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City's FY19 budget approved, passed



The city's taxpayers got a chance to voice their concerns and advocate for their causes at a Public Hearing concerning the FY19 budget before the Board of Aldermen's Finance Committee last week.

By Jim Clark

After weeks of deliberation, debate, and compromise, the City of Somerville FY 2019 budget has finally been voted on and approved by the Board of Aldermen.

The process began on June 6 of this year, when Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone submitted his proposed budget to the Board for review and consideration. Along with that budget submission the mayor stated in part, "I hereby submit, subject to the approval of your Honorable Board, an appropriation in the amount of \$225,971,887 to fund the fiscal year 2019 General Fund Operating Budget for the City of Somerville. The General Fund Appropriation is broken down into the attached departmental appropriations in the categories of Personal Services, Ordinary Maintenance, Special Items, Continued on page 4

Night Market lights up Union Square with vintage wares

By Shira Laucharoen

Old cameras, reclaimed furniture, tape cassettes, and more were on display under the tents that lined the streets of Somerville's Union Square. At the second annual Night Market, held on the evening of June 30, vendors specialized in vintage items and artisan goods. The Somerville Arts Council partnered with the Somerville Flea to produce the market, an ArtsUnion event.

"We've been doing the Somerville Flea for the last six years in Davis Square during the day on Sundays," said founder of the Somerville Flea and organizer of the Night Market Greg Ghazil. "It sometimes gets kind of hot and sunny, so one thing we wanted to try to do was avoid that. Moreover, I had traveled from Thailand and went to Chiang Mai, where they had an extensive night market. I fell in love with the idea of rummaging through vintage antiques and oddities outdoors under the stars Continued on page 5



The event offered an array of vintage items and antiques, decking the tables and stalls of the market. - Photo by Shira Laucharoen

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Happy Fourth of July to all our dedicated and loyal readers. We hope you have a great holiday. The fireworks that were cancelled last week are re-scheduled for Thursday, July 5, at Trum Field. We hope it's a great time as it usually is. We hear the weather is going to be hot this entire week. Should be empty around our city this weekend, with so many making early escape long weekend plans.

To all the fans of the **Ball Square Café**, the good news is that they are going to try and have night time hours, starting on Friday the 13th, and then every Friday they will be open for business until 9:00 p.m.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: This week a lot of local celebrities are celebrating their birthdays. Happy birthday to our own awesome writer and poet Doug Holder, a great guy who is always pleasant to talk to. He has many friends here in Somerville and we hope he has a great birthday for himself. Also this week, happy birthday to Andy Puglia, a smart man who knows Somerville like the back of his hand. We wish Andy a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to Mary Walker, former Election Commissioner and a nice lady. We hope she has a great day for herself as well. Happy birthday to another Somerville local who owns his own appraisal company, Paul Gaspar. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to James "Brian" Roche, from a great family here in Somerville. We wish him the very best as well. Happy birthday to a great family man and new friend, Todd Headley, who is from here and is raising his family here. We hope he has a great birthday. Happy birthday as well to all the others we may have missed and, yes, there are a few more out there. We sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

Congratulations to local real estate agent Ida Fasano and her husband Gennaro as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Gaeta, Italy, just 50 years ago. Their son and daughters threw a beautiful dinner party for them. Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Our View of the Times – June 27

LindaS says:

It's very true that people don't appreciate what they have until it's gone. The sadder part is that Somerville has changed so much over the years, that the current generation won't really have the same things to look back on as we had when we were younger.

All the good places are gone, all the long-time family-owned businesses and stores we used to go to as kids with and without our parents have all been turned into apartments and condos. There just aren't those kinds of places around these days.

No old-time bakeries, no Woolworth's-type stores, only expensive and trendy shops that I can't imagine anyone looking back with fondness and remembering going to as a child.

I realize that times change, but I know that those kinds of places still exist, only in other cities, not this one. Too many places that could easily have been handed down or taken over by a like-minded business person have all been sold out to developers who don't care about anything but money. That's why parents do need to make memories with their kids, real memories, that they can look back on and appreciate, because in this day and age, that's all they'll really have to look back on.

the new reality says:

There are also no recreational activities for kids and teens anymore. Gone are all the movie theaters, bowling alleys, roller staking rink, summer activities in the parks or schools, etc., etc. In their place are phony community' events, often attended by more people from other places than Somerville. I'm glad my kids are grown. I'm sad for today's kids as there are no places for them to grow up.

Matt says:

Linda, there are tons of great shops out there that you just need to try out, most of them are family owned. Learn to make something at Craftworks, Grab a coffee at 3 little figs or Diesel, bread and pastry at Pepe Bocca, Somerville Bread Co or Winter Hill bakery. Head to Juliet, Celeste or Bronwyn in union sq. Check out Daddy Jones or Magoun Saloon in Magoun sq. Want some of the best meat for BBQ you need to go to Modellos, also in Magoun. Grab ice cream at Gracies, Tipping Cow or JP Licks.

Things change and with them are plenty of opportunity for new memories.

Villenous says:

No recreational opportunities? I've raised my kids in Somerville over the past 15 years and I can tell that is 100% not true.

Response to: Remains of WWII Marine from Somerville returned home

Foundation says:

"His Lord said to him, Well done, you good and faithful servant..." Matthew 25:21.

PFC John William MacDonald, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, was reported "Killed in Action" due to a gunshot wounds on 20 November 1943 on Tarawa. In 2011/2012, Chief Rick Stone, while a member of the Department of Defense (DoD), investigated all of the Tarawa MIA's and concluded that PFC MacDonald was NOT a most likely match to any of the 103 Tarawa "Unknowns" buried in the Punchbowl Cemetery. On 26 November 2012, The Chief Rick Stone and Family Charitable Foundation, using advanced law enforcement investigative techniques and sophisticated technologies not available to DoD or to government contractors, submitted a report to the DoD concluding that PFC MacDonald was buried on Tarawa in Cemetery 27. In 2015, Cemetery 27 was discovered underneath a parking lot on Tarawa and PFC MacDonald was recovered by a "non-profit" corporation paid \$1.5 million in 2015 to recover remains. His identification by the DoD was officially announced on 1 September 2016.

Welcome home Marine! We share the joy of your family in your return to Massachusetts! God Bless you and thanks to ALL who were involved in the process to find you and bring you home! We never forgot you and your service to our country!

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COETF calls for diverse candidates, education

By Shira Laucharoen

The Clean and Open Elections Task Force (COETF) met outside the Tufts Administration Building on June 26 to brainstorm recommendations for the city intended to enhance civic engagement. Ideas included generating more information on the campaign process, to attract a more diverse pool of candidates, and building on educational opportunities for young people.

The COETF made the suggestion of more broadly disseminating information about running for office, developing outreach and promotional materials to reach a wider spectrum of people. Members said that this recommendation is derived from the concept that every eligible voter should strongly consider him or herself a potential candidate. During the meeting,

the team sought to address barriers that may inhibit individuals from running and considered that campaign funds might be contributed towards elder and child care.

Members discussed the recommendation of increasing political education for students in Somerville. While civics is integrated in the high school social studies curriculum, the COETF hopes to foster interest by expanding on opportunities available for young people. They considered creating summer internship programs in local government for high school students, as well as collaborating with organizations such as Teen Empowerment and The Welcome Project. The team also suggested that schools might sponsor mock elections, during which the city's political candidates could make appearances and speak to the student bodies.



The Clean and Open Elections Task Force made recommendation plans during one of its twice-monthly meetings, held on June 26.

— Photo by Shira Laucharoen

The COEFT was launched by Mayor Joseph Curtatone in 2017 with the intention of increasing participatory democracy. While Somerville voter turnout is higher than national averages, the United States is still considered to have some of the world's lowest voter participation, among developed, democratic countries. The COETF supports clean and equitable elections by exploring public financing, early voting, and different forms of outreach, targeting root causes. Meetings are open to the public, and the next session will be held on July 24th.

Independence Day Fireworks

On Thursday, July 5, live entertainment at Trum Field will begin at 6:30 p.m. and includes performances by the 215th Army Band, and local Disco-Funk band Booty Vortex, leading up to a 30-minute fireworks display at approximately 9:15 p.m. Due to the large crowds and loud noise associated with the Fireworks Celebration, the City recommends that attendees leave pets at home and not bring unnecessary bags or backpacks.

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Public Hearing on proposed changes to demolition review ordinance

Members of the public are invited to attend and speak at a July 9 Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Demolition Review Ordinance, which currently regulates the demolition of structures 50 years of age or older that are not within an existing Local Historic District. The hearing, held by the Board of Aldermen Legislative Matters Committee of the Whole, will take place Monday, July 9, 6:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Aldermanic Chambers. At 6:00 p.m., the hearing will be preceded by a presentation on the ordinance by Director of Planning George Proakis.

Currently, structures in Somerville may be protected from demolition by one of two means: Local Historic District designation (which can prevent demolition) or Demolition Review (which can pause demolition while all parties explore mutually agreeable and voluntary alternatives to demolition). Over 140 Massachusetts communities have approved demolition review ordinances. When a structure is proposed to be demolished, these ordinances allow a local Historic Preservation Commission to determine if the structure is important to a community's history and culture and therefore subject it to a demolition review period. Based on a multi-pronged public process involving the City Planning Department and the Historic Preservation Commission, changes to the existing Demolition Review ordinance have been proposed.

Amendments include, but are not limited to:

- Developing an ordinance that establishes a more straightforward process, is easier to read, and includes clear definitions
- Extending the review period from 9 months to either 12 or 24 months depending on the property
- Clarifying the circumstances where a property is subject to demolition review, by including partial demolition (demolition of 25% or more of a property) and serial demolition (demolition over a period of time)
- Providing an exception from the review of partial demolition for minor projects (for example, projects to add a dormer or porch)
- Requiring earlier and broader notification of abutters during the review process
- Raising the building age trigger from 50 to 75 years
- Expanding the list of exempt areas (currently Assembly Square and Inner belt), to also include portions of Brickbottom, Boynton Yards, the development blocks in Union Square, and the Twin City mall
- Exempting city-owned structures, but subjecting them to a nonbinding review by the Historic Preservation Commission.

