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Local politicians take on surge in air traffic noise complaints



The Somerville Board of Aldermen is redoubling its efforts to gain some relief from the increasing noise levels caused by over-flights to and from Logan International Airport.

By Erin Wade

The annual number of complaints over air traffic noise in Somerville is over 10 times higher today than it was three years ago, according to Massport data, following the transition to GPS-based flight paths from Runway 33 Left at Logan International Airport in mid-2013.

From June 1, 2016, to May 31, 2017 – the most recent date for which data was available on the Massport website – Somerville residents filed a total of 2,428 complaints with Massport. During the same time period in 2013 and 2014, only 202 complaints were filed.

And the city's representatives are taking steps to address this uptick in constituent complaints.

"I am just beyond thrilled that President [of the Board William] White is working with me on this, and we have the total support of the Board of Aldermen," Continued on page 4

More Than Moves Festival 2017

By Taylor McMahon

Back for its second annual community showcase, Paradise Lost: A Movement Collective and other Boston-based artists will perform at the More Than Moves Festival 2017 on Thursday, July 27, 8:00 p.m., at the Rockwell Theater in Somerville. All proceeds from the event will benefit Transition House, Cambridge's domestic violence agency for community education, outreach, and intervention.

The More Than Moves Festival unites artists of all different styles and backgrounds to celebrate community and strength. The festival threads together the power of art, collaboration, and storytelling to benefit an organization that has changed the lives of many families in the Cambridge/Greater Boston Area. For one night, artist will come together to recognize the members of the Transition House community through art. Participating artists have been inspired by the phrase "survivors are thrivers." Last year, the More Than Moves Festival brought together nine Continued on page 17



The thrill of Haiti and Brazil page 12

Paradise Lost: A Movement Collective hosts the More Than Moves Festival 2017 this Thursday at the Rockwell Theater in Davis Square.





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

We hear that **Mayor Joe Curtatone** is in China this week attending a hockey tournament that his son is in. We wish them a good and safe trip. Meanwhile, under the city charter the person in charge is **President of the Board of Alderman Bill White.** No pizza parties or Chinese food parties in the Mayor's Office with Bill there. Nope, the city is in very capable hands with Bill in charge. You think he might enact some administrative decisions?

Some politicians have asked why they don't get mentioned in *Newstalk*. We suggest all the time that if you want an event mentioned we're happy to talk about it. Let us know. That goes for anyone out there that wants us to recognize someone for a birthday, anniversary, an event or an award. Let us know.

Our sincere condolences to the family of Hanoria Sullivan, who recently passed away. She was the mother of Alderman At-Large Dennis Sullivan. Some of us remember her going way back in the day. Both she and her now departed husband Joe. She's now with Joe and the Lord Jesus. May she rest in peace. Again, to her many relatives and friends, we extend our sympathy and condolences with the passing of Hanoria.

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

Happy birthday this week here in the Ville: **Rick Spinosa** of Winter Hill and of the famous Spinosa family. Happy birthday to another good guy, **Richard Nilsson**, who celebrates this week. He's the husband of **Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne.** Happy birthday to a special guy Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Opinions shared on Community Benefits Committee, Neighborhood Councils

Villenous says:

Job-specific training is a waste of time. The workplace changes so rapidly that if your skills are too specific, you become obsolete. I'm all for people learning to become machinists or coders, but making that a central ask in a community benefits agreement seems like a small bang for the buck. I'd much rather see a higher percentage of locally owned and operated retail, a greater diversity of housing and money toward infrastructure. Those are the kinds of things that will benefit the community in the long run. Jobs training for manufacturers who may never even locate in Somerville, let alone Union Square, is little more than a show pony.

Response to: City petitions DHS for Temporary Protected Status program extension

diego says:

Huh? Elizabeth has been here 20 years &doesn't speak English. Her husband never applied for citizenship? Send him back...sry...

LindaS says:

I don't know the situation regarding Elizabeth and her husband, so I won't comment on that. But what I think there should be is some kind of free class offered to all immigrants, legal or not, to learn English, no questions asked.

There's nothing wrong with anyone from another country being here, but I do feel that anyone who comes here needs to learn to speak English. If I were going to another country to live, I would have to learn their language in order to get around and function properly, get a job, do anything of importance. I can't expect that country to accomodate me, I have to adjust to them. Not only that, but I'd be afraid to get around knowing that I don't understand what people are saying to me, or that I can't make myself understood to them.

I am the grandchild of immigrants on both sides, and they did learn English for the most part when they came here, and wanted to assimilate into American culture. It just seems a measure of respect for the country you are coming into to at least make some effort to learn their language, if not for the common sense necessity of being able to live and work among your adopted countrymen.

I could never be able to live in a foreign country without learning at least the most basic vocabulary. How anyone could live here for any length of time without knowing at least some English is amazing to me. Perhaps they have family members who translate for them, but that may not always be the case.

How can any immigrant be properly able to speak for themselves if they have to rely on an interpreter? Everyone needs to be able to voice their opinion, and being able to speak the language of the country they are living in is as much to their benefit as to anyone else's.

It's always a good thing when a foreign-born person is able to find places where their language is spoken. But they cannot rely solely on that if they are living where the predominant language is not their own.

If they are here temporarily, or permanently, it is in their own best interest to do whatever they can to learn to speak English as much as possible, and perhaps if there were free classes offered to all immigrants, it would encourage them to do so.

Somerville prides itself on being a sanctuary city, so it would seem only fitting that we also offer to help teach those same immigrants to live and communicate with us as easily as possible.



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CAP says:

East Somerville Branch Library offers free English lessons. It's popular, I've seen residents from all over the world attending.

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تابد Somerville Times ______ Cowboy hats, burgers, and dialogue This year's third 'Walking Dialogues' event a success

By Rob Carter

The police arrived at a barbecue at the Clarendon Hill Towers only moments after it started on Saturday, July 22, but not because of noise complaints from the neighbors. The officers came as invited guests, part of the Center for Teen Empowerment's Walking Dialogue tour of Somerville.

Residents of the apartment complex wore cowboy hats and ate hamburgers and hot dogs, and police officers mingled with the crowd. One officer even joined community members on the dance floor set up in the middle of the dining area, cutting a rug next to a Michael Jackson impersonator hired for the event.

The cookout was the third in a series of Walking Dialogues, which seek to "measure and improve perceptions of public safety among Somerville residents," according to organizers. While the police worked on the "improve perceptions" portion of the mission by introducing themselves to residents and chatting over plates of grilled chicken and pasta salad, a group of teenagers tried to tackle the "measure" piece.

Teenagers sporting clipboards and T-shirts emblazoned with "Teen Empowerment" bounced from table to table, interviewing anyone willing to speak with them. The clipboards held surveys about the Center for Teen Empowerment's five areas of focus this summer: new marijuana laws, immigration, mental health, perception of police and perception of teens.

Taylor Copeland, one of the youth leaders at the Center for Teen Empowerment, said they've found that residents have more positive views of their local police force than they do of police at a national level.

"Somerville seems to be a positive perception overall, but, when it comes to mainstream media and police in general, then it seems like there's a more negative and fearful connotation toward that," Copeland said.

One of her fellow activists, Sam Jean-Francois, noted that his conversations have highlighted the impact a single negative experience can have on a person's trust in the police. Copeland said one of the main focuses this year has been trying to lessen the impact of one bad interaction.

Copeland said members of the Center for Teen Empowerment hope they can "humanize the police and youth and [help people] realize that negative situations do happen, but also that not everyone is the same, and kind of bridge those gaps through this dialogue."

As they work as intermediaries between the police and the community, some Center for Teen Empowerment members say they are seeing their own



The latest edition of the "Walking Dialogues" series brought Somerville police officers, local teens, and members of the general public together for an afternoon of food, fun, and constructive dialogue.

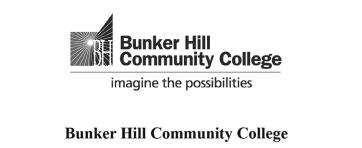
perceptions change. "It was really had for

"It was really bad for me growing up, lots of gangs, drugs, violence, all that stuff coming around here, and me and my friends were always involved or in the mix of everything, so I had a very negative perception of police," John Norena, another youth leader, said. "But then, once I started working for Teen Empowerment, I started doing youth-police dialogues and sitting down with them and asking questions and actually getting to know them, so I started really seeing them as people, started humanizing them a little more, and now we're like best buds."

The Center for Teen Empowerment came to Somerville in 2004, after Mayor Joe Curtatone brought the group in to address increases in youth drug use, gang activity and suicide rates.

The Somerville Police and the Center for Teen Empowerment are scheduled to host the fourth in their series of seven Walking Dialogue events at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, at Dickerman Playground.





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The landscaper's new shoes, and a hatchet

Police officers were dispatched to the Nike Outlet at Artisan Way last week for a shoplifting that had just occurred.

The suspect, later identified as Ralph Milord, of Hyde Park, had allegedly left the store wearing sports shoes that he had not paid for.

The officers searched the immediate area but could not locate Milord, so they went to the store and spoke with a loss prevention employee who reportedly stated that another employee had alert-

ed him to a possible shoplifting. The loss prevention employee reviewed the surveillance footage and reportedly observed Milord enter the store with red sports shoes. He then selected a box of shoes and later exited the store wearing white sports shoes.

Red sports shoes matching those seen in the video were reportedly found in the box that the stolen shoes were removed from. Video footage of Milord actually donning the

was not available.

Some time later, a police officer observed a male fitting the description of the suspect at Assembly Row. The officer then stopped the man, who was at that time identified as Milord.

During the stop, the officer observed an item protruding from Milord's waistband. The officer asked Milord if he had any weapons on him and he reportedly stated that he did not.

