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Chris Dwan is the co-chair of the Urban Forestry Committee and worked with city councilors on the ordinance which goes into effect August 1. A "significant" tree is one that measures 8 inches or more in diameter. — Photo by Denise Keniston

#### By Denise Keniston

The city of Somerville passed an updated and cohesive Tree Preservation Ordinance making it harder for homeowners and developers to cut down trees on their private property.

Chris Dwan, a member of the newly-formed Urban Forestry Committee, worked with city councilors on the new ordinance. "There are many changes to the old ordinance," he says, "The biggest addition is the permitting process for cutting down trees on private property. Somerville property owners must apply for a permit to take down any tree over 8 inches in diameter - which is considered a 'significant' tree."

The permit application process requires property owners to "include a plan showing the location, species, and DBH (diameters) for each tree on the property and must indicate clearly which trees are to be removed." Continued on page 4

# **Shop the Square Saturdays** LoveUnionSquare

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The city wants to hear ideas from young people about the future of Somerville. Teens are invited to share their thoughts and concerns about important topics like housing, education, and job training and access at a Somer Vision 2040 Youth Forum tonight, Wednesday, July 31, at 5:00 p.m., in the Central Library auditorium, 79 Highland Ave. Somer Vision 2040 is an ongoing effort to reexamine and update Somerville's comprehensive plan - Somer Vision. The community-developed plan set priorities around many issues; including housing, open space, transportation, sustainability, the local economy, and education. To learn more about the ongoing SomerVision 2040 process, visit www.somervision2040.com. While there, you can also sign up to get Somer Vision 2040 updates.

Celebrate the season at "Seize the Summer," the August installment of the City's SomerStreets festival, on Sunday, August 4, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. between Davis Square and Teele Square on Holland Street. SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally renowned Open Streets concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity. Through SomerStreets, the City and its community partners aim to promote and encourage easy access to physical activity, fresh foods, and reconnecting with neighborhoods, businesses, and their unique cultural elements in a thriving urban environment. For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov, or www.somervilleartscouncil.org/somerstreets.

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

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Happy birthday this week to several

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: Hit-and-run crash victim and driver identified by police

#### Do says:

So terribly sad and yet another example of our critical need to reduce and slow traffic in our city. Crosswalks in busy congested areas are timed to keep traffic moving and give insufficient time for pedestrians. This and insufficient enforcement need a good hard look from city officials NOW. From The Globe article on the incident.

"A Globe reporter timed how long pedestrians are given to walk and found that they have about 12 seconds to cross, with the countdown starting at eight seconds."

It is disengenuous to tout development in the city that attracts so many people – Assembly Square, Union Square, Encore (by default) - and not make and keep the area safe for residents. Keep the promises to make this a walkable and bikeable city by insuring the safety of these groups.

#### Becky says:

So old, not right when it comes to safety. The terrible fatal accident across from the school near Powderhouse: Teele Sq. apparently wasn't enough of a message was it? Overpass safety bridges such as the Arthur Fiedler bridge in Boston for the Esplanade is an idea. Learn from the past! Enough is enough and I can't seem to stress safety enough. And now this new hit and run driver is released on 1,000. ??? This is insult to injury!!! Outrageous! Our public officials are about as useful as tits on a bull!' This goes for Gov Baker as well regarding 7 innocent lives lost. Yes I'm rightfully upset and will SHOUT support for those who are deceased. Resignation is appropriately feasible since they do nothing but talk! Action is needed.

#### wait for the facts says:

Let's wait on the facts before deciding the reason for this accident. If it happened in the spot I believe it did, it is a dark spot and comes just after cars turn from McGrath Highway, headed toward 93. It's more of a highway entrance ramp and possibly an inappropriate place for a crosswalk. Yet they are building a hotel there to encourage more drivers and pedestrians to feel it is a 'walkable' area.

I pray my cousin did not suffer. Her mother and the rest of the family is distraught and very dissatisfied with the the immediate outcome of this guy who hit her. \$1000 bail is a joke!!!! What do you mean i didn't see her?!?!?!

He got out and called out... "Anybody there?" This was pure manslaughter! Reckless. How does anyone leave the scene of an accident like that!?!?!?! He was obviously drunk! Cheryl was a beautiful soul cut down like an animal in the road and left to die. Shameful!!! And he walks free.. Where is the justice???

#### MacGyvers says:

My thoughts and prayers for the victim and family. That crosswalk should have never been put there. At least without any traffic signals. Cars are speeding up to get on to 93 and I've seen way too many close calls in the past. Just because there are some white lines painted doesn't mean it is 100% safe. All they do is create a FALSE SENSE OF SAFETY. That poor woman.

#### Old Taxpayer says:

The whole area is unsafe for pedestrians. When I was capable of walking I tried to go to the Stop and Shop a couple of times and decided not to go that way anymore. I don't know how more people are not being run down. From there and towards Medford it is crazy. As usual somebody has to die before it takes serious notice. Even though it is so obvious.

#### Simone Baldwin says:

Didn't they install crosswalk signals about a year ago? It's still very confusing because they don't use red, yellow, green, but some sort yellow and red flashing sequence. A lot more could be done to narrow the lanes, so it doesn't encourage people to drive 50 mph. The state transportation department has known about these issues for years and refused to do anything or move more quickly. It's a wonder more people haven't been injured. Cheryl would be with us today if the transportation officials weren't so incompetent and negligent.

#### **Response to: Somerville Theatre memories**

#### BMac says:

The original men's room in the basement was always a fun time. The "podium" to get the toilets up high enough to drain.

Real butter on popcorn.

Hearing the train go by outside during the show.

#### Steve Murphy says:

I remember the Broadway Theatre. We used to go on Saturday nights. Two features for \$1! Plus they would have a contest in between movies where you could win money. Made for some great nights!

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# Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

# Don't go near Powder House Park



This story is not funny, light hearted or whimsical. Sorry. It's one account of a dark time in our city's history that affected me and a lot

of my friends profoundly.

Not all memories of growing up in Somerville are sunshine and lollipops. It's easy for us to grumble about traffic, taxes, bike lanes and potholes and reminisce about how great the old days were. Well, I was there and we had our problems just like any growing city in the late 60's and 70's. As a matter of fact, at one time you couldn't walk through Powder House Park day or night, top or bottom, without the threat of real danger. People feared for their safety. That's where some of the toughest and meanest kids hung around.

It was truly a gang with all the bad things that go along with it. They wore fancy winter baseball jackets that were blue with white leather sleeves. On the back, "Somerville" was embroidered. On the front was an emblem of the old Powder House, and I believe the kids' name was stitched on one of the sleeves. They also had blue and red summer windbreakers similarly monogrammed.

My friends and basically everyone who wasn't accepted by them were afraid of the kids up the park. Some of them would pick fights with weaker kids for no reason. It happened a lot. Some were drunken and drugged up bullies.

Along with the booze, they were taking LSD, mescaline, a variety of barbiturates and they were drinking cough medicine. It was a deadly combination. Romilar was the most popular cough medicine. It came in two sizes that they nicknamed "biggies" and "smallies." On any given day the top of Powder House Park was littered with lots of empty Romilar boxes and bottles along with the many empty beer bottles and cans.

The bottom of the park was still relatively safe during the day. Shops like Bella Meo Sub Shop, Loud's Candy Shop and Goodell's Drug Store we're prospering although the drug store was constantly tors. Some kids had to testify against the Powder House tower to try to dis- times we had in our youth.

running low on cough medicine.

One of the more colorful characters was a heavy set fella. He was a sweet former St. Clement's kid with a high capacity for drug and alcohol consumption. He had a talent of being able to recite all the drugs, booze and cough syrup he had consumed that day. Someone would say, "What did you do tonight?" He would slur, "Ten beers, vodka, mescaline, orange double barrel sunshine (LSD), two biggies and three smallies." I didn't know how he could still function at all. He was a gentle soul that didn't participate in the random beat downs of the weaker and innocent kids. Sadly, he died on a barstool at a local barroom a few years after the reign of terror had ended.

# "We lost many friends while Somerville was growing"

We had a city run teen center that a local social worker got funds for. I remember him excitedly saying, "We got the money!" He set it up for us, on the top floor of the library on College Ave. around 1972.

My band Shadowfax was playing on a Friday night. The place was packed but I don't recall any cops being there until the "you know what" hit the fan. Some of the drunken park bullies decided to beat the ever loving crap out of one of my fellow musician friends who came to see us. He was on the ground being kicked in the body and head by four Powder House kids. He was unconscious but still continued to be beaten relentlessly. I saw it but was helpless because I would have been next.

Finally, the police and ambulance arrived. He suffered severe head trauma, many lacerations, lost some teeth, and when he finally recovered there was a huge trial against some of the perpetra-



the scary ring leader. It scarred my friend for life.

Years after that incident I was walking home with a friend and he wouldn't walk by a certain house and wanted to go way out of our way. I asked him why, and he told me that he was afraid to go by the guy's house who he testified against. I informed him that he had passed away years before. He was scared out of his mind needlessly for all that time. We all prayed for him and his family.

All four of the beaters unfortunately died from drugs or violence within a short span. It was a terrifying experience. I still get chills when I pass the library. Eventually, they cut back all the bushes, trees and shrubbery around

away hiding places.

The 70's in Somerville saw a lot of my young friends meet violent and unnecessary deaths due to drugs, alcohol and criminals. The stories that will never appear in this column are the most horrifying.

Happy to say that many of the less violent members of that gang of wild men went on to live very productive, family oriented lives. Sadly, many others never saw their 20's, or 30's.

God bless the victims and their families. We lost many friends while Somerville was growing. I'm sure some of you reading this have your own horror stories and sad memories that pepper the happy

# New Somerville parking meter rates in effect

The Somerville Traffic & Parking Department announced this week that the rate for parking in metered spots within the city has increased to \$1.25 per hour, a \$0.25 increase. This increase is the first for meter rates in more than ten years. The Somerville Traffic Commission approved the new rates at their June 2019 meeting.

