board of Alderman, signed by the mayor within minutes of adoption by the Board of Aldermen, and sent to the State House, where the proposal now lays dormant in a committee, likely to die a quiet death by the end of this current session on July 31. In the meantime, many Somerville citizens wonder where the priorities of this Board and the city are, what with citywide

long-term planning document, SomerVision.

Also adding to the confusion is an attempt by the Board of Aldermen to craft changes in what is known as the Demolition Delay Ordinance. First crafted in the early 2000's, a proposed building project that might require a structure being demolished would have to wait for a period of nine months, if the structure had some type of possible historical significance. Reformers of the new draft that would replace the current older version maintained that the current ordinance was often manipulated by developers who would allow the nine months to

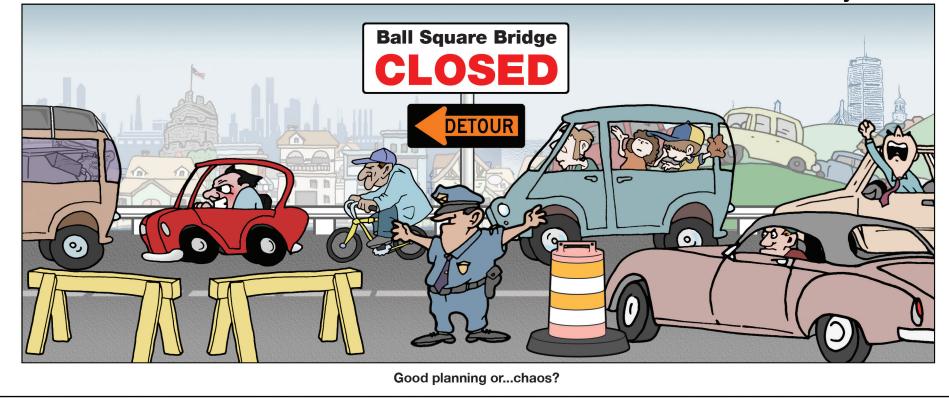
Somerville Planning Director George Proakis.

As a result of detailed criticisms and concerns raised at this meeting, the replacement Demolition Delay Ordinance was delayed and left in the Legislative Matters Committee, where extensive and careful review is all but necessary. Nobody disagrees with the notion of preserving significant relevant and historical properties that should remain to be viewed by future generations and historians. The key question now is why wait until a property owner begins remodeling, or start renovations to determine historical significance? Continued on page 17

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

It's going to be a long, hard summer in and around the city very soon. And a long, hard fall ... winter ... etc.

At least one full year of grief and aggravation is in store for drivers, cyclists, and even pedestrians as the Green Line Extension project rumbles into Somerville, hacking and hewing at the present day infrastructure to make way for the new.

Of particular concern is the snarl of

traffic that is expected to engulf the Ball Square area of the city once the Broadway Ball Sq. bridge gets closed down for the next 12 months.

Many are asking why the complete closure of the bridge is even necessary. That perhaps the renovation work can be done in stages, in smaller sections systematically. People are also wondering how much thought and preparation has been put into making sure that effective rerouting measures are going to be put in place.

In the Ball Square area alone, many residents and business owners are seriously concerned for their personal well-being, safety, and peace of mind in the face of what may be coming at them in the months to come. Add in some heavy snowfall in the winter and the nightmare scenario becomes truly terrifying. The city is doing whatever it can – presumably – to keep us informed about all the upcoming activities of the GLX project. Several public meetings have been scheduled in the near future to help keep concerned residents up-to-date and prepared for what will be coming. Go to www.somervillema.gov/glx for the latest. After all, forewarned is forearmed. In this situation, it's best to be fully armed.

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Halt the bridge work the way it's being proposed now and find a solution to keep part of it open so the businesses and residents won't suffer.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to Leeann Rollins, the wife of Bruce Jr. We wish her the very best for her birthday. Happy birthday to local guy Richard Nilsson, a nice guy and great family man. We wish him a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to a NJ transplant, now in Winter Hill, John Serpico. A nice guy who loves his career in acting. We wish him the very best. Happy birthday our own special and fun guy here in Somerville, the great Jimmy Del Ponte, who is celebrating. Happy birthday to Patricia Norton and grandson Corey Norton, celebrating on the same day. We wish them both a great day. Happy birthday to Ward 5 Alderman and smart guy Mark Niedergang, who is also celebrating this week. And finally, happy birthday to Ricky Hart, of the famous Harts. We hope he has a great birthday especially with his family. To all others here in the city who are celebrating that we may have missed, we wish you a happy birthday. *****

Demet's Donuts in Medford is getting very busy, but those donuts and the large variety are like the old **Day's Donuts**, huge and tasty. Almost a sin facing you when you come in for just coffee. It's hard to not get that jelly or lemon, not to mention the coconut donuts. *The Somerville Times* is available every Wednesday at the donut shop. Stop in, get a coffee and few of those delicious donuts, or maybe the real – and we mean real – egg

on the slate with **Our Revolution** has moved out of the city, no longer residing here, but in Boston. Our source says that the council members won't mention it and that the person is still active in the council. You'd think they would be above board, wouldn't you?

