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YIMBY movement takes root in Somerville



The housing activist group YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard) believes there are strategies available to effectively increase housing in the city, even as densely populated as it already is. — *Photo by Bobbie Toner*

By Ian Erlichman

Criterion Development Partners are constructing a new residential building in Somerville. According to the city's SomerVison plan, this project is just one of 871 units under construction in Somerville since 2017.

As Senior Landscape Designer Luisa Oliver, admitted in the SomerVision reveal, "Somerville is a very small city and it's densely populated." So why would we attempt to squeeze more housing into a city that is the 16th most densely populated city in the nation? Jeff Byrnes, founder of a housing activist group called "YIMBY" (Yes In My Back Yard), doesn't believe that Somerville's dense population is a problem.

"Look at a city like London or Paris," Byrnes urges. Paris is roughly three times as dense as Somerville, and equally as dense as New York City, yet it spares itself *Continued on page 4*

'Seize the Summer' at SomerStreets on Holland St.

Celebrate the season at "Seize the Summer," the August installment of the city's SomerStreets festival, on Sunday, August 5, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. between Davis Square and Teele Square on Holland Street.

SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally renowned Open Streets concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity.

Through SomerStreets, the city and its community partners aim to promote and encourage easy access to physical activity, fresh foods, and reconnecting with neighborhoods and businesses and their unique cultural elements in a



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thriving urban environment.

All SomerStreets events will run from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine. For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov, or www.somervilleartscouncil.org/somerstreets or contact Nina Eichner at 617-625-6600 ext. 2998.

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Today, Wednesday, August 1, the Mayor's Annual "Old Time" Senior Picnic takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Powderhouse Park. Enjoy lunch, dancing, music, entertainment and prizes galore.

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours social is Thursday, August 2, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Redbones, 55 Chester Street. No cover, excellent networking, free appetizers, cash bar, business card drawing. Sponsored by Rockland Trust. Hosted by Dana Iacopucci, Cubby Oil & Energy. RSVP with name(s) and affiliation(s) for you and your guest(s) to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

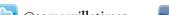
Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to Ward 5 School Committee member Laura Pitone. We hope she enjoys her birthday. Happy birthday to Joe DaSilva, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to one of the nicest business ladies around, Alicia Lafuente celebrates this week. Make sure when you see her to wish her a happy one. Happy birthday this week also to Alan Laurentano. We wish him a great day. To all others here in the city who are celebrating their birthdays this week and we missed, we wish you a happy birthday too.

The John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund golf tournament will once again be held in Falmouth, this time on Saturday, September 8, at the Falmouth Country Club. Registration closes Saturday, August 11. Applications are available on their website at www.johns-team.org or on their Facebook page.

Demet's Donuts in Medford is getting very busy, but those donuts and the large variety are like the old **Day's Donuts**, huge and tasty. Almost a sin facing you when you come in for just coffee. It's hard to not get that jelly or lemon, not to mention the coconut donuts. *The Somerville Times* is available every Wednesday at the donut shop. Stop in, get a coffee and few of those delicious donuts, or maybe the real – and we mean real – egg sandwiches, from real eggs. *Continued on page 11*



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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Citizen Jack Connolly Commentary

Alan M. says:

Bravo Jack! We miss you, Dennis, Bob and MaryAnn. Thank you for staying involved and holding this bunch accountable. All the momentum Somerville had just a short 8 months has sailed, now we have a divided community, which is truly sad. The 5 new BOA members are socialist wrapped in ignorance.

Ryan says:

Hey Jack, rather than gripe about the Broadway bridge closing, how about making some positive suggestions? Lots of other people are doing just that. I find it hard to believe you are complaining about a lack of publicity or information about the closing. Between the GLX community working group, the regular GLX community meetings, the emails/posts from GLX, from the city, and from our elected aldermen it's hard not to know what is going on with the project. Check out the schedule of GLX tables over the next two months with info and people to answer questions – ArtBeat, Magoun Sq, SomerStreets, Ignite, Ball Sq, Riverfest, Rock & Roll Yard Sale, Fluff Festival and the Hip Hop Festival. Unless you're living under a rock it's hard to miss.

Michael Grunko says:

I sat through a lot of the testimony on the proposal to modify the historic preervation review process. The number of Somerville citizens testifying in favor and against was about equal. However, both were outnumbered by developers, real estate agents, real estate lawyers and investors from outside Somerville whose interests were clearly focused on how they can make the most money, not on the welfare of the community.

Anonymous says:

The community is divided thanks to the newbie BOA and their socialist views. They lack common sense leadership...for example, the transfer tax will increase rents. How is that going to help affordable housing? The Demolition Delay Ordinance will deter buyers, developers and contractors. Communication lines need to be improved. The current BOA members are sneaky and need to be monitored closely. How sad to see this great city is divided coming from a third generation lifelong resident.

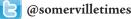
Ben Bradlow says:

The community is divided because of decades of political leadership that has allowed developers to suck massive profits out of our city while making it unaffordable for all but the most highly-paid and least-indebted to live here, work hard, and raise families. The hard work of organizations and candidates that motivated unprecedented voter turnout last year was an important step in strengthening our city's democracy. For Jack Connolly and a couple of his friends on this comment thread, this is apparently a bad thing.

If 2017 was surprising to people, it shouldn't have been: Candidates running on ideas that speak to the majority in Somerville left behind by our city's developer-friendly leadership. Campaigns and organizations bursting with volunteers willing to do the hard work of talking to their neighbors about those candidates and ideas.

There is no economic study of the many transfer taxes implemented across the country and the world indicating that such taxes — at the low level proposed for Somerville — have any significant effect on rents. This tax also has no effect on Somerville homeowners. All are exempt. There is overwhelming evidence that such taxes provide resources for city governments to actually do something about a crisis of affordability.

sad says:



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Wow. These comments make it easy to see why the city is so divided. So sad that people can do nothing but denigrate someone who has worked hard for many years to make this city what it is today. Jack was a big part of making Davis Square the hip place you folks enjoy. How much work have you put in to make a positive impact in this city?

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



Recreational marijuana: longer still

By Ian Erlichman

Despite recreational marijuana's 68 percent approval rating in Somerville, its dispensaries must wait several months until sales begin, says Doug Kress, Director of Health and Human services.

"We have growers that have been approved, but we don't have the testing facilities," stated Director Kress, "and there have been no applicants that have come forward as of yet." However, if a marijuana testing facility were to come online today, Somerville residents would still have to wait several months to buy recreationally, according to Director Kress.

When recreational dispensaries do eventually appear in Somerville, they may pop up in small corner stores, said Kress. But dispensaries won't be hidden. For safety reasons "they must be public, where people can see." Although the dispensaries will be placed in public settings, regulations bar them from selling within 500 feet of a school.