The officer performed a pat

stolen shoes, valued at \$59.99, frisk of Milord and recovered a hatchet. A further search of Milord's person also turned up a knife.

> Milord reportedly told police that he was a landscaper and he carried the hatchet for work. The responding officers observed that the fixed serrated blade of the knife appeared to be in excess of two and a half inches, which would constitute a violation of a Somerville ordinance that regulates dangerous weapons.

The officers asked Milord where he got the shoes he was wearing and he reportedly stated that he got them from Nike, and he believed they cost \$59.99. He was the asked if he had paid for the shoes and he reportedly stated that he did not.

Milord was subsequently placed under arrest and booked on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, shoplifting by asportation, and carrying a dangerous weapon.

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Arrests:

Ralph Milord, of 80 Metropolitan Ave., Hyde Park, July 18, 11:15 a.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, shoplifting by asportation, and carrying a dangerous weapon.

Manuel Escobar, of 45 Addison St., Chelsea, July 20, 6:30 p.m., arrested at Central St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and uninsured motor vehicle.

Zanterius Broadus, of 25 Auburn St., Woburn, July 20, 8:49 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Antoine Pentagram-Maton, of 80 Jackson Circle, Cambridge, July 22, 6:23 a.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, motor vehicle lights violation, unregistered motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and speeding.

Pedro Herrera, July 22, 2:43 p.m., arrested at Mc-Grath Hwy. on warrant charges of felony daytime

breaking and entering, armed robbery, conspiracy, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and witness intimidation.

Lisa Hanley, of 60 Roberts Rd., Medford, July 24, 1:21 a.m., arrested at Fellsway West on a warrant charge of juror failure to appear.

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Local politicians take on surge in air traffic noise complaints

Alderman-at-Large Mary Jo Rossetti said in a phone interview, noting that U.S. Rep. Mike Capuano also included, in an FAA reauthorization bill, language aimed at helping to prevent air traffic noise Aviation Administration. over Somerville.

During remarks at the July 13 Board of Aldermen meeting, White railed against hardships for Somerville residents coping with air traffic noise.

in the morning, for the month of May and June," White said, noting that this was the reason he and other members of the Board were sending a letter of complaint to the Federal

White's letter, which he was authorized to send at the July 13 meeting, notes that Runway 33 Left was used for both a late-night and early morning departure 13 times during the month of May, meaning "there was less than a six-hour break from the last evening flight until the next morning flight for those residents impacted ment of runway usage during the months of May and June." Rossetti said she has heard from constituents who are directly impacted by the brief break in flights at night.

"There are many families with young children who reach out to me to tell me that they're beyond frustrated that their children's sleep is being disrupted because of the airplane noise," Rossetti said over the phone. But Wig Zamore, Somerville's Massport Community Advisory Committee and Logan representative, said at the Board of Aldermen meeting on July 13 that Somerville saw more total air traffic noise pre-2013 and that alterations to flight paths in mid-2013 had reduced the total amount of noise over the city.

a more intense environmental justice community that got that noise," Zamore said.

Zamore said the FAA and Massport have hired John Hansman, director of MIT's International Center for Air Transportation, to implement a number of small changes to reduce the noise airplanes produce when they fly over Somerville. Zamore also noted that Logan has just two long runways — 33 Left and 4 Right — that large, international jets can use. Since Logan is doubling its capacity at Terminal E, which services international flights, Zamore says nighttime air traffic on Runway 33 Left will continue to increase. When White said his observations of airplane takeoffs suggest that flights using Runway 33 Left late at night aren't just international flights, Zamore suggested that White revise his letter to the FAA to request a yearlong study of takeoffs from the runway. Capuano's language in the CONT. FROM PG 1

FAA reauthorization bill would also address these late-night flight patterns. In a newsletter to constituents, Capuano said the amendments he added to the bill required "the FAA to consider 'dispersing' flights to address noise concerns if the community and airport request it." A second addition Capuano made to the bill would require the FAA to review its noise exposure standards, which were set in the 1970s, because according to Capuano's newsletter, "The science behind noise exposure has no doubt gotten more sophisticated since then, and the FAA should at least consider whether the limit should be updated." Director of Communications for Capuano Alison Mills said in an email that the FAA reauthorization bill, with Capuaamendments attached, no's has passed out of the House Transportation Committee and is awaiting floor action in the House of Representatives.

"For the people who live under this, who can't get five hours of sleep a night for half of a month, it's pretty bad," White said.

White mentioned in his remarks that he had noticed a recent increase in the number of flights taking off from Logan's Runway 33 Left, which sends flights directly over Somerville, late at night and early in the morning.

"I literally spent, I don't know, 20 hours going to the runway monitor and actually monitoring all of the flights during the evening, and then by 33L departures." In his letter, White says that the pattern of late-night and early-morning flights from Runway 33 Left continued in the month of June, with 14 departures leaving less than six hours between the final flight of the evening and the first flight of the morning, and called the pattern "a deviation from the traditional assign-

"The noise was more in the east and the north and less in the west and the north, but there was more total noise, there was louder noise because it was lower to the ground and it also was



Somerville Freedom School leads March to End Child Hunger

By Melissa Watton

On Wednesday, July 19, over one hundred children from the Boston and Somerville Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools[®] summer program sites led a march focusing on child hunger in the United States.

Parents and community members joined the youth, ranging from kindergarteners to eighth graders, as they marched from Boston Commons to the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial at the State House.

They participated with thousands of their peers in the Children's Defense Fund's 2017 National Day of Social Action to raise awareness about child hunger and the need to strengthen federal programs critical to ensuring all of America's children a healthy start in life.

The children carried empty plates representing the 13.1 million children who go hungry every day in the nation.

Kedvens Jean Jr., 9, who attends Freedom Connexion in Somerville, addressed the crowd on the State House steps. "I felt really excited about speaking because I knew people would hear me and maybe we could actually change the world," Jean Jr. said after the demonstration.

President Trump has proposed cutting \$193 billion from the federal food stamp program over the ten years, which will reduce benefits by 25%. "Without programs like SNAP and WIC as well as healthy school lunches, there will be more kids added to the 13.1 million that are already facing child hunger," Jean Jr. said.

Freedom School is a secular six-week summer literacy program offered to 30 students from Somerville. Rooted in the civil rights movement, the Freedom School creates a sense of hope, empowerment, and social justice.



Kedvens Jean Jr. marched with 150 Freedom School scholars to the State House.

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Union Sq. traffic pattern change update

Beginning on Saturday, July 29 (weather permitting), both Prospect St. and Webster Ave. will be converted to accommodate two-way vehicle and bicycle traffic. Currently, Webster Ave. is one-way from Somerville Ave. to the intersection with Prospect St., while Prospect St. is one-way from Webster Ave./ Concord St. into Union Square. The switchover is the culmination of a multiyear "Union Square Early Action" planning project, for which construction officially began in spring 2017.

Overnight on Friday, July 28, construction crews will paint new markings on both streets prior to changing traffic signals on Saturday morning. All work is expected to be complete between 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, at which time the new traffic pattern will take effect. Police details will remain in place for a period of at least one-to-two weeks as commuters adjust to the change. Important Things to Know About the Traffic Pattern Change:

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• Both Prospect St. and Webster Ave. will permanently accommodate two-way traffic, both for bicycles and for vehicles.

• A drop-off lane for St. Joseph's Church and Prospect Hill Academy will be maintained. Parking will be eliminated on this side of the street.

• Newton St. will no longer be a through street, but will be accessible for abutters only.

The Union Square Early Action project has four primary goals: to relieve vehicle congestion in Union Square, to improve safety and accessibility, perform minor water and sewer utility upgrades, and facilitate a safe, efficient traffic management plan for the upcoming larger sewer separation project scheduled for 2017-2018.

Prior to the traffic pattern change, electronic signage will be placed in several key locations in Somerville and in Cambridge, alerting motorists of the upcoming change. Once the lane markings have been installed and new traffic signals activated, cones, barricades, and police details will be in place temporarily as motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians gain experience with the new pattern. For more information about the Union Square Early Action project, including plans, and presentations from past public meetings, visit www.somervillema. gov/USqEarlyAction.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for REGULATE MARIJUANA (H 3818) Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



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



Rep. Mike Connolly

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

House 136-11, Senate 32-6, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a conference committee compromise version of a bill changing some provisions and adding other provisions to the law, approved by voters on the 2016 ballot, legalizing the possession, growing and sale of marijuana. The House and Senate several weeks ago had approved different versions of the bill.

The measure taxes all marijuana sales with a 10.75 percent excise tax, 6.25 percent state sales tax and a local option allowing cities and towns to impose an additional tax of up to 3 percent. In addition, any agreement between a retail marijuana establishment and a host community for the first five years may include a community impact fee of up to another 3 percent paid by the seller to the city or town to cover the costs imposed upon the municipality by the operation of the establishment. Medical marijuana remains tax-free.

If a city or town voted against for the 2016 marijuana ballot question, the decision to prohibit or restrict marijuana establishments will be determined by the municipality's governing body until December 2019. If a municipality approved the ballot initiative, the decision can only be made through a local city or town wide referendum.

Other key provisions of the new law include:

Allowing persons over 21 to give an ounce or less of marijuana to others; possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside their home and ten ounces in their home. Any quantity above one ounce in the home must be under lock and key.

Allowing each person to grow six plants per person in his or her home, with a maximum of 12 plants per household.

Prohibiting plants that can be visible by neighbors or from a public place and putting growing areas under lock and key.

Giving landlords the right to prohibit smoking or growing of marijuana on their properties.