Who is in charge of the traffic pattern here in the city? Hopefully not DPW Commissioner Koty. The Powderhouse rotary lights are too long at 6:00 a.m. Since there are only three ways into Davis Square, why is the light at College Ave. and Winter St. so short? We timed it and only an average of four cars get through the green light. Speaking of lights and abuse, where is the police department when you need them? Think of all the money in fines they could be generating for the city at Temple and Mystic Ave. People are constantly running those lights. The city could make a fortune there.

ployees around and very helpful. Many residents of Winter Hill know what we are talking about. Let's hope Rite Aid in Winter Hill doesn't change.

Miss watching the Board of Alderman meetings on TV? You can view them in their entirety on Comcast channel 22, as well as on YouTube. Watch your city at work and see how these dedicated members of our community are serving you, the public. We can't say this enough, watch the meetings on either cable broadcast live, or go online to YouTube to watch them. You will find some pretty hysterical information there about what's happening in the city. This should be required viewing for everyone who cares about what is happening here. Even the committee meetings are online. After all, the Board of Aldermen is voting to spend your money. Wow, the raises some department heads are getting. Of course, those friendly with the mayor are the ones that are getting huge ones.

sandwiches, from real eggs.

Those of us that frequent the Winter Hill Post Office will notice that one friendly face, Joan, who has been serving Winter Hill residents and beyond now for 14 years, has moved on to another post office nearer to her home. We here wish her the very best of luck. She and all the ladies at Winter Hill are very pleasant. Always service with a smile. Winter Hill is lucky to have Joan, and lucky to have the other fine ladies as well. We hope it continues to be so and wish the very best to Joan in her new location. Our loss is their gain.

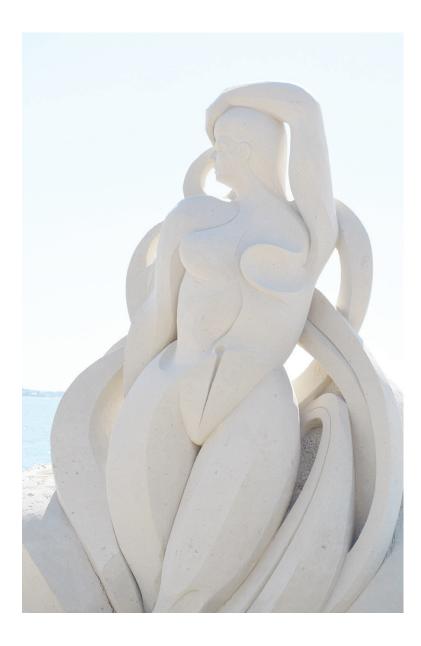
We heard from a source that one of the recently elected Union Square Neighborhood Council members who was

Oh boy, we know that **Walgreens** bought out **Rite Aid**. Many of the Winter Hill Rite Aid customers don't want to go to Walgreens. The staff and pharmacist at Rite Aid are the best. Without hesitation, they are the friendliest em-

The Somerville City Club is looking to increase its membership. For the time being membership is open to any resident here in the city It's a great organization that has been Continued on page 16

International Sand Sculpting Festival

The 2018 International Sand Sculpting Festival took place July 20 -22 at Revere Beach. Visitors enjoyed the magnificent sand sculpting competition, delicious food trucks and vendors, and amusements and fun for the whole family. A spectacular fireworks display took place Saturday night.





































SPORTS

Somerville table tennis star shines at World Veteran Championships

Nicholas Gangi, a resident of Somerville for 74 years, a table tennis player for more than 30 years, was sponsored by The Boston Table Tennis Center of Medford to compete in the World Veteran Championships at the Las Vegas Convention Center, the largest convention center in North America.



Ms. Cam's

The tournament was conducted June 18-24, 2018. More than 4,000 players from 98 countries participated, ranging in age from age 40-90 years, each playing within their age group of either 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, etc.

Nicholas played in the 90+ group and won the Silver medal in Doubles and First place in Singles Consolation. He played Doubles with a player from California named Simon Wasserman, whom he didn't know and never played with.

The tournament was highly competitive on a world-wide basis. Meeting people from all walks of life that also compete as table tennis players was quite heartwarming for Gangi.

The World Veteran Championship Tournament is held ev-



Nicholas Gangi attended a specially scheduled award ceremony held in his honor at the World Veteran Championships.

ery two years in a different country. The previous one was held in Spain. In 2020 it will be held in France. The last time it was held in the USA was 1990 in Baltimore, Maryland.

This tournament originated in Gothenburg, Sweden, in 1982 and since then the playing venue has been held in several continents. Gangi also competes in States Senior Olympics, playing table tennis. He has competed in MA, NH, RI, CT and ME as a medal winner and qualified for National Senior Olympics held every year, two years in a different state.