In that vein, Somerville's Health and Human Services board has emphasized the importance of curbing marijuana marketing, directed at the youth, with a heavy regulatory focus on cannabis infused gummies. The CCC has outlawed gummies shaped like flowers and animals and allows only neutral packaging and "non-descript shapes," says board member Robert Ciccia.

In the age of information, marijuana marketers appear to have more plat-

forms available for advertisement than the substances of years past. An app called "Weedmaps" allows users to locate nearby marijuana dispensaries and exists as an unregulated avenue for marijuana companies to advertise product, says Chairman Brian Green. "Who's regulating them?" Kress asks.

For those over 21, Edible marijuana presents regulators with slew of legal challenges not seen in other forms of consumption. "There is no breathalyzer for marijuana," as one board member mentioned. Although police officers are trained to notice behavioral patterns of marijuana users, with no smell and no conclusive test, driving while high may result in negligible legal penalties. "The only way to do it is a blood test," confirms director Kress.

However, according to research published in the journal of Clinic Chemistry, blood tests are an ineffective way to measure THC levels. Because THC degrades quickly in the body, blood tests conducted several hours after driving will show THC levels much lower than were present at the time of driving.

Similarly, driving impairment might be accidental because of edible marijuana's delayed affects. If a user ingests an edible they might feel fine "for the next five minutes," quipped Chairman Green, but "if traffic hits," the effects could become precipitously more intense while the user is still driving.

Despite the challenges, regulating a





A lot of recreational marijuana is waiting in the wings while state and local officials iron out the regulatory details involved in getting the product from the producer to the consumer.

market as pervasive as marijuana is not without its benefits. In other recreational states, like Washington, \$1.3 billion was raised as of 2017 from the adult marijuana market.

Massachusetts, and Somerville in particular, is looking to draft social benefits behind the growing wake of the recreational weed market. According to its website, the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) has developed a "Positive Impact and Diversity Plan" that will kick back benefits to communities that "have previously been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement" and promises to "positively impact those communities."

There will also be educational benefits as "some of the profit that these places generate have to go into education," said Chairman Green.

On the user end, regulated cannabis will ensure a safer high, free from the risk of synthetic cannabinoids and laced chemicals. This fact, the board hopes, will draw customers away from the black market, despite the price differential that excise taxes are expected to create.

Still, no dispensaries can open until a testing facility is licensed in Somerville. The City of Somerville is incentivizing residents to participate in the market by giving them priority licensing over outside entrepreneurs.

"An enterprising person would take advantage of this market vacuum," suggested board member Ciccia. And once there is a running dispensary, we expect to see a lot of success, confirmed Director Kress.

To learn more about the testing facility application, visit the CCC's website at https://mass-cannabis-control.com, or stop in at the next Board of Health and Human Services Meeting on August 16. If you or someone you know is interested in entering the recreational market, Farm Bug, a local marijuana farming cooperative, has summarized recent marijuana legislation and license prices for easy reading at masscann.org.

Overdose Awareness Day

Overdose Awareness Day has been a key remembrance event for those who have died from fatal drug overdoses since 2001. On August 31, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., thousands of people worldwide will stand beside the friends and families of fatal overdose victims to reflect on their losses.

This year a broad range of Massachusetts advocacy groups from across the state, including Somerville Overcoming Addiction, are coming together to host one event in Boston on the Common, representing all of Massachusetts, to show the country that not only is Massachusetts a "State Without Stigma," but that we are also the "State of Awareness." The event intends to reinforce the idea that no-one need feel shame or disgrace at the death of someone they love from drug overdose.

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Wild time at the laundromat

On Sunday, July 29, police officers were notified that a larceny was in progress and an employee was being assaulted at True Blue Cleaners on Broadway.

Upon arrival, the officers reportedly observed 5 people inside, of which one was pointed out as the assailant by a witness to the incident.

The officers approached the alleged assailant, later identified as Nedjedla Nherisson, of Cambridge, and asked her what

had happened.

According to reports, Nherisson appeared to be out of breath, sweaty, and her shirt was torn. She reportedly stated in an excited tone that "they owed me money, the machine took my money."

The officers noted that the laundromat employee was red in the facial and neck area, showed a little blood on her left earlobe, and was crying and shaking. She stated that

"that woman"- while pointing to Nherisson – attacked her and tried to pull the cash register out with both hands. She said she pushed Nherissonout of the way, but she fought back and shoved the employee into a short wall where she struck her head and landed on the floor, tearing out her ear ring in the process.

Nherisson reportedly went further behind the register area, finding the employee's pocketbook and grabbed it, at which time the employee grabbed the pocketbook back and Nherisson struck her, pulling the pocketbook out of her hands.

Nherisson then reportedly went inside the pocketbook and pulled the employee's wallet out, going through it looking for money, but there was no money inside. Nherisson then walked over to where her luggage was as the police arrived.

The officers questioned several witnesses who gave them corroborating statements about the incident.

While looking for the key to the cash register, which went missing, it was located by one of the officers in Nherisson's right front pocket.

Nherisson was transported to the Somerville Police Station and booked on charges of assault and battery and unarmed assault to rob.

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Arrests:

Anthony Gilardi, of 3000 Stone Place, Melrose, July 26, 3:37 p.m., arrested at Fellsway on warrant charges of possession or use of false or stolen RMV signature, credit card fraud over \$1200, attempt to commit a crime, destruction of property over \$1200, larceny over \$1200 by false pretenses, and unarmed robbery.

Joao Bonicenho, of 135 Bailey Rd., July 27, 5:27 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of drug possession to distribute and distribution of a class D drug.

Jordan Yandle, of 30 River Rd., July 28, 8:01 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on a charge of miscellaneous statutory violation, and on warrant charges of trespassing and receiving stolen property over \$1200.

Armany Villa, of 7 Memorial Rd., July 28, 8:01 p.m., arrested and battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct.

Walter Orellana, July 28, 9:39 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of

at home on charges of assault liquor, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

> Nedjedla Nherisson, of 10 Putnam Gardens, Cambridge, July 29, 1:43 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of assault and battery and unarmed assault to rob.



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"towering buildings and high-rises," he pointed out. According to Byrnes, the secret to Paris's residential system lies in their efficient use of space and emphasis on walkability: a strategy he believes Somerville could and should emulate in the coming years.

Somerville's burgeoning "YIM-BY" movement calls for increased housing development in the hopes that it lowers housing prices, promotes racial integration, and increases walkability without losing the city's hallmark neighborhood aesthetic. "We want to expand housing opportunities for any and everyone who still

lives here, wants to stay here, and wants to come here," said Byrnes. To make room for incoming and current residents, Byrnes suggests we go up and in. "Over 80% of Somerville is residential buildings ... one, two, three unit houses with very few apartment buildings," said Byrnes. Despite its apparent density, Somerville "does not make efficient use of its size. We could fit more people and still retain what makes Somerville great."