Allowing advertising on TV, radio, billboard, print or the Internet only in markets where at least 85 percent of the audience is over 21.

young people, " said Rep. Rona Mariano (D-Quincy). "The black market will be searching for new customers and this bill calls for increased funding for early intervention services and public awareness campaigns, and provides significant barriers to prevent children of our communities from being indoctrinated into this market by advertising campaigns aimed to attract them."

"I don't think in five years, 10 years, or 20 years from now, we're going to look back on this decision to legalize marijuana and think it was the best decision for Massachusetts," said Sen. Donald Humason (R-Westfield). "We're already starting to see questions about implementation and legal implications, so I anticipate we'll see some buyer's remorse on this question down the road."

"We have protected the right of adults to grow, possess and use marijuana," said Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville), Senate chair of the Joint Committee on Marijuana Policy. "This bill increases public health and safety protections, and specifies ways to prevent products from appealing to young people. The tax rate remains among the lowest in the country, and the same as in Oregon, often seen as successful."

Rep. Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen) said she couldn't support the bill because it did not include a substance abuse fund to combat the opioid epidemic and to pay for overall substance abuse prevention, education, treatment and recovery initiatives. She noted that the House leadership proposed raising taxes on marijuana to 28 percent, higher than what was passed on the ballot, citing the need to create such a fund.

"When the final bill reached the floor, however, the bill had no substance abuse fund included but still raised the tax from 12 percent that voters approved to 20 percent," said DiZoglio. "The additional marijuana revenue that was supposed to be used for a substance abuse fund will now instead be subject to appropriation and directed to the General Fund."

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

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

FAIRNESS FOR PREGNANT WORKERS (H 3816)



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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local legislators' votes on roll calls from the week of July 17-21.

Banning retail shops from being located near school zones.

Jim Borghesani, Director of Communications for "Yes on 4," the group that led the campaign to legalize marijuana said that he favors the lower 12 percent tax that voters approved and noted that while the final 20 percent tax is higher than he wanted, it is not nearly as high as the House's original 28 percent tax.

"We have said all along that the law passed by voters last November needed no fixes or improvement," said Borghesani."But the Legislature decided to change it, and we fought hard to ensure that the changes respected the will of the voters as much as possible. The final bill, thanks to the Senate's moderate approach, did not include the damaging components of the House approach."

"A total tax rate of up to 20 percent is necessary to help regulate this new industry and to address inevitable challenges, primarily the increased exposure of marijuana to Senate 38-0, approved and sent to Gov. Baker the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act that prohibits an employer from discriminating against, refusing to employ or firing a woman because she is pregnant or has a condition related to pregnancy.

The measure guarantees reasonable accommodations and safety measures for pregnant mothers. Reasonable accommodations include time off to recover from childbirth; more frequent, longer paid or unpaid breaks; acquiring or modifying equipment or seating arrangements; and a private non-bathroom space for expressing breast milk – unless any of these would create an undue hardship on the employer.

Supporters said a pregnant woman should not have to fear losing her job when she could continue working with some reasonable adjustments. They argued that no one should have to choose between a healthy pregnancy and a weekly paycheck.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

EDUCATION BILLS - The Education Committee held a hearing on 30 bills including:

STUDENTS MUST LEARN CPR (H 3733) - Requires all public high school students to study and demonstrate a general knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of automatic external defibrillators as a prerequisite for graduation.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON OPIOIDS (S 303) - Requires all public schools to hold at least one assembly for high school seniors that illustrates the statistics and dangers of opioid addiction and the Good Samaritan laws relating to overdose prevention.

PARENTS MUST LEARN ABOUT RISKS OF OPIOIDS (S 273) - Requires all parents to receive a minimum of 2-hours of state-approved education about the dangers of prescription drug abuse before their son or daughter can enter seventh grade.

FOOD ALLERGY PLAN IN SCHOOLS (S 228) - Requires all schools to develop a Food Allergy Manage-

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ment and Prevention Plan to address food allergy safety and training. The plan would apply to all members of school staff including teachers, administrators, school nurses, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers and athletic coaches.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST FOR ALL (H 327) - Requires schools that have at least 60 percent or more students eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the federal National School Lunch Program offer all students in that school a school breakfast.

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PANTRIES (S 292) - Requires the Board of Education to develop guidelines for the voluntary implementation by school districts of programs that encourage schools to donate excess, unconsumed and edible food and beverages from meals served in the cafeteria. The food would go to food pantries, soup kitchens and other organizations that distribute food to the poor and disadvantaged.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work,

research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of July 17-21, the House met for a total of 14 hours and 14 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 14 hours and 39 minutes.

Mon. July 17	House 11:02 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 3:24 p.m.
Tues. July 18	No House session No Senate session
Wed. July 19	House 11:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 4:22 p.m.
Thurs. July 20	House 11:03 a.m. to 4:09 p.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 4:32 p.m.
Fri. July 21	No House session No Senate session

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

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

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	15	\$799,000	\$804,000
7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$799,900	\$870,000
5 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	14	\$799,900	\$800,000
7 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Detached	24	\$825,000	\$900,000
5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	23	\$839,000	\$839,000
7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	48	\$874,900	\$850,000
8 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Garden	16	\$874,900	\$876,000
8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath 2/3 Family	26	\$899,900	\$920,000
6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	35	\$969,900	\$964,450
6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	6	\$985,000	\$1,035,000
6 room, 2 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	21	\$999,990	\$1,025,000
6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	19	\$1,150,000	\$1,185,000
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Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

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

Eagle feathers #134

Hanoria Sullivan

SULLIVAN, Hanoria (O'Connor) – Of Somerville, originally from County Kerry, Town of Killorglin, Ireland,

passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at her home on July 20, 2017.

OBITUARY

Beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Sullivan. Loving mother of Dennis and his wife Melissa, Daniel, Maureen, Joseph and the late Jeremiah Sullivan. Sister of Mary Travers and her husband Robert, Bridie Woulfe and her husband William and Johnny O'Connor and his wife Mary. Mother-in-law of Shelia Sullivan. Loving and caring Grandmother of Jaclyn Rose, Mark and Jay Sullivan. Also

survived by her beautiful cat Nia. Special thanks to Una McPartlin.

October 2, 1939 - July 20, 2017

Funeral procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home took place on Tuesday morning, July 24, at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Benedict Church, Somerville at 10:00 a.m. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations maybe made in Hanoria's memory to St. Benedict Church, 25 Arlington, St., Somerville, MA, 02145.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week Somerville

Weaving the Web By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on Somerville's fifth birthday, March 3, 1847. Thirty years later, after moving to America, he became the recipient of the United States Patent #174465. This is often considered the most valuable patent ever granted. It acknowledged him as the inventor of the telephone and father of its industry.



The creation of this incomparable device took place in the Boston electrical shop of Charles Williams, Jr. of Somerville. His shop was an incubator for electrical pioneers, and Williams was liberal in sharing his knowledge and equipment. He had experience in creating burglar alarms and fire telegraph systems. The earliest inventions of Bell and Thomas Edison occurred there.

The first outside test of Bell's telephone was sent over a three-mile phone line. It stretched from Williams' shop at 109 Court Street in Boston to his dwelling at

One Arlington Street in Somerville. The conversation was between Charles and his wife, and he told her that he was coming home shortly. Bell assigned William's home telephone number as #1, and his Boston shop telephone number as #2.

The next telephone line went to the Downer residence at 170 Central Street

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on Winter Hill. Roswell Downer was one of Bell's closest friends. He asked Roswell's father, Cutler Downer, who was a Boston Banker and Winter Hill land developer, to invest in the enterprise. Cutler declined, calling the telephone an amusing toy.

This week's SomerMovie Beast



At this Thursday's SomerMovie Beast feature you can catch a young President Reagan starring with Bonzo the Chimp in the comedy classic Bedtime for Bonzo. The movie starts at dusk in Powderhouse Park. And don't forget to visit somervillema.gov/beast to vote for the final film of the series, which is a viewers' choice movie.

Treasure Hunting with Bob

15000 mile journey

I was at one of my favorite "suppliers" in Harvard Square. They're closed now so I can disclose the name: Second Time it. I could barely concentrate on the screen-

giant 18K gold bracelet. This accessory was marked, but just slightly. It cost \$12. Sweet. The bracelet was heavy and at the gold price of the day, it had \$3500 of the shiny metal in

BY BOB ADAMS

Around. They primarily sold women's clothing but also sold accessories. And jewelry is an accessory.

Not many men would shop there. Women would stare at me while I browsed. I was taking a class at the Cambridge Adult Ed and would always stop in at the Harvard STA before class.

This evening, I spotted an antique turquoise and unmarked hi-karat gold ring. Persian. The stone was flawless and probably looked to the untrained eye as fake plastic. It cost \$19 but was worth \$150 easily. Seconds later, it was mine.

Now, good items sometimes travel in groups. I figured someone didn't just travel 15000 miles and come back with a little gold ring. I looked in the case somewhat casually and there was its travelling companion, a

writing class that night.

A few days later, I took it to the big auction house downtown and they said it would sell for \$2000. What? The refiner would give me more and being in a bind financially at the time, I knew what I had to do. I hated melting it, but the mortgage needed to be paid. A few minutes after walking into the refiner's office I walked out with a fat check and kept the house. A worthwhile journey.

Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com.

Despite this, both his sons, Ross and Frank, invested and were given telephone numbers #3 and #4. This second call was from Bell, telling Downer to send a note by messenger to Bell's girlfriend in Cambridge. Until more telephone lines were laid across the city, a Winter Hill phone-messenger service was created and flour-

ished. It was located at the intersection of Temple Street and Broadway.