He has competed as a medal recipient in Baton Rouge LA, Norfolk VA, Pittsburgh PA, Louisville KY, Cleveland OH, Minneapolis MN and Birmingham AL.

Going on 91, Gangi is not a typical 90-year-old, as his doctor will confirm.

lio **Olio** - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. What is the oldest of the four major championships in professional golf?

2. What character in Disney's Pinocchio sang When You Wish Upon a Star?

3. What organization lead the Boston Tea Party protest?

4. In what film did Matt Damon make his professional acting debut?

5. What is the name of the coffee shop the characters in Friends hung out in?

7. Who invented the Zamboni (ice resurfacer)?

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8. What kind of nut is used to make pesto?

9. What area of the Atlantic Ocean is said to have had a number of aircraft and ships disappear under mysterious circumstances?

10. What American jazz singer was known as "Lady Day"?

Treasure Hunting with Bob BY BOB ADAMS

A pleasant shock

I was at a sidewalk sale in East Boston years back. Not many people have yards there so they put stuff on the walls and concrete. It was mostly children's clothes, low end crap, music and one large 22K gold bangle bracelet priced at one dollar. How did this end up in a lowly sidewalk sale in East Boston?

Not having any high-end gold buyers, I couldn't sell it to anyone for more than the gold was worth so, I brought it to my scrap guy. As so much of this type of jewelry is plated, he said he'd have to cut it in half to see if it was solid and not plated. I said go ahead and he brought out his bolt cutters and clipped it in two. It was real. I got about \$800 for it. Gold wasn't as high as it is today but, it was long ago and that was real money. Another time, I was on Highland Ave. in Somerville and these kids were having a sale. I drove up and all I could see was young people stuff (DVDs, Ikea stuff, text books, clothes, etc.). I stopped and got out of my vehicle and there, lying flat, unseen from the road, was an antique banjo clock hidden by all the stuff. I'll bet every other dealer saw the junky stuff, didn't see the clock and kept driving. The clock cost me \$25. I considered putting it on eBay, but remembered how much of a pain eBay was and decided to give it to an auction house. Well, the clock did \$1200, which was a shock to me. A pleasant shock.

As I write this, it's Friday night. Tomorrow is yard sale day. Rain isn't in the forecast, so I've got to get a good night's sleep. Who

11. What racehorse was voted American Horse of the Year for 1938?

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6. What is an animal called that eats food from both plants and animals?

12. What is the stage name for musician Reginald Kenneth Dwight?

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knows what I'll find.

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around a long time, with lots of ac- and **Niedergang** represent.

some writing, a little story about Somerville as either a newbie or Villen? We have about 80K people and we would love to hear about your adventures here in the city. Maybe you want to write about a particular subject like our Bob Doherty and Dorothy Di-Marzio, or like when Jimmy Del Ponte wrote his stories about the city (hey, that's an idea - maybe we can talk him into doing a little writing again). Or maybe you'd like to express your opinion like Bill Shelton, as many others have over the years. Not just the politicians, but those from our community. Give us a call at 617-666-4010 or email news@thesomervilletimes.com and tell us about your idea. We would love to tell it to the rest of Somerville.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA. 02141
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE
G. L. c. 190B, § 3-306

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. 181-0346E

Eli	zabeth	Claire	Casey	
Firs	t Name	Middle Name	e Last Name	

Date of Death: October 12, 2017

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby on July 19, 2018 that the Petitioner

Kimberley	S.	Casey of	East Kingston	NH
First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(Citv/Town)	(State)

[X] Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve [] with [X] without surety on the bond.

K<u>imberley</u> Casey of East Kingston NH S. (City/Town) (State) M.I. Last Name First Name

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representative appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 19-09

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for: MTU : Meter Transmission Units.

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/ bids or by contacting the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after: Wednesday, July 25th 2018. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: Monday, 08/13/2018 at 11 A.M. at which time sealed bids will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 10/23/2018 through 10/22/2019, with two one-year options to renew. The City reserves sole discretion to exercise renewal options.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for further information.

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

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groups here. Contact the club on Innerbelt Road across from Holiday Inn for more details.

Davis Square is still part of Somerville, right? We thought so, but you wouldn't know it. Has Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis failed to stay on top of the DPW and get the square cleaned up? Or is he on the mayor's "don't do anything for" list? Just wondering. We know that in the recent past that's how things were done. Vote with the mayor and get your streets taken care of. When did it change? Or maybe - just maybe – the aldermen could care less about the squares. Especially Ball Square, where Aldermen Davis Have you driven around the city lately? Do the streets and squares seem dirtier, with lots of litter, not to mention the public median grass not being cut? Maybe DPW Commissioner Stan Koty isn't answering his phone from the constituent aldermen. Maybe they aren't calling him. Oh, wait, didn't we lose the constituent alderman in the last election, in favor of other issues that might be better left to our state delegation? Guess that's what we get when we elect a socialist majority Board of Aldermen. To soon? To harsh? You watch them one night on TV, tell us what you think.