The new rate is in line with other communities in the greater Boston area, and will help increase turnover of parking spaces in the city's business districts and squares.

In addition to traditional coin payment, where available Smart Meters can be paid using credit cards, and all Somerville meters can be paid via your smart phone using the Parkmobile App, available in the iTunes store or Google Play.

For more information about Somerville parking policies, visit www.parksomerville.com.



# By Jim Clark

# Rolling pharmacy pulled to a stop

A Somerville Police officer observed a pickup truck making unsafe lane changes on Mystic Ave. near Lombardi Street last Friday afternoon.

The officer activated his emergency equipment and stopped the vehicle near the intersection of Mystic Ave. and Revolution Dr. Additional units were requested as backup.

The officer approached the vehicle operator, later identified as Geoffrey Gouveia, of Cam-

bridge, requested his license and registration and informed him of the reason of the stop.

Gouveia handed over his identification card and stated that he did not have a valid license. A query of his license showed that he was suspended.

The passenger, Giovanni Maione, who was the vehicle's owner, also had a suspended license.

The officer requested a tow truck and asked Gouveia to step out of the vehicle and placed him in handcuffs.

Maione was removed from the truck, and an inventory was conducted before towing it away.

Police located 18 white pills and 40 orange pills on the front passenger floor mat and a pill bottle with no label and no lid. The white, oval pills with imprint G 13 were believed to be Gabapentin and the orange, oval pills with imprint b 974 (Amphetamine and Dextroamphetamine 30 mg).

Police also located a pill bottle under the passenger seat where Maione was seated. It contained 10 and one half pills. The pills were orange, oval, with imprint b 973 (Amphetamine and Dextroamphetamine 20 mg).

Maione stated that the pills found on the floor mat and under the seat belonged to him. He was asked if he had a prescription and he reportedly stated "Yes," but was unable to produce one.

The officers noticed that the bottle found under the seat had a label, but only the last two letters of the person's name were showing, "AN," and neither defendant's first or last name ended with the letters "AN".

Maione was placed under arrest on a charge of possession of a class E drug.

Gouveia was placed under arrest on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

# **Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210**

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# SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

#### Arrests:

Peter Campagna, of 5 Truro Rd., Mashpee, July 23, 1:01 p.m., arrested at Revolution Dr. on a warrant charge of shop-lifting over \$250 by concealing merchandise.

**Pierre Luxama**, of 40C Memorial Rd., July 24, 9:25 a.m.,

arrested at Jaques St. on warrant charges of open and gross lewdness and trespassing.

Giovanni Maione, of 18 Abbot Ln., Concord, July 26, 1:34 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of possession of a class E drug.

**Geoffrey Gouveia**, of 10 Seagrave Rd., Cambridge, July 26,

1:34 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Benji Guerrier**, of 25 Derby St., July 26, 9:24 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of defacing of firearm serial number, malicious wanton defacement of

property, carrying a firearm with ammunition, and resisting arrest.

Pedro Monteiro, July 26, 9:24 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of improper storage of a firearm, drug violation near a school, carrying a firearm with ammunition, and drug possession to distribute.

Steven Andrade, of 2 Prescott St., July 27, 6:49 p.m., arrested at Great River Rd. on charges of possession of ammunition without FID card, improper storage of a firearm, possession of a firearm without FID card, and distribution of a class D drug.

# City passes updated Tree Preservation Ordinance CONT. FROM PG 1

A replacement planting plan is also required. "In other words," says Dwan, "Inch for inch the plantings have to match the removals. If the property owner takes down a tree twelve inches in diameter, there must be a plan to plant younger trees whose diameters total 12 inches."

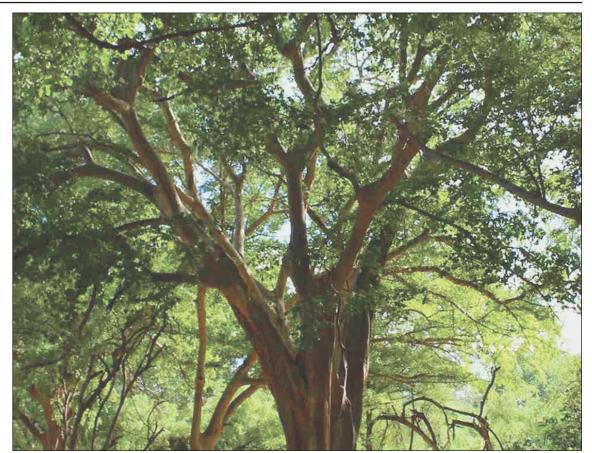
The ordinance goes into effect August 1 and will likely impact developers looking to cash in on Somerville's "buy and flip" real estate mania. "Private developers are coming in and buying up properties and cutting down all the trees and putting up this suburban-style landscaping which is apparently what luxury condo-buyers want," says ordinance co-sponsor Ward 5 Councilor Mark Niedergang. "But, they're getting rid of a lot of our trees, and it's really just beginning, and we've been losing a lot of our tree cover. The trees on private property shouldn't be up for clear-cutting by developers."

Penalties will be assessed per day that a property owner does not have a permit and the penalties kick in thirty days after the tree is illegally removed. "These are big trees and require a special contractor and, hopefully, this [penalty] serves as a disincentive to the property owners to stop cutting down large trees," says ordinance co-sponsor Ward 2 Councilor J.D.Scott. "These penalties can really add up for the property owners."

Property owners have the option to make a payment to the Street Tree Fund instead of replanting. According to Dwan, those funds are specifically earmarked for "the planting and care of trees in Somerville."

There are exclusions written into the ordinance. Among them, property owners are free to take down invasive species such as a Norway Maple or a Tree of Heaven no matter the size. "If it's an invasive tree it doesn't count as a 'significant' tree," says Vanessa Boukili, Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner. "We are preparing a list of invasive trees so property owners can clearly understand these exclusions in the permit process."

Somerville resident Mike Grunko attended a public hearing at city hall on Tuesday, March 12 and is in favor of the ordinance. "If we allow trees in our yards to grow, and we encourage them, that really helps



Penalties are assessed for every tree removed illegally without a permit. The fine is \$300 a day and could easily go into the thousands if not addressed.

— Photo courtesy Google Maps

our environment. The trees in our yards provide a place for wildlife, such as birds and other animals," says Grunko. "We need to get away from paved yards that allow for run-off, and we need to have green things growing in our city."

The ordinance goes into effect

August 1 and can be down-loaded in its entirety from the city's website here https://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/2019-15-tree-preservation.pdf. The City of Somerville provides a thorough tree inventory online with detailed statistics and environmental benefits

of more than 14,000 trees. You can access it with this link or going to www.somevillema.gov and searching "tree inventory": https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/office-strategic-planning-and-community-development-ospcd/osp-cd-urban-forestry.

# War Memorial and playground planned for Central Hill Campus

#### By Erin Nolan

Community members voiced both concern and excitement over the future plans for the Central Hill campus at the first community meeting this past Monday, July 22.

Main features of the Phase I plan, which is scheduled to begin construction in Spring 2020, include the installation of a war memorial path, a renovation of the Central Hill playground, and the protection of green space surrounding the library which can be used for a variety of events.

"The main goal is to try to create a cohesive space for the community to use," said Michael Fazio, a project manager. "I think this is a place of community. There are so many different events that happen on the hill, and when we did the initial campus plan, the feeling from the community was that they wanted a place that felt inclusive."

The playground will be located in front of the library. The project team is currently developing ideas regarding playground themes, how to incorporate existing trees into the space, and how to best address the natural slope of the property.

The War Memorial Walk will run parallel to Highland Avenue and feature a Civil War memorial, memorial cannons, a Unitarian memorial, a Spanish War/ Philippine/ China memorial, a World War I memorial, Dilboy Monument, a Korean War Memorial, a Vietnam War memorial, and an Honor Roll memorial. There will also be space left for a future memorial. During Phase I of the project, the Vietnam War and Korean War monuments are expected to be completed.

A highlight of the walk is expected to be an interactive memorial, most likely located inside the renovated 1895 Building. The memorial will allow visitors to type in the name of a Somerville veteran; this will prompt a photograph of the veteran as well as additional information about their personal life and service to be brought to an LCD screen.

In addition to conversation about the new additions being made to the property, the num-

ber of trees in the space became a hot topic during the meeting. According to Laura Monies, the landscape architect/planner, there are 242 existing trees on the property, and while some trees will be removed during the process, trees will also be planted over the course of the project. At the end of the project, there is projected to be 248 trees on the property.

One resident in attendance expressed concern over how full and lush the newer trees will be in comparison to the trees that are to be removed. Another commended the project team on their efforts to keep as many existing trees as possible.

Members of the Somerville Garden Club were there to make sure that people were concerned about other aspects of the landscape as well.

"People are very aware that trees are important, but it's not just trees," said Irene Heim. "Other kinds of plants can help control rainwater and runoff, and things like that."

Cynthia Stillenger, another member of the Somerville Garden Club, said she was excited to hear that the project team was talking about incorporating existing trees into play areas and harvesting rainwater for city use.

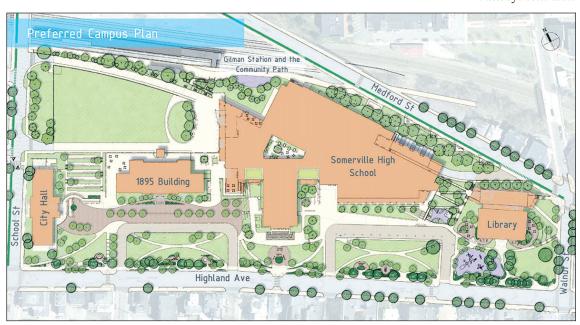
"You can see a tremendous amount of thought goes into these projects," Stillenger said. "The planning process is very long. I like the fact that it has a lot of community feedback. You can see if you've ever been to these meetings, the feedback gets incorporated, they do their best to listen to the community." The club has previously been responsible for gardens on the campus.