To review the draft ordinance and related materials in advance, please visit www.somervillema.gov/dro. Public testimony at the hearing will be limited to two minutes per person. Written testimony may be submitted to boardofaldermen@somervillema.gov and cityclerk@somervillema.gov. As the Chair expects that deliberation will occur at the July 9th meeting, members of the public are encouraged to submit written testimony at least several days before the Public Hearing, but written testimony for the record will be accepted at any time.

By Jim Clark

Stay away from that cider

Police officers were dispatched to The Highland Kitchen on Highland Ave. last week on reports of a dispute.

Upon arrival, the officers observed a man, later identified as Francis Furnelli, screaming and yelling obscenities at the restaurant manager, inches from his face.

The restaurant manager made numerous attempts to calm Furnelli down, but was unsuccessful. The officers asked Furnelli for his identification, but did not comply immediately.

The officers made numerous unsuccessful attempts to calm Furnelli down due to his boisterous and tumultuous behavior, but he continued to get louder and he continued to use profanity.

As backup officers arrived on the scene to assist, one individual began recording the incident on his cell phone, and there was a group of people coming out of restaurant and a nearby convenience store standing on the side walk, watching the goings on.

After numerous unsuccessful attempts to calm Furnelli down, he was placed under arrest and transported to the Somerville Police Station where he was booked on a charge of disturbing the peace and processed in the usual manner.

The officers spoke with the restaurant manager, who stated

that he had been alerted by his bartender that she was no longer going to serve Furnelli because he had two aggressive encounters with two regular patrons. The manager stated that he respected his bartender's request to no longer serve Furnelli, and asked him to leave the establishment, which Furnelli refused to do.

Police then spoke to the bartender, who stated that she observed Furnelli harass and heckle two regular patrons. She said that she was concerned that Furnelli may escalate his disruptive behavior, and she alerted the manager about not serving Furnelli any more alcohol.

The bartender stated that Furnelli was served one alcoholic cider prior to his disruptive behavior, and she also admitted that he did not appear to be intoxicated prior to entering the establishment.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Matthew Henebury, of 70 Boston St., June 26, 1:43 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on warrant charges of larceny over \$1200 and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Jason Arens, of 45 N. Main St., Fall River, June 26, 7:49 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Samuel Vilsaint, of 14 Har-

vard St., Dorchester, June 27, 10:23 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of disorderly conduct and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Lana Everett, of 14 Harvard St., Dorchester, June 27, 6:59 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on warrant charges of speeding, larceny from a building, shop-lifting by asportation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, lottery ticket alter, forge, or counterfeit, and larce-

ny over \$1200.

Francis Furnelli, of 55 Hudson St., June 28, 7:34 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Erick Guzman Recinos, of 23 Burchstead Pl., Lynn, June 28, 10:11 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Victor Villanueva, of 11 Washington St., Roxbury, June 29, 2:14 p.m., arrested at Fellsway West on a warrant charge of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.

Andrew Mento, of 50A Memorial Rd., June 29, 5:14 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on a warrant charge of misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Jose Martinez, of 79 Marshall St., June 29, 6:05 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of witness intimidation.

Tameika Allen, of 148 Jones Ave., New Brunswick, NJ, June 29, 7:30 p.m., arrested at Powder House Blvd. on charges of threat to commit a crime, disorderly conduct, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and assault and battery on a police officer.

Antoine Markenson, of 40 Memorial Rd., June 29, 11:03 p.m., arrested at Central St. on charges of threat to commit a crime and assault with a dangerous weapon.

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and Capital Outlay."

From that point onward, the Board's Finance Committee was tasked with examining the proposed budget, seeking ways to streamline or supplement certain areas, and ultimately come to full agreement and a final figure to present for approval.

The process came to completion last week after many long and arduous meetings were held by the Committee, with a few running in excess of 7–8 hours.

On Tuesday, June 26, the people of Somerville had their chance to lobby the Committee during a Public Hearing held for this purpose.

Many individuals as well as those representing concerned groups weighed in on their hopes and wishes for municipal funding for the coming year.

Issues ranging from environmental concerns to funding for the arts, the settling of union contracts for city workers, and a plethora of other concerns were presented to the Committee in a session lasting just over five hours.

The following two marathon sessions conducted by the Committee on Wednesday and Thursday culminated in a final figure for the FY19 budget that managed to pare down the initial proposed sum by a reported \$1,132,866.

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang expressed his satisfaction with the final budget saying, "I think it is a good budget for the city and I am pleased by the emphasis on equity and the

additions in early childhood programs, out-of-school time staff, and another new position in the Transportation and Infrastructure Dept. to help with traffic calming and making our streets safer and better for all users."

In the final iteration of the budget, Mayor Curtatone stated, "Somerville has been and continues to be a city of great aspirations. Together, we are striving for a community that is sustainable, transit-friendly, inclusive, and filled with opportunity for all. Through SomerVision, we set not ten or even twenty goals, but a total of 586 policy and action goals for Somerville. Each of these goals matter. Since 2012, this administration, community, and the

additions in early childhood Board of Aldermen have togethprograms, out-of-school time er steadfastly planned, budgeted, staff, and another new position in the Transportation tentions into action."

> Additionally, the mayor stated, "We are making significant strides towards the large-scale, community-envisioned development that is critical for the creation of the jobs, housing, open space, and transit access called for in SomerVision, and this development will continue to generate new commercial tax revenue needed to fund our community goals. As this development picks up pace, along with our ongoing efforts to update and expand our parks and open spaces, upgrade our aging underground infrastructure, and improve our walkways and roads, we must match our staff

ing to these expanding responsibilities. In short, as we advance our goals to create 30,000 new jobs, 6,000 new housing units, 125 acres of new open space, and more, we must carefully manage our investments with proper oversight. We must also mitigate the impacts of this historic

level of change on our residents be it by addressing housing stability or addressing and communicating construction impacts."

The laborious process of refinement and finalization culminated in a unanimous vote of approval for the \$241,741,947 FY19 city budget.

To view relevant documents and view videos of the various meetings, go online to https://www.somervillema.gov/fy-19budget.

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and under the light bulbs."

The Night Market peddled a variety of wares, including stationary, records, posters, modern calligraphy designs, and colorful dresses. At one stand, Bridge It Studio presented laser-etched drawings, incorporating roses into the images. Pleasant Street Barn reupholstered and decorated furniture discarded on the side of the road, painting housewares with charming patterns. The store Merch Merch offered an array of hand printed t-shirts, whose designs were informed by creator Amelia May's musical sensibilities. Cyclical in Nature, a shop creating artifacts out of objects found in the outdoors, integrated feathers and sticks into its crafts. The event also showcased performances from local bands and musicians.

The Somerville Arts Council endeavors to uphold the cre-

ative life of the city through its celebration of art and culture. The organization created the ArtsUnion program, which encourages the cultivation of Union Square, 13 years ago, leading to the generation of markets, festivals, and tours in the neighborhood.

"Our mission is to support the artists in Somerville and reflect the diversity of our city. The Night Market directly supports artists by giving them a vending opportunity and highlighting them," said Somerville Arts Council special events manager Nina Eichner. "We lower the barrier to entry because we are providing support for them. We have all of these immigrant owned restaurants and businesses in Union Square, and a mix of artists and vendors will be at the event. Keeping the city diverse in terms of artists and people who live here is really important to us."



Customers perused the artifacts vended at Somerville's Night Market, held on June 30 in Union Square.

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Rep. Denise Provost

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of June 18-22.

RED FLAG ON GUNS (H 4670)

House 133-15, Senate 36-1, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker the conference committee version of the bill that would allow family or household members to petition the courts to issue an extreme risk protection order (ERPO) that would suspend a person's license to carry a firearm and order him or her to surrender his or her firearms and ammunition if he or she is believed to be a danger to themselves or others.

"I sleep well at night knowing this bill continues to ensure that Massachusetts is doing everything it can to lead the nation with common sense gun legislation that we know will save lives," said Rep. Marjorie Decker (D-Cambridge), the sponsor of the bill.

"Disappointingly, this bill did not address the issue of mental health," said Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton). "This overly vague bill not only strips people of their civil rights, but it gives the public a false sense of security. More worrisome is that this legislation grants more authority to judges at a time we are learning there needs to be accountability for judges and their sentencing. We need to protect the public while protecting our rights as an individual."

"We have continued to be a leader in the nation in preventing gun violence and enhancing the quality of life in the commonwealth," said Rep. Hal Naughton (D-Clinton). "This legislation provides a tool for families to protect loved ones from harming themselves or others by preventing them from accessing a firearm in a crisis. I believe we have also managed to strike a critical balance between public safety and due process."

"There is nothing in this bill that is about protecting the children or going after extreme risk individuals, said Sen. Dean Tran (R-Fitchburg). "Rather it provides a way for frivolous petitions filed against law abiding firearm owners and not holding false accusers accountable. This bill can ruin an innocent person's life and no one would be held responsible."

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

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

CONVERT SEXUAL ORIENTATION (H 4664)

House 137-14, approved and sent to the Senate a bill prohibiting psychiatrists, psychologists and other health care providers from attempting to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of anyone under 18. Conversion therapy exposes the person to a stimulus while simultaneously subjecting him or her to some form of discomfort.

"The idea of conversion therapy is that there is something wrong with being LGBTQ, and that a licensed medical professional can eliminate those feelings through practices like hypnosis, aversive conditioning or inducing nausea," said Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez (D-Boston). "The reality of the matter is that it has been proven ineffective, is contrary to medical research, and subjects young people to the risk of suicide and other serious psychological harms. We should validate our youth for who they are,

and not try to shame them by subjecting them to harmful therapies and antiquated social norms."