While he and his crew were laying more lines, Williams became the first person to receive payment for a telephone service. He was also the sole manufacturer of these early telephones until the demand Continued on page 15

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'Villens United by Chris Haskell Jeff Rowe European tour kickoff



Whether brewing beer or singing his heart out, Jeff Rowe brings a simple happy truth to everything does. After celebrating the one year anniversary of Winter Hill Brewery which he founded with friend and fellow brewmaster Bert Holdredge, Jeff will be heading overseas to play some of the fine brew house's of Germany.

plans to kick off his upcoming European tour with a "bon voyage" performance at his own brewpub. For Jeff, there could be no better send off then to celebrate with the Winter Hill community which has made the brewpub their new favorite neighborhood pub.

Jeff's upcoming "Life is No Pony Farm" tour will mark the fourth time that he's traveled to perform in Europe. While his current tour stops in Germany and the Netherlands, in past years Jeff has performed in other countries such as Ukraine and Russia.

Jeff has a record label and tour Before boarding the plane, Jeff manager in Europe and some Russian fans have even posted videos of his performances on YouTube. No fears of success overwhelming him, Jeff is just happy that people overseas even want to come out to the bar for his folksy-punkish sound and "listen to this idiot sing a song." Jeff's wife Alissa travels with him every time he heads over to Europe to keep him company and enjoy the experience alongside him.

Jeff's artistic passions are filtered and strained through the brew tanks at Winter Hill Brewery most days; but the idea of bringing his music home to the Brewery had him both excited and anxious.

The August 12 tour kickoff may be both performance and party. Most of Jeff's friends and brewpub regulars plan to come out to party all night to see him off and wish him safe travels. The same people who have helped make Jeff's dream of owning his own neighborhood brewpub come true and make the place what it is today; and for Jeff that's what life is all about. You can hear it in his music.

BostonFreeRadio.com will be broadcasting live from Winter Hill Brewery when the show begins at 9:00 p.m. for any who may want to join in the festivities from the comfort of your own home, but those who don't make it out will be missing out.



Jeff Rowe's "Life is No Pony Tour" kickoff is coming up on Saturday, August 12, at Winter Hill Brewery.

Matt Murphy and John Sheck will be opening for Jeff before he takes the stage for the first time at his own brewery. The night will be a celebration of beer and the local Somerville Arts scene that make this city great. Come out and have Bert pour you a pint of Jeff's favorite Darlin's IPA and enjoy the show.

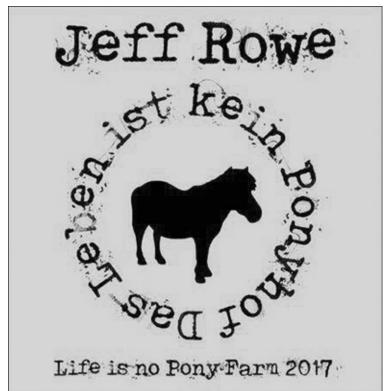
Jeff Rowe "Life is No Pony Tour" kickoff, August 12, 9:00 p.m.-midnight. Also featuring performances by Matt Murphy and John Sheck. Log on to bostonfreeradio.com at 9:00 p.m. for a live broadcast of The Villen's Den from Winter Hill Brewery.

Later Villens ... see you at the show!



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National Night Out in Somerville

The city is inviting the entire community to join the Somerville Office of Prevention, Somerville Cares About Prevention, and the Somerville Police Department for Somerville's 14th Annual National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs, on Tuesday, August 1, at Foss Park.

Events run from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Somerville's contribution to the national movement will feature Fire and Police Department demonstrations, a presentation from the Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit, and live performances by the Somerville Sunsetters, Teen Empowerment, and the Red Tiger Academy of Martial Arts, as well as youth activities and games and information tables from more than 30 neighborhood agencies.

"National Night Out is a great community-building event, and an opportunity for families to talk to our officers and staff, discuss neighborhood

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concerns, and see some of the Somerville Police Department's equipment such as motorcycles, cruisers, and our Incident Command Vehicle," said Somerville Police Chief David Fallon.



COMMENTARY

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Be Somerville

A monthly look at ways to get involved with your city



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Things may slow down in the summertime in other cities, but here in Somerville, you can get civically engaged even in the dog days of July and August, which is good, because we need you year-round. When residents get involved it brings the benefits of different perspectives, community ownership, and introducing residents to networks of people who share the same concerns and passions within their neighborhoods. Whether you're an adult or teen, there are many different avenues in Somerville you can take to get involved. No matter which one you choose, there's always a way to make sure your voice is heard.

Community Preservation Act (CPA) Survey

Do you have two minutes to help your city learn more about your CPA knowledge and preferences? This summer we're evaluating how our Community Preservation Act (CPA) program is aligning with residents' priorities and how well known it is within our community. Whether you are familiar with the CPA or not, you can engage with the City by taking a brief survey so we can learn about your preferences as they relate to CPA. To take the survey, visit www.somervillema. gov/CPAsurvey.

As a reminder the Community Preservation Committee is now accepting applications for a general public member. Applications are due by August 3, and more information can be found at www.somervillema.gov/CPA. Youth-Police Walking Dialogues, 7/27, 8/10, 8/15, 8/24, and more

As a partnership between the Somerville Police Department and the Center for Teen Empowerment, the Youth-Police Walking Dialogues present Somerville youth with the opportunity to build relationships with police, business owners, and other residents while strolling through their ward. It's crucial that we work to engage young people in our community too, and these dialogues give youth the chance to personally see and experience the benefits of community engagement.

When/where: Ward dialogue

times and locations vary. For complete schedule and location information, visit www.somervillema.gov/events/2017/07/27/ youth-police-walking-dialogues. **Residential Energy Assistance Resource Fair, 7/27**

Join the City of Somerville, consumer advocates, and public utility companies to learn more about programs that could help you cut costs on your utility bills. Light refreshments will be served. Additional information on Somerville energy efficiency programs can be found at www. somervillema.gov/seen.

When/where: Thursday, July 27, at 4 p.m. at East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. **Zoning Open House**, 7/29, 8/17, 8/22, and 8/31

Are you interested in learning more about the proposed zoning overhaul? Drop by any of our open houses to speak with City planning and zoning staff, ask questions, or provide feedback. For useful introductory information, check out the infographics tab at www.somervillezoning.com.

When/where: The next open house is Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Somerville High School Library, 81 Highland Ave. Please note that locations vary for the subsequent dates. Complete schedule information can be found on the City calendar at www.somervillema. gov/events or at www.somervillezoning.com.

Somerville Bicycle Committee Meeting, 8/15

Biking tends to be at the forefront of our minds during the summer months. Take that opportunity to attend a meeting and learn more about the Somerville Bicycle Committee's efforts to make biking in Somerville safer for all. The committee hosts several other public events too. Learn more at www.somervillebikes.org.

When/where: Tuesday, August 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Somerville Police Department Academy Room, 220 Washington St.

Somerville Climate Forward Meeting, 8/16 and 8/21

Somerville Climate Forward kicked off last month, launching the City's comprehensive climate change and resiliency planning process. Join staff from the City's Office of Sustainability and the Environment as they discuss the findings of Somerville's Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and talk more about the Somerville Climate Forward effort.

When/where: Wednesday,

August 16, and Monday, August 21, at 6 p.m. at the Somerville Central Library Auditorium, 79 Highland Ave.

Somerville High School Building Committee Meeting, 8/21 and 8/23

With site preparations set to begin soon, join the High School Building Committee for their public meetings to learn more about what's to come for this project. For detailed plans and project timeline information, visit www.somervillema. gov/highschool.

When/where: Monday, August 21, and Wednesday, August 23, at 5:30 p.m. at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave.

The events and meetings listed above represent just a snapshot of ways to get involved with your City. There are several upcoming public meetings of boards, commissions, and committees. More information on these meetings, minutes, and agendas - along with numerous other City events - can be found on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov. The weekly City Newsletter also provides access to important City news updates as well as information and reminders about upcoming meetings and events. To subscribe, visit www.somervillema.gov/newsletter.

Don't expect much from a tax reform bill either



Great Recession, and for their efforts, received a \$25 billion federal bailout.

Two legislative priorities that Mr. Dimon cited as urgent are infrastructure investment and tax reform. Although Donald Trump promised us a yuge trillion-dollar infrastructure bill, his team is already backing away from it, while making noises about obtaining \$800 billion of the trillion from private investment. Presumably, those investors anticipate lip-smacking returns from becoming bridge highway trolls. This and would follow such privatization schemes as lowest-bidder prisons that produce criminals, a healthcare system that produces illness, and military contractors who produce corruption and collateral damage, while all produce wealth for Mr. Dimon's fellow oligarchs.

I suppose that in the Orwellian newspeak political culture we now inhabit, he expects to be taken seriously. After all, Donald Trump promised us healthcare that would cover more people, at lower premiums, and reduced costs. But he is now castigating Congressional leaders who can't get a bill passed that would savage Medicaid and withdraw coverage from more than 20 million Americans while passing the savings on to the wealthiest of us. Congressional leaders are eager to dispose of healthcare, one way or another, so that they can move on to tax reform, Mr. Dimon's other priority. Considering what past Republican tax legislation has done for his class, one can understand why it might be a priority for him.

now bear 5%. And income from working is now taxed at double the rates of income from capital. So one element that we can anticipate in a "tax reform" bill is further lowering taxes on the account for the resulting economic stimulus. Even then, job growth during Reagan's eight years was the worst performance of all post-War presidencies, except for the Bushes.'

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By William C. Shelton

One doesn't often hear a robber baron complain that U.S. public policy is "hurting average Americans every day." Much less that, "It's almost an embarrassment being an American traveling around the world and listening to the stupid shit Americans have to deal with."