Have you thought you'd like to do



CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT **RFP 19-08**

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed proposals for:

Nutritional Consulting Services: Shape Up Somerville

A request for proposals (RFP) may be obtained online at http://www. somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **Wednesday July 25th, 2018**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: Wednesday August 15th, 2018 at 11:00 AM. 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 Thupten Chukhatsang at tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information

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JULY 25, 2018 17 The Somerville Times -Somerville YMCA CIT/LIT Job Readiness Program

Program held its graduation on July 17, 2018 from 12:30-2:00 at The Arthur D. Healey School on 5 Meacham Street. Our graduating class consisted of students between the ages of 13-15, who dedicated fourweeks out of their summer to participate in a program that taught them about job readiness and leadership skills. Throughout the four weeks these students learned how to lead children, the significance of leadership and communication, the meaning of diversity, how to solve conflicts, and employment training. This program not only taught the student's skills that they need to work with children but also gave them the opportunity to

The CIT/ LIT Job Readiness work with kids at camp settings at The Somerville YM-CA's Summer Day Camp and the Somerville Recreation's Somertime Day Program.

This session's graduating class included the following 14 students: Nicholas Dipietro, Claudia Cooper, Wendy Guo, Jaanan Khan, Alyssa DeSantis, Liana Orantes, Isra Khan, Deseree Ernst, Devin Coneeny, Drexler Pierre, Nehemiah Simon, Fidendi Francois, Helena Easton, Sagin Gani.

The collaborative efforts of the Somerville YMCA, the Somerville Community Youth Program, the Somerville Recreation Department, and the Healey School have been the dynamic forces behind this program's great success. The CIT/LIT



First Row (L to R): Alyssa DeSantis, Deseree Ernst, Claudia Cooper, Wendy Guo, Isra Khan, Sagin Gani, Fidendi Francois, Nick Dipietro, Devin Coneeny, Janaan Khan, Drexler Pierre. Second Row (L to R): Nehemiah Simon, Facilitator: Samantha Bolt.

Job Readiness program would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support through-

out the past thirteen years that the program, please contact Joe the program has been running. For more information about

Pinto at the Somerville YMCA (617) 625-5050.

Somerville Curbside Textile Recycling Begins July 30

Each year, only 15 percent of all unwanted clothing in the United States is donated or recycled while approximately 14.3 million tons of clothing (or about 80 pounds per person) end up in landfills. To help divert more clothing out of the local waste stream, the City of Somerville will soon offer a program that makes it easier for residents to recycle unwanted clothes and accessories.

Beginning July 30, the City will launch curbside textile recycling pickup to residences already receiving City trash and recycling services. Textile recycling pickup, which will be done by City contractor Simple Recycling, will occur on the same schedule as each household's weekly trash and recycling pickup.

To prepare for the new service, two free ink Simple Recycling bags were recently mailed along with informational materials to eligible households. After July 30, eligible residents with clothing or other household textiles to discard can simply place them in the pink Simple Recycling bags and put them out on the curb next to their trash and recycling on pickup day. Items to be collected include clothing, shoes, jewelry, blankets, drapes, dishes, silverware, and more. For a complete list, visit www. simplerecycling.com. Wherever Simple Recycling picks up filled bags, they will leave behind free replacement pink bags.



"We still want residents who already donate directly to area nonprofits or other clothing collection efforts to continue to do so, but this new service aims to make recycling easier for people who otherwise wouldn't donate or recycle their old clothing. It will reduce waste, which is good for the environment, and reduce waste removal costs, which his good for local tax payers," said Oliver Sellers Garcia, Director of the City's Office of Sustainability and Environment.

Simple Recycling works with several thrift stores to resell up to 20% of the collected material. Of the remaining roughly 80% of the material that is not sellable in the United States, some is sent for sale internationally and the remainder is used as raw material. Overall, about 40% of collected material is reused or repurposed as secondhand clothing, 30% is reused as rags and/or industrial material such as absorbents, and 30% is recycled into home insulation, carpet padding, and raw material for the automotive industry.

Eligible residents may request additional bags by calling Simple Recycling at 866-835-5068, visiting www.simplerecycling.com, or picking up bags at the City Hall welcome desk at 93 Highland Ave. Residents who wish to donate to a local organization can find a list of nonprofits who will schedule curbside pickup at www.somervillema. gov/recycling (click "Charitable Donations"). To learn more about the City's Curbside Textile Recycling Program, visit www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/ curbside-textile-recycling-program.

Citizen Jack Connolly Commentary CONT. FROM PG 10

Rather than be a reactive process, why not city and possible volunteer folks, maybe student interns, determine what buildings are significant now, to accompany those structures already designated? Just because a building is old doesn't necessarily make it historic and in need of exterior preservation.

Somerville has been in existence for over 175 years as a city, and by this time it should be fairly easy for officials, administrators, and preservationists to determine the most historically significant properties in the city. After all, hundreds of homes and buildings have already been identified as stand-alone, or buildings in local historical districts.