The Massachusetts Family Institute (MFI) opposed the bill and any laws that restrict the ability of licensed counselors to help clients make personal life changes related to their sexuality or identity. "Denial of treatment options for children undermines their dignity and integrity," MFI's president Andrew Beckwith said. "The freedom for parents to seek and decide what counseling is best for their child, without interference from politicians, is a basic liberty that must be upheld."

"Junk science has no place masquerading as mental health, said Grace Sterling Stowell, Executive Director of the Boston Alliance of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth (BAGLY). Stowell continued, "The House's definitive rejection of the dangerous and discredited practice of conversion therapy' for minors is an important step forward in the legislative process of protecting LGBTQ youth and their families. BAGLY is proud to be a member of the coalition advocating for this legislation."

"I agree with banning aversion therapies that involve uncomfortable or painful stimuli to attempt to modify behaviors, but this bill outlaws all therapies, including doctor-to-patient discussions, that could lead to a patient's change in in gender identity, said Rep. Randy Hunt (R-Sandwich). "In my opinion, that is unconstitutional according to a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision.

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

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

AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (H 4667)

House 131-20, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would automatically register to vote a person who fills out an application with the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) or MassHealth, unless the person opts out. Officials at the RMV and MassHealth would be required to explain to each person that the transaction automatically registers them to vote, unless they opt out; and also inform them that non-citizens are ineligible to vote.

Supporters said an estimated 680,000 eligible voters in the Bay State who are not registered to vote.

"Automatic Voter Registration will make voting more accurate, more secure and more available to all", said Pam Wilmot, Executive Director of Common Cause Massachusetts which was part of the coalition pushing for the bill. "It's a win for democracy, it's a win for security, and it's a win for voters. Utilizing existing technology to modernize the voter registration process just is basic common sense."

"We need to preserve the integrity of our elections," said Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton). "This new law is riddled with major problems from creating another unfunded mandate on cities and towns to giving felons with stolen identities the right to vote."

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes ISE ACE EDOM 10 TO 21 TO DUDCHA

Yes

RAISE AGE FROM 18 TO 21 TO PURCHASE TOBACCO (S 2571)

Senate 33-3, approved a bill raising from 18 to 21 the age to legally purchase cigarettes and electronic cigarettes in the Bay State. Other provisions ban e-cigarettes and other vape devices from the workplace and prohibit pharmacies and health care facilities from selling any tobacco or vape products.

"Kids and tobacco just don't mix," said Marc Hymovitz, Massachusetts director of government relations for the American Cancer Society. "Research shows that if a person does not begin smoking at a young age, they are much less likely to ever smoke. In fact, 95 percent of adults who smoke started smoking before the age of 21 and nearly all of them started by age 26."

Sen. Don Humason (R-Westfield) said he opposes the bill because it takes away personal freedom and individual responsibility. He revealed that he has never smoked cigarettes or marijuana or vaped. He said he doesn't think people should do any of those three things but that he has a hard time when the government tries to tell adults what they can and cannot do. He said the government should provide information to help people make a decision on these matters.

"Massachusetts is poised to be the 6th state in the nation to enact legislation to raise the age of sale of tobacco products to 21," said Jeff Seyler, Chief Division Officer of the American Lung Association. "This bill will not only protect our young people from beginning a dangerous addiction to tobacco, but it includes safeguards for public health by restricting the use of e-cigarettes and the public's exposure to e-cigarette emissions."

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

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

GENDER X (S 2562)

Senate 36-1, approved and sent to the House a bill which allows the applicant on an application for a driver's license, learner's permit, identification card or liquor purchase identification card to designate "X" for gender, instead of male or female.

Supporters said several states including California, Oregon and Maine currently have this civil rights law that allows people to be themselves. They noted that currently a person who is non-binary or gender-fluid has no choice and must check off male or female.

"Drivers' licenses and other forms of ID are legal documents intended to reflect objective facts, like height, date of birth, current address, and sex," said MFI's president Andrew Beckwith. "They are not designed to be tools for the fulfillment of someone's sexual expression. I'm sure there are plenty of people who would rather not have their true height or age listed on their license, but that's irrelevant. I may desire to be 6'5" or identify as a 25-year-old but I'm 6 feet zero and 41 years old, and that's what goes on my driver's license."

Beacon Hill Roll Call asked Sen. Don Humason (R-Westfield), the lone opponent of the bill, why he voted against it. Humason did not respond.

Beacon Hill Roll Call



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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ID FOR HOMELESS (S 2568)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would require the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to create a process for a person who is homeless or is an unaccompanied homeless youth under 24 years old to apply for a Massachusetts identification card at no cost. The applicant would be required to prove his status and submit proof of residency by documenting that he or she receives services from a state or private agency. Under current law, a person who is looking to obtain a Bay State ID card must provide a proof of residence – a task that is nearly impossible for a homeless person.

Supporters said that the homeless face huge obstacles to receiving an ID card and noted this would make it easier for them. They said currently eight states have taken this important step in the battle against homelessness and noted that some human service providers estimate that half of their clients lack ID cards.

"People experiencing homelessness encounter countless barriers, trials and challenges in their daily lives, and for youth especially, access to simple educational and economic opportunities is often barred by the lack of official identification," said Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester). "I'm proud to co-sponsor this legislation, which takes straightforward, concrete steps to improve access to state services for homeless youth."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

continued

REPEAL TRANSGENDER RIGHTS (Definitely on ballot) - Repeals the new law that prohibits discrimination against transgender people in public accommodations by adding "gender identity" to existing Massachusetts law which already prohibits discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, religion and marital status.

LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS PER NURSE (Possibly on ballot if enough signatures are collected) - Limits how many patients can be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and certain other healthcare facilities. The maximum number of patients per registered nurse would vary by type of unit and level of care.

CORPORATE CAMPAIGN DONATIONS (Possibly on ballot if enough signatures are collected) - Creates a citizens' commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the U.S. Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same constitutional rights as human beings and that corporations' campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated.

The proposal is in response to the Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission. In that decision, the court ruled that the First Amendment prohibits the government from restricting corporations, unions and individuals from donating unlimited funds to Super Political Action Committees (PACs) that do not donate directly to candidates or political parties.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of June 25-29, the House met for a total of 12 hours and 42 minutes while the Senate met for a total of ten hours and one minute.

Mon. June 25	House 11:01 a.m. to 1:08 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 4:22 p.m.
Tues. June 26	No House session No Senate session
Wed. June 27	House 11:04 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. June 28	House 11:00 a.m. to 3:39 p.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 4:01 p.m.
Fri. June 29	No House session No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72307536	35 Dane Ave	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Cottage	7	\$649,900	\$715,000
72307303	6 Bigelow Street	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Victorian	7	\$845,000	\$1,150,000
72303188	96R Summer	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Contemporary	15	\$895,000	\$971,000
72302744	52 Highland Road	10 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	7	\$999,000	\$1,151,000
72309676	392 Broadway	9 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath Italianate	13	\$1,075,000	\$1,100,0008

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72303447	7 Grand View Ave U:7B	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	10	\$1,125,000	\$1,090,000
72296664	51 Boston Street U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	33	\$1,180,000	\$1,150,000
72074908	375 Canal Street U:1014	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	97	\$1,255,600	\$1,320,600
72306563	10 Emerson U:2	10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	24	\$1,375,000	\$1,300,000
72314133	10 Emerson U:1	10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	10	\$1,375,000	\$1,300,000
72147358	375 Canal Street U:1114	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	42	\$1,455,000	\$1,455,000
72307668	79 Park Street U:	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	25	\$1,475,000	\$1,475,000
72114250	375 Canal Street U:PH214	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	6	\$1,596,000	\$1,636,000

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

OBITUARY

Deborah DiRuzza



DiRuzza, Deborah "Debbie" (Netto) of Revere, MA and Freedom, NH passed away on July 1, 2018 at the age of 64.

Born and raised in Somerville to the late John and Virginia Netto. Beloved wife of 39 years to Joseph "Joe" DiRuzza of Revere and the owner and operator of Signarama in Saugus. Devoted mother of Danielle DiRuzza of Revere and John DiRuzza of Revere and the owner & operator of Motor Worx in Peabody. Adoring niece of Doris DiRuzza and her late husband Jack of East Boston and Jean De-Marco and her late husband Anthony of Revere.

Also survived by many cousins, friends and her loving dog Dino. Debbie loved her family dearly and cherished the win-

ters they spent together snowmobiling. The family would split their time between the home in Freedom NH and Revere. She belonged to the Scrub Oak Scramblers snowmobiling club for 30 years.

Debbie worked alongside her husband Joe as an office administrator for many years and she was a lunch monitor for several years at the Immaculate Conception School in Revere. She was very fond of all animals and would often donate to animal charities.

Funeral from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere on Friday July 6, 2018 at 9:00am. Funeral Mass at St Anthony's Church at 10:00am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A visitation will be held on Thursday from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Entombment Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Make-A-Wish America, Gift Processing, 4742 North 24th St, Suite 400, Phoenix, AZ 85016 or to the MSPCA, Development Donation, 350 S. Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130. For guest book please visit www. Buonfiglio.com

Celebrating 50 years of happiness and love

This past Sunday, a private dinner party at Lucia's Ristorante in Winchester was held to celebrate 50 years of marriage between Ida and Gennaro Fasano. About 100 of their family and friends were present to congratulate the couple. Married in 1968 in Gaeta, Italy, where they both are — Donald Norton from, they immigrated to America and have become a success story.









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Dorothy's Corner



Bronwyn

Sometimes I'm just in the mood for balanced in flavor. a fantastic selection of wurst. In this case we're talking Currywurst, kielbasa, bratwurst and knackwurst, all made in house along with the sauerkraut and mustard. So grab a couple of friends and head to the Biergarten at Bronwyn.

The beer selection is immense and covers Germany, Austria, Poland, Czech Republic and the U.S. The menu represents treats from Germany, Central and Eastern Europe, like spätzle, schnitzel and Sauerbraten and so on. There's also a fantastic selection of wines and other beverages if you're looking for more than beer.