But that's what Jamie Dimon told journalists this month when we he announced that Morgan Stanley Chase, the corporation he leads, had made record high profit for a U.S. bank. You may remember that Morgan Stanley helped bring us the

Prior to Ronald Reagan's presidency, corporations bore 25% of America's tax burden. They wealthy. It will be justified by the same tired lie that we've heard for forty years.

The lie is that with lower taxes to pay, rich folks will invest in enterprises that create jobs and generate even more tax revenues than were lost. The myth most often recited by tax-cut evangelists is that Ronald Reagan's massive cuts, which were negligible for working people, stimulated exceptional economic growth. In fact, his administration's deficit spending almost tripled the national debt that had previously taken two centuries to accumulate. The billions thus pumped into the economy, along with favorable monetary policy,

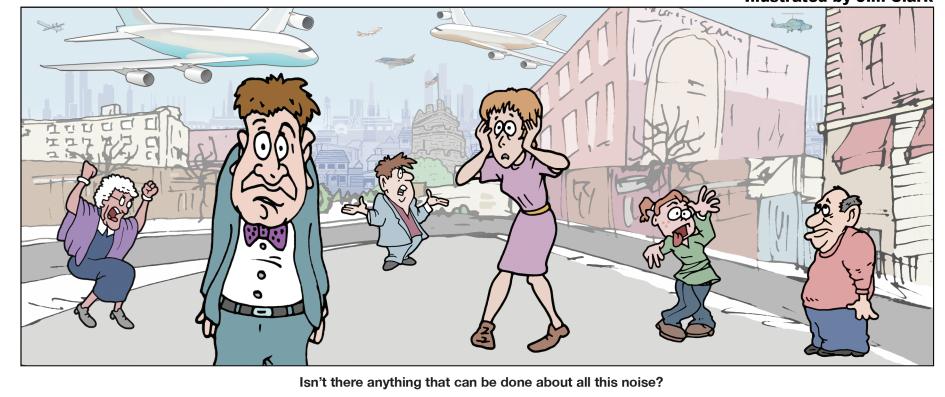
Harvard's Martin Feldstein was Reagan's chief economic adviser. He had been all for the tax cuts. But a year after Reagan left office, he felt obligated to publish a paper acknowledging that the "Reagan recovery" had nothing to do with personal tax cuts. During the Clinton Administration, the highest personal tax rate increased from 35 percent to 39.6 percent, the economy created 22 million jobs, and we had two balanced budgets. Bush Jr. reduced the top rate to 33 percent. During his eight years, the country lost 670,000 jobs. The average American's income shrank by six percent.

The tax cutters argue that if the top Continued on page 17

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

So, what's going on here? Why is it taking so long to get something substantial done in the way of reducing noise from aircraft coming out of Logan airport?

Ask these questions of a Massport or FAA representative and a slew of reasonable sounding explanations are offered. Flight paths can vary according to environmental conditions, overall level of activity at Logan International Airport, and any number of other factors. Such explanations are fine, such as they are. But they don't get the bulldog to sleep at night. We just wonder why it is that so much flight over the city has been conducted for so long, and why it is that nothing seems to be getting done about it. Sure, we are nestled in the heart of a teeming metropolitan area that plays host to a very busy international airport that operates 24/7. Still, we are left wondering why the noise gets so bad at times and what it will take to get some relief.

Obviously, the best thing we can do is to fight back while making a little noise of our own – by calling up Massport's Noise Complaint Line at (617) 561-3333 and giving them an earful of how we feel about the situation. As they say, the squeaky wheel gets the grease, so squeak away, friends and neighbors.

Change can be slow, and sometimes it takes a lot of complaining to get the right

attention. Thankfully, our representatives in city and state government are going to bat for us once again, trying to get the FAA's attention and engagement with this problem. This seems to be a never-ending process, though.

The good news is they are willing to keep fighting for us and insisting that a solution be found and implemented. They seem very determined in this regard. That's all we can ask.

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whom we have known all his life, Ricky Hart celebrates this week. He's married with three growing up beautiful kids. We hope Ricky and his wife Jaime celebrate a great day. Happy birthday to an old local pal who we haven't seen in a few years, Joe DaSilva. We hope he has a great birthday as well. To one of our own here at The Times, a great guy who is well known, appreciated and loved by many here in the city, Jimmy Del Ponte is also celebrating his birthday this week. A good friend, originally a native of NJ and now living in Winter Hill, John Serpico, a very talented guy who someday will be on the big movie screens. We hope he has a great birthday. Also celebrating last week was Bruce Rollins, formerly of Berkeley Street. He was thrown a wonderful surprise party by his lovely lady Nella last Saturday night. Well over 100 attended. We know he had a great night. Also celebrating this week is the good Alderman from Ward 5 Mark Niedergang. This guy is everywhere, all over the city and does a good job representing the residents of Ward 5. We hope he has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday too this week to Leeann Rollins. We hope she's going to have

a wonderful birthday with her beautiful family. Finally, happy birthday to **Janice Delory (McCarthy)**, who used to work in the **Mayor's Office** and has since retired. We wish her the very best for her birthday this week.

***** Don't be fooled by this new wave of campaigning out on the streets with large groups of people. We know that some campaigns are hiring outsiders and paying them to work door to door. When someone other than the candidate themselves knocks on your door ask questions about the candidate and the ward. You might easily unmask them. Besides, who hires outsiders to campaign for them? Ward 3 candidate Ben we hear does. Ward 2 Mr. Scott we hear does. Ask yourself why isn't the candidate himself or herself doing the door knocking? Years gone by candidates, even for mayor, would never do that. Even Joe Curtatone knocked on every door in the city, as a local ward candidate. Stop with the out of town money-grubber contributor hiring out of town campaign workers. Have you met any? We have!

on Facebook is a person named Theo Sullivan (check him out and friend him, read and enjoy). look him up, and although some would say he's not real or he's someone else, those that are saying anything should be concerned with the word "indirect" - look it up. Especially on a criminal complaint, in particular a "Harassment Prevention Order G.L. 258E," that was issued two years ago, now on the third year, against one of the publishers of that lesser known fake newspaper has a court order against him. Some of them over there should worry that criminal harassment complaints can and will be taken out on others as well. Be very careful. Don't be fooled by the boss over there who attempts to extort those that he believes he has something against. Just ask the mayor, who won't submit to his inappropriate demands and remarks. Again, check him out and friend Theo Sullivan on Facebook. He's telling the truth. Stay tuned here for any and all future court dates. They're coming.

brates his birthday. To the both of them, who are very special, we hope they have a great birthday. We hope Patti is back on her feet soon. She's a fighter and we know she will get better. FYI, Corey, her grandson, is the proud father of two children, a boy, **William**, and a girl, **Luna**. Four generations of redheads.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called Continued on page 17 or gone to the club

wARNING: Now the latest celebrity

This week **Patti Norton** is celebrating her birthday and also on that special day (the 29th) her grandson **Corey** also cele-

Haiti & Brazil Festival 'Hits the 'Ville'

The fourth annual "Haiti and Brazil Hit The 'Ville Festival" – an ArtsUnion festival – took place on Saturday, July 22, in Union Square Plaza.

The festivities included music, dance, food, family-friendly activities and more for the entire community. For the first time, this year the festival was held in the evening rather than during afternoon hours, and featured a Beer Garden with Haitian and Brazilian beverages for guests 21+.

In partnership with the Haitian Community Church of Somerville and community members, festival sponsors conducted a school supplies drive for children in Haiti who were affected by Hurricane Matthew in 2016.





















Visualizing Voice: Out of Many, ONE

Voice can express many things – a sound, a feeling, or moment in time. It can be a rally cry or a soft gentle whisper. Visualizing Voice is a community art project initiated by the Somerville Arts Council and a band of dedicated volunteers, devised to visualize this concept.

In honor of this year's ArtBeat theme: Voice, this project was designed to reflect the many voices in our community. During the weeks leading up to the festival, we held series of public workshops at the How to Fix the World Festival, Somer-Streets' Carnval, MudFlat Pottery School, WorkBar Artist Networking event, and the Somerville Homeless Coalition's Come to the Table.













SPORTS

CIT/LIT Job Readiness Program graduation

By Matthew O'Donnell

The CIT/LIT Job Readiness Program held its graduation on July 18, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at The Arthur D. Healey School.

The 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 work with kids at camp settings at The Somerville YMCA's Summer Day Camp and the Somerville Recreation's Somertime Day Program.

This session's graduating class included the following 26 students: Suyogya Acharya, Stacy Amoako, Matthew Barton, Laila Baugh, Kyle Betts, Anuj Dutt, Kimberly Esteban, Gia Fonseca, Jasmine Fridman, Wadson Gesse, Stacie Gomes-Akmal, Mayra Hernandez, Rajit Khosla, Samira Delgado Luna, Destiny Myers, Jorge Ortiz, Rood Pierre, Gabby Pimentel, Philip Reavis, Alexis Santos, Jalen Santos, Kenneth Smith, Tristan Shah, Antonio Tavares, Ethan Torino, and Isaiah Wright.

The collaborative efforts of the Somerville YMCA, the Somerville Community Youth Pro-



The proud graduates of the 2017 CIT/LIT Job Readiness Program.

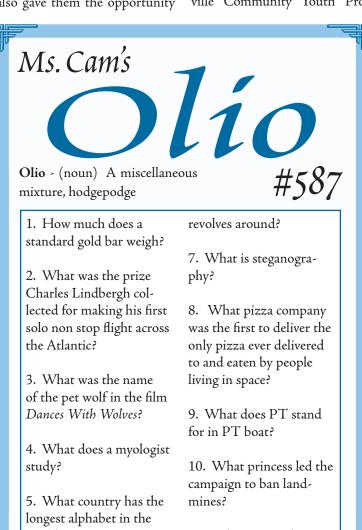
gram, the Somerville Recreation Department, the Somertime Day Program, and the Healey School have been the dynamic forces behind this program's

on great success.