Perhaps it's time to look at the Somerville Historic Commission (now in existence for around three decades), and how it's preservation identification efforts can be improved, such that property owners will be well-aware of the historical significance of their property prior to seeking renovation and/or demolition permits.

From my humble perspective, it certainly makes sense to discuss this issue and to deal directly with the much-needed citywide zoning procedure rewrite first, currently hibernating in a BOA committee. Will this be a

priority this fall? Stay tuned. Lastly, one of the most talked about major topics of Somerville community concern is the plan for a likely year-long closing of the Ball Square bridge on Broadway. Surely, a major inconvenience not only for vehicles, but also to the Ball Square day-to-day business economy. Where is the outrage of the city administration and the Board of Aldermen over this major disruption in daily life and commerce here in the city? Who is involved in this decision, and when? Are city officials, planners, and transportation folks involved in this decision? if not, why not? Will

the City of Somerville's officials have community meetings to inform residents and businesses of the alternate transportation plans?

Oh, by the way. don't tell me it's on the city website. Much broader circulation of information via traditional news media and cable television should be employed detailing this sure to be log jam for months to come, especially during the winter months. Perhaps Mayor Joe should take the helm on the good ship Somerville, and do his best to pilot the ship away from the rising tide of dismay and distrust, looming dead ahead on a murky horizon voyage to socialist shores.

Born, raised, and lifetime resident of Somerville. St. Clement High School graduate; BA (Cum Laude) and M. Ed from Boston College; Attended Tufts Univ. and Harvard Univ. JFK School of Government; Licensed Insurance Broker and award-winning Small Business Owner (WCC Insurance Agency Inc.) 19 College Ave. Davis Sq. Somerville MA since 1996. Ward Six Alderman eleven terms 1984-2005, Alderman At-Large; 1 special election and five terms 2007-2017, and the distinction of being the longest serving Alderman in Somerville History.

•••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|July 25

East Branch Library Rockabye Beats! 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library PAWS to Read with Daisy (Read to a Dog) 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Pajama Storytime Puppet Show with Gloria 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|July 26

SOMERMOVIE FEST Pinnochio (1940) Dusk| East Somerville Community School|50 Cross St free

Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Summer Jam on the Lawn! 12 p.m.- 5 p.m. Middle School Summer Writers' Den 5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Lego Club! 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday|July 27

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

Tuesday|July 31

West Branch Library Rockabye Beats! 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Paws to Read with Daisy 3 p.m.-4p.m. Coding for Kids 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|August 1

East Branch Library Story Time 11 a.m - 11:45|115 Broadway

West Branch Library PAWS to Read with Daisy (Read to a Dog) 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Good CRAFTernoon: Maracas! 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC|ARTS Wednesday|July 25

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Last Wednesday Residency: Copilot 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Thursday|July 26

Sally O'Brien's Angels of Avalon George's birthday bash 9 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Town Mountain|7 p.m. Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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 Iron Chic, Rebuilder, Notches 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Radium Girls Thrust Club, Sister, Baluchitherium 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Steven Kirby and Friends 8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory The Loop with Host Phil Berman 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell The Lilac Players Fundraiser Cabaret 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday|July 27

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents \$10 cover |9:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi Fiesta Melon, Blair Leavitt|7 p.m. Fightin' Fridays10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's Brandon Mayes Ensemble 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Thunder Road No Small Children (Rock), Party Walsh 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave 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

The Maxims, The Susan Constant, Fidel, Eric Salt & The Electric City 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Bellows Soft Fangs, Happy Little Clouds 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. DJ Tina 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Kerplunk!|11 a.m. Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Jim Armenti Solo Show 7p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|July 29

Sally O'Brien's Bar Amy Kucharik|5 p.m. Lee Ross Sunday FunDay|9 p.m 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m. Balkan Fields|4 p.m. The Wicked Pickers|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 Americana Sundays w/ Chris Hersch and the MoonRaiders 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Local Beats 4 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. BYOP: Ryan Taylor Band 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell BLOWW: Summah Stunnah 7 p.m.]255 Elm St 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Board Game Bonanza 6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Tuesday|July 31 Sally O'Brien's Bar SYM Tuesdays \$5 cover 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Bull McCabe's Pub

As the Sparrow 9 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 Sam Mulligan, Diamond Machine, Disco Nap 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Metal Night Mayhem PanzerBastard, Upheaval, Lord Almighty, Chrome Over Brass, Sea, Cazador 8 p.m. |156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory Star Struck - Cirque Us! 2 p.m. and 7 p.m./Performance Hall Ulster Landing: Traditional Celtic Music

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|August 1

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

The Burren Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|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 Nephrok Allstars 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Bow Street Market SPL @ Bow Street Market: Pop-Up Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m.|1 Bow Market Way

Thursday|July 26

Central Library Fair Housing Commission 12:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Bow Street Market SPL @ Bow Street Market: Pop-Up Library 4 p.m.- 7 p.m.|1 Bow Market Way

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

East Branch Library Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Drop In Craft 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

Friday|July 27

Bow Street Market SPL @ Bow Street Market: Pop-Up Library 4 p.m.- 7 p.m.|1 Bow Market Way

Saturday|July 28

Bow Street Market SPL @ Bow Street Market: Pop-Up Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.|1 Bow Market Way

Central Library Global Coffee: A Lecture and Tasting 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Union Square Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Sq 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 29

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 30

4 p.m.-5 p.m.