This trip I opted for the foot-long bratwurst served with sauerkraut, mustard, and crispy fried potatoes, and the pierogi plate served with

braised red cabbage and grilled pineapple. Both dishes were well

The bratwurst had a hint of caraway that paired perfectly with the Riesling sauerkraut and mustard. The pierogis were made from a flaky dough that was baked and filled with pork, potato and cabbage. It was a perfect ending to the day after walking around in the heat for an extended period of time. The ice cold Pilsner was an added bonus.

Please see website for bar hours that are extended past the above listed times. Also reservations can be made by either calling the restaurant or going to the website.

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Good health alternatives at SomerWellness Fair

By Ian Erlichman

Although marijuana is not yet available for recreational use, there are plenty of other extracurricular activities available to the people of Somerville. Somerville Local First and Sira Naturals attempted to spread the word about some of these opportunities at the SomerWellness Fair 2018 on Wednesday, June 27, at the Arts at the Armory.

Legalization of marijuana is slowly gaining ground in Somerville, with local medical marijuana dispensary, Sira Naturals grabbing the city's first recreational license.

"Our hopes are to enter the adult use community, when it comes around," said one Sira Naturals sales representative. But Somerville's recreational marijuana market may have to wait until 2019 for sales to begin. Despite Somerville's legalization of recreational cannabis in 2016, a February ruling by the Board of Aldermen "adopts a temporary limitation on the use of land or structures for Recreational Marijuana Facilities" until December 21, 2018.

"We're hoping to see, either us or another group, come online by the end of the year," said a Sira Naturals sales representative. "But we could easily see it [legalization of recreational dispensaries] rolling into next year.

But what if a patient needs medical marijuana? Another local business, Medwell Health, is prepared to help.

Medwell Health is a "medical facility that certifies patients to get their medical marijuana card," according to one sales rep. Relying on medical history, Medwell's doctor determines a patient's eligibility for medical marijuana during a noninvasive consultation.

In response to recreational cannabis's impending arrival, Medwell maintains that the medical certification allows patients "a whole new level of care."

Obtaining medical status can mean no taxes on marijuana purchases, said a Medwell sales rep. Another benefit to medical certification is availability: medical patients will have consistent access to medical cannabis during Somerville's recreational moratorium. Similarly, once recreational marijuana is legalized, medical patients will not be bound by the same possession and age limits that apply to recreational users.

The fair was centered on local Somerville businesses that "can introduce you to fun and unique ways of maintaining a healthy life," according to the event website.

On the physical wellness front, More to Love Yoga strives to increase body positivity through education, community, and approachable yoga exercises. "There is a yoga type," says founder Rachel Estapa, "and that can be very intimidating." In response, More to Love



The first annual Somer Wellness Fair provided information on goods and services beyond the usual scope of traditional medicine. - Photos courtesy of Somerville Local First

Yoga was created "to allow people with large bodies to do yoga and not feel intimidated," says Estapa. Stop by the Somerville Armory on any Saturday or Sunday morning to see Estapa's new yoga experience in action.

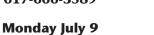
If yoga seems too intense, FLOAT's sensory deprivation tanks could offer a different avenue to relaxation. Although, "many people float to manage chronic pain," says a co-founder Sara Garvin. Floating can alleviate pain from chronic diseases like fibromyalgia, sports injuries, and anxiety she continued. A few people have even reported mild hallucinations while floating, although Garvin describes the experience as relaxing, like "the moment between waking and sleep, stretched out." FLOAT

is located at 515 Medford St., open 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The SomerWellness Fair aimed at bringing together Somerville companies dedicated to improving the health of their community. Whether through physiological, therapeutic, holistic avenues, Somerville offers its residents many opportunities to improve their wellbeing of mind and body.



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We want you here



By Joseph A. Curtatone

We want you here.

You may wonder where I'm going with this, but — bear with me. It's the most important thing I'm going to say here, and I want the message to be loud and clear from the start.

Recently some men in a van drove up to some mothers at the East Somerville Community School and threw trash at them, telling them, "We don't want you here."

I want to state exactly how wrong they were. I don't know who these men think they speak for, but it's not for the people of Somerville. This is a city where residents show up in droves for last-minute rallies in support of immigrants, a city where signs that read "hate has no home here" sit in our yards, and a city that proudly displays not just any banner, but a gigantic, colorful, can't-miss-it banner proclaiming that "diversity is our strength." So to the women who were targeted and their families, I want to be clear:

We want you here.

Apparently the women triggered the offending parties simply by their physical appearance. Consider how ridiculous that is. I've lived here for 52 years, and Somerville has never been some homogenous enclave where everyone looks and talks the same. Conformity does not rule here. We speak more than 53 different languages in our school district. It's impossible for anyone to apply some sort of eyeball test for who does or doesn't belong here. And that just underlines how

inane racism can be. The entire notion that you can drive around and accurately profile people or determine immigration status at a glance is preposterous. Collectively we realized that a long time ago, which is one of many reasons why we're a sanctuary city. No matter the color of your skin; no matter the language you speak; no matter what, if any, religion you practice, you need to know:

We want you here.

And that brings me to the dog whistle that's almost constantly blowing at the national level – the one that serves as a persistent invitation and excuse for hate. Just a couple of weeks ago, the President referred to immigrants as an infestation and did a dog and pony show shamefully exploiting the grief of families of people killed by undocumented immigrants (ignoring the fact that we could fill stadiums with families of those killed by

people born in America). All that does is incite hatred and take away from the fact that we should mourn all murder victims and seek to protect all potential victims; not just the ones that are politically useful.

When you have a president who perpetuates lies about entire groups of people based solely on their race, nationality, religion, or immigration status, it becomes increasingly challenging to not make the connection between the current administration and the growing brazenness of hate-filled incidents like the one that took place here.

What those men who threw trash should have seen is women who care enough to walk their kids to school, moms who are their neighbors and fellow community members, women who are their fellow human beings.

So again, to every single person, family and child in our community, I say:

We want you here.

It's a testament to how far off the rails we're going that I even need to say these words. And I worry that we may be seeing more acts like this to come. This is the same school that was targeted by anti-immigration fliers at the start of the year. Intolerant, prejudiced people are feeling empowered; they're being indulged and normalized. No one can predict when they'll recede to the shadows again, but probably not soon enough.

In the meantime, to anyone who gets targeted by this kind of racial hatred, I implore you to reach out to the city, to the police, to our schools, to our local churches and to your neighbors. No one needs to bear this burden alone or in silence. Your community will have your back. Your city will have your back. I will have your back. I will have your back. No matter what the worst among us may say or do, you need to know one undeniable truth:

We want you here.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Board Of Alderman,

I write to you ALL because, as a current Somerville resident and home owner, I am frustrated. I feel the board has misled the public with regard to impact to current owner residents. Numerous times, the BOA stated current residents will not need to pay the tax, but is it your belief they will be affected? However, Somerville's own report in fact indicates the contrary and states all current owner will potentially be negatively affected by lower sale price offers. It is also supported by basic econ 101 macro economic principles and empirical evidence studies.

Please, can every Board of Alderman, clearly go on the record on this issue. Answer the questions below and provide all the facts to the public. To the best of

my knowledge, this issue was never publicly addressed and I personally brought this up in many emails with members of the board and never received a stance or opinion on this issue.

This is not my opinion but based on Somerville's own consultant report on the tax, macro economic principles and empirical evidence studies.

If a private investor buys the property from a resident, and "the tax is imposed on the buyer, the buyer will simply reduce their purchase offer" (RKG Associates – REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER FEE IMPACT ANALYSIS Somerville, Massachusetts October 2017).

"Data show that Toronto's 1.1% tax caused a 15% decline in the number of sales and a decline in housing prices about equal to the tax" (Journal of Eco-

nomic Geography Advance Access published May 6, 2011)

Questions for Somerville's Board of Alderman

- 1. Do you believe that it is acceptable for current residents to indirectly pay for the tax, through possible lower home sale prices? A large portion of Somerville is non-owner occupied so moving forward a large portion of the buyers will inevitably a large portion of the buying market will be paying the tax and thus reducing their purchase offers. This is in line with economic theory, Somerville's own report and empirical evidence. If so why was this not discussed or disclosed to the public?
- 2. You clearly state that current residents will not pay the tax, but will current residents be indirectly impacted by the tax through lower offer prices?

a. If you believe current residents will not be affected, do you have a source of information that counters Somerville's own report by RKG, empirical evidence and economic theory. And if so, why was why was this issue not disclosed to the public?

b. Will this assessment hold true when

the real estate market is a buyer's market?

3. Were you even aware of this issue during deliberations? I wrote many emails to all Board Of Alderman highlighting this issue. If you were aware of this issue, why was this issue not disclosed to the public in any of the numerous fact sheets and articles written by Board of Alderman in support of the tax?

Sincerely, Somerville Resident Matt Griesbach

Public Hearing on Union Square Neighborhood Council designation

Members of the public are invited to attend and speak at a Monday, July 9, Public Hearing on the application of the Union Square Neighborhood Council (USNC) requesting to be designated by the City as the neighborhood council for the Union Square area. Responsibilities of the designated council will include negotiating a Community Benefits Agreement with the Union Square Master Developer, Union Square Station Associates, as well as providing a representative voice for the neighborhood community in matters related to Union Square projects before City departments, boards, and commissions. To review the USNC's application documents—as well as the new ordinance, passed on June 28, 2018, by the Board of Aldermen, that describes the designation process—please visit www.somervillema.gov/usnc. The hearing, held by the Board of Aldermen Legislative Matters Committee of the Whole, will take place Monday, July 9, at City Hall in the Aldermanic Chambers. Please note, this hearing will be preceded by a hearing on another matter (the Draft Demolition Review Ordinance) that starts at 6:45 p.m., and will start immediately at the conclusion of that hearing so attendees are urged to arrive as close to 6:45 p.m. as possible. Public testimony at the hearing will be limited to two minutes per person. Written testimony may be submitted to boardofaldermen@somervillema.gov and cityclerk@somervillema.gov. As the Chair expects that deliberation will occur at the July 9th meeting, members of the public are encouraged to submit written testimony at least several days before the Public Hearing, but written testimony for the record will be accepted at any time.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



The Fourth of July holds a special significance in the hearts of truly patriotic Americans. Not only is it a time to celebrate the birth of our nation, but it also happens to fall at the best time of year to make good times happen, summer.