"Nights like tonight, where we get feedback from our neighbors, we are using it to make sure we incorporate all those things into the design," said Fazio. "I think it's a really important project in our office, because there are so many Somerville residents. It is near and dear to our hearts. I've lived here for 26 years, so it was exciting to work for a firm that is doing the campus plan. I think it's sort of a really meaningful thing for the people working on the project to really live in the city. We all have a special connection."



Development plans for the Central Hill campus area are being finalized in preparation for a spring 2020 start.

– Photo by Bobbie Toner



Phase I of the current plan include installation of a war memorial path, renovation of the Central Hill playground, and protection of green space surrounding the library



A War Memorial walk is planned as part of an expansion of the current memorial in place at the site.

– Photo by Bobbie Toner

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# **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local senators and representatives from the week of July 22-26.

# \$43.1 BILLION FISCAL YEAR 2020 STATE BUDGET(H 4000)

House 159-0, Senate 39-1, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker the conference committee compromise version of a \$43.1 billion fiscal 2020 state budget. Baker has ten days to sign the budget and to veto sections of it. It would then take a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate to override any vetoes. The conference committee version was hammered out after the House and Senate each approved different budgets. The package raises spending by \$1.6 billion, or 4 percent over fiscal 2019.

"The strategic investments that are made in this budget reflect the shared priorities of the Legislature," said House Ways and Means Committee Chair Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston). "By incorporating the input from our colleagues, this document has been made stronger. I am proud that key services in the areas of education, housing, homelessness and the environment will see significant funding increases in this budget."

"This consensus fiscal year 2020 budget strikes a balance between maintaining fiscal responsibility and making targeted investments that benefit our commonwealth's economic well-being," said Senate Ways and Means Chair Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport).

"I was the sole vote against the acceptance of the conference committee report because I was concerned the report's language on offshore wind procurement left key terms undefined," said Sen. Mark Pacheco (D-Taunton). "I brought my concerns to the Senate floor and I hope the administration was listening. The conference committee report also did not contain language for the reauthorization of simulcasting, which will end at the close of business on July 31st. Despite my concerns about the conference committee report, however, I was proud to vote along with my colleagues unanimously in favor of enacting the budget because the citizens of Massachusetts depend on the resources it provides for public education, local aid, and countless other vital functions and services."

Beacon Hill Roll Call notes that there actually was not a roll call that was unanimous on the enactment (final approval) of the budget. Enactment was approved by a voice vote.

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

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

# AMENDMENT TO ALLOWING UNIONS TO CHARGE NON-UNION MEMBERS FOR SOME COSTS (\$ 2273)

House 29-128, Senate 5-34, rejected Gov. Charlie Baker's amendments to a House and Senate-passed bill that would allow public sector unions to charge non-members for the cost of some services and representation. The bill was filed as a response to the Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees 2018 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that public employees cannot be forced to pay fees or dues to a union to which he or she does not belong. Freedom of speech advocates hailed the decision while labor advocates said it was an unjust attack on unions.

In his message to the Legislature, Baker said his amendments would protect the privacy rights of public employees and correct statutory inconsistencies.

"Although a portion of this bill addresses issues raised in the Janus decision ... other provisions in the bill go beyond what the Janus decision required," said Baker in a message to the Legislature. "These provisions would jeopardize the privacy rights of public employees and prevent the commonwealth and public sector unions from negotiating certain terms and conditions of employment."

"The House and Senate engaged in a serious debate regarding the substance of the governor's amendments, and ultimately decided on a bipartisan basis to overwhelmingly support language which did not include them," said Rep. Paul Brodeur (D-Melrose). "Ensuring that we do everything we can in Massachusetts to protect workers' rights continues to be a top priority. I'm eager to have these worker protections become law."

"The governor tried to strike a balance," said Paul Craney, spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance which was in favor of the amendments. "House and Senate leaders unfortunately didn't want to cooperate with those who raised serious privacy concerns. We are hopeful the governor will veto the legislation, it's the only appropriate response at this point."

(A "Yes" vote is for Baker's amendments. A "No" vote is against them.)

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

#### \$1.3 BILLION FOR GREENWORKS (H 3987

House 158-0, approved and sent to the Senate the GreenWorks Bill which invests \$1.3 billion in resiliency, clean energy and energy efficiency to shrink the state's carbon footprint. The proposal establishes a \$1 billion grant program for cities and towns to fund clean energy, energy efficiency and climate change measures that cut greenhouse gas emissions, fortify infrastructure and reduce municipal costs.

"The GreenWorks program is going to support economic development opportunities throughout Massachusetts by helping our cities and towns adopt Massachusetts-made clean energy technology and provide jobs through green infrastructure projects," said Rep. Smitty Pignatelli (D-Lenox), House chair of the Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture. "[The bill] will help the Berkshires and our entire commonwealth save money and leave more resources for other priorities such as schools, first responders, roads and bridges."

"GreenWorks was meant to be, and is, broad and very flexible," said Rep. Tom Golden (D-Lowell), chairman of the Committee on Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy and the bill's chief sponsor "It is to allow each community to identify their problems and use GreenWorks dollars to solve their issues and their problems.

"They care about their taxes, they care about their roads, they care about many things," said Rep. Ted Speliotis (D-Danvers) during the debate. "But when you ask them or when I'm asked in my district or here what are people

talking about, they're talking about the changes in our climate and the effects – and all in the negative, In the last month we have been barraged to a point like never in our lifetime – people fearful of going to the beaches, people fearful of their summer homes, they're fearful of their own property – and each and every year we spend more time recouping from the damages."

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

#### **BAN CHILD MARRIAGE (S 2294)**

Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would ban the marriage of anyone under the age of 18. Current law allows minors to get married if they have parental consent.

"It's a good day in Massachusetts," said Fraidy Reiss, Founder and Executive Director of Unchained At Last – the group behind the ban. The Legislature just moved one step closer to eliminating a human rights abuse that destroys girls' lives."

During the debate, the bill's sponsor Sen. Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester) said that the Legislature has the power to stop child marriages in the Bay State. She noted that Delaware and New Jersey passed similar legislation last year, making them the first states in the nation to completely ban child marriage. She noted that means that Massachusetts still has the chance to be on the forefront of justice.

"Unfortunately, 1,231 underage youth were married in Massachusetts between the years 2000 and 2016," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester). "This is a problem, because young people who marry under the age of eighteen are not afforded the tools to protect themselves or to remove themselves from an abusive relationship or a forced marriage.

(A Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

# MUST UPDATE DATABASE OF MEDICAL PROVIDERS (S 2295)

Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House legislation designed to make it easier for patients to access health care, both behavioral and physical, by requiring health insurance companies to do monthly updates of their provider databases which tell patients which doctors and other medical resources are available to them.

"Many families and individuals seeking health care are unable to find a provider that meets their needs because of outdated and unclear provider directories," said Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester), the sponsor of the proposal. "Accurate provider directories are critical to improving access to timely and appropriate care to reduce disparities, to improve health outcomes and to decrease unnecessary utilization of emergency and inpatient care. We are proud that the Senate took this important step forward today."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

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#### PROHIBIT TAXPAYER-FUNDED ABORTIONS

- The Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortion kicked of its campaign to place a question on the 2022 ballot that simply states, "Nothing in this Constitution requires the public funding of abortion."

Chairman of the group Tom Harvey filed the paperwork with signatures of the first 10 signers of the petition and began the long journey to get the question on the ballot. The amendment would overturn a 1981 Supreme Judicial Court ruling that found a substantive right to an abortion under the Massachusetts Constitution, paving the way for taxpayer-funded abortions.

"The annihilation of babies in the womb should not be paid for by Massachusetts taxpayers." said Harvey. "For good reason, national polls show overwhelming opposition to taxpayer funded abortions. Instead of trying to make abortion quick, cavalier, and free, we as a society owe it to women to help them choose life instead."

"Denying people with low incomes the same access, and dignity, to make personal health decisions that people with private insurance can make runs counter to the values of our commonwealth," said Tricia Wajda, vice president of external affairs of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts and Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts. "Like the extreme measures passed in Alabama and Georgia, this ballot effort is part of the larger coordinated campaign to take away people's

rights and outlaw safe, legal abortion entirely. Massachusetts voters do not want political operatives wedging themselves between any person and their doctor and they reject this dangerous agenda."

**CONSUMER LEGISLATION** - The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure held a hearing on several proposals including:

ALLOW RETAIL STORES TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT CASH (S 181) - Repeals a 1978 law requiring retail stores to accept both cash and credit cards.

"With the advent of e-commerce, technological advances and corresponding changes in consumer preferences and expectations, the retail shopping experience has evolved dramatically amid a worldwide move towards cashless payments using cards or mobile devices," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport). "Right now, with Massachusetts being the only state in the country with a statute that requires retailers to accept cash [the bill] would simply strike this requirement and allow retail establishments, if they choose, to allow cashless transactions only."

#### 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, re-

search, 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 22-16, the House met for a total of seven hours and 25 minutes while the Senate met for a total of eight hours and 21 minutes.

Senate 11:04 a.m. to 4:59 p.m.