East Branch Library Chair Yoga 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway Central Library Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!

The Burren

Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. Heron Valley and The Gothard Sisters|7:30 p.m.

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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 Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Culture Kenyatta Hill, Junior Rodigan 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Boycott with Hartford Hot Several 6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo& Juliet|7 p.m. B.U.M.P.|9 p.m. 255 Elm St

Saturday|July 28

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. The Big Sway, theWorst, Bad Larrys \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Monday|July 30

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 Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Thunder Road Half Shell, Flamingo Pluto, Motel Black, Mud Fox Tribe 7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Chris Korda 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Open Mic with Mike Morrissey 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday|July 25 Central Library Mystery: Book Club

Bow Street Market SPL @ Bow Street Market: Pop-Up

Somerville Stands Together

Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m.|1 Bow Market Way

4 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library English at the Library! 6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Tuesday|July 31

Bow Street Market

SPL @ Bow Street Market: Pop-Up Library

4 p.m.= 7 p.m.|1 Bow Market Way

Central Library

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|August 1

Bow Street Market SPL @ Bow Street Market: Pop-Up Library 4 p.m.= 7 p.m.|1 Bow Market Way

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

Holland Street Senior Center: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square) Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)

Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. Must apply beforehand. Pick up at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street on the 4th Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Friendly Caller Program – Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. **Walmart & Jimmy's Steer House** – Wednesday, August 22 - \$10 – Check in time is 10:00 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 3:00 p.m. Shop at Walmart – eat at Jimmy's. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Howie Conley & The Memory Laners – Tuesday, August 28 - \$10 per person due at time of reservation. A special lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the performance at 1:00 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Revere Beach – Wednesday, August 29 - \$5 – Check in time is 8:30 at Holland with an approximate return time of 1:00 p.m. Spend a morning at America's first public beach. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Breakfast at Renee's – Friday, August 31 starting at 8:30 a.m. at Renee's Café located at 198 Holland Street. Seating is limited, RSVP a MUST and there is a cost that has yet to be determined. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Washington, DC – Monday, October 1 to Friday, October 5 - 5 days and 4 nights - \$619 per person double or \$869 single includes transportation, lodging, 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners, visit Arlington National Cemetery, National Air & Space Museum, Illumination tour of monuments and so much more. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month: July 19, August 16, September 20, October 11, November 8 and December 13. If you require additional info please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov LGBTQ EVENTS:

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - 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.

LGBTQ Lunch: Come, relax, enjoy lunch and talk with your peers. Scheduled lunch dates for 2018 are August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12.

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. t o 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 info 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 info please call Ashley at 617-625Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilities this group. A fun, safe, social group to discuss women's issues and growing older. Next date: December 26th - For more info, please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

Veterans Group – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato, facilitates this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

English Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday beginning at 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. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English. Continue conversation throughout a healthy lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Arts & Crafts – Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting January 11th - from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. This is necessary to ensure we have enough material for everyone. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335. Social Service Drop In – The 3rd Thursday of every month Social Workers, Ashley Speliotis and Natasha

Naim will be taking turns and having a Drop-in Social Service hour from 11:00 a.m. to noon at the Cross Street Center. They will be available to address any of your Social Service needs. Stop by or if you need additional info call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

Knitting Blankets – Every Tuesday & Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Join us as we knit blankets for babies. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Judy at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-ULE (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 Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H) **Tuesday:** Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. (H) \$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) - 9:00 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (nutrition) - noon (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Summer Bowling Dates – Wednesdays, running to August 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Flatbreads. \$3 includes bowling and shoes. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Mayor's Annual "Old Time" Senior Picnic – Wednesday, August 1 – at Powderhouse Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Dancing, entertainment, music, lunch and prizes. Tickets available at the following locations: Holland Street Center, 165 Holland Street, Cross Street Center, 165 Cross Street, Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street, Mayor's Office, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue and all senior buildings. If you live in a senior building you must get your ticket there. For additional information or questions contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Twin River Casino – Monday, August 20 - \$25 – Check in time is 8:00 a.m. at Holland and 8:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. 6600 Ext. 2318.

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 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 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.

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. and running for an hour most times. Principal Master Gardener, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive "greenhouses." If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. This group does not meet in January and February.