Who among us doesn't enjoy the occasion? Who can resist the warm glow of good fellowship between friends, neighbors and families as the "birthday" of our

nation comes around?

Great memories for the future are made each year as we attend a patriotic gathering, watch some fireworks, or just take a quiet look around and realize that America is still the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. There's nothing corny about these ideas. They are concepts that live and breath as vitally today as they ever have.

For whatever exists momentarily that may divide us, there are important times like these when we can unite together in the spirit of true patriotism and national pride to celebrate the great gift of being Americans, and commemorate the sacrifices of our forebears in bringing this nation to life. We owe it to their memories to take the time to pause and reflect on what their efforts mean to us today.

Enjoy the day and remember what it stands for. That's the most important thing of all.

So take the family out this Thursday, July 5, for the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration at Trum Field. The entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. and the spectacular fireworks display follows. Make some patriotic memories with your loved ones this year.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

The **budget process** is over in a marathon event – 14 days and 49 hours of budget meetings and only one and a half million cut. We hear the biggest cut came out of **DPW**, about \$500K. Does that mean it will have an effect on the workers? The new **Board of Aldermen** is supposed to represent unions here in the city. Cutting \$500K wouldn't that have an effect on overtime? Just asking!

On Monday, July 9, at 6:00 p.m. at Somerville City Hall in the Alderman Chambers, there will be a hearing on a proposed Historic Ordinance. A petition is being circulated here in the city by someone (that's right, we can't find a name) but the flyer is interesting. It says that the real truth behind the proposed ordinance is to make it difficult for homeowners to do work to their homes. It further states that the city wants to take control of all properties and what you do to your property including new roofs, sidings and even if you want to put on an addition. According to the flyer, you'd have to go through the Historic Commission and most importantly the "opinionated Historic Officer" - even if your home is not historic. The flyer begins with "Say No! My Home is MINE! It's not historic!" Be there or watch it on TV. Is this proposed hearing another attempt to change the city even further? Sign the i-petition at: https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/historic-protects-historic-only.

We've said this several times, this is a new **Board of Aldermen**, watch them. They have an agenda. You might not agree with them or you might. Still, watch them. We have heard the term "rent control" was mentioned a few times.

The Somerville City Club is looking to increase its membership. For the time being membership is open to any resident here in the city It's a great organization that has been around a long time, with lots of activities that support local charitable groups here. Contact the club on Innerbelt Road across from Holiday Inn for more details.

Last month, the Winter Hill Yacht Club hosted the monthly Somerville Chamber of Commerce after business hours social. Some who were there looked around and took notice of how nice the place was and what it would look like if it was turned over to the res-

idents of Somerville as a public marina. Right there on prime land in Assembly Square, a nice marina for the public. How does that sound? Especially since we hear their membership of Somerville residents is very low compared to the total number of those who are in the club presently. We think the city's aldermen should move on a proposal to take over the so called club. It would make a great addition to the city. After all, it is on state owned property, leased with certain conditions and a yearly fee, whatever that is, in our opinion. Aren't elitist yacht clubs outdated? Wonder how they serve the community by having that huge gate closed to private club members and their cars. After all, it is on public owned property, leased with certain conditions by the state DCR and a yearly fee. Maybe the state should pressure the club to turn over the membership list and addresses? Bet it would read more like Winchester, Weston, Reading, Stoneham, Melrose residents, and then Somerville residents.

Have you thought you'd like to do some writing, a little story about Somerville as either a newbie or Villen? We have about 80K people and we would love to hear about your adventures here in the city.

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

Miss watching the Board of Alderman meetings on TV? You can view them in their entirety on Comcast channel 22, as well as on YouTube. Watch your city at work and see how these dedicated members of our community are serving you, the public. We can't say this enough, watch the meetings on either cable broadcast live, or go online to YouTube to watch them. You will find some pretty hysterical information there about what's happening in the city. This should be required viewing for everyone who cares about what is happening here. Even the committee meetings are online. Continued on page 23 After all, the Board

Rosemary's Italian Garden

By Donald Norton

Rosemary Ferrick's Italian garden is pictured here. Her whole back yard has many different varieties of beautifully decorative plants and flowers.

Ferrick, who's garden is well known to her many friends and neighbors, is in on the Cambridge/Somerville line just outside of Inman Square. She is a lifelong resident of the city and every year works very hard to bring out the beauty in her yard.

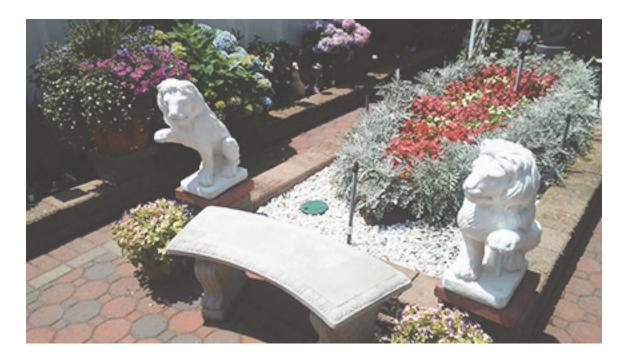
It is amazing what you can do in such small space. It has been referred to as Rosemary's Italian Garden, and it just goes to show you what a little love and attention can do.

If you have a garden you would like to have people see, let us know and we will come by and take some pictures of it. We thank Rosemary for allowing us to show her hard work.











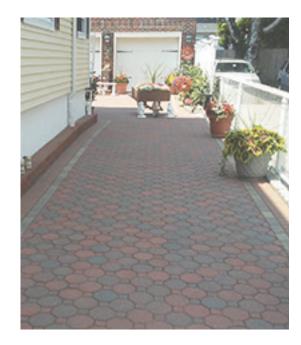




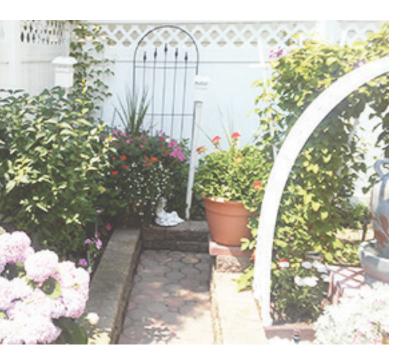


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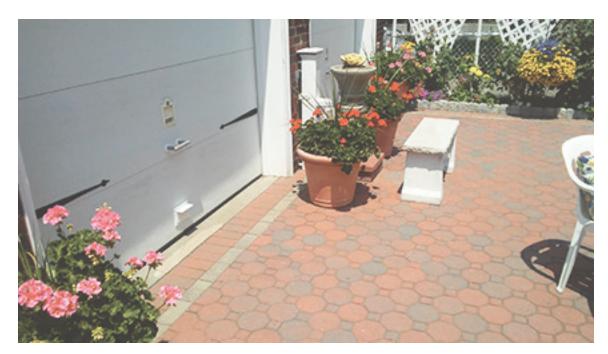












Free meals all summer for Somerville youth

The 2018 Summer Meals program began on July 2. Free breakfast and lunch prepared by Somerville's award – winning Food and Nutrition Services Department will be available all summer for youth under the age of 19.

The program is provided by Somerville Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services Department and by the Somerville Recreation Department.

The following is a list of locations and times where kids can enjoy a nutritious meal this summer:

Free breakfast

Foss Park Pool (McGrath and Broadway):

7/5 – 8/10 Monday – Friday 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

KidStop @ Powderhouse Park (8550 Broadway):

7/5 – 8/10 Monday – Friday 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Free lunch

Foss Park (McGrath and Broadway):

7/5 - 8/10 Monday - Friday 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 a.m.

Dilboy Pool (110 Alewife Brook Parkway):

7/5 - 8/10 Monday - Friday

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mystic Housing & Playground (Mystic Avenue):

7/5 – 8/10 Monday – Friday 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Walnut Street Playground
7/2 - 8/10 Monday - Friday
11:45 a.m. - 12:15 a.m.

Trum Field (541 Broadway): 7/9 - 7/13 Monday - Friday 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Hodgins Park (Holland Street): 7/16 – /720 Monday – Friday 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Trum Field (541 Broadway): 7/23 - 7/27 Monday - Fri-

day11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Lexington Park

7/23 – 7/27 Monday – Friday 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Kennedy Playground (5 Cherry

Street): 7/30 - 8/3 Monday - Friday

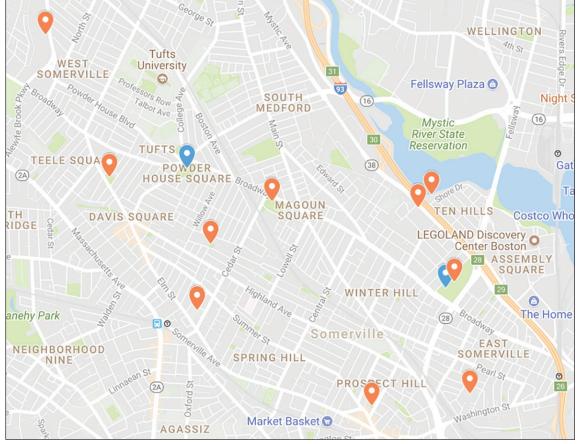
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Capuano (Capuano Field):

8/6 - 8/10 Monday - Friday 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Blessing of the Bay Boat House

(32 Shore Drive): 7/2 - 8/10 Monday - Friday 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

— Somerville Food & Nutrition Services





Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge #635

- 1. What is the oldest continuous Independence Day celebration in the U.S.?
- 2. What years did the first Boston Pops Fire-works Spectacular begin?
- 3. What is a Crossette (firework)?
- 4. In what U.S. states are Roman candles are illegal to possess or set off?
- 5. What Hawaiian city means "sheltered harbor"?
- 6. Who played Willy Wonka in the 2005 film Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?