The CIT/LIT Job Readiness program would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support throughout the past thirteen years that the program has been running. For more information about the program, please contact Joe Pinto at the Somerville YMCA (617) 625-5050.

New SHS Varsity Coach





world?

11. What is ganache made from?

6. What is the name of the army base that the comic strip *Beetle Bailey*

12. What is a hurdygurdy?

Answers on page 17

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To advertise in The Somerville Times call Bobbie Toner: 617-666-4010 The Somerville High School Girls Basketball Board congratulates the new Somerville High School Varsity Coach, Sheila Freitas-Haley, and wishes her luck in the 2017-18 season.

Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race

The 22nd Annual Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race will be taking place on Saturday, October 7 from Davis Square. All proceeds from the race benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition. Registration and further info is available online at https://www. somervillehomelesscoalition.org/ upcoming-events/road-race/.



Invite the mayor to your backyard

When you're putting together your summer BBQ guest list don't forget Mayor Joe Curtatone. This summer he's hoping a few residents will invite him over to talk about city issues, policies, or whatever else is on their minds as part of the Mayor In My Backyard (MIMBY) program. (If you don't have a backyard, that's OK. Living rooms, kitchen tables, porches, and patios are all great too.)

Like many of us, Mayor Curtatone is having a busy summer so there are only two MIMBY slots available right now. If you're interested in hosting, fill out

the online form at https://form.jotform.com/71995746687177. And, if it doesn't work out this summer, they hope to have more times available soon.



Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

exceeded the little shop's capabilities.

Bell's patents were secured by 1877. Thanks to him, today billions of telephones, cell phones, iPhones and satellites help keep the pulse of our lives

going. It began 140 years ago with the three-mile wire strung from 109 Court Street in Boston to One Arlington Street in Somerville. Today, it has woven itself into ... "THE WORLD WIDE WEB."







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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

> LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on <u>Wednesday, August 2, 2017</u> at 6:00 p.m. at the <u>Aldermanic</u> Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

620 Broadway (ZBA 2014-69-E1-0617) Applicant and Owner, Gaseus Maximums, LLC, seeks a time extension of a Special Permit and a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §5.3.10 for Case No. ZBA 2014-69, approved on August 5, 2015, which was granted to construct an 11 unit apartment building. NB zone. Ward 5.

42 Princeton Street (ZBA 2015-50-E1-0617) Applicants and Owners, Kenneth and Alexandra Greene, seeks a time extension of a Special Permit under SZO \$5.3.10 for Case No. ZBA 2015-50, approved on August 5, 2015, which was granted to alter a nonconforming structure by adding a dormer. RB zone. Ward 5.

131 Orchard Street (ZBA 2017-48) Owner, LaCourt Enterprises, and Applicant, Mouhab Rizkallah, Manager of LaCourt Enterprises, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to alter a nonconforming structure by decreasing the requirement for lot area per dwelling unit and increasing the floor area ratio (FAR), a Special Permit under §9.13 for parking relief, and a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §7.3 to add an additional four units in the basement of the existing 24 unit apartment building. RB Zone. Ward 6.

88 Irving Street (ZBA 2017-56) Applicant and Owner, 88 Irving, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to construct an addition to the structure to add a dwelling unit and a Special Permit under §9.13 for parking relief. RA zone. Ward 6.

21 Henderson Street (ZBA 2017-66) Applicant and Owner, Nick Aalerud being the Trustee of the Hepplewhite Realty Trust, seeks a Special Permit under \$4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to construct a dormer on the rear of the structure within the required rear yard setback of the nonconforming structure. RB zone. Ward 5.

21 Lake Street (ZBA 2017-69) Applicant and Owner, Yeongcheon Baek, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to construct an addition on the right of the structure within the required right side yard setback of the nonconforming structure. RC zone. Ward 2.

38 Oliver Street: (Case ZBA 2017-41) Applicants and Owners, Mark J. Ahern & Polly Chin-Ahern seek Special Permits under §4.4.1of the SZO to renovate a non-conforming 4-unit residential structure. RB zone. Ward 1.

47 Oxford Street: (Case ZBA 2017-61) Applicant and Owners, Antonin & Susan Tutter, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to extend existing non-conforming setbacks by enlarging a front porch. RA zone. Ward 3.

62 Albion Street: (Case ZBA 2017-65) Applicants and Owners, Mark Mascaro & Jessica Destamp seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to expand a single-story addition off the rear of the building, construct a new rear deck and reconstruct the front porch with deck above. RA zone. Ward 5.

133 Hudson Street: (Case ZBA 2017-64) Applicants and Owners, William & Karen Oemier seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to replace and enlarge an existing front porch and replace and enlarge an existing rear porch along with adding a second floor deck and trellis above. RB zone. Ward 5.

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at <u>www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning</u>.

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending a meeting. <u>Continued cases will not be re-advertised</u>. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to <u>dpereira@somervillema.gov</u>.



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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 7/19/17 & 7/26/17.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 17C0452CA

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the matter of: Anthony DeWolfe Of: Somerville, MA

To all persons interested in petition described:

STATUTE UISS

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding a proposal by 1) Cedar Murdock Partners LLC to demolish c. 1919-1945 concrete block and brick laundry buildings at 227-229 Cedar Street and 17 Murdock Street; 2) Anthony Fava & Ryan Hunt to demolish a c.1887 wood frame Mansard workers cottage at 6-8 Spring Street; 3) 265 Washington Street LLC to demolish a c. 1852 1874 wood frame Mansard house at 265 Washington Street; and 4) City of Somerville to demolish c. 1929 wings and north ell of the High School at 81 Highland Avenue.

The subject of the hearings will be a review of the initial determination by the HPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or <u>historic@somervillema.gov</u>.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB 18-02

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

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Sealed bids will be received until **Wednesday August 9th, 2017 at 11:30am**. Late bids will not be considered. 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. Please contact Michael Richards at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

Michael Richards Assistant Purchasing Director

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Reverend Da Vita D. McCallister Joins First Church Somerville UCC as Lead Pastor

First Church Somerville (United Church of Christ) is pleased to welcome the Reverend Da Vita D. Mc-Callister as the church's new Lead Pastor. As Lead Pastor, "Rev. Day" will be responsible for leading the First Church community in both spiritual life and service to the greater community. Rev. Day brings her experience as a Minister of Youth and Young Adults in the national setting of the UCC, as an associate minister in churches in the South and Midwest, as a leader in racial justice ministries, as a same-gender-loving woman of color, as a parent, and as a partner. Rev. Day is a self-proclaimed BaptiMethoCostal of Christ, she was born into the Baptist tradition, had a conversation experience in the Pentecostal Church, was ordained in the United Methodist Church, and then found her spiritual home in the United Church of Christ. She has shared her love, passion, and wisdom in ministry settings for nearly 30 years. Most recently, she served as the Associate Conference Minister for Leadership and Vitality for the Connecticut Conference of the UCC. Rev. Day brings a wealth of experience in nurturing and developing leadership initiatives for youth and young adults. First Church of Somerville, 89 College Avenue, Somerville.

A petition has been presented by Anthony DeWolfe requesting that: Anthony DeWolfe

be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: Matthew Mark Moses

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT; Cambridge ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10: 00 AM) ON: 08/18/2017

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court

Date: July 18, 2017

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding a proposal by 1) Chaille Trust to demolish c. 1850 wood frame house at 28 Mount Vernon Pleasant Street.

The subject of the hearings will be a review of the initial determination by the HPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7- 28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or <u>historic@somervillema.gov</u>.

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The Somerville Times What is an Aging Life Care Manager?

By Carolynn Nagao-Marcotte

An Aging Life Care Manager is very similar to a traditional geriatric care manager, but the name is changing to reflect the wider range of services we provide.

I see our role as being problem solvers for an older adult and their family.

Often times the family will notice that things aren't really working out anymore, but they're not able to figure out why. We're able to go in there and figure out what the person needs and how we can help them stay at home, if that's what they want. Or we help them with the process of relocating- researching the facility, touring the facility, the application process, going through the insurance – we can help with all of that. I had one client whose family felt she couldn't stay home anymore that she should move in with one of her daughters or an assisted living facility, which she did not want to do. We had to bring in a lot of services for her – but were able to make that happen. Those services included Home Care – bringing in private aides – arranging transportation and she needed a lot of assistance with medical advocacy, since her family lived out of state.

Having those services in place allowed her to stay at home, which is she wanted and it also gives the family that piece of mind that she's going to be safe at home.

Carolynn Nagao-Marcotte is a licensed social worker and Aging



Life Care Manager with Community Living Options (CLO), which provides a menu of services to assist older adults and their families with challenges of aging and disability. CLO is a private pay program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, a non-profit elder services agency dedicated to supporting the independent and wellbeing of older adults. For more information about CLO, call 617-628-2601.

More Than Moves Festival 2017 CONT. FROM PG 1

performance companies and raised over \$1,700 for Transition House. Acts included several styles of dance and spoken word. This year, the festival will welcome back and introduce nine companies, showcasing even more styles of dance and live music performances, in hopes to raise more money for Transition House.

Led by founding Artistic Director Tyler Catanella & Executive Director Shannon Sweeny, Paradise Lost is a diverse collective of Boston artists that create dance theater from a process of collaboration and improvisation, whose mission is to share stories through movement. Our unique choreographic style fuses acting and dance technique, and values honesty above all else. Collective members share the power and positivity that dance gives us to change lives as much as it does to transform bodies.