One way to fit more people is to go up, by constructing "five, six, even seven story buildings" in places like Davis Square, Byrnes said. While building more residences increases the concrete, it also cultivates a diverse set of people and cultures. "You don't disrupt the feeling of those places, those vibrant areas," Byrnes stated.

Although YIMBYs are all for affordable housing, and the inclusionary zoning that facilitates it, Byrnes emphasized the need for housing across all income groups. "Affordable housing is an immediate answer for those who have the least means, but it doesn't address those of some means."

Because Inclusionary Zoning in Somerville requires all new housing developments to allocate 20 percent of its residences to low-income renters, landlords must raise the price of the remaining 80 percent of residences to account for the lost revenue. That is, if there isn't an alternative source of revenue. One solution to this problem fits snugly into the YIMBYs mental image of Somerville's future: building in.

According to a study by the Furman Center, an effective boot to stamp down inflated housing prices are density requirement exceptions. The study concluded, "IZ policies that provide density bonuses and exempt small housing units produce more affordable housing."

In order for landlords to keep prices at market value for those renters "of some means," they must be compensated for the losses they inherit from their low-income renters.

The YIMBY vison of America's future cities involve dense, homey residence buildings that connect to large open side-walks and bike friendly streets. It's a dream that implores us to bring the close warmth of Paris streets to the bulging cities of America. The question is: are the people that own residences in Somerville now willing to change?

The Somerville Times Bird scooters make an unexpected entrance

By Shira Laucharoen

Electric scooters from the California based company Bird landed on the streets of Somerville for public usage on July 20. The city had not anticipated their arrival and was taken by surprise by their launch, issuing a statement that "there is no contract, license or agreement in place to allow them to operate in Somerville at this time."

While the scooters do not currently have any arrangement to run in Somerville, the city has not yet taken any action to restrict them. The only measure it will currently take is to confiscate those that are blocking access to a public way or are parked improperly, said the City of Somerville's deputy director of communications Jaclyn Rossetti in an email.

"Birds" also appeared in Cambridge, where they were declared illegal, and they are not permitted to be driven into Boston. In contrast to neighboring cities' adverse responses to the controversial rides, Somerville will be open to starting a conversation with the company and reaching an understanding "immediately," according to Rossetti.

"The city is committed to mobility

Condominium Review Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Condominium Review Board will be held on Tuesday, August 7, at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell St. The Board will be voting on whether or not to increase the application fee from \$500 to \$600.

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strategies that reduce dependence on the private automobile, and we believe that electric scooter companies can be a part of the solution if the providers work with us, share data, and ensure compliance with "safety and accessibility laws," wrote Rossetti.

Birds are shared, dockless, electric scooters that the company said are ideal for "people looking to take a short journey across town or down that 'last mile' from the subway or bus to their destination." Riders can track down the location of a Bird using a smartphone app, which can program the scooter to "chirp" when nearby. The vehicles cost one dollar to start and 15 cents for every following minute. They are able to travel at a rate of up to 15 miles per hour and are meant to be ridden in bike lanes, rather than on a sidewalk. When riders are done using the scooters, they may park them on the curb, out of the way of public pathways, but unlike the greater Boston area's Blue-Bikes, Birds are not returned to a specific spot or rack.

Safety will remain a primary concern in discussions with Bird, said Rossetti. To use a Bird, riders must confirm that they are over the age of 18, and talks with



Bird's dockless electric scooters appeared without notice on the sidewalks of Somerville on July 20. — Photo by Shira Laucharoen

the company will cover the necessity of wearing a helmet when riding a scooter. The vehicles will be picked up by a team at night to be recharged and inspected for maintenance needs. Local users of the scooters have said that they are enjoyable to ride but that they could pose a safety hazard. "They're awesome. They could be dangerous unless you know how to ride them, but they're convenient and fun. I'm making a Sunday out of it," said user Chris Culnane. "Certain people, if they're not paying enough attention, could hit someone or fall over, but it's easier to use than riding a bike."

Somerville art on display



She is shy and reluctant to discuss her latest paintings, which is surprising because her paintings make such a bold statement. Diane Blouin is Somerville born and bred. She has spent her entire life painting. She has been a member of the prestigious Copley Society of Artists for more than 30 years. She spent 50 years working in the financial industry on State Street in Boston and has now retired to paint full time.

Blouin has gone from classical portraits in oil to her recent explosion in Expressionism working in acrylics and resins. The results have been stunning. You can view her work at Connolly, Wedgewood and Crane Insurance, 19 College Ave., next to the Davis Sq. T stop. — *Mars Thomlin*

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of July 23-27.

CREDIT REPORTS (H 4806)

House 152-0, Senate 38-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker legislation that would prohibit consumer reporting agencies, like Equifax, Experian and TransUnion from charging fees for freezing and unfreezing a person's credit information. Under current law, companies can and have charged up to \$5 per freeze or unfreeze.

A freeze makes the report inaccessible until the consumer unfreezes it. Since banks and other lenders require access to the borrower's credit report before giving a loan, this greatly reduces identity thieves from getting a loan or credit in another individual's name.

The proposal gained momentum following the 2017 crisis when, from May to July, the personal information including names, social security numbers, addresses, driver's licenses, and credit card numbers of 145 million Americans was stolen from Equifax's systems. Equifax didn't reveal the breach until September and consumers lost valuable time to act.

Other provisions of the bill prohibit businesses from obtaining a consumer's credit report without obtaining written, verbal or electronic consent from the consumer; require credit monitoring services to be available for 3.5 years for some consumers affected by a breach; and improve notices and consumer information the companies are required to give.

"This bill will offer all Massachusetts residents much needed, long-overdue, common sense consumer protection against identity theft and the sloppy dangerous practices by the big three credit reporting agencies," said Deirdre Cummings, MASSPIRG's legislative director.

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

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

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT SURVEY (H 4810)

House 150-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill requiring all colleges and universities in the Bay State to biennially conduct a sexual misconduct climate survey of all students.

ual violence. But what is true of all of them is that all students deserve a safe place to learn, study and grow, as well as transparency from school administrations about sexual violence."

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

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

SALES TAX HOLIDAY (H 4732)

Senate 31-6, approved an amendment allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12 without paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax.

Supporters of the bill said the holiday, which has been in effect for many years, would boost retail sales and noted that consumers would save millions of dollars. They argued that the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated by shoppers on those two days.

Some opponents of the bill said the state cannot afford the up to \$30 million estimated revenue loss and argued the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers typically buy the products even without the tax-free days. They said that the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief for individuals and businesses and not a tiny tax-free holiday. Others said that legislators should not vote for this tax holiday when they have not yet restored all the local aid, education and other important program cuts made over the past few years.