- 7. What film had the line "Leave the gun, take the cannoli"?
- 8. What was The Black Sox Scandal in Major League Baseball?
- 9. How long did the attack on Pearl Harbor last?
- 10. What was the cereal Cheerios first named in 1941?
- 11. At what Massachusetts college did Howard Stern land his first radio job?
- 12. What team did Larry Bird coach after playing with the Boston Celtics?

Answers on page 17

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6th Annual Race to the Row



The Somerville Road Runners are proud to present the 6th annual Race to the Row in Assembly Square in our hometown of Somerville on Sunday, August 26, starting at 9:00 a.m.

This series of events starts at Assembly Square and runs along the Mystic River. There is a Fast Mile, a 5K and a free Kids Fun Run. The 5K is open to runners, walkers, teams and families of all ages and abilities, ending with a fun-filled post-race party with food, drinks and beer served from the local restaurants and businesses. All proceeds will benefit East Somerville Main Streets as well as Somerville TrackPAC.

Go to http://www.racemenu.com/racetotherow to register. Fast Mile: \$20/\$25 day-of registration; 5K: \$32 pre-registration through July 31/\$37 after July 31st/\$40 day-of registration; Fast Mile + 5K: \$37 pre-registration through July 31/\$42 after July 31/\$50 day-of registration; the Kids Fun Run is free.

 $General\ info\ here: http://www.srr.org/events/annual_events/race-to-the-row/index.php$

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

*** Cases are sometimes postponed to later dates. To sign up for emails to inform you of a change of hearing date for a project near you, please use the URL associated with your address of interest that appears at the end of this legal notification.***

40 College Avenue (ZBA 2018-69) (re-advertise): Applicant and Owner, City of Somerville, seeks Special Permits and Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct an addition to the Somerville West Branch Library under §4.4.1 of the SZO and Variance/Special Permit for parking under §5.5 and Article 9 of the SZO. CBD zone. Ward 6.

33 Hancock Street (ZBA 2018-57) (re-advertise): Applicant and Owner, Silva Realty 2, LLC, seeks a Variance to increase the FAR such that the FAR moves from conforming to non-conforming. § 5.5 and § 4.4.1 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 6.

40 Harvard Street (ZBA 2018-36) (re-advertise): Applicant and Owner, 40 Harvard Street, LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZ0 to alter a non-conforming structure including by finishing the basement. Special Permit for parking under Article 9 of the SZ0. RA zone. Ward 3.

150 Hudson Street (ZBA 2018-71): Applicant and Owner, Michael Santangelo, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to build a second principle structure on the same lot. Proposal includes increasing the number of dwelling units from two to three, remove existing garage structure and renovate existing residential dwelling. RC & RB zones. Ward 5.

21 Kenneson Road (ZBA 2018-76): Applicants and Owners, Mario & Ana Brum, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to construct a porch roof within the front yard setback. RB zone. Ward 1.

17 Wheeler Street (ZBA 2018-72): Applicant and Owner, Benjamin Lee, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a 3-family structure by replacing existing decks within the non-conforming rear-yard setback. RB zone. Ward 1.

104 Beacon Street (ZBA 2016-78-R1(6-2018) (remand): Applicant and Owner, Stephen Whalen, Trustee of Treat Realty Trust, seeks a revision to previously-granted zoning relief for a proposal in 2017 by Moons Realty Trust, Treat Realty Trust, and Richard Mauser: The variances were granted for rear yard setback and parking under SZO §5.5, §9.5, and §4.4.1, Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) was granted to increase the number of dwelling units under SZO §7.11.c, and Special Permits were granted under SZO §4.4.1 for pervious area, left and right side yard setbacks and to alter an existing, non-conforming structure. The revision request is based on a remand order from Middlesex Superior Court that was agreed to or not objected to by the parties involved in the appeal of the original approval. RC zone. Ward 2.

265 Washington Street (ZBA 2018-04) (re-advertise): Applicant and Owner, 265 Washington Somerville, LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure and under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief, variances under §5.5, §8.5, and Article 7 of the SZO including for building height, FAR, number of stories. Proposal includes a mixed-use development with ground-floor commercial and five residential units above. NB zone. Ward 2

24 Dane Avenue (ZBA 2018-75): Applicant and Owner, 24 Dane Ave., LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure by extending the non-conforming left and right side yard setbacks, increasing the GFA by more than 25%. Unit count to increase from one to three. Parking relief under Article 9.RB zone. Ward 2.

100 Wallace Street (ZBA 2018-77): Applicant, Linda S. Bolliger, and Owner, Linda S. Bolliger Revocable Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing three dormers. RB Zone. Ward 1.

27 Everett Avenue (ZBA 2018-70): Applicant/Owner, Solomon Mezgebu, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure and §9.13 for parking relief to legalize an existing third dwelling unit. RB Zone. Ward 1.

51 Oliver Street (ZBA 2018-33): Applicant/Owner, 51 Oliver Street, LLC, seeks a Variance under §5.5, §8.5, and Article 9 for minimum lot size, left side yard setback, minimum frontage, and parking to construct a three-story, three-family dwelling. RB Zone. Ward 1.

32 Glen Street (ZBA 2018-64): Applicant/Owner, 32 Glen Street, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by increasing the gross floor area (GFA) by greater than 25% with an addition to the existing single family dwelling, a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §7.3 to establish seven residential units in the RB zoning district, and a Variance under §5.5 and Article 9 for parking relief. RB Zone.

45-47 Trull Street (ZBA 2018-86): Applicants/Owners, Maxwell and Stefanie Bridges, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing two dormers on the roof of the main structures. RA Zone. Ward 5.

40 Harvard St.: http://eepurl.com/dvMOAL

33 Hancock St.: http://eepurl.com/dvMMKX

40 College Ave.: http://eepurl.com/dvMLvv

150 Hudson St: http://eepurl.com/dzACFb

17 Wheeler Rd.: http://eepurl.com/dzACOj

24 Dane Ave.: http://eepurl.com/dzaC9z

104 Beacon St.: http://eepurl.com/dzACwD
265 Washington St.: http://eepurl.com/drRApj

21 Kenneson Rd.: http://eepurl.com/dzAEur

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27 Everett Ave: http://eepurl.com/dzEv1f 51 Oliver St: http://eepurl.com/dzEwrL

32 Glen St: http://eepurl.com/dzEwLL

45-47 Trull St: http://eepurl.com/dzEy7P

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

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

Attest: George Proakis, Planning Director

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An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Somerville School Department, Finance Office, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA. 02145 on or after: Thursday, July 5, 2018. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: Friday, July 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at which time sealed bids will be open. The Finance Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville School Department would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for one year, from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Please contact Francis Gorski (fgorski@k12.somerville.ma.us) or call 617-629-5236 to receive the bid and register as a bidder.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be two Public Hearings before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Legislative Matters on **Monday, July 9, 2018, at 6:00 PM**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Mark Niedergang, Chair of the Committee, for public input related to the following items:

First, the proposed Demolition Review Ordinance (#204278).

And second, the recognition of the Union Square Neighborhood Council as the negotiating entity for a Community Benefits Agreement in Union Square (#18957 & #19049).

You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at these Hearings. If you are unable to attend the hearings, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at cityclerk@somervillema.gov, but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearings, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Board.

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JOHN J. LONG CITY CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Union Square Redevelopment

LOCATION: Union Square, Somerville, Massachusetts

PROPONENT: Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Somerville Redevelopment Authority

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before July 2, 2018

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-621). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

Epsilon Associates, Inc.

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Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Somerville where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an Environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Somerville Redevelopment Authority

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of ONF Auto Body Inc. dba ONG, for a Garage License at 627 Somerville Avenue for mechanical repairs, autobody work, spray painting, and storing registered and unregistered vehicles, all for 33 vehicles kept inside and none kept outside. You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at this Hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at cityclerk@somervillema.gov, but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Committee

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Somerville man sentenced for secretly taping women

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan has announced that Teddy Browar-Jarus, 34, of Somerville, was sentenced today in Middlesex Superior Court. On June 8, after a bench trial, he was found guilty of 25 counts of secretly recording a person in a state of nudity, 11 counts of willful interception of oral communication and one count of attempting to commit

Judge Kathe Tuttman sentenced the defendant to two years in the House of Correction with one year to serve and the balance suspended for five years. Judge Tuttman also sentenced the defendant to five years of probation and ordered the defendant to not contact the victims or identify them publicly, to pay restitution to victims, to perform 100 hours of community service and to continue to seek counseling.

"This defendant committed the ultimate invasion of privacy by intentionally recording women in various states of undress without their permission or knowledge," said District Attorney Ryan. "This type of behavior takes away the sense of security and the right to privacy that we are all entitled to."

In 2015, a woman who was known to the defendant awoke to a beeping noise that appeared to be coming from her bookshelf. When she went over to her bookshelf she discovered a cell phone Continued on page 20

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- The Bristol Fourth of July Parade in Bristol, Rhode Island
- 2. 1973
- 3. A shell containing several large stars that travel a short distance before breaking apart into smaller stars, creating a crisscrossing grid-like effect
- 4. Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Rhode Island
- 5. Honolulu
- 6. Johnny Depp
- 7. The Godfather
- 8. Eight members of the Chicago White Sox were accused of intentionally losing the 1919 World
- 9. 110 minutes, from 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- 10. CheeriOats
- 11. Boston University
- 12. Indiana Pacers

Rep. Barber secures three major priorities in House health care bill

State Representative Christine P. Barber joined her house colleagues last week in passing H.4639, An Act establishing the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Act to enhance access to high quality, affordable, and transparent health care in the Commonwealth. The bill, named in honor of the late Chairman of Health Care Financing, takes significant steps to tackle cost inequities, consumer protections, and transparency in health care, and addresses three critical health care priorities on which Rep. Barber has focused this legislative session.