Tues. July 23

House 11:01 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.
No Senate session

Wed. July 24

House 11:08 a.m. to 4:36 p.m.
No Senate session

House 11:02 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Thurs. July 25 House 11:06 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 1:04 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fri. July 26 No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

# **Environment Committee moves forward sewage notification bill**

The state legislature has taken its first step to move forward a bill that would require public notice in the event of sewage discharges into waterways. The legislation, sponsored by Senator Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville), Representative Linda Dean Campbell (D-Methuen), and Representative Denise Provost (D-Somerville), received a favorable vote on Wednesday from the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, the first threshold the bill must pass to become law. The bill's advancement this early in the two-year legislative session is an indicator of strong interest among lawmakers and Committee leadership.

The bill, H.3976, would require sewage system operators to issue a public advisory within 2 hours of a sewage discharge and every 8 hours thereafter until the discharge has ended. A final advisory would be required within 2 hours of the conclusion of the discharge. The advisories would be made available online; sent via email or text message to subscribed members of the public; submitted to the 2 larglocal news organizations; and distributed to local boards of health, municipal officials, the state Department of Public Health, and the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Sewage discharges often occur during heavy storms in communities whose wastewater and storm water drainage systems are combined. When storm water floods the system, overflow channels carry excess rain and sewage directly into nearby waterways. The resulting discharges, known as combined sewer overflows or CSOs, carry harmful pathogens such as fecal coliform and bacteria that can cause dysentery, hepatitis, and other gastrointestinal diseases. CSOs also cause algae blooms, which can be toxic to people and deprive water bodies of oxygen, killing fish and other marine life. For residents who use the river for boating and swimming, the risk of exposure is particularly high.

"I'm happy to see more and more people kayaking, paddle-boarding, and canoeing on the Mystic, even jumping in," Said Senator Jehlen. "We need to know when there's been a CSO discharge, to avoid getting sick from exposure to raw sewage. That's why it's important to pass this bill."

Massachusetts currently discharges the most sewage of any state in New England. In 2018, outfalls along the state's ma-

jor rivers and waterbodies discharged an estimated 3.4 billion gallons of sewage. According to DEP, five sewage treatment systems along the 117-mile Merrimack River reported hundreds of discharges totaling more than 800 million gallons of sewage. As climate change increases the frequency of severe storms, these figures may climb in coming years.

"This legislation is the first step, and an important one, in the process of eliminating CSOs," said Representative Campbell. "State government has a responsibility to ensure residents are notified in a timely manner of sewage discharges so that they can avoid serious health repercussions. It is encouraging that sewage system operators are proactively supporting notification and are committed to public notification. It is also encouraging that Congresswoman Lori Trahan has made infrastructure upgrades to our systems a priority, with the aim of discharge prevention. Notification will bring needed attention to this issue as we move incrementally towards upgrading infrastructure."

Under existing state law, publicly regulated sewage treatment systems are required to notify DEP immediately after a sewage

discharge and no later than 24 hours. Exactly who is notified after that varies depending on state and federal permits, but residents and local public officials very rarely make the notification list.

Mon. July 22

In addition to requiring public advisories, the legislation directs sewage system operators to work with DEP to install metering equipment to detect and measure discharges. Operators would also need to install signage at overflow locations and public access points to waterways, such as boat ramps and swimming areas, to inform the public of the health risks of CSOs and to provide instructions on how to subscribe for the public advisories.

"A few weeks after my election to the House in 2006, constituents took me on a tour of sewage outfalls in Alewife Brook and the Mystic River," said Representative Provost. "A couple of months later, a student visiting my office told me that when rowing for the Somerville High School Crew Team, he sometimes saw what he thought was human waste floating in the river, and wanted to know if that was possible. When I told him that it was, he wanted to know what

I was going to do about it. I've always remembered these experiences, and I'm grateful that the legislature seems prepared to do something to help our people avoid direct contact with raw sewage in our rivers and lakes."

Gabby Queenan, Policy Director at the Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, said the state's current notification rules are inadequate. "This problem of antiquated water infrastructure that causes these sewage overflows is an issue across the nation. However, in Massachusetts, we have fallen particularly far behind our colleagues in other states when it comes to addressing the public health issues associated with this infrastructure. In 14 other states, the public is provided a notification whenever there is a sewage spill in a public water body. But there is currently no statewide general public notification requirement for Massachusetts."

House and Senate versions of the bill are backed by more than 80 lawmakers, with strong bi-partisan support. The legislation has now been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, where it will undergo further analysis as it awaits a vote on the House floor.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Kellie A. McDaid



July 23, 1963 – July 28, 2019 Kellie A. McDaid of Somerville passed away on July 28, 2019.

Beloved daughter of Anthony and Margaret (Kennedy) Mc-Daid. Loving sister of Timothy McDaid, Kathryn McDaid, Matthew McDaid and his wife Stacy. Dear aunt of Emily, Kathryn, Max, Dillon, Grace and Haleigh. Also survived by many loving cousins.

Visiting hours for Kellie will be held, Friday morning August 2, 2019, in St. Joseph Church, Union Sq. Somerville, from 9:00 – 11:00am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Joseph Church at 11:00. Relatives and friends invited. Reception immediately to follow.

#### Nicholas A. Ritrovato Jr.



**Nicholas A. Ritrovato Jr.** of Somerville passed away on July 25, 2019.

Beloved husband of Jean (Angelesco) Ritrovato.

Loving father of Michelle McArthur and her husband David S. of Wakefield. Nicholas A. Ritrovato III of Somerville, Michael J. Ritrovato and his significant other Christine Aloise of Somerville and the late Jeanine R. Ritrovato.

Dear brother of Josephine A. (Ritrovato) Perkins of Raynham and the late Rita (Ritrovato) Steed.

Devoted grandfather of David S. Jr., Domenic and Jaccob

McArthur.

Loyal and faithful companion to his dog Sam for 12 years.

Relatives and friends invited. Calling Hours to be held at the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Thursday morning from 9-11am followed by a Funeral Home Service at 11o'clock.

Reception immediately to follow.

US Airforce Veteran, Vietnam.

## Ignite: A Global Street Food & Fire Festival



To celebrate Union Square's sizzling food landscape, the Somerville Arts Council brings you: *Ignite*, an evening of international eats, fire throwers, roving entertainment, and a raucous celebration of global culture. Saturday, August 10 (rain date: August 11), in Union Square. \$2.00 donation.

In addition to many local food vendors, there will be: food demos, including a presentation from the Nibble Kitchen; food-themed activities, featuring a flaming curry eating contest (ongoing, with a sit-down curry speed eating contest at 7:30); numerous performers (see lineup on next page), and to top it all off, salsa dance instruction directly followed by a festival-wide dance party to close out the night! And please don't forget to B.Y.O.W.B (bring your own water bottle), as the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority will be bringing their Quench Buggy to Ignite! You will be able to fill up your water bottle as many times as you want at the Quench Buggy, which will be located at the heart of the festival.

#### About Nibble:

A Somerville Arts Council initiative that includes market tours, cooking classes, food festivals, and the Nibble Culinary Entrepreneurship Program. And coming soon this summer, expect a Nibble kitchen with a rotating menu at Bow Market in Union Square! Nibble Kitchen will provide a space for entrepreneurs who are predominantly female and hail from our rich immigrant communities to test out restaurant concepts in a low-risk environment before launching independent businesses. Nibble supports immigrant communities, celebrates cultural exchange and spurs cultural and economic development.

# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

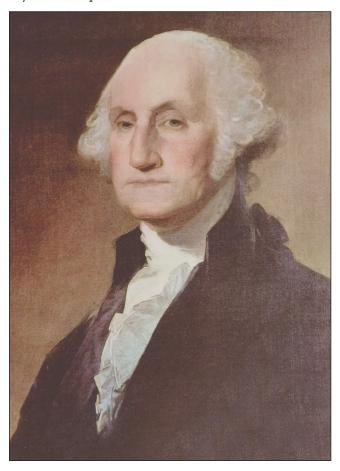


Eagle feathers #184

#### The Square

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Washington Street was first called the Road to Newtowne, the original name of the City of Cambridge and the home of American's first college, Harvard. Later, she became a much-traveled thoroughfare that was laid out through to-day's Union Square.



This street received its name in honor of George Washington, the leader of America's Colonial Army and America's first president. His image can easily be seen on the mural in Union Square, on our quarters and our one-dollar bills. The mural's image is of the General presenting the first American flag, the Union Flag, to his soldiers at Prospect Hill.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT IN UNION SQUARE Stalwart Men and Handsome Horses Featured the Local Celebration.



After the Revolution and with no bridges crossing the Charles River, a trip to Boston from Charlestown was eight to ten miles and Union Square became a pleasant rest stop. Free ladled-out well water was provided on both sides of the square for travelers, while horse troths were offered for their animals.



Businesses grew and one early merchant capitalized by naming his store, The Oasis. The square received its name from the location of the area's Civil War Continued on page 20

# COMMENTARY

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# Representative Barber joins with colleagues to pass progressive budget for fiscal year 2020



By State Rep. resentative Christine Barber

Representative Christine P. Barber of Somerville and Medford, along with her colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature,

passed the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) budget. The budget includes investments in education, housing, transportation, health care, and other programs throughout the Commonwealth, at a total funding level of \$43.1 billion.

Rep. Barber worked with colleagues to secure funding for several local programs and projects, including—Groundwork Somerville, Housing Families youth program, the ABCD Mobile Homeless Outreach Program, and Teen Empowerment. She also helped to secure funding for improvements to Blessing of the Bay Park in Somerville, and an increase to the Autism Medicaid Waiver, to support families with a child with autism. Rep. Barber worked with Sen. Jehlen to secure \$100,000 for a transportation study of Route 16, from Cambridge to Medford through Somerville, to improve multimodal transportation options along the well-trafficked route.

In addition, the budget includes a major step forward on addressing rising prescription drug costs in MassHealth, a part of a bill Rep. Barber filed this session. The budget allows, for the first time, for state officials to work directly with drug manufacturers to negotiate fair prices for consumers.