(A "Yes" vote is for the tax-free holiday. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

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

Senate 27-10, approved a local option amendment allowing a city or town to authorize the creation of community benefit districts which would allow owners of contiguous property in a city or town to form a district and require property owners in that district to pay for additional services, improvements, events and other projects and activities within the district. The districts (A"Yes" vote is for the bill.) would be operated by a nonprofit board.

an unwilling entity by a hungry majority of beneficiaries."

"Activist organizations from left, right, and middle have united in strong opposition to this power grab," continued Ford. "It takes a political cataclysm to unite such diverse grassroots factions on anything, especially to today's political climate. This is one of those rare moments in history. It's clear this 'Community Benefits District' sham should be rejected by those who allege to represent their constituents."

"Municipalities across the state do their best to create environments that spur economic growth, but they are often dealing with limited resources and capacities," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn). "Community Benefit Districts can help by offering a tool that brings all of the stakeholders together with the goal of making neighborhood improvements, creating jobs, and growing our local economies. These benefits could include improved walkability, lighting, cultural programs, branding, landscaping and support for local businesses."

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

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ADOPTION OF ANIMALS USED IN RE-**SEARCH (S 2387)**

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a proposal that would require that animals used in research labs be allowed to be put up for adoption through animal rescue organizations, rather than being automatically euthanized.

"This is a commonsense bill that would simply ensure that dogs and cats no longer needed for research have the best chance for adoption," said Kara Holmquist, Director of Advocacy MSPCA-Angell.

"Many animals provide life-saving treatments it is only right that they should be given the opportunity to live out their lives in a loving home," said Rep. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) who as chair of the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture drafted this version of the proposal.

The survey would be anonymous and would include the number of reported incidents of sexual misconduct at the school; students' awareness of institutional policies and procedures related to campus sexual assault; if a victim reported the sexual misconduct; and if a victim was informed or referred to local, state, on campus or other resources and victims' access to support services including appropriate medical care, legal support and protection from retaliation.

Sexual misconduct is defined in the bill as incidents of sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, gender-based violence, violence based on sexual orientation or gender identity, sexual harassment and stalking.

"I am proud to have filed and championed this bill," said Rep. Lori Ehrlich (D-Marblehead). "Every campus is different in regard to the prevalence and nature of sexSupporters say the required payment is an assessment fee. Opponents say it is a tax.

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

"Condo fees are a voluntary imposition, part of a contract entered into only if one chooses," said Citizens for Limited Taxation Executive Director Chip Ford who opposes the measure. "They are avoidable. Community Benefit District taxes will be imposed ex-post facto on Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL (S 2626)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House a bill designed to boost participation rates in school breakfast programs in high-poverty schools.

The measure would require that the breakfast be offered only after the school day begins, through a variety of ways including breakfast in the classroom, grab-and-go and second-chance breakfast.

Supporters said that in most schools breakfast is currently offered in the cafeteria before the bell and the participation rate is less than 40 percent of eligible students because of the stigma attached to it. Many students assume that everyone who arrives to school early for the breakfast is from a poor family. The participation rate rises to up to 90 percent of eligible students participating in the lunch program later in the day. They said that moving breakfast from before the bell to after the bell is

a proven way to increase breakfast participation.

"No child who shows up to school hungry can possibly be ready to learn," said Sen. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) a sponsor of the original measure. "I have seen the success of breakfast after the bell in my own district, and I am confident that this legislation will help to ensure that every child in the commonwealth has access to a stigma-free and nutritious breakfast."

"We have spent the last two years building a strong coalition of support, which includes school stakeholders, hunger advocates and legislators," said Catherine Drennan, senior manager of public affairs at the Greater Boston Food Bank. "This is the moment we have been waiting for and we are looking forward to passing a bill that will assist with increasing access to school breakfast to over 150,000 low-income students across Massachusetts."

"By providing breakfast in the classroom and after the bell we have soon dramatic increases in breakfast served and eaten by children." Said Rep. Aaron Vega (D-Holyoke). "Additionally we have seen (in Holyoke) decreased numbers in school nurse visits, confrontations in the classroom and an increase in on time attendance."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAKER SIGNS BUDGET (H 4800) - Gov. Baker signed into law a \$41.2 billion fiscal 2019 state budget — a 3.2 percent hike over last year's budget. The governor vetoed \$48.9 million in items that were part of the

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continued

budget package. Roll call votes on many of the vetoes will be in future *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports.

Fiscal year 2018 ended on July 1 and the state has been without a permanent budget since then. It has been operating on temporary budgets and last week was the last state to approve its fiscal 2019 budget.

"Since taking office, our administration has worked to reduce an inherited budget deficit, build our reserves by over \$1 billion and make targeted investments in education, the opioid epidemic and our cities and towns – all without raising taxes," said Gov. Baker. "We are pleased to sign a balanced budget that manages taxpayer dollars in a fiscally responsible way, while providing a tax break for working families and support for critical services for every resident."

SPILKA SWORN IN AS NEW SENATE PRESI-

DENT – Amidst pomp and circumstance, Sen. Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) was sworn in as the new Senate president. Spilka took over the reins from Sen. Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester) who was elected in December to serve as the temporary Senate president after former President Stan Rosenberg relinquished the position following the scandal involving his husband Bryon Hefner. Rosenberg resigned from the Senate altogether in March after Hefner was indicted on felony charges in connection with sexual assault, criminal lewdness and distributing nude photos without consent.

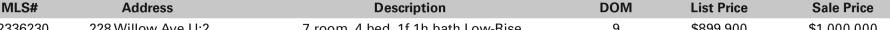
"As we turn the page and look to the future, I pledge to uphold and maintain the integrity of the Senate — for the public and for each and every senator, staff member, advocate and intern that passes through our doors," Spilka said in a speech following her election.

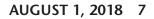
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	Recent S	ingle Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over t	the Past Montl	n:	
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72339994	13 Webster Steet	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Other	7	\$979,000	\$979,000
72334835	12 Lester Terrace	8 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Victorian	8	\$985,000	\$1,025,000
72329444	44 Adrian Street	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	12	\$995,000	\$995,000
72336211	1098 Broadway	9 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	6	\$1,395,000	\$1,700,000
72318677	22 Sycamore St	11 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian	23	\$1,499,000	\$1,390,0008
	Recer	nt Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the	Past Month:		







HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of July 23-27, the House met for a total of 25 hours and 14 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 18 hours and 10 minutes.