Rep. Barber has worked for months to gain support from various stakeholders on health care issues affecting residents of the Commonwealth that were included in the House bill. After filing H.2947, An Act to increase consumer transparency about insurance provider networks, Rep. Barber worked to bring advocates, including the Children's Mental Health Campaign and Health Care For All, providers, and insurers together to develop compromise language that addresses the increasingly prevalent problem of ghost networks - inaccurate lists of providers in a network who have close their practices, are no longer accepting patients, or do not specialize in the right care. As a result of these outdated provider directories, families and individuals often cannot find the right care in their network when they need it.

"I was proud to file an amendment to the House's health care bill requiring insurers to make timely updates to their provider directories, and see it adopted," said Representative Barber. "Ghost networks present a serious barrier to care, particularly for behavioral health. We can all do more to make sure families have accurate resources when seeking health services."

"This is an important, common sense step towards improving prompt access to behavioral health care, as well as many other critical health care services, for children and families," said Courtney Chelo, campaign manager for the Children's Mental Health Campaign.

As a member of the Massachusetts Autism Commission, Representative Barber has worked with autism advocates and insurers on fixing a loophole in state law to ensure disabled adults and adults with developmental disabilities are able to stay on their parents' insurance plans over age 26. Adopted as an amendment to the House's health care bill, this fix ensures all health plans in Massachusetts are required to offer this continuous



coverage. "While this is the policy many health plans in Massachusetts already follow, it is important to update our laws to ensure no families are dropped from coverage they depend on," said Representative Barber.

"Adults with disabilities will have more options to meet their health care needs as a result of this bill"

"Adults with disabilities will have more options to meet their health care needs as a result of this bill," said Wells Wilkinson of Health Law Advocates, a non-profit public interest law firm that represents Massachusetts consumers denied access to health care. "Health care services can be particularly difficult to access for individuals with developmental or behavioral health disabilities, so it is critical for them to have continuity in their health insurance. We applaud Representative Barber for her strong leadership on

Rep. Barber has also focused this session on increasing transparency around pharmaceutical drug costs, one of the fastest-growing costs in the health system. Barber filed H.3223, An Act to promote transparency in prescription drug costs, and has advocated for several important measures that will make pharmaceutical manufacturing companies more transparent in their cost setting processes and help identify high cost drugs impacting the state's cost growth. Requiring pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to testify before the Health Policy Commission during its annual cost trends

hearings, identifying prescription drugs with significant price increases, and requiring pharmaceutical companies with high cost drugs to submit data on factors influencing cost are several such measures, and are included in the recently-passed House health care bill.

H.4639 also offers much-needed support to underpaid community hospitals in Massachusetts by reauthorizing the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund (CHRTF). The Fund, financed by an assessment on insurers and certain hospitals, will direct payments to community hospitals across the state facing financial challenges due to high numbers of Medicaid patients and reimbursement rates less than 90% of the statewide relative average price. Community health centers, which provide critical, cost effective care in the community, also receive additional funding in the bill. The bill also reauthorizes the Prevention & Wellness Trust Fund to promote community-based prevention programs, creates important disclosure requirements when out-ofnetwork providers treat patients, and prohibits providers from balance billing consumers for surprise out-of-network costs.

"This bill takes a comprehensive approach to support high quality care in our communities, get to the bottom of rising costs, and shield consumers from those rising costs," said Representative Barber. "I am pleased that so many of my priorities have been addressed in this bill, and I look forward to continuing my advocacy for these priorities as the bill moves forward this session."

The House and Senate must now meet in conference committee to come to agreement on differences between H.4639 and the Senate's comprehensive health care legislation, S.2211.

> — Office of State Rep. Christine P. Barber

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday July 4

Libraries Closed

Thursday July 5

Independence Day Fireworks 6:30 p.m.|Trum Field

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Lego Club!

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting

3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Lego Club 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday July 6

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. World Cup Quarter Final on the

2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday July 8

Central Library

Scrapbooking and paper crafts 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland

Monday July 9

Central Library

Kidstock Theater: Goldilocks & the Three Pig 2 p.m.-3:15 p.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Middle School Summer Writers'

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

Tuesday July 10

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College

Central Library

World Cup Semi-Final on the Big

2 p.m.-4 p.m.

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

Coding for Kids

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday July 11

Central Library

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

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Aeronaut Brewing Co. Ken Clark Organ Trio

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Friday|July 6

Sally O'Brien's

Busted Jug | 6 p.m. Bloodshot Bill, Jittery Jack & Miss Amy, DJ Easy Ed \$15 cover |9:30

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Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

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The Whiskey Sippers. 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Future Teens Mandancing, Harmony Woods, oldsoul

9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Steven Chagnon 8 p.m. Flamenco Boston|10:30 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew 7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

The Pineapple Diaries 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday July 7

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band|6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Connor Storms & His Boys, Newfane, Shotgun Waltz \$10 cover 9:30

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Kirsten Maxwell EP Release -Boston w Special Guest Mike Tedesco|7 p.m.

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Skull & Roses - A Tribute To the Grateful Dead

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**

Screaming Females Spowder, Shepardess 8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Somerville Symphony Orkestar 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

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

Sunday July 8

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. Lee Ross Sunday Funday 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.

Love You Forever: A Celebration of Mothers in Music|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Thunder Road

Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma

7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Hillbilly Holiday 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Rachel Nagin recital 4 p.m.|Café

Monday July 9

Brew Haha 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.

Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-6663589

The Burren

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday July 10

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

The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m. Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-**Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spell-

hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131 PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz

ing Bee Night

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200 **Thunder Road**

Whistlebot – Thrunk Thursday

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**

Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co**

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Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Smut Slam

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday July 11 Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

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Somerville Bicycle Committee: Social Hour 14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday July 4

Libraries closed

Thursday July 5

Central Library Progress Together for Somerville

Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library

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

East Branch Library

Drop In Craft Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broad-First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

program for people with prob-

lems with money and debt. 7

p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629 Friday July 6

Central Library Programming and Marketing

Working Group 10 a.m.-11:30 World Cup Quarter Final on the

2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday July 7 **Central Library**

Bagel Bards

48 Holland St

Big Screen

Scrapbooking and paper crafts 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland

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

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

Sunday July 8 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-

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

basement

Monday July 9 **Central Library**

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

Somerville Commission for

Women-Education Subcommittee meeting 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

East Branch Library Learn English at the Library

Tuesday July 10 **Central Library**

World Cup Semi-Final on the Big Screen 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday July 11

Central Library Sanctuary City Meeting

1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. **ESL Volunteer Event** 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 617- 666-5223

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

Friendly Caller Program – Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

Winds for All –Tuesday mornings – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$10 per class – A music immersion class for those who have never played a woodwind instrument. To reserve your spot or for additional info please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Fire Cracker Super Bingo – Monday, July 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cross Street Center. \$12 fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Limited seating and transportation. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

Mohegan by Day Foxwoods Overnight – Wednesday & Thursday, September 5 & 6 - \$139 per person double or \$199 per person single – Includes motorcoach transportation, Mohegan Sun Bonus (Food Voucher & Free Bet), Foxwood Bonus (Dinner & Breakfast Coupons and Slot Play) Casino bonuses are subject to change. Check-in Wednesday the 5th at 7:30 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, the 6th. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

New York City – October 26 to October 28 – 3 days and 2 nights \$254 per person double or \$368 per person single – St. Patrick's Cathedral, Macy's and much more. Seats sell fast and are very limited. Check-in at Ralph & Jenny at 6:45 a.m. on Friday with an approximate return time of 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Lancaster, PA – Monday, November 5 to Thursday, November 8 -4 days and 3 nights - \$425 per person double or \$546 per person single includes transportation, lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinner feasts, guided tour, pretzel factory and so much more. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

LGBTQ Lunch: Come, relax, enjoy lunch and talk with your peers. Scheduled lunch dates for 2018 are July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12.

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

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

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. and running for an hour

most times. Principal Master Gardener, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive "greenhouses." If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. This group does not meet in January and February.

Golden Gals: a.k.a. Women's Group - Meets the last Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilities this group. A fun, safe, social group to discuss women's issues and growing older. Next date: December 26th - For more info, please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

English Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday beginning at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English. Continue conversation throughout a healthy lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

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

Social Service Drop In – The 3rd Thursday of every month Social Workers, Ashley Speliotis and Natasha Naim will be taking turns and having a Drop-in Social Service hour from 11:00 a.m. to noon at the Cross Street Center. They will be available to address any of your Social Service needs. Stop by or if you need additional info call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-ULE (Please cut out and save)

Monday: Keep Moving Walking Club** - 9:15 a.m. (H) / Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) / Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Tuesday: Strengthening - 9:15 a.m. - \$3 per class (H) / Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C) / Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

Wednesdays: Fit-4-Life - Group A (exercise) - 8:45 a.m. / Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m./ Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) / Group C (nutrition) - noon (H) / Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H) / Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

** Keep Moving Walking Club is on hiatus until the Spring

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Somerville Public Schools Awarded \$150,000 by Barr Foundation

Last week, the Center for Collaborative Education (CCE), working in partnership with the Somerville Public Schools (SPS), was named one of five grantees in the Barr Foundation Education Program's Engage New England: Doing high school differently initiative. Together, they form the second cohort of educators participating in a multi-year initiative to open doors to rigorous, personalized education so that more young people have real opportunities to thrive. A planning grant of \$150,000 over one year will be used to spearhead the redesign of the school model for Next Wave/Full Circle, a 45-year-old school serving a high-risk student population in a small, therapeutic educational environment that focuses on individualized instruction and support.

The Barr Foundation's Engage New England: Doing high school differently initiative is a \$30 million investment over five years to help New England innovators redesign existing high schools and bring new school models to life in their communities. Participants receive one-year planning grants and technical assistance with design and planning, with the potential to be invited to apply for implementation grants of up to \$750,000 over two years. Participants also become partners in a learning community, to share and learn from like-minded peers across the region. Together, they are doing high school differently by building a diverse set of school models that expand student success.