Golden Gals: a.k.a. Women's Group - Meets the last

Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H) Thursdays:

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C) LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H) Fridays:

Fit-4-Life Group A - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H)

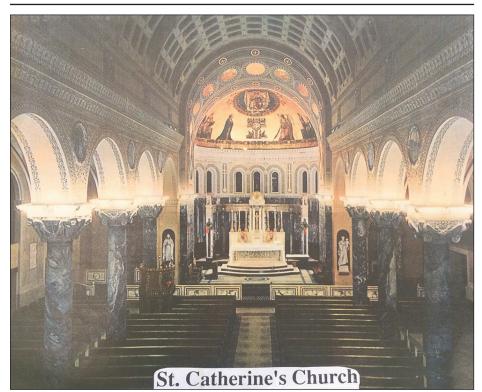
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Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



Monsignor in 1920, and by that time had helped seven parishes including the beautiful Saint Catherine of Genoa, eight schools, and a home for the aged poor unfold. His cherished St. Joseph's Church, minus its 125-foot steeple, still proudly overlooks the city's oldest square.

At the time of his death, the citizens of Somerville poured out their grief. The city's flags were lowered to half-mast for thirty days. Businesses and city offices closed and thousands turned out to pay their respects during the funeral. A platoon of police and a detail of firefighters representing eight stations and eleven companies escorted the body from Union Square through Teele Square to

the Arlington line where he was buried at St. Paul's Cemetery.

In 1925, the state built an expanded Route 28 connecting the road between the Charles River and the Mystic River. The section running through Somerville honors one of her favorite sons, Monsignor Christopher T. Mc-Grath. Today, McGrath Highway is going through changes. Its size will be altered to accommodate motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and train travelers. With these changes, Christopher's highway may be turned into a boulevard, but the memory of a young priest who nursed thousands of Somerville residents through dark times, will always be remembered.



September 28th

Come experience International shorts from the Arlington International Film Festival, including the Best Documentary Short winner Phil's Camino by Annie O'Neil, the Best Of Festival Short Sisak, by Indian director Faraz Ansari, and The Typewriter Repairman by Emmy award-winning producer and threetime Emmy nominate Director Thomas Draudt.

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Movie Nights in the Park Schedule:

July 27th

August 31st

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national Film Festival, including Best Nar short 2017, Fist People, directed by Dong-ki An, Johnny Express, an animation directed by WOO Kyungmin, and more.



Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner **By Bobbygeorge Potaris**

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8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	DIVIET THE SHOW	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone
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4:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	10:00am	NASA TV	11:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
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10:00am	Legacies	1:00am	Boston Come Through	8:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
10:30am	Somerville Pundits	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	9:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
11:00am	Teen Empowerment	3:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	The Boston Medium	6:00pm	Community Lens
11:30am	Art & Ideas	5:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	6:30pm	Art & Ideas
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1:00pm	The Somerville Line	7:00am	Road to Recovery			7:30pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville
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5:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke	10:00am	Dead Air Live	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board	10:30pm	Public Access Boyz
6:00pm	Community Lens	11:00am	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
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Lincoln Park Ribboncutting Ceremony	8:30pm	Connecting Communities
Pride Flag Raising at City Hall	9:00pm	Docent Tour of Prospect Hill Tower
Haitian Flag Celebration	9:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol
Board of Aldermen Meeting	10:00pm	Middlesex County Update
Sit & Be Fit Balance & Fall Prevention	10:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 6.18.18
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Wednesday, July 25		12:00am	Lincoln Park Ribboncutting Ceremony	12:00am	Lincoln Park Ribboncutting Cerem
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Friday, July 27		Sunday, J	uly 29	8:15pm	Family Fun Day

Educational <u>TV 15 Schedule</u>

Wednesday, July 25

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9:00am	SHS Class Day 2018
12:00pm	SHS Class of '18 Graduation
2:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club
3:30pm	Sing Somerville Concert
6:00pm	Argenziano School Moving On 2018
7:00pm	Healey School Moving On Ceremony
8:00pm	El Sistema Somerville Showcase
9:00pm	SCAP Annual Meeting
10:16pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball Finals
Thursday, J	uly 26
12:00am	Girls' Middle School Basketball Finals
1:00am	Brown School Spring Concert
2:34am	Student of the Qtr WSNS
8:00am	SCAP Annual Meeting
9:30am	Healey School Spring Concert 4-8
11:00am	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation
12:01pm	Healey School Moving On Ceremony
12:55pm	Family Fun Day
1:01pm	El Sistema Somerville Showcase
2:00pm	New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony
2:33pm	Somerville School Day Games
6:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball Finals
7:00pm	ESCS Spring Concert
8:17pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball Finals
9:03pm	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation
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Argenziano School Moving On 2018 Student of the Qtr. - WSNS

Friday, July 27

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SHS An Evening of Song Public Domain Theater Healey School Moving On Ceremony SHS An Evening of Song Kennedy School Drama Club El Sistema Somerville Showcase SCALE Awards Night & Graduation Somerville School Day Games Boys' Middle School Basketball Finals SHS Class of '18 Graduation Brown School Spring Concert SHS Boys Volleyball vs Malden Winter Hill CS Spring Concert