"I am pleased with the final FY20 Budget, and am proud of the local funding we secured, to support education, housing, homelessness prevention, youth programs, parks and transportation projects in my district," Rep. Barber said. "I am proud that the

Legislature stood so strongly to support funding to combat the opioid crisis, and make important investments in education, mental health services, and increases to the Chapter 70 education formula. We have more work to do on all of these fronts, but increased funding is a strong step that sends a strong signal of the Legislature's commitment to tackling these issues."

Passed by both the House and the Senate on Monday, the FY20 Budget now awaits Governor Baker's signature.

# What we don't want the river to look like

Here is a picture of a cyanobacteria and algae "bloom"- or population explosion - turning the Mystic pea-soup green in the summer of 2017. Multiple factors contributed to the bloom event - temperature, rainfall rates. But the fundamental underlying cause was nutrient pollution, especially excess phosphorus.

Thinking about nutrients as pollutants takes some getting used to. After all, phosphorus and nitrogen are necessary building blocks of life. We need them. Plants need them.

In fact, plants love them!

And that can be the problem. Too many nutrients in an aquatic ecosystem can lead to really bad outcomes. The most famous example is perhaps the annual dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico

The Gulf receives fertilizer runoff from the vast agricultural watershed of the Mississippi River. Spring and summer bring huge algae blooms in the Gulf, fueled by fertilizer. When those blooms die, organisms that decompose the algae use up all the dissolved oxygen in the water. Fish and other animals that can move retreat. The rest die. A huge area is affected. Scientists expect an especially bad summer this year.

In the Great Lakes and many other places, nutrient pollution causes blooms of cyanobacteria, like the one in the Mystic. Cyanobacteria can produce toxins that harm public health. The City of Toledo has shut down its water supply because of cyanobacteria in Lake Erie. This week officials urged residents to avoid Lake Pontchartrain in Louisiana for the same reason. Flooding in the Midwest this spring has vastly increased the likelihood.

Urban areas contribute high levels of phosphorus. This is a little counterintuitive, but there are good explanations for this. As a result, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection labels the Mystic River and other water bodies in the watershed officially "impaired" by phosphorus. We have not only cyanobacteria blooms like the one in 2017, but huge infestations of invasive plants, habitat degradation, and more - all stemming from excess nutrients.

At MyRWA, we have been engaged in a 5-year project to model the amount of phosphorus entering the Mystic system and to understand its effects. It's a collaboration that has drawn on the financial support and technical contributions of many partners including the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Mass Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP), United States Geolog-



This is what we don't want the Mystic River to look like.

- Photo by Jack Bitney



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#### **MONDAY August 5**

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy 7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY August 6**

Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 8 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY August 7

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY August 8**

Ghost Town Brass Band 8 p.m.

#### **FRIDAY August 9**

Hashtag Hoedown 6 p.m. War on Alexandria, Panama Dreams, Helen Trio \$10 cover 9 p.m.

#### **SATURDAY August 10**

Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m. A Bunch of Jerks, Watts, Electric Mess, Muck & The Mires \$10 cover 9 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY August 11**

Roundtable Acoustic Series: Betty & The Bellhops 1 p.m. Roy Sludge Trio 4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests 10 p.m.





ic Survey (USGS), Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), and others. Our collaboration will lead to a scientific report that will quantify how much phosphorus inputs have to be reduced to meet water quality standards.

At MyRWA, we are also just wrapping up the first of a multiyear municipal education effort on nutrient pollution, the year funded by the Massachusetts Environmental Trust.

We have given public talks; held one-on-one presentations to municipal officials, including mayors; created tabling displays on stormwater and nutrient pollution; and brought a curriculum on stormwater to several local municipalities' classrooms through our new environmental education program.

Cost-effective solutions are at hand, and we will continue to spread the word about them. From improved street sweeping regimes, to green infrastructure installations (rain gardens, stormwater wetlands), cities and towns can improve infrastructure in a way that reduces nutrient pollution, beautifies the built environment, and begins to restore the ecological functions of our rivers, lakes and streams.

Stormwater wetland at Alewife Reservation, Cambridge. Plants and soils absorb phosphorus from runoff, before it can get to the river.

About the Mystic River Watershed Association:

The Mystic River Watershed Association works every day to protect our water, restore important habitat, transform our parks and paths, build climate resilience, and inspire youth and community members. This benefits the more than half million residents throughout the 76 square mile watershed

For more information, see www.MysticRiver.org.

— Mystic River Watershed Association

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# Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

It's moving season in Somerville, and even for that we have data.

**3,890 temporary no parking requests:** For most, moving trucks and discarded furniture on the curbs are signs of moving season. For us, temporary no parking sign requests are another. From May to July this year, the City issued nearly 4,000 temporary no parking permits. These permits get issued throughout the year for a variety of things, including construction, deliveries, and moving. But from May through September, most of

them are issued are for moving vehicles or containers. By this time last year, the Parking Department had issued 3,151 no parking permits and then ultimately handled a total of 6,334 during moving season. If you're moving this summer and need to reserve parking, visit www.parksomerville.com for information on getting temporary no parking permits and don't forget that signs have to go up 48 hours in advance and you need to call 311 to let them know the signs are posted. If you park on the street, don't forget to regularly look for temporary no parking signs on your street so you can plan to move your car, if needed.

2 items per week: Whether you're moving this summer or doing a late spring cleaning, you might find yourself with things that you want to get rid of. If the items are still usable, friends, neighbors, or local thrift shops may be interested in taking them off your hands, which helps reduce waste. But if there are

things that need to be thrown out, you can find the best way to do that by visiting www.somer-villema.gov/wizard. Some items can go in your regular trash and recycling, while others can be recycled at other sites. If you know you'll have several large items for the trash, plan ahead – you're allowed to put two large items out each week with your regular trash.

81,562 residents: According to the latest information from the Census Bureau, Somerville has more than 81,000 residents. Compared to data from the last census in 2010, that's nearly an 8% increase in residents. Over the years, Somerville has seen a lot of variation in how many people live here. The city saw a huge increase in residents from the 1880s to the 1920s when the population grew from under 25,000 to more than 90,000 residents. Somerville then hit its highest population (so far) in the 1930s and 1940s with more than 100,000 people living here.

7% increase: It's not just Somerville that has grown; the greater Boston region saw about a 7% increase in population from 2010 to 2018. That comes out to about 300,000 new residents. About a third of that increase came from within Middlesex County, which includes Somerville. The most populous county in the Boston region, Middlesex saw its population grow from 1.5 million residents in 2010 to over 1.6 million in 2018.

354 housing units: It's no secret that the Boston area is in the midst of a housing crisis. It's getting harder and harder for people – even those with good paying jobs – to find affordable housing. There's no one magic answer for fixing the housing crisis, but if Somerville and the region continue to grow without more housing being built, the problem will only become worse. By the end of 2019, we expect to have added 354 new housing units this year to Somerville's

housing stock. The addition of those units brings us to 2,271 new units since 2011 when the SomerVision goal of 6,000 new housing units by 2030 was adopted. Some of that housing will come from large, multi-unit developments, but other units will be the result of smaller projects across the city. If you're curious about construction in your neighborhood, visit www. somervillema.gov/cornerwise where you can see a map and find more about proposed and ongoing projects.

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

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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As the deaths of Cheryl Pauline Richards this past weekend and Allison Donovan in February remind me, Somerville is not yet a safe city for pedestrians or other vulnerable road users, and cannot claim to be a "Vision Zero" city. The question is, is the Mayor and his administration interested in becoming one, or are they satisfied with reacting to each tragedy with sorrow and then hastily applying safety patches? Is he too focused on making press-worthy announcements about big, aspirational goals like Vision Zero, SomerVision, and Somerville Climate Forward to implement the everyday changes that make these goals a reality? According to the City website,

"Vision Zero Somerville reaffirms the City's commitment to multi-modal road safety." But does it?

While the road where a driver mowed down a pedestrian on Saturday night is a state road, and the City has limited ability to make safety changes at that spot, Powder House Boulevard is not. This is a city street, one short block from my house. This is the street where Allison Donovan was killed by a hit and run driver only six months ago, and where the city is about to make a decision to yet again prioritize the status quo over the safety of vulnerable road users - in this case cyclists. If the City proceeds with its plan, in early August, "temporary" line painting

will be applied - a one-way, unprotected "door zone" lane partway up the street with "sharrows" (no lane at all for bikes) in the other direction. This option is being chosen because it is the one that preserves street parking, at the expense of the well-being of cyclists. The city has said it will continue to "study" other options for the street, but after over two years of public meetings on this \$3 million project, the City should not delay safety improvements any longer. The opportunity to do something different, something that is a tangible, real step forward for safer roads for all is now, and the city is choosing not to do it.

I encourage every Somerville resident

who is sick of hearing about another dead pedestrian, another ghost bike ceremony, another road rage incident, to write to the Mayor, the City Councilor, and the Transportation Department telling them that you expect more - you expect a city with streets that are safe and not just prioritized for (almost) free parking.

Also, consider attending the public meeting to discuss both the pedestrian safety improvements and the road painting plan on Powder House Boulevard on Wednesday July 31 at 6:30pm at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

Arah Schuur Ward 6 Resident

#### RE City Council ordinance to regulate Short Term Rental [STR]

I write in support of resident Alan Bingham's letter published on July 14th. While everyone acknowledges that affordable housing is fast disappearing and that condo conversion is one cause of the shrinking supply, as Bingham aptly points out, a couple approaching re-

tirement generating income through Air BNB rental, is not necessarily curtailing an affordable unit.

Sharing one's house to offset living costs is as old as urban life itself. Somerville is exemplary as a community where extended families live and grow, where foreign and domestic students find accommodation, and nowadays, where many travelers want to be

while exploring the area's restaurants and attractions.