"We are incredibly excited to once again be partnering with CCE and the Barr Foundation on this important work of ensuring that our schools are student-centered and innovative places of teaching and learning," commented Somerville Superintendent of Schools, Mary Skipper. "This type of deep planning work is about equity of opportunity and access for all students. We look forward to connecting with and learning from our peers involved in this work, and to exploring and identifying ways in which we can redesign the school model to better meet the needs and ensure the future success of Next Wave/ Full Circle students."

"We are excited to continue our partnership with Somerville Public Schools and the Barr Foundation, working together to provide Next Wave/Full Circle students with learning experiences that nurture their intellectual and social emotional growth," said Dan French, Executive Director for the Center for Collaborative Education.

Somerville man sentenced for secretly taping women

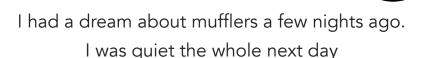
with its camera facing her bed. The home screen of the cellphone said "Teddy." A search warrant of the defendant's bedroom was executed that resulted in authorities locating multiple electronic devices as well as the remains of a broken "hook" camera, a recording device designed to look like a plastic hook commonly found fastened to bathroom doors.

A search of the defendant's laptop and

portable hard drives led authorities to discover that he had secretly recorded women entering and exiting the shower in two separate bathrooms using the "hook" camera. In addition, authorities found videos of the defendant's female roommates in their bedrooms, as well as videos of women engaging in sexual intercourse with the defendant that were recorded without the victims' consent or knowledge.

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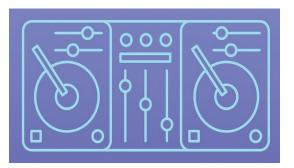
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Upcoming SMC Happenings

That's So Retro! That's So 80's

Friday, July 6th from 6:00 − 8:00 p.m. at Assembly Row (611 Assembly Row)

Join Boston Free Radio on Friday July 6 for a very special event at Assembly Row at Assembly Square. Don't forget your leg warmers and some muscle shirts. Event is Completely FREE so drop by after work and shake it out. We're bringing



back metal bands and big hair. Playing your favorite artists like David Bowie, Madonna, Aerosmith and so much more. Join to hear some live-spun tunes from Misery of Cities' DJ Kirk Burns.

Food Justice Short Films

Thursdays in July, 7:30 p.m. at The Growing Center (22 Vinal Ave)

Somerville Media Center announces its 4th year of hosting "Cinema Somerville", a pop-up outdoor movie at the Somerville Community Growing Cen-

Cinema Somerville Outdoor Mov

ter. The event series is free and is open to all residents of the city. Come by for a BYOPicnic at 7:30 p.m. and movies begin at 8:30 p.m. (dusk) and runs an hour. Our movie lineup is subject to change. For the month of July we kick it off with "Food Justice Themed Movies" in partnership with the Real Food Film Series and Groundwork Somerville.

Somerville Community Kickball Game - Come Cheer Us On! Monday, July 16, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Nunziato Soccer Field

What do you get when you combine dozens of Somerville-based community organizations plus a baseball field and a kickball? One heck of an entertaining spectacle!



On Monday, July 16 from

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Nunziato Soccer Field, join many Somerville-based nonprofits for a community kickball game, open to Somerville community groups as a chance to come together for an afternoon of light exercise and entertainment. The goal is to build a stronger relationship among all our community organizations and to invite the community-at-large to come cheer us along while learning more about these wonderful community resources.

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Wednesd	ay, July 4	7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium	1:00pm	Tele Magazine	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech
2:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Startup TV Boston	2:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Sh
:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the
:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM
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00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict 2
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:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	1:00pm	The Kamla S
0:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Literati Scene	1:30pm	DW Global 3
0:30am	Somerville Storytellers	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley
1:00am	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast	2:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech
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	10:00am	WSNS Moving On Ceremony
	11:00am	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation
	12:00pm	Healey School Moving On Ceremony
	1:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club
	2:30pm	Family Fun Day
	3:00pm	El Sistema Somerville Showcase
	4:00pm	Healey School Spring Concert 4-8
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12:00am 1:00am 9:00am 11:00am 12:00pm 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm

El Sistema Somerville Showcase SHS Class of '18 Graduation SCAP Annual Meeting Boys' Middle School Basketball Finals Girls' Middle School Basketball Finals Healey School K-2nd Spring Concert SCALE Awards Night & Graduation El Sistema Somerville Showcase Kennedy School Drama Club Family Fun Day SCAP Annual Meeting Family Fun Day Boys' Middle School Basketball Finals 9:00pm Girls' Middle School Basketball Finals

11:00pm SCALE Awards Night & Graduation Saturday, July 7 12:01am

10:00pm

Kennedy School Drama Club 9:00am Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert SHS An Evening of Song 9:45am 11:00am SHS CTE Vocational Senior Awards Banquet 12:30pm SHS Chamber Concert [5.14.18] 1:00pm Healey School Moving On Ceremony

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Sunday, July 8 12:00am New SHS Groundbreaking Ceremony 9:00am **Brown School Spring Concert** SHS Class Day 2018 11:00am 1:30pm SHS Class of '18 Graduation 3:05pm Healey School Moving On Ceremony 4:00pm WSNS Moving On Ceremony 5:00pm Argenziano School Moving On 2018 6:00pm Brown School Spring Concert SHS Class Day 2018 8:00pm SHS Class of '18 Graduation 10:30pm

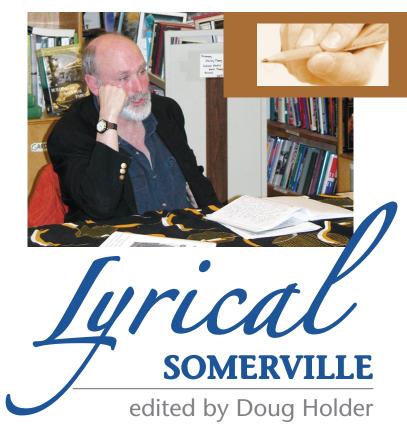
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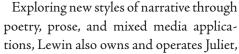
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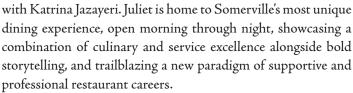
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some clams

stepped on, trod under by feet lined red; sun's striations

one resurfaces with the drag of a rake

scraping over stones tossed back, into waves, to

wash away but only so far, because twice during

the day, they wash back again, to be scraped and raked

and pulled and tossed back, but some are shells with clams

shaped in space

remember that wet wonderland is shaped by an outer space that, you will never touch, but in fact, already have

— Joshua Lewin

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by Doug Holder

'Debris' by L.M. Brown

Somerville writer Ed Meek chimes in with this review of a new novel by local novelist L.M. Brown.

Debris by L.M. Brown Ink Smith Publishing 156 pages. \$14.99

Review by Ed Meek

Debris is L.M. Brown's first novel. It is a comingof-age story of two teenagers whose lives intersect and who bond over tragedy and family secrets. The novel's title is based on a poem by an Irish poet, Lola Ridge. The poem begins: "I love those spirits/ that men stand off and point at/or shudder and hood up their souls..." In Debris, a fourteen-year old boy, Andre, and a fifteen-year old girl, Erin, are obsessed with mothers who have died or disappeared. This obsession sometimes takes the form of seeing and feeling the spirits of their mothers and Brown makes reference to mythological Irish figures that add to the atmosphere of the novel.

In the US, we have this societal bias against grieving. If someone dies, we are expected to be sad for a brief period of time and then to get on with our lives. We tend to focus on the future rather than the past. Our instant gratification culture encourages us to stay-tuned. Otherwise, we might be plagued by FOMO.

When we lose people close to us though, we don't forget about them. They remain with us and continue to affect us. Brown is good at delving into this notion. Her main character, Andre, has problems at school and can't face his own father because, when Andre is involved in a car accident that kills his mother, he blames himself and he believes his father blames him, too. As a result, he leaves the cushy confines of the big house owned by his successful father and moves to a house in a development to stay with his aunt and go to a different school.

There he meets the beguiling Erin whose mother disappeared the year before and who lives with her alcoholic, somewhat abusive dad. Erin wants to find out what happened to her mother. Did she run away? Did her crazy father kill her and bury her in the garden? Erin and Andre are both outsiders. Erin doesn't go to school and she gives Andre a place of refuge while he slowly comes to terms with his mother's death and helps Erin solve the mystery of her mother's disappearance. Along the way, they deal with some nasty local hoods.

The author lives in Massachusetts but has a close affinity with Ireland. The characters speak with



L.M. Brown.

Irish accents and the setting and time period are a little hard to pin down. That fits in with mysterious atmosphere of the novel. Brown has also written poetry and she is capable of writing a good sentence. This is the beginning of the novel: "From Eugene's house the sea was audible and across the garden's stone wall the dark surface lit by stars was still as glass."

She is also adept at using third person omniscient to explore the thoughts and complexities of her characters. She creates characters who sound like real people. The novel does feel somewhat claustrophobic sometimes moving minute by minute through the thoughts of the characters. The plot plays second fiddle and this reader found himself questioning credibility as the novel went along. Do boys really slap other boys? Didn't a certain neighbor disappear at the same time as Erin's mom?

I have a couple of minor quibbles. The novel has an editor who apparently has trouble with apostrophes: Ines arms, Ines' hands, Ines's dad all appear within two pages. Maybe Cormac McCarthy is right in thinking we should just get rid of apostrophes. There are letters missing here and there, a few run on sentences and occasional confusion regarding point of view. Finally, the font appears to be 10 point, single-spaced with half-inch margins. This allows the publisher to get as many as 500 words on a page. That's why the novel is a mere 156 pages. With more conventional formatting, it would work out to well over two 200 and would be easier on the eyes.

Nonetheless, Debris is a promising first novel and well worth a read this summer.

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of Aldermen is voting to spend your money. Wow, the raises some department heads are getting. Of course, those friendly with the mayor are the ones that are getting huge ones. *******

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

A public meeting of the Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway.









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