Tickets are on sale at https://www.eventbrite. com/e/more-than-movestickets-35792918583 and are \$15 (attendees are able to make additional donations to Transition House during checkout). Seating is general admission and 21+ admittance - attendees must show a valid State ID License or government issued Liquor/ ID Card, Passport or US Passport Card, or Military ID. Minors may be admitted when accompanied by parent or legal guardian, up to 2 minors per adult.

For more information about this event, go to: https://www.facebook.com/ events/832262420284156/.

Don't expect much from a tax reform bill either CONT. FROM PG 10

corporate tax rate weren't so high, U.S. corporations would bring home some of the \$2 trillion that they have parked overseas to avoid taxes. While the top corporate rate of 35% is high relative to the world average – 22.5% – the truth is that the 1,900 largest U.S. corporations, all with assets greater than 2.5 billion, pay only 14.7% after loopholes are accounted for.

Yet the "tax cuts = economic growth" trope remains a zombie idea – one that is itself dead, but, animated by the Republican party, still staggers across the landscape, bringing death and suffering to the living. What was untrue during the Regan years is even less true now. Capital goes to where it will yield the highest return. And except for certain predatory industries like pharmaceuticals and finance, this is increasingly somewhere other than the U.S. Domestic expenditures by wealthy individuals tend toward things like upscale real estate, art and luxuries that, proportionally, don't produce jobs or reinvestment.

While tax cuts have not brought economic growth, they have produced declines in what an economy needs to sustain itself – infrastructure, education, and research. The American Society of Civil Engineers reports that, "Deteriorating infrastructure is impeding our ability to compete in the thriving global economy." It grades U.S. infrastructure at D+, or "poor and at risk."

We rank 23rd in the world in literacy rates. We rank 27th in math test scores and 22nd in science. The growth in U.S. patents is slowing, year-over-year, while the proportion going to the largest corporations is increasing.

Of course, the net effect of reducing both taxes on the wealthy and investments in what we need is that our nation is now 146th in wealth inequality, out of 150. *The Wall Street Journal*, which promotes itself as "the daily diary of the American dream," reports that, "In recent decades the typical child starting out in poverty in continental Europe (or in Canada) has had a better chance at prosperity."

It will probably come as no surprise that the countries that rank higher on all of the foregoing indicators pay more in taxes, and their tax burdens are distributed more progressively. The tax-cut evangelists tell us that we are cruelly overtaxed. But when tax revenues at every level of government are added together and then expressed as a percentage of GDP, the U.S., at 25.9%, comes in fourth-to-last among the 36 OECD nations.

Interestingly, the people who pay the most taxes – the Danes – rank as the happiest people on earth year after year, according to the Satisfaction with Life Index. In fact, of the 22 countries that rank above the U.S. on that index, all the developed ones pay higher taxes.

The reasons for this relationship are worth a column in themselves. Buy they can probably be summed up by a bit of my parents' folk wisdom: You get what you pay for.

And when those Americans with the most aren't paying their fair share, you get less.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

The ladies working there are fantastic and always smiling. Council's summer musical If you're in the mood for a huge, great tasting donut drop over early since they disappear as the day gets on. Beauty and the Beast Jr. this weekend. Kids in the program have been

Come check out the Art Council's summer musical formances of **Beauty and the** Beast Jr. this weekend. Kids in the program have been working for three weeks to put together this family-friendly show that will run on Friday, July 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m., and again on the 29th, 9:30-10:30 a.m. All are welcome. ****** The Armory is hosting a Red Cross blood drive 2:00-7:00 p.m. on July 31. Please donate - the need is particularly great



Now some on Facebook are saying **Demets** is good, but **Lyndell's** is better. Not fair – or maybe it is – but Lyndell's is a bakery shop and, yes, their donuts are good, but we measured and Demets' are still larger than **Dunkin's** and Lyndels, and frankly we still say they are the best!

in summer. Help save a life.



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4. Muscles	9. Patrol torpedo (boat)
5. Khmer (Cambodian) at 74 letters	10. Princess Diana
6. Camp Swampy	11. Cream and chocolate
7. The practice of conceal-	12. A musical Instrument

•••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|July 26

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

Thursday|July 27 **Central Library** Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds

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

East Branch Library Jungle Jim's Minecraft Madness! 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library Jungle Jim's Minecraft Madness! 1 p.m.- 2 p.m.|40 College Ave

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

Central Library Rain Date for Teen Party on the Lawn! 4 p.m.- 7 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

Friday July 28 **Central Library** Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. 79 Highland Ave

Central Library Somerville Reads 12 p.m..- 1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Saturday July 29 **Central Library** Build Beautiful Stuff (MakerSpace) 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

Central Library Fairy Garden in a Book 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

Monday July 31 **Central Library** Creative Drama Workshop 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Oh, Ick! 4 p.m.- 5 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Middle School Summer Writers' Den 5:45 p.m. - 8 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Tuesday August 1 West Branch Library Preschool Storytime and Fire Safety Tips 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday August 3 East Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway West Branch Library Read to a Dog 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.|40 College Ave

MUSIC ARTS Wednesday July 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Nite Jewel Harriet Brown, Geneva Jacuzzi 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Connor Storms & His Boys

14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory Hearth Book Club 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|July 27 Sally O'Brien's Gull Boy, Ghosts & Shadows 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm Backroom Series: Newcomers Club and Flannel City|7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Avon Dale / Bitter Magnolia/ Jessie Litwin / SONA 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Upper Crust Supersuckers Salem Wolves 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Mike Mele Trio 8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory The Loop 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell More than Moves Festival 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday July 28

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. Your favorite rock stars do 'My Aim is True' Elvis Costello night! \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Irish Session 9:30 p.m. Backroom Series: Michelle Lewis and Spotted Tiger 7 p.m. Cover Up|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Dalton Deschain / Endation / Girl On Top / The Knock Ups 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

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

My Mother's Moustache 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

Dirty Disney 10:30 p.m. 255 Elm Street Arts at the Armory

Caroline Cotter 8 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Saturday July 29

Sally O'Brien's Jan Marie |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: Irish Session 9:30 p.m.

Back Room Jeff Jam Family Dance Party! 4:30 p.m.

Jonathan Edwards 7 p.m. Mugsy|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Winona&theRiders /TheSlumRaisins/ TheFaceGuitars/AmateurAthletes 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Letters From The Fire 8 p.m.| 56 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. DJ Tina 8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Esh Circus Arts: Advanced Studies Show 8 p.m|Performance Hall Penny 4 Ya Thoughts? 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet 7 p.m. Frisky Business|10 p.m. 255 Elm St

Sunday|July 30

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. Asa Brebner & The Naked 'I's, Trick Wallace Trio 8:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room

Beatles Brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session 3 p.m. Los Goutos 7 p.m. Back Room Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Sláintel2 p.m 14 Tyler Street

Monday July 31

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

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

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Lilia Mercedes Durt Dog 6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Red Cross Blood Drive 2 p.m.|Performance Hall Queer Tango 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday August 1

Sally O'Brien's Bar SYM Tuesdays 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge

345 Somerville Ave **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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Aeronaut Brewing Co. Ian Marie 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Cirque Us 2 p.m. Performance Hall Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday July 26 **Central Library** Mystery Book Club 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Thursday July 27

Central Library Handicapped accessible icon Fair Housing Commission meeting 11:45 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. 40 College Ave

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

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 115 Broadway

Union Square Farmer's Market

9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

weekly to discuss their work

Friday July 28 East Branch Library

Saturday July 29

Book Group

Bagel Bards

Holland St

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

The Burren

Front Room Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.

Back Room

Backroom Series: Róisín O|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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

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Pop Icon Brunch 1st Anniversary: Celebrate All Our Greatest Hits!|10 a.m. Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma 7 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory AMC Young Members Game Night at the Armory 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday August 2

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

The Burren Front Room Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

p.m.

Back Room

Backroom Series: Makem and Clancy....the next generation 7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.

Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday July 31

Sunday|July 30

East Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2) 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m. 115 Broadway

West Branch Library

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

Tuesday August 1

Central Library

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

Wednesday August 2

Central Library BIAA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m./79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street *Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Silver Alert Program – The Somerville Council on Aging with the Somerville Police Department have implemented a program to take a proactive approach towards protecting some of Somerville's most vulnerable citizens who suffer with serious cognitive impairments that put them at risk for wandering and getting lost. The Silver Alert Program is designed to collect specific information about a potential missing person, along with photo identification. This confidential information will be kept on file for immediate use in the event a loved one is reported missing. Please contact the SCOA at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register. **37th Annual Mayor's Senior Picnic** – Wednesday, August 2 – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Powerhouse Park – Tickets available starting July 5 at all centers and City Hall. If you live in a senior building you will pick your ticket up at the senior building. For more information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

AARP Homefit Workshop – Thursday, September 21 – 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. This workshop helps people stay in the home they love. For more information or to register please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

BBQ at Cross Street – Thursday, September 21 – 11:00 a.m. at our Cross Street Center. Keep summer going and join us for a BBQ. To sign up please contact Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

A Very Vermont Tour – Tuesday, October 17 to Thursday, October 19th - \$353 per person double or trible -\$469 per person single includes transportation, lodging, Billings Farm Museum, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Facility and so much more. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Doo Wop Revue with the Corvettes – Thursday, November 9th at Lake Pearl in Wrentham. \$69 includes transportation, lunch and show. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot contact Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Michael Buble Tribute with artist Scott Keo – Tuesday, December 5 - \$83 includes transportation, lunch and show at Danversport Yacht Club. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot contact Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

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

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

9:00 Walking Club (H) 11:00 Tai Chi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 11:00 Nutrition one-on-one (H) 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

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

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

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

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

Birthday Lunch & Bingo – Tuesday, August 1 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Limited seating – for more info, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. The day trip, Gloucester Harbor Cruise scheduled for Thursday, July 27th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Castle Island scheduled for Monday, August 7th is SOLD OUT.