Saturday, July 28 12:00am

SHS Class Day 2018 Public Domain Theater Argenziano School gr. 4-8 Spring Concert El Sistema Somerville Showcase Somerville School Day Games SHS An Evening of Song Student of the Qtr. - WSNS Spring String Fling 2018 Argenziano School Heritage Night

7:06pm	Spring String Fling 2018
8:00pm	SHS CTE Vocational Senior Awards Banquet
9:30pm	SHS An Evening of Song
11:00pm	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Malden

Sunday, July 29

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Monday, July 30

Somerville School Day Games 12:00am 1:00am SHS Class of '18 Scholarship Awards Night 3:13am Public Domain Theater 8:00am Kennedy School Drama Club 9:30am Argenziano School Moving On 2018 11:00am Sing Somerville Concert

12:00pm	Celling Your Soul
2:00pm	Public Domain Theater
6:00pm	Student of the Qtr Kennedy School
6:30pm	Sing Somerville Concert
7:30pm	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation
8:31pm	Healey School K-2nd Spring Concert
9:00pm	SCAP Annual Meeting
10:30pm	ESCS Spring Concert

Tuesday, July 31

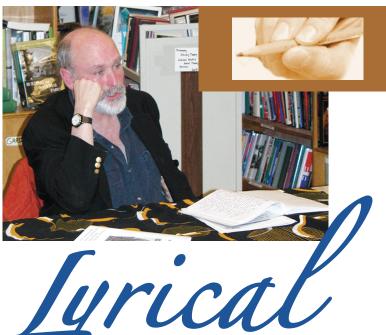
12:00am	SCAP Annual Meeting
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2:30am	Public Domain Theater
8:00am	SCAP Annual Meeting
9:30am	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Malden
12:00pm	Spring String Fling 2018
12:34pm	SHS Boys Lacrosse vs Lynn C.
2:00pm	Youth Peace Conference
6:00pm	El Sistema Somerville Showcase
7:00pm	SHS CTE Vocational Senior Awards Banquet
8:30pm	SFLC Family Engagement Leadership
10:00pm	SHS An Evening of Song

Wednesday, August 1

12:00am Healey School Moving On Ceremony 1:00am Argenziano School gr. 4-8 Spring Concert 2:00am Public Domain Theater

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Do you have to be 'crazy' to write poetry?



Robert Lowell with his family.

For as long as I can remember there has always been the romantic notion of the "mad" poet or "divinely inspired" poet floating around in the ether. While working at a noted psychiatric facility, outside of Boston for 36 years, I have heard and read about the legendary poets who paced the wards. Poets like Robert Lowell, Sylvia Plath and Anne Sexton suffered from severe mental illness, and were hospitalized at different points in their mercurial careers.

Plath and Sexton met their end through suicide, and Lowell died in the back seat of a cab he was taking to visit his ex-wife in New York City. Since I have often worked with manic and clinically depressed patients over the years, and therefore have an intimate knowledge of the affliction; I can only write that the toll and the turmoil of depression is not worth the creative insight you might mine.

In a review of *The Letters of Robert Lowell*, edited by Saskia Hamilton, in *The Boston Globe*, I came across part of a letter Lowell wrote to the poet Robert Fitzgerald about his experience with mental illness: "...terrific lifts, insights, pourings in of new energy, but no work on my part, only more and more self-indulgence, lack of objectivity; and so, into literal madness i.e. I had to be locked up." As with any experience in our lives, we can bring Brown University, writes that depression takes an actual, tangible toll on the brain. Indeed, MRI studies at McLean Hospital have shown that the actual structure of the brain can be altered due to past abuse and mental illness. It has been speculated that depression can cause the hippocampus to shrink, and may have a big role in the course of heart, and other related diseases; as well as cancer.

Part of my job over the years at the hospital was to run poetry groups on some of the locked wards. For the most part the poetry that was shared was from psychotic and clinically depressed patients (in the midst of their illness) was impoverished. Often when they were on the mend they were writing much better and even inspired poetry. They wrote equally well about their experience with their illness, as well as nature, and other less oppressive aspects of their lives. The experience of mental illness can be very good fodder for poetry, but I think if you asked these patient/writers if they would like to go the the depths of depression to mine material for their creative work, the answer would be a resounding "no."

Thomas J. Cottle, a Boston-area psychologist, writes, "First, there is no evidence to suggest that depression is the cause of the enriched imagination, the basis, in other words, of the creative fount. People paint and write poetry in spite of their illness."

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— jojo Lazar

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	5. Central Perk	11. Seabiscuit	
	6. An omnivore	12. Elton John	
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it back into our own writing. But my question is, is it worth it? In the midst of mental illness, or a severe depression; the ability to concentrate, to think straight, not to mention to take care of one's most basic needs is severely impaired.

Peter D. Kramer, the author of *Against Depression*, and a clinical professor of psychiatry at

For me, that is the most inspiring aspect of mental illness and writing. I have seen folks savaged by the disease, barely able to put a spoon or folk to their mouth, pick up a pen, and write.

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