Since the ordinance is not due to go into effect until 2020, the City Council should consider Bingham's idea for a grandfather clause: "It would seem to make sense that given these unforeseen consequences have such a damaging impact on some of our fellow citizens that a grandfather clause for long term

residents to continue as they have been doing, could be appended to the ordinance. To limit the number of days a STR could be provided annually does not make sense."

We agree.

Sincerely, Susann Wilkinson & Michael Fischer Somerville

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# **COMMENTARY**

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

#### Illustrated by Jim Clark



# **Our View Of The Times**



It's been over ten years, and now the inevitable has come to pass. Parking meter rates in Somerville are going up by 25 cents per hour.

The city is quick to point out that the new rate of \$1.25 per hour is in line with other neighboring communities, so it's only fair.

Parking meter revenues figure as a sig-

nificant amount of the city's operating budget. So it stands to reason that the city would want to keep up with the cost of doing business – as in filling pot holes and patching sidewalks. Right?

Of course, there are quite a few who are unhappy about the rate hike and are making their opinions known.

Many point out that the timing may be

extremely poor, considering all the inconvenience – if not shear torment – that residents and visitors to the city are going through due to all the bridge and road closures that are going on as a result of construction activities for the Green Line Extension, as well general renovation taking place just about everywhere you look. It's a fair point. There has been a lot

of pain and discombobulation on our city streets in recent months, and it is clearly going to continue for quite some time yet. So perhaps the rate hike on metered parking does feel a bit like salting the wound.

Still, if you come to the dance expect to pay the piper. Even if it's the piper who calls the tune.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

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

This week's **SomerMovie** on **August 1** will be *Incredibles 2*. It is a free, family-friendly film. All movies start at sunset and will be shown at **Seven Hills Park in Davis Square**. Visit the city's website for a full schedule of upcoming movies. www.somervillema.gov.

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Our sincere condolences go out to the friends and family of **Kellie A. McDaid**, who passed away On Sunday. Condolences also go to the family of **Nicholas A. Ritrovato Jr.** who passed away last Thursday. Both will be sorely missed.

Although it has yet to be officially announced, the rumor is incumbent Councilor At-Large Stephanie Hirsch would not be finishing her term of office if re-elected. This according to a statement made by the Councilor to Our Revolution Somerville. It remains to be seen if this is truly the case.

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

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In its 24th year the Somerville 5K has hit a detour! Major road closures throughout Somerville have necessitated a temporary detour to Arlington. The race will be held Sunday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m. at the back of Arlington High School. This is another "detour" as the race is typically on Saturday. This is a major fundraiser for SHC and we can't afford to "miss a step" in getting everyone out to the race on Sunday, October 6! For more info, visit https://www.somervillehomelesscoalition.org/events/.

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# **SPORTS**

# Somerville resident assists in Women's National Football Championship win

Somerville resident Vanessa Goh has recently won the Women's Football Alliance National Championship with her team the Boston Renegades. Born in Davis, CA with a B.S. in Environmental Science from UCLA, Vanessa is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Sustainability at Harvard University Extension School.

Goh is one of the kickers and a linebacker for the Boston Renegades women's tackle football team (part of the Women's Football Alliance.

the Boston Renegades. She also currently plays on the Women's Flag Football Network's (WFFN) USA Team.

The Boston Renegades went back-to-back, securing their second consecutive Women's Football Alliance (WFA) National Championship against the Cali War with a 52-24 win on July 13 in Golden, CO.

While Boston (10-0) was a strong favorite, the game had an unexpected start, with the Renegades falling behind 12-3 early in the 2nd quarter, which was



Somerville's Vanessa Goh #26 kicks off for the winning games against the Cali War on July 13 in the Women's Football Alliance National Championship held on Golden, CO.

Ms. Cam's O Zio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What fashion designer did the 1995 American documentary film *Un*zipped follow?
- 2. What is the national attire of Japan?
- 3. What American poet used the line "Good fences make good neighbors" in a poem?
- 4. Luminol is used at a crime scene to detect traces of what?
- 5. What character sings When You Wish Upon a Star in the film Pinocchio?
- 6. What is the function of the Vagus nerve?

- 7. What is the hardest substance found in the human body?
- 8. What is the English language version title of the hit song 99 Luftballons by Nena?
- 9. Who had the 1979 hit Rapper's Delight?
- 10. What actress is known for her role as Olivia Walton in the TV series The Waltons?
- 11. What day is Put a Pillow On Your Fridge Day?
- 12. In the TV show  $M^*A^*S^*H$ , what is Radar's full name?

Answers on page 23

the high mark of Matta's involvement in any game this season.

Matta saw her role in Boston's offense transition from changeof-pace back to workhorse after All American running back Angelica Pascual was sidelined by injury late in the regular season. The British import, who previously won six UK national titles with the Birmingham (England) Lions, compiled 1327 all-purpose yards and 20 total touchdowns over 10 games and established herself as a dominant player on both sides of the Atlantic.

Matta's electrifying arrival in the states gave cover to quarterback Allison Cahill's most prolific season ever. This season, Cahill has set personal records in passing yards (2664) and passing touchdowns (46), as well as passing yards per game (266) and passing touchdowns per game (4.6). She also finished with career second-bests in completion percentage (64.2%) and TD-INT ratio (5.11), in addition to notching her third highest quarterback rating (125.24) of her 16-year career.

Cahill lead the league this season in pass attempts, pass completions, and passing touchdowns, and was recognized with the 2019 National Conference MVP Award. In the championship game, she passed for 289 yards and five touchdowns.

Veteran wide receiver Adri-

enne Smith also made a strong statement in the championship game. Despite having a fairly quiet regular season (26/283/4) as she worked her way back from a yearlong hiatus, Smith remains a clutch performer, having amassed 88 yards and three scores on four catches. Greater still, the timing of her scoring plays cemented her reputation as a game changer.

Smith pulled in the Renegades' first touchdown of the game when Boston faced a 9-point deficit. Her second touchdown helped erase Cali's lead and swing the momentum of the game. And her spectacular 46yard touchdown reception in the final quarter slammed the door on the War for good.

Vanessa Goh also contributed perhaps her best game of the season. She kicked a 26-yard field goal and three touchbacks, and also collected four combined tackles, including two for a loss. Goh joined Boston this year after starting her career in tackle with the Los Angeles Bobcats in 2017. Alongside Goh, Sarah Tully #11 went five for six on extra-point kicks, and also pulled in an 11-yard reception on offense.

On the defensive side of the ball, Boston's aggressive play at the line of scrimmage stuffed Cali's run game. Thirteen of the War's 17 rushing attempts resulted in 0 yards or fewer. While they managed to score once on the ground, Cali's total rushing output was -4 yards. Most of the damage made by the War came on big chunk plays in the passing game to tight end Jamie Robinson and wide receiver Lisa King, and on shovel passes to Kielyn Wilson who was Cali's top scorer in the game.

Cali quarterback Chantel Wiggins finished with 333 passing yards and three touchdowns. Rookie defensive back Andrea Fullmore lead the Renegades with 6 tackles. Goh, Brooke Gause, Danielle Fournier, Spring Gamble, Allie Genereux, Erin Diette, Penny Fagnani, and rookie Jessica Hayden accounted for Boston's tackles for loss. Hayden also recovered a fumble that helped set up a Renegades scoring opportunity in the third quarter.

Matta rushed for her second touchdown, giving Boston a commanding 21-point lead. For Renegades captain Brooke Goodman #97, this was the epitome of a statement win. "You can either achieve greatness or you can define it. This season we did the latter."

To stay up to date on the Boston Renegades, including information regarding 2020 season tryouts, visit www.bostonwomensfootball.com or follow on Facebook at www.facebook. com/bostonwomensfootball.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30-32 Whitman Street (ZBA 2019-59): Applicant, Douglas Okun, and Owner, Robert W. Sinnott, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a

nonconforming structure by constructing a dormer on each side of the roof. RA Zone. Ward 7.

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

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

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

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

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

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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 7/24/19 & 7/31/19

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#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Thursday August 15th at 6:40 p.m. in the 3rd floor Conference Room opposite the Community Room at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street regarding a proposal by Applicants: City of Somerville to demolish the pre-1884 wood-framed house at 5 Palmer Avenue.

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

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#### Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Somerville located at 39R Medford St., Somerville, MA 02143 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenant at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 8/12/2019 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Steven Ruffino Jr. units #1102 & #293B. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the <u>Planning</u>
<u>Board</u> on <u>Thursday, August 8, 2019</u> at <u>6:00 p.m.</u> in the <u>City Council</u>
<u>Chambers, 2nd Floor Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue</u>.

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

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

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

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman As published in The Somerville Times on 7/24/19 and 7/31/19

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

Replacement of Filters at Kennedy Pool

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <a href="http://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids">http://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids</a> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after 07/31/2019. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 08/14/2019 12:00PM. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be from 08/19/2019 to 12/31/2019.

Prevailing wage rates apply. 5% bid deposit required.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at <a href="mailto:pwaditwar@somervillema.gov">pwaditwar@somervillema.gov</a> for more information.

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# Somerville YMCA CIT/LIT Job Readiness Program

The CIT/ LIT Job Readiness Program held its graduation on July 17, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., at The Arthur D. Healey School on 5 Meacham Street.

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 such as The Somerville YMCA's Summer Day Camp.

session's graduating class included the following 25 students: Alencha Addition, Nykari Aimes, Brian Alves, Thomas Amaral, Dmitri Augustin, Jonathan Blanden, Christine Denis, Ben-oni Francois, Gabe Gancalves, Derrick Garcia, Ortello Hamilton, Courtney Henry, Geovany Iraherta, Jaslene Jean-Francois, Marven Joseph, Laterion, Musyaju, Leo Myrtil, Lobsang Nyima, Jaiden Prerilon, Louson St.Vil, Chandler Timoleon, Alexander Ventura, Christina William-Durand.