Mon. July 23	House 11:05 a.m. to 1:01 p.m. Senate 11:12 a.m. to 1:57 p.m.
Tues. July 24	House 11:04 a.m. to 5:36 p.m. Senate 11:18 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.
Wed. July 25	House 11:02 a.m. to 4:05 p.m. Senate 11:21 a.m. to 10:11 p.m.
Thurs. July 26	House 11:03 a.m. to 3:51 p.m. Senate 12:58 p.m. to 5:22 p.m.
Fri. July 27	House 11:01 a.m. to 5:18 p.m. No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

/2336230	228 WIIIOW AVE U:2	7 room, 4 bed, if in bath Low-Rise	9	\$899,900	\$1,000,000
72293940	19 Cutter St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	40	\$924,900	\$955,000
72327264	375 Canal Street U:914	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	20	\$947,500	\$947,500
72327362	221 Willow Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	16	\$975,000	\$1,125,000
72311793	8 Spring St U:1	9 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bathTownhouse	40	\$999,000	\$1,005,678
72315410	1 Perkins Place U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bathTownhouse	9	\$999,000	\$985,000
72311788	6 Spring St U:1	9 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bathTownhouse	20	\$1,039,000	\$1,040,000
72327995	30 Hawthorne St U:30	9 room, 3 bed, 4f 1h bath Detached	27	\$1,749,000	\$1,700,000

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

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72324709	22 Calvin St	3 unit, 16 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	6	\$1,295,000	\$1,550,000
72312995	47 Spencer Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	12	\$1,300,000	\$1,342,000
72339796	32 Curtis Street	2 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	23	\$1,300,000	\$1,450,000
72311874	49 Paulina	3 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	61	\$1,400,000	\$1,375,000
72321631	247 Highland Ave	6 unit, 15 total room, 9 total bedroom 5-9 Family	29	\$1,600,000	1,650,000
72320450	97 Elm Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 9 total bedroom 3 Family	22	\$1,950,000	\$1,875,000
72313959	69-71 Beacon Street	6 unit, 30 total room, 18 total bedroom 5-9 Family	7	\$3,395,000	\$3,400,000

Probation Officer Robert McWatters retires

By Donald Norton

Robert McWatters, a lifelong resident of Somerville, former City of Somerville Ward 3 Alderman, and a 34-year veteran of the Cambridge District Court Probation Department recently retired.

Two separate parties held this past week were well attended by hundreds of fellow workers, friends and family members to congratulate McWatters for a job well done.

He was honored by the judges of the court he served for his dedication and service over the past 34 years. Our own Bill Shelton will be doing a more extensive piece next week to honor McWatters and his work.









Rotary Summer Raffle Ticket Winners

Somerville Rotary held its Summer Raffle recently, with proceeds going toward contributions to Somerville High School Students during the new Rotary 2018-2019 year.

The First Prize of \$200 worth of lottery tickets went to Donald Norton (pictured right), sold by Donald Norton.

The Second Prize of \$100 worth of lottery tickets went



to Jamie Traverse, sold and accepted by Paul Stanton (pictured below left).



The special guest was Doctor Chafur Chaturvedi of Rotary International District 3150 in India. Dr. Chaturvedi spoke about a cancer awareness program going on in this native India and how many clubs around

the world support this program.

Rotary meets every Tuesday here in Somerville at 12:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

For more information about Somerville Rotary, visit the website at www.somervillerotary.org.



Dorothy's Corner **BY DOROTHY DIMARZO**

Sautéed Radishes & Greens

This is a great time of year to visit farmers markets and farm stands in the area. I like to meander through the rows and look for fresh and vibrant fruits and vegetables. The last time I went to the farm stand I came upon a large display of radishes. This time of year radishes tend to be a little more bitter than in the spring and winter. But this recipe will bring out the sweetness and have you craving more of these crisp nuggets of flavor. First off, only pick radishes that have vibrant green tops. These are not only fresh, but as an extra bonus, the greens can also be prepared and eaten.

Thoroughly rinse the radishes. Cut off the greens, soak them in cold water and reserve. Trim the ends of the radishes and cut them in half. Place the cut side down of the radishes in a 12" fry pan single layer and add the butter to the pan. On medium/low heat, leave the radishes for 15 minutes without touching them, place a lid over the pan. Keep an eye on the butter, so it doesn't burn. Lower the heat and check the radishes to see if they are browned on the cut side. Remove the lid and cook for an additional 5 minutes. Check to see if the radishes are fork tender. If so, remove from the heat, add the salt and pepper to taste. For the greens, make sure they are drained and completely dry. In a small pan over medium heat, add the olive oil and garlic and heat for about 1 minute. Add the greens to the pan and sauté for 5 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste and remove from the heat.



1 bunch of Radishes

1 1/2 Tablespoons Unsalted Butter Salt, Maldon or Grey Sea Salt Black Pepper, freshly ground

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SCES housing specialist helps Fatima find a new home

By Kristin Bell

Fatima, 64, lost her husband and her home. But she kept going and was able to find a new housing, with some assistance Somerville-Cambridge from Elder Services (SCES) and other local agencies.

Fatima, of Somerville, recently shared her story with SCES, which she described as a miraculous turnaround after a time of troubles. She initially moved in with family members after the death of her husband, but soon realized that was not going to work out for the long run.

"I was devastated, with nowhere to go and nowhere to keep my cats," said Fatima. "After the endless sadness of my husband's loss, I was faced with another problem."

Fatima turned to her SCES case manager for help. From there she was put in touch with SCES Housing Specialist Kristin Bell, who provided support and information about local resources. Fatima said was a real turning point.



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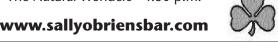
Johnny Mac & The Local Forecast 6 p.m. HearNow Live presents Halley Trapella, Krush Acoustic, Water \$10 cover 9:30 p.m.

Saturday August 11

Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m. The Kenny Brothers, Ryan Martin, The Mairzy Doats, Bad Larrys \$10 cover 9 p.m.



Sunday August 12 The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m.



"I have so much gratitude for my case manager, Michelle Mazzola, whom helped me through the toughest times," said Fatima. "Kristin helped me fill out the application to get on Somerville Housing Authority's Emergency Housing waitlist, and also presented me with a list of options for shelters in the area. Luckily, I found a very special place to stay: the CAS-PAR Shelter of Cambridge."

Bell often works with older adults facing housing crises, and said this was a case where the needs lined up with available resources.

"When someone is facing a no-fault eviction, and can provide paperwork from the court system that displacement and homelessness is evident, then an emergency preference may be granted which can get a person an apartment sooner than those on the regular wait-list," explained Bell. "Thankfully, Fatima had a wonderful experience while waiting at the CAS-PAR shelter."

Fatima soon found more permanent housing through the Somerville Housing Authority.

"In a matter of months, I am now in my own place with my two cats who are 19 and 14 years old, and were my husband's favorite pets. My special thanks and prayers go out to the following very special organizations: Somerville Cambridge Elder Services, my cat sitter, my social workers, the Somerville Housing Authority and the CASPAR shelter."