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

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

The day trip to Foxwoods scheduled for Wednesday, August 30th is SOLD OUT.

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

The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for October 24th to October 31st is SOLD OUT.

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets quarterly

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

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

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

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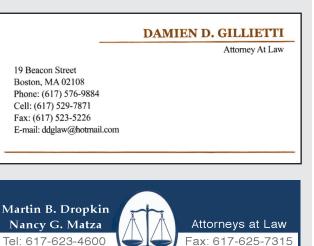


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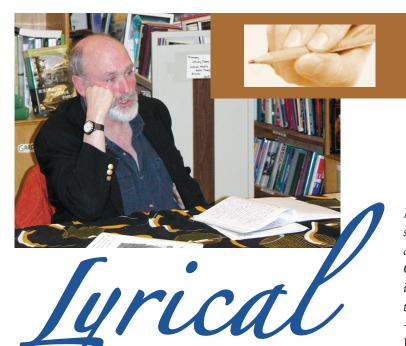
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9:00am	Science 360	10:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	7:00pm	SCOUTV	4:30pm	The Laura Flanders Show (Free Speech TV)	
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9:00am Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	12:35am Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	12:00am Jane's Walk	9:30pm Congressional Update
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6:00pm Raising Families "Immigration Law"	9:30am SomerViva em Português	12:00pm Senior Circuit "Summer Activities"	Tuesday, August 1
6:30pm BOA Legislative Matters Committee	11:30am BOA Legislative Matters Committee	12:30pm Connecting Communities	12:00am Memorial on the Mystic
8:00pm Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	1:02pm Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	1:00pm Week of the Young Child	1:35am Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
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10:00pm Connecting Communities - Summer Events	7:00pm Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	6:30pm Raising Families "Special Needs Ed."	11:30am Congressional Update
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Thursday, July 27	10:20pm Flag Day at Prospect Hill Tower	8:00pm Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	1:50pm Pride Flag Raising 2017
12:00am Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	Saturday, July 29	8:30pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - 7.13.17	2:03pm Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks
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4:00pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda	6:00pm 2017 Somerville Preservation Awards	3:00pm SomerViva em Português	Wednesday, August 2
7:00pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	8:00pm Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	6:00pm Raising Families "Immigration Law"	12:00am Senior Circuit "Summer Activities"
Friday, July 28	9:30pm BOA Legislative Matters Committee	6:30pm Jane's Walk	12:30am SomerViva em Português
12:00am Connecting Communities	11:02pm SomerViva em Português	7:49pm Family Fun Day	1:00am Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks

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Wednesday,	July 26	12:45am	Healey School Spring Concert	4:00am	Public Domain Theater	11:30pm Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 12:00pm 1:00pm 2:30pm 3:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	SCALE Graduation 2017 WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2017 Argenziano Spring Concert WHCS Leadership Day WSNS Spring Concert Healey School K-2 Spring Concert WHCS Spring Concert SCALE Graduation 2017 WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2017 Argenziano Spring Concert WHCS Leadership Day	9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 12:30pm 3:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 8:30pm 11:00pm	SHS Prom Red Carpet WSNS Science Fair Kennedy School Drama Club 2017 SHS Class Day 2017 SHS Graduation SHS Prom Red Carpet WSNS Science Fair Kennedy School Drama Club 2017 SHS Class Day 2017 SHS Graduation	9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm 10:00pm	96th Annual City-Wide Track Meet Spring String Fling Vocational Senior Awards Banquet SHS Boys Basketball Highlights 2016-17 SHS Girls Basketball Highlights 2016-17 2017 Youth Peace Conference Kennedy School Drama Club 96th Annual City-Wide Track Meet Spring String Fling Vocational Senior Awards Banquet SHS Boys Basketball Highlights 2016-17	Tuesday, August 112:00amRaising Caring Children in Somerville1:00amSHS Volleyball vs Haverhill - 4.21.179:00amStudent of the Qtr Argenziano School9:30amStudent of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS10:00amStudent of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS10:30amStudent of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS10:30amStudent of the Qtr. Awards - Healey School11:00amStudent of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS11:30amStudent of the Qtr. Awards - Kennedy School12:00pm96th Annual City-Wide Track Meet
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Provincetown Arts: An annual look at the visual and literary arts

Many a Somervillian will be heading to the Cape this summer. I will be heading to that enclave of artists and writers, Provincetown, on the tip of Cape Cod. Christopher Busa, the founder of the magazine Provincetown Arts sent me the latest edition. So I decided to write an appreciation of it.

I have had the pleasure to host Christopher Busa, founder and publisher of *Provincetown Arts*, at the Ibbetson Street Press Visiting Author Series at Endicott College, where I teach.

Busa, a man hovering around 70, has an urbane presence, a plethora of anecdotes about artists, writers, academia, and the love of his life Provincetown, MA. This magazine, published annually since 1985, appears every summer, the height of the season for this artist enclave at the tip of Cape Cod. This magazine has beautiful production values (even the ads, especially for the galleries, are candy for the eyes), and the writing is as artful and evocative as the town itself.

The summer 2017 edition is no exception. I told Busa I wanted to write a small piece about the current issue. Busa told me to focus on things that "spoke to me." So I, of course, pursued the literary offerings. I found that Busa's piece Alec Wilkinson and the Poetry of Witness spoke very loudly. Wilkinson, a longtime writer for the New Yorker, has written many profiles of people who are off the beaten path. In some ways he reminds me of Joseph Mitchell (and Busa points this out too), the Southern gentleman and New Yorker writer who wrote about Greenwich Village eccentrics (most notably Professor Seagull, a man who claimed he wrote the history of the world in the language of seagulls, and carried his tattered notes on the street with him), bearded ladies, characters he encountered in McSorley's Bar in NYC, and the flophouses of the old Bowery.

Like Wilkinson's work, these were not simply journalistic accounts, but they were infused with creative use of language, imagery, etc. Wilkinson told Busa, "I think of myself as a descriptive writer because I don't think writing divides itself between fiction and non-fiction." Wilkinson's non-fiction is infused with poetry.

Wilkinson has written about his year as a Wellflett, MA, police officer. He has written about sugar cane workers. In his book *The Riverkeeper* he has accounts of men who live by rivers or venture out to the ocean, as well as features about Pete Seeger, Paul Simon and the infamous John Wayne Gacey (who ironically had a distaste for murderers). He is able to capture the authentic way his characters speak. He leaves you with the feeling that real people do talk this way.



Founder/publisher of *Provincetown Arts* magazine, Christopher Busa.

the writer to the painter J.M.W. Turner, the artist who strapped himself to the mast of a ship to experience a storm. Busa writes about the artist, "He wanted to paint the inner turbulence of the storm itself, rather than view it safely from the shore." And indeed it seems Wilkinson is able to capture that turbulence in his subjects.

Wilkinson reveals to Busa his experience with the late, longtime fiction editor at the *New Yorker*, William Maxwell. Maxwell, a well-respected novelist, who acted as a mentor to the young writer. Wilkinson gave this account of Maxwell's thoughts on the maturation of a writer:

"There is no way to begin as a writer or anything else than by imitation. You find, by chance or design, the works or the philosophies that appeal to you and begin to make use of them. At first it appears that you are no writer (or musician, painter or lawyer) at all, but only a collection of gestures and observations other people have already made and of references to them ... they become absorbed, they settle into you, so that instead of being the patterns that determine how your own works sounds or looks or proceeds, they become the technical means you might make use of to describe another person's face ... the weather, the impressions of a landscape..."

The article Downtown on the Beach: The Path from Greenwich Village to Herring Cove, by Brett Sokol, examines current artists' nostalgia for the less-commercialized sensibility of artists back in the 50s and 60s. Sokol, uses an exhibit at New York University's Grey Gallery titled Inventing Downtown: Artist-Run Galleries in New York City 1952 to 1965 as a center which spirals out to examine the connection of P-Town and Greenwich Village in that era. Busa also penned an excellent profile on performance artist Karen Finely, who in her recent work embodies Donald Trump in surreal drag. I found myself in an ongoing conversation with Provincetown Arts, and only fine writing can facilitate that.

Somerville Bagel Bard and Brookline Poet Laureate Zvi A. Sesling sent us this poem about the late poet Harry Weldon Kees. Kees was an American poet, painter, literary critic, novelist, playwright, jazz pianist, short story writer, and filmmaker.



Foggy Night

— In memory of Weldon Kees

In a photo sitting on the sidewalk a newspaper under him for protection, his poster behind him wearing a striped T-shirt and white jacket, scuffed or perhaps paint splattered loafers

You focus on the short, neat hair, then the moustache, the long fingers that play piano

In another photo half the room, half of him is in shadow black and white, he sits with a stare of emptiness, the long fingers hanging from armrests, the white jacket over the left shoulder, he stares into a void

Some scotch or bourbon to fortify bravery,

a salute to the bartender, a drive to the bridge where he remembers failing before, he remembers the former wife in the asylum, the other woman with whom he spent the night, the moderate success, the excess of failure, his poor life

His car is found, he is not never seen again, assumed to have finally succeeded to meet the dark waters of forever on a foggy night

In mid air there is no return

— Zvi A. Sesling

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu Busa points out that Wilkinson is a man who embeds himself with his subjects. Busa compares

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