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

For more information about the program, please contact Joe Pinto at the Somerville YMCA (617) 625-5050.



First Row (left to right): Rianna Laterion, Thomas Amaral, Louson St.Vil, Geovany Iraherta, Christina William-Durand, Alencha Addition. Second Row (left to right): Jonathan Blandon, Facilitator: Samanatha McNeil, Brian Alves, Dmitri Augustin, Jaiden Prerlion, Derrick Garcia, Lobsang Nyima, Courtney Henry, Christine Denis, Facilitator: Amber Delotsang, Nykari Aimes, Shreeya Musyaju, Jaslene Jean-Francois. Third Row (left to right): Leo Myrtil, Gabe Gancalves, Ben-oni Francois, Alexander Ventura, Ortello Hamilton.

# Powder House Blvd. Community Meeting Scheduled for July 31

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

With utility and sidewalk reconstruction nearing completion this summer and lane and crosswalk striping to occur in August, the City will stripe a temporary single bike lane using low-durability paint. This temporary condition will not require the loss of any parking, but will provide a dedicated bike lane and is anticipated to reduce motor vehicle speeds on the Boulevard. This paint will wear off over the course of the next 12 months as we continue to work with the community for a permanent solution as discussed in previous meetings. A full list of Frequently Asked Questions can be found at www.somervillema.gov/powderhouseboulevard, however please note the following important selections from the FAQ section:

Is this the final decision regarding street design?

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

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

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

• Is the 4-way stop pilot at Curtis St still happening?

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

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

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

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

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#### Thursday August 1

#### **Central Library**

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#### Friday | August 2

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Preschool Storytime for 2-year-

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#### **East Branch Library**

Lego Club 3 p.m.- 4 p.m.|115 Broadway

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#### Monday August 5

#### **Central Library**

Kidstock Theater 2 p.m.- 3:15 p.m. Middle School Writers' Den 5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Tuesday | August 6

#### **Central Library**

Science Tellers: The Interactive Science & Storytelling Program 2 p.m.-3:15 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Wednesday August 7

#### **East Branch Library**

Touch-a-Truck Story Time! 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broad-

#### **Central Library**

Bingo 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

Middle School Summer Writers'

5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland

#### **MUSIC** ARTS Wednesday July 31

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

#### The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. BackroomThe Brother Brothers

Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

#### **Thunder Road**

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Residency

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

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

#### **Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

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

#### Sunsetters

Lesley Avenue 7 p.m.

#### Thursday August 1

#### Sally O'Brien's

BYO Bluegrass Jam with David Rizzuti|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company |7 p.m. Back Room: Penni Layne & The Wonder Boys 7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m.

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

#### Bull McCabe's

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

#### **Thunder Road**

379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

Chetstock v3 Chet's Last Call Brattle Screening Afterparty 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Tom Dowd Quartet 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Arts at the Armory

James Houlahan with Dan

#### 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday | August 2

#### Sally O'Brien's

HayRide!|6 p.m. Lonely Leesa & The Lost Cowboys, Eric Salt & Electric City, Red Red Rocket - \$10 cover 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30

BackroomThe American WHO Sensation, Heart Attack Ack Ack Ack Ack Ack|7 p.m. Pop Disaster 10 p.m.

#### 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Once Somerville**

Tilian

Landon Tewers, Brent Walsh,

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Bull McCabe's**

Ali MCGuirk

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

#### Joshua Tree

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

#### Casey's

**Entertainment every Friday** 173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

#### **Thunder Road**

379 Somerville Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Road Trip Sessions: Elissa Sun 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### The Rockwell

The Kerfuffle

9 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### Saturday | August 3

#### Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band|6 p.m. Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present Rawstrum, Temple - \$10 cover 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

#### The Burren

3589

Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m. Back Room: Visiting Wine, Old

Fox 7 p.m. Kilroe|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke

65 Holland St

#### **Bull McCabe's**

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Casey's

**Entertainment every Saturday** 173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road** 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

Gabby's World **Bellows** 

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Singer-Songwriter Summer Saturday Series: Cindy Latin 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Arts at the Armory Rick and Friends

The Rockwell Smoke & Shadows: Burlesque and Variety Show

10 a.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### 9:30 p.m.|255 Elm St Sunday August 4

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

#### The Burren

Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9

p.m. Back Room: Susan Levine, Lindsay Dodd and Esther Friedman in the Round 7:30 p.m.

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

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

#### **Highland Kitchen**

Sunday Brunch Live Country & **Bluegrass** Sunday Night Live Music

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

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 156 Highland Ave

## Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Possum 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Monday August 5

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots ComMarley Monday with The Duppy

Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45 p.m., Run, Helena Delaney & Friends 9:30 p.m. Back Room: Irish Session with Frank Horrigan 6 p.m. Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

## 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub** Jimmy James Trivia 8:30 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Thunder Road**

379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville** Mike Krol & Swearin' w/ Leopard

Print Taser **Leopard Print Taser** 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Board Game Bonanza 6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

#### 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Tuesday August 6

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Queer Tango

Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

#### The Burren

3589

Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers 8:30 p.m. Back Room: Tysk Tysk Task, Baby Fuzz, Eye Witness|7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band** 10 p.m.|366A Somerville

Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

#### 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Egoart.

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

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

#### **Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** smrtdeath

#### Lil Lotus GucciHighWaters 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### **Aeronaut Brewing Co** Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Sunsetters

#### Park|6:30 p.m.

National Night Out at Foss

#### Wednesday August 7

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#### The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. Backroom:Realta|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10

#### 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

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

The A-Beez 10 p.m.|366A Somerville

#### Ave|617-440-6045 **Thunder Road**

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#### 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 156 Highland Ave

#### **Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Open Mic with Mike Morrissey

#### 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday

#### 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunsetters

#### 11 Cottage Avenue 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday|July 31

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

**CLASSES AND GROUPS** 

**Davis Square Farmers Market** 12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert

#### Thursday August 1

## Ciampa Manor

Streets

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

Work out on the East Branch Lawn! 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

# First Church Somerville

**East Branch Library** 

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629

#### Friday | August 2

**Central Library** 

### Gallery@SPL Opening Reception

12 p.m.- 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Saturday | August 3 **Union Square Farmers Market** 

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

48 Holland St

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

#### Sunday August 4

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

Enter upstairs, meeting is in

#### basement Monday | August 5

#### **Central Library**

Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie! 4 p.m.- 5 p.m. Chess Night

7 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland

#### **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library!

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway

Wednesday August 7 **Central Library** 

Ave

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

#### **Davis Square Farmers Market** 12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert Streets

## **SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:**

#### **CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES**

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

617-625-6600, ext. 2300

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

Mondays & Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fridays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, ext. 2335

Fax: 617-625-1414

**Ralph and Jenny Center:** located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 617- 666-5223

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.)

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688

TTY: 866-808-4851

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor's Annual Senior Picnic – Wednesday, August 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Powder House Park. Rain date of Friday, August 9. Must have ticket to attend. Tickets are available at all senior centers, Holland Street, Cross Street and Ralph & Jenny as well as the Mayor's office. If you live in a senior building you must get your ticket at that address. For more information or questions please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

David Salat, PhD – Tuesday, August 13 starting at 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Come join us as we learn more about Alzheimer's Disease with David Salat, PhD. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Essex, Gloucester & Rockport – Wednesday, August 14 - \$55 per person includes motorcoach transportation, lunch and shopping on your own. Lunch at Village Restaurant. Lunch choices are steak tips, seafood medley or oven roasted chicken, Space is limited. Check in time

is 10:00 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 4:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Granite State Chocolate & Wine Tour – Tuesday, September 17 departing Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street at 8:00 a.m. with an approximate return time of 5:30 p.m. \$89 includes luxury coach transportation, Sanborn Fine Candies, lunch at Warren's Lobster House and The Flag Winery for a wine tasting. Lunch choices are crab crusted salmon, top sirloin steak, ritzy filet of haddock or seafood casserole. RSVP to Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

#### **LGBTQ EVENTS**

LBT Women Fit-4-Life at Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street - Fitness class is Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.

#### WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-ULE (PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

#### Monday:

Keep Moving Walking Club - 9:00 a.m. (H) Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life – 11:00 a.m. (C) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

#### Tuesday:

Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. - \$3 per class (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)

Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

#### Wednesdays:

Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) – 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H)

#### Thursdays:

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C) Healthy Steps – 12:30 p.m. (H) Nutrition Class – 3:00 p.m. (H) LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)

#### Fridays:

Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)

Adventure Group – Please call for details

\*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration\*

#### **HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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

#### Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



recruiting station where Somerville and neighboring citizen soldiers signed up for the Union's cause.

Prior to that, the area was called Liberty Pole Square. The pole was constructed by firefighters to honor the flag and the freedom she represented. Before that, it was called Sand Pit Square, in reference to the fine silica deposits found there, which was used by the neighboring Union Glass Works.

Still earlier, it was sometimes called Hour Glass Square. This was because of its early hour-glass shape caused by the Millers River's tidal marshes in which Bow Street, with its curved shape, was considered the neck of the glass.

Names change:

- Before it was the Maurice J. Tobin Bridge, this structure was beautifully called the Mystic River Bridge.
- The George Dilboy Memorial Stadium was almost changed to the Charles Shannon Stadium in 2006 after the Massachusetts Senator.
  - The Boston University Bridge was

originally called the Cottage Farm Bridge.

- \* Before the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Bridge was named, the site was known as the West Boston Bridge.
- The official name of the Zakim Bridge is The Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Memorial Bridge. It was almost called the Freedom or Patriot Bridge.
- For well over a century, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology wanted the Harvard Bridge, named after Reverend John Harvard, to be called The Technology Bridge.