Homeless is growing



Somerville resident Fatima, left, recently found new housing with some help from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) Housing Specialist Kristin Bell (not in photo). Fatima was referred to Bell by her case manager, Michelle Mazzola (right).

for older adults in Cambridge and Somerville, which prompted SCES to add a housing specialist position last year. Bell spoke of Fatima with great admiration, saying she maintained a positive attitude through trying times.

"Fatima was an inspiration to my work, as much as I was to her situation," said Bell. "To see an individual accept and face homelessness with as much grace and determination as Fatima did was very profound. It's difficult to refer people to shelters while they wait for a home, but with a positive outlook Fatima embraced the period of transition with an amazing spirit of resilience."

concern Kristin Bell is a Housing Special-

ist at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.





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By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

GLX Drop-in Q&A Sessions

In advance of planned bridge closures as part of the Green Extension Line Project (GLX), City staff along with staff from the MBTA, Mass-DOT, and GLX Constructors, are hosting a series of events meetings throughout and the summer and fall to provide information and answer questions about construction, which is already underway. Staff will be available at most summer events and have planned GLX-specific Q&A sessions and public meetings in the coming months. Please note the following schedule is subject to change:

• Sunday, August 5, 2 - 6 p.m.: SomerStreets on Holland St.

+ Thursday, August 9, 4:30 -6:30 p.m.: Drop-in Q&A Session (Magoun Square)

+ Saturday, August 11, 6 p.m.: Ignite Festival (Union Square)

+ Saturday, August 18, 9 - 11 a.m.: Drop-in Q&A Session (Ball Square)

For the complete schedule of events, as well as tentative bridge closure schedules and draft detour routes, please visit www. somervillema.gov/glx.

State Primary Election Voter Registration Deadline, August 15

The deadline to register to vote in the September 4th State Primary election is Wednesday, August 15 (by 8 p.m. if registering in person at City Hall or by 11:59 p.m. if registering online). This is also the deadline for voters wanting to update their address or change party affiliation.

Residents may register to vote by visiting the Elections Department at Somerville City Hall, calling 617-625-6600 x4200 to have a voter registration form mailed, visiting www.somervillema.gov/elections to print a

Be Somerville registration form to mail, or by registering online at www.regis-

tertovotema.com. Online applications require a valid ID issued by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), as well as a signature on file with the RMV.

Sample ballots for the State Primary, as well as additional information about other important upcoming election dates like voter registration for the General Election and the early voting schedule, are available at www.somervillema.gov/ elections.

Final Henry Hansen Park Redesign Community Meeting, August 21

Join Somerville Commissioner of Veterans' Services Bryan Bishop, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, and project design team CBA Landscape Architects for the final community meeting to discuss the redesign of Henry Hansen Park. The design team will present the final design concept for the park redesign. For more information, please contact Somerville Veterans' Services at 617-625-6600 x4700 or veterans@ somervillema.gov.

Henry Hansen Park, located at the corner of Medford St. and Partridge Ave., honors Sergeant Henry O. "Hank" Hansen, a Magoun Square resident killed in action just one week after participating in the first flag-raising on Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi. The current Park features a garden, benches, a granite memorial tablet and a sculpture "tree" bearing information about World War II.

When/where: Tuesday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association (3rd Floor Conference Room), 259 Lowell St.

Short-term Rentals Survey

With the growing popularity of home-sharing and short-term rentals, the City is revisiting its policies and regulations and held two community discussion meetings in June and July to gather resident feedback. If you were unable to attend the meetings, there is still an opportunity to share your thoughts on short-term rentals with us via an online survey. Visit www. somervillema.gov/strs for more information.

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City Newsletter

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City Calendar

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

Alderman emeritus Jack Connelly in The Somerville Times of July 25th suggests that the city should research and categorize all the city buildings as to their significance. It would be an ideal situation if this were the case and it's an interesting notion. Mr Connolly has not been the first to suggest this concept. To follow this through, the city and the historic commission determine significance according to the rules and criteria set out by the Secretary of the Interior and the National Park Service. To understand the process for a property to be determined significant it needs be either a) importantly associated with people, events or history, or b) historically or architecturally significant (Ordinance 2003-05, Section 2.17.B). And there are guidelines for what constitutes 'architecturally significant'. As far as 'importantly associated with peo-

ple, events or history' the guidelines are less clear. However, it seems apparent that where Tip O'neill and Barak Obama lived in Somerville, and where the first phone call ever was received qualify. A case in 2017 where an active service WW2 admiral lived, and whose picture was on the cover of Time magazine was not considered of the same level of (significance) importance. The qualification must be compelling. Staff research a property for an applicant and submit a report and recommendation. The commission may or may not accept the staff recommendations and the determination is decided at a public hearing. This is a transparent process. Findings as to why a property is Significant must be recorded and these must follow the guidelines.

dertaking. The math shows why.

• There are some 16,400 buildings in the city

+ If we discount about 25% of the inventory straight out that leaves 12,300 that could possibly qualify for consideration and be surveyed. (structures under 75

efits, insurances, consumables, etc.) then the cost would be \$85,000 * 37 or \$3.145 million.

Even if these assumptions were only 50% correct it would still be an expensive exercise and a diversion of taxpayer monies from other needed projects. The reality is that the city receives 2-3 applications for significance determination a month. That's a maximum of 36 a year. Every property owner has the right to expectation that any determination of significance is exhaustive and accurate. Current staff can manage this load as it stands today and react to applications. The ideal answer is an expensive one and one that is not financially justifiable or practical. Proactive would be good but

Were every property in the city to be surveyed and researched for significance it would be a considerable and costly unyears of age for example).

 Assume a researcher can properly research and survey 1 to 1.5 properties a day (standard metric)

+ And assume there are about 220 work days in each year (researchers don't work weekends and have vacations and days out)

+ This would mean about 330 properties could be surveyed by a researcher each year

+ 12,300 divided by 330 means 37 man years to properly survey the city for significance.

If you consider the loaded cost of a researcher to be \$85,000 a year (salary, ben-

it is not feasible.

I trust the math is helpful.

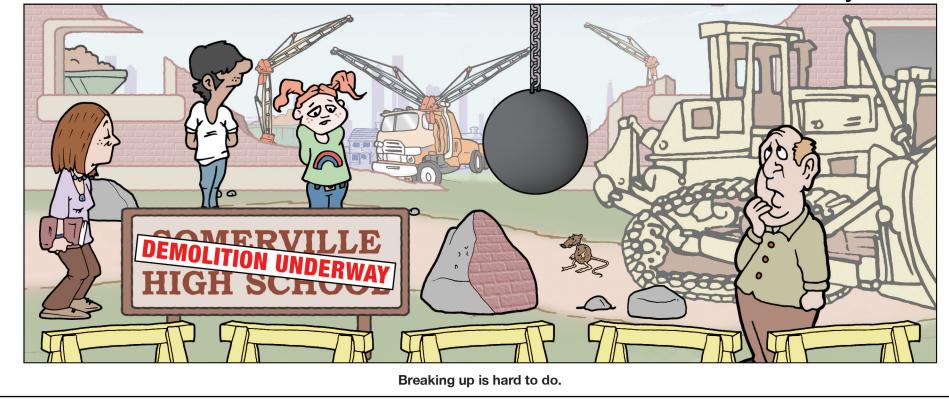
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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



Saying goodbye to cherished institutions can be as difficult as sharing a final farewell with a close friend or family member. Even when we know it's for the best.

It isn't easy for some of us to watch the demolition of parts of the old Somerville High School as construction crews make way for the massive renovation project now underway. It can almost be felt in the

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

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

heart and our nervous systems.

Others shrug it off, conceding that the ravages of time cannot be avoided, and we must always be willing to make way for renewal.

The new high school will be a stateof-the-art facility, right in step with the latest technologies and innovations that will make our students brighter and better qualified than many to lead successful lives after graduation.

We are certainly investing a great amount of money in the project, so we expect nothing less than excellence in the finished product. The renovation has been meticulously planned and its execution has been placed into good hands. We are confident that we will be proud of the end result.

But for now, in the midst of this grand transformation, we pause and feel that twinge of heartache as the bricks and mortar of our childhood past crumbles to the ground before us.

But take heart. A new dream is on the horizon. The dream of a great future for our own beloved children.

the City of Somerville and the GLX team will be offering opportunities for community members to ask questions and get answers in person. Feel free to swing by and learn more about construction, bridge closures, and what's to come for the neighborhood and the city as a whole. Learn more about the Green Line Extension at somervillema.gov/GLX.

Join Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Police Department for Somerville's 15th Annual National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs, hosted by Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP). National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 7, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Foss Park on Broadway in East Somerville. The event will include Fire, Police, and EMT demonstrations, a presentation from the Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit, performances by Teen Empowerment, youth activities and games, and information tables from over thirty community partners. "With this being my first year attending as the Prevention Services Manager, I'm looking forward to seeing and meeting as many people as possible at the park," said Matthew Mitchell. "National Night Out provides a great opportunity to bring law enforcement

and community members together under positive circumstances." SCAP is a division of the city's **Health and Human Services Department**. For more information or to become involved with strategies to reduce substance abuse, please contact Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Ma nager, at (617) 625-6600 x 2570 or mmitchell@somervillema.gov.

increase its membership. For the time

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.

WBZ NewsRadio 1030 and the DCR present the Free Family Flicks series. Pack up a blanket, lawn chair and picnic and head out for free movies under the stars all summer long. Grab your spot on the lawn with friends and family and enjoy the movie. All movies are shown at dusk. Saturdays, through August 25, Sylvester Baxter Park, Assembly Row. For movie listings and information call the WBZ Free Flicks Hotline 617-787-7200 or online https://wbznewsradio. iheart.com/featured/free-friday-flicks. ***** A few weeks ago we ran the centerfold on Rosemary's Italian Garden and received a lot of calls telling us they too have great gardens here in the city. If you are someone that has a great garden or something different and unusual that you'd like to submit to the paper, along with a brief his-tory of it, we would be glad to publish it. Email us at news@ thesomervilletimes.com.

Somerville Overcoming Addiction will be holding their 5th Annual Vigil at Trum Field on September 12 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and participate.

The next Green Line Extension dropin Q&A info table will be set up at the SomerStreets event on Holland St., August 5. Representatives from 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.

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 doing a little writing again). Or maybe you'd like to express

Redbones 17th Annual Pig Pickin

Redbones' 17th Annual Pig Roast on Chester street in Davis Square took place Monday, July 30, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Whole Hog with all the fixins, a beer garden and live music. Fun for the whole family. Proceeds go to the Somerville Homeless Coalition.





















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Photos by Bobbie Toner





SPORTS

Somerville Girls Basketball Summer League



The Somerville Girls Basketball Summer League played Mystic Valley Monday night at Pope John XXIII High School in Everett. Somerville lost to Mystic Valley.

— Photos by Emily Sabatino

Ms. Cam's Dlio #639 Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. How many highway tunnels travel under Boston Harbor?

song Rainy Days and Mondays?

2. Aligators are native to only what two countries? Constitution describe?

3. What type of clothing was the inspiration of the design of the Coca Cola bottle in 1915?

4. Which university did Michael Jordan play basketball for?

5. Where in France do sick people pilgrimage to for miraculous healings?

8. What does Article Two of the United States

9. What fruit is referred to as a cooking banana?

10. Who was the youngest artist ever signed by the Sony/ATV Music publishing house?

11. In the Charlie Chaplin movie *The Gold Rush*, what was the boot made out of that Big Jim ate for







6. When did short skirts start to be called miniskirts?

7. What group had a

12. What U.S. city was the first to have a team in the National Hockey League?

supper?