Today, because of the worldwide varieties of restaurants and small businesses that pepper Union Square, it might well be nicknamed United Nations Square. That name would not be necessary because the historic saga of Somerville's Union Square has always been international. She was first built on the oldest road in the city; and although her architecture has changed and will continue to change, her historic roots never will.



# Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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# **Upcoming VOX POP events**



Maker Space Show & Tell: Live Demos, Networking and Discussions Thursday, August 1, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Want to be inspired by the creative members at Artisan's Asylum, a 40,000 square foot nonprofit community maker space in Somerville, MA? This event is designed to welcome the community to explore the Maker Space world, experience first-hand some of the amazing work that happens throughout the year and learn more about the array of resources Artisan's Asylum has to offer.

The "show & tell" will go from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and then there will be a short panel discussion with makers from 8:00 to 8:30 p.m. followed by an informal gathering at American Fresh Brewhouse at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maker-space-show-tell-live-demosnetworking-and-discussions-tickets-64793290476

**1st Fridays BFR Music in the Plaza w/Guowcast** Fri, August 2, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

#### Somerville Connects LIVE Podcast with JoJo

Wednesday, August 7, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Learn more about the people and faces behind Assembly Row in "Somerville Connects!"

On the first and third Wednesday of the month from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., VOX POP will record a LIVE studio audience interview with some of the movers and shakers of Assembly Row and greater Somerville as part of an SMC Podcast Show called "Somerville Connects" produced by Somerville native and SMC producer, JoJo LaRiccia.

The Somerville Connects podcast brings Somerville to life by chronicling the unique personalities that shape the diverse city. Come be a part of the audience!

# Anyone Can Be A First Responder! - The City of Somerville Thursday, August 8, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The City of Somerville is pleased to offer this FREE Overdose Prevention & Naloxone training to all Somerville residents. Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager, & Sara Harris, the Public Health Nurse Manager, with Somerville's Health & Human Services Department train residents, local small businesses, non-profits, etc. in understanding, recognizing, and responding to a potential overdose in the community.

As part of this one hour training, Naloxone (aka Narcan) & CPR face shields will be distributed at no cost to attendees while supplies last. Additional give-away items include Somerville tote bags, balls, pens, resources, etc.

VOX POP Hours of Operation: May 8, 2019 – Aug 31, 2019:

 $\label{eq:monday: 4:00-7:00 p.m.} Monday: 4:00-7:00 p.m. \ \ Wednesday: 5:00-8:00 p.m. \ \ Thursday: 6:00-9:00 p.m. \ \ Third Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.$ 

\*There may be select events outside these hours

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Words on Film with Dan Burke

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11:00am

12:00pm

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Wednesd	lay, July 31	7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium	1:00pm	Tele Magazine	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Startup TV Boston	2:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show	
	'	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars	
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM Arts	
7:00am	Esoteric Science	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC	
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone	
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		Friday, August 2		5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm T	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	
9:00am	DW Global 3000	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	1:00pm	The Kamla Show	
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Literati Scene	1:30pm	DW Global 3000	
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live	
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	2:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
11:00am	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:00pm	Special SCATV Programming	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx	
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:30pm	Legacies	
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm	TeleGalaxie	
1:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	9:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	Going Postal	
2:00pm	Science 360	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Last Sip	
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	NASA TV	11:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady	
4:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	11:00am	SOM ARTS	Sunday, A	August A	7:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	
4:30pm	The Literati Scene	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	12:00am	Flotilla	8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Overcoming Addiction	
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6:30pm	Off the Shelf	2:00pm	The Kamla Show	3:00am	Free Speech TV	·	3	
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9:00pm	Boston Come Through	4:00pm	Gay USA The Chatman Booth	9:00am		7:00am	DW Euromaxx	
10:00pm	LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	5:00pm 5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	10:00am	Tele Kreyol Evangelista Camillo Fodera	7:30am	Esoteric Science	
11:00pm	Flotilla		LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
Thursday	, August 1	6:00pm	SOM ARTS	12:00am	Gentle Belly Dancing	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series	
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm			Off the Shelf	10:00am	Road to Recovery	
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1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm		1:30pm		11:30am	DW In Good Shape	
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9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	Saturday	, August 3	6:00pm		4:00pm	SMC Youth Media	
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7:30am	Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan	10:00pm		6:30pm	SCAP Annual Meeting 2019	8:00am	Jane's Walk 2019
8:00am	SomerViva em Português	Friday, A	August 2	8:00pm	SomerViva em Portugues - August 2019	10:00am	SomerViva em Portugues - August 2019
8:31am	Central Hill Campus Plan Meeting	12:00am	Senior Circuit "Cooking w/Caitlin"		Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	11:30am	SomerViva en Español
11:00am	Art Beat 2019	12:30am	CC-Finance Committee FY20 Budget	10:30pm	Mayor's Senior Picnic	12:00pm	Connecting Communities
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10:00am	vvsivs science Fair winners	Ι.
11:00am	Argenziano School Spring Concert	1:
12:00pm	SCALE Graduation 2019	3:
1:30pm	Rec All City Track Meet	9
3:00pm	El Sistema Year End Concert	1
4:00pm	ESCS Spring Concert	1:
5:00pm	SING! Somerville	1:
6:00pm	WSNS Science Fair Winners	2
7:00pm	Argenziano School Spring Concert	3:
8:00pm	SCALE Graduation 2019	3:
9:30pm	Rec All City Track Meet	4:
11:00pm	El Sistema Year End Concert	5
Thursday	, August 1	7:
12:00am	SHS Volleyball vs Greater Lowell Tech	9
1:00am	Youth Peace Conference	9:
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11:00am	SHS CTE Awards Night 2019 - 5.8.19	1
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3:30pm	Student of the Qtr Brown School	3:
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Carmellite Chamblin is a 22 years old poet residing in the Somerville area. She enjoys the small things in life such as eating, staring into the eyes of strangers on Newbury Street and rotating around the sun.



#### Book I, Ode I, [to Virgil]

Grace

Virgil, I never thought I'd write to you like this,

Pained, but perhaps troubled at the thought of collapsing into

The greatest sin I suppose,

The realization that I am no longer part of a narrative with a clear understanding of life.

Child of god, godless child.

4. Blood

5. Jiminy Cricket

It transmits infor-

mation to or from the

surface of the brain to tissues and organs else-

God help the child, if she's willing.

Eyes brown and heavy are spilling down my throat.

It was Tuesday 1 pm and my toes inched for blades.

Ask me, ask me what it felt like to bleed out God, flush her down to rot with Hades, turn the faucet, and cauterize her absence.

— Carmellite Chamblin

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# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# **Director Paula Plum brings** Steel Magnolias to the 'Hub'

I had the good fortune to interview the doyenne of the Boston-area theatre scene, actress, playwright and director Paula Plum. I talked with Plum about her professional experience, and the play she is directing at the Hub Theatre Company in Boston, Steel Magnolias, playing through August 3.

Over the past three decades, her most notable performances have been as Cleopatra, Lady Macbeth, Beatrice, Touchstone and Phedre at the Actors' Shakespeare Project; in Miss Witherspoon, The Heiress and Death of a Salesman at the Lyric Stage; Body Awareness, History Boys and New Century at SpeakEasy Stage; Lysistrata, Ivanov, Mother Courage, and The Marriage of Bette and Boo at the American Repertory Theatre.

Ms. Plum was trained at The London Academy of Music and Dramatic arts and is a Cum Laude graduate of Boston University's School for the Arts, where she was also honored as Distinguished Alumna in 2003.

Doug Holder: Well, this is a Somerville newspaper, so I have to ask you if you have any history of performance in Somerville. I think I met you briefly through Emily Singer, who worked for Jimmy Tingle when he had the theatre in Davis Square.

Paula Plum: Yes, I have been Artistic Director of A Christmas Celtic Sojourn produced by WGBH and Brian O'Donovan, which had its first performance at Somerville Theatre in December 2003.

DH: I see you performed at the Lyric Stage. Did you perform there when it was a little walk up on Charles Street in Boston? The founders used to live in Somerville.

PP: I have been working at the Lyric Stage since 1975 when the theater was located above Ken's at Copley Square, pre-dating their Charles St. home by several years. I played Margot in their production of Dial M for Murder, directed by Polly Hogan, and featuring Ron Ritchell, the founders of the Lyric Stage.

DH: You seem to embrace all facets of the theatre: playwright, actor, director. Which is you fa-

**PP:** Acting for me is the most freeing and when I get a chance to fly.

DH: I have to ask you this because my brother Don Holder is a Tony award-winning lighting designer. Do you appreciate the role of lighting in a production?

PP: Lighting is everything. It can create not only mood but environment. I believe you really only need actors, text and a great lighting plot to



realize a play.

DH: You are directing Steel Magnolias at the innovative Hub Theatre of Boston. It is about a group of women who bond over a loss of a friend in a small southern burg. Could this been have done equally well with men and still have the same impact?

PP: Seriously, no. Women and men form friendships differently. The way these women relate to each other, the way they support each other, is uniquely female.

DH: How has it been working with the Hub Theatre?

PP: This is my third directing experience with Hub and all three have been a pleasure. Hub Theatre is a well-greased machine. Lauren Elias is a very skilled producer and knows how to assemble a creative team, as well as how to market the heck out of a show. She's great with social media; the houses have been packed and joyful!

DH: Finally, why should people see Steel Magnolias?

PP: I have been blessed with a glorious cast of women who expertly handle the comedy as well as the pathos. This cast of actresses works brilliantly together to portray the charm of these Southern women, as well as their warmth, complexity, and passion.

For more information, go to http://www.hubtheatreboston.org/

# **16th Annual National Night Out**

The 16th Annual National Night Out takes place on Tuesday, August 6, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Foss Park, featuring first responders and vehicles, community partners, performances, family fun, music and food

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