Answers on page 17

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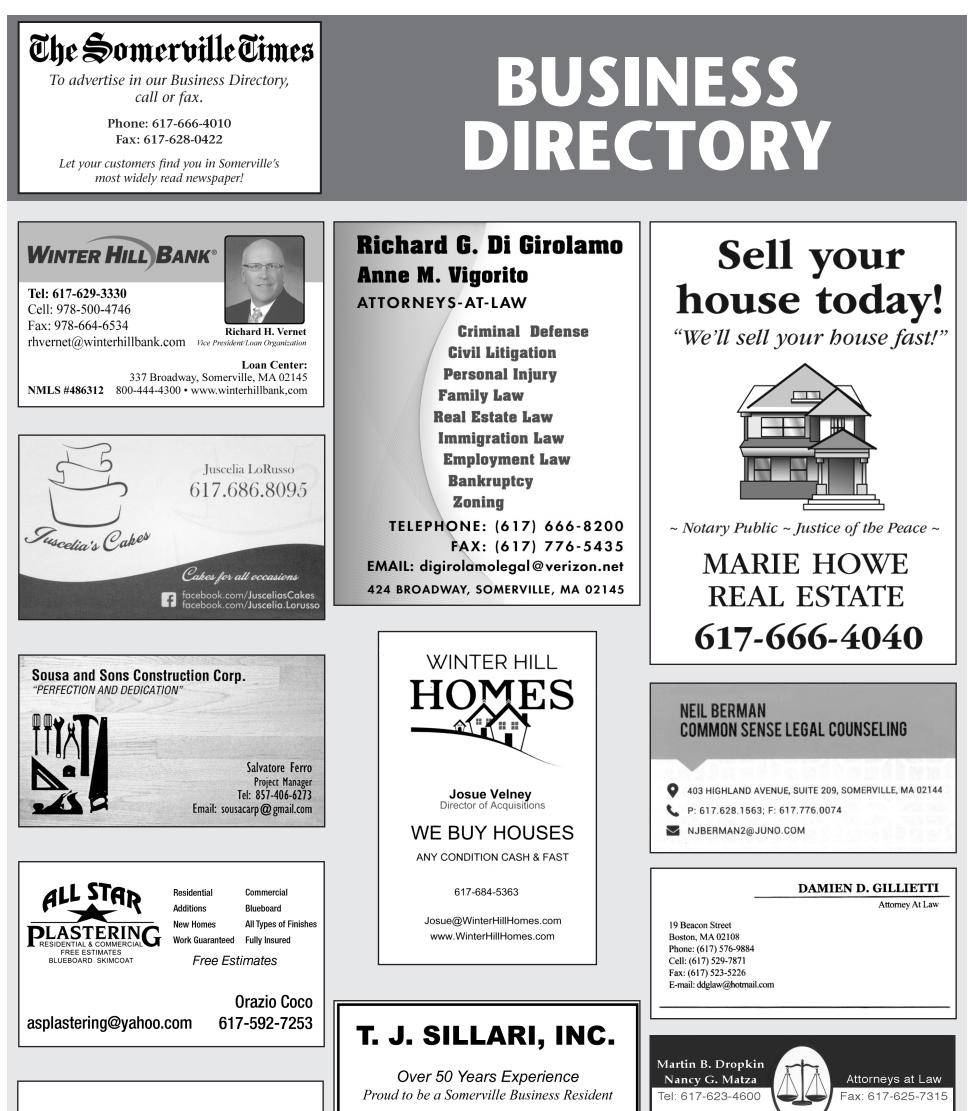
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SomerMovie Fest: 'Grease'

The annual SomerMovie Fest is back with free, family-friendly films starting just after sunset.

This Thursday evening's presentation of Grease takes place at dusk (7:45 p.m.) at Nathan Tufts Park.







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

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the <u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u> on <u>Wednesday, August 8, 2018</u> at <u>6:00 p.m.</u> 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 <u>change of hearing date</u> for a project near you, please use the URL associated with your address of interest that appears at the end of this legal notification.***

17-27 Holland Street (ZBA 2018-87): Applicant, Waikiki, Inc. c/o Wei Zhang, and Owner, JTD 17 Holland, LLC c/o Carla DeLellis, seek a Special Permit with Design Review (SPD) under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.a and a Variance under Article 9 for parking relief to establish a fast-order food establishment. CBD Zone. Ward 6.

448 Medford Street (ZBA 2018-91): Applicant/Owner, 448 Medford Street, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a dormer within the nonconforming right side yard. RB Zone. Ward 4.

12 Ouincy Street (ZBA 2018-90): Applicants and Owners, Jennifer Park, Eric Shea, and Tatum Smigliski, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding two decks off of the existing rear stairs. RB Zone. Ward 2.

23 Rush Street (ZBA 2018-92): Applicant and Owner, Electra Realty Corporation, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to make façade alterations including creating new window and door openings. RB Zone. Ward 1.

<u>80 Powderhouse Boulevard (ZBA 2018-82)</u>: Applicant and Owner, David J. Giller, seeks a special permit to add a second story deck within the left side yard setback under SZO \$4.4.1. RA zone. Ward 7.

350 Mystic Avenue (ZBA 2016-64-E1-7/18): Applicant and Owner, Craig Corporation, seeks, under SZO §5.3.10, to extend by one year, a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) previously granted in September, 2016 for the construction of a mixed-use building with ground floor commercial and upper story residential use. Prior approval included a Special Permit to increase the number of dwelling units under §7.11.1c. The Applicant also seeks a Variance under SZO §5.5 and §4.4.1for rear yard setback. BB zone. Ward 4.

41 Thorndike Street (ZBA 2018-81): Applicant and Owner, Robert J. Granara, Jr. seeks special permits to construct dormers within the side yard setbacks under §4.4.1 and §8.5 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 6.

14 Pearl Street (ZBA 2018-23): Applicant and Owner, Adragna Dedic, LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to substantially alter a non-conforming structure through additions and raising the roofline. GFA will increase by more than 25%. Number of units will increase from one to three. Parking relief requested under §9.13 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 1.

17-27 Holland St.: <u>http://eepurl.com/dB4s_j</u> 448 Medford St.: <u>http://eepurl.com/dB4sUf</u> 12 Quincy St.: <u>http://eepurl.com/dB4sBv</u> 23 Rush St: <u>http://eepurl.com/dB4smr</u> 80 Powderhouse Blvd: <u>http://eepurl.com/dB6XgD</u> 350 Mystic Ave.: <u>http://eepurl.com/dB6Xtf</u> 41 Thorndike St.: <u>http://eepurl.com/dB6XIP</u>

14 Pearl Street: http://eepurl.com/dB6XTP

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. <u>Continued cases will</u> <u>not be re-advertised</u>. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to <u>planning@somervillema.gov</u>.

Attest: George Proakis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 7/25/18 & 8/1/18

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 1, 2018 City of Somerville 93 Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02143 617-625-6600

On or about August 10, 2018 the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake projects under the Neighborhood Infrastructure Program which seek to stabilize and revitalize diverse neighborhoods by building communities of opportunity. Target areas for the project include East Somerville, Union Square and Central Broadway. Activities will include public improvements such as streetscapes, tree planting, sidewalks, street furnishings and ADA upgrades. The amount of CDBG funds for the program and activities is 226,000 dollars.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not included under this program notice when addresses become known. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this program is on file at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays:

Monday thru Wednesday: 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Thursday: 8:30AM to 7:30PM, and Friday: 8:30AM to 12:30PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. All comments received by August 9, 2018 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Somerville certifies to HUD that Joseph Curtatone in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Somerville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Somerville's certification for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD Office of Community Planning and Development at Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor of the City of Somerville

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AISO KNOWN AS:

Date of Death: October 12, 2017

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

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

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

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by 1) Michael Tokatlyan to demolish a c.1892 wood-frame stable and shed at **55 Prescott Street**; and 2) 346 Somerville Avenue LLC to demolish c. 1910 masonry commercial building at **344-346 Somerville Avenue**.

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#19-05

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

Purchasing and Re-furbishment of Benches and Barrels

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <u>http://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids</u> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after <u>08/01/2018</u>. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: <u>08/15/2018 12:00PM</u>. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year with 2 optional renewals from 08/20/2018 to 08/19/2019.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at <u>pwaditwar@somervillema.gov</u> for more information.

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

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FRIENDS OF THE **COMMUNITY GROWING CENTER** CPA 18 - 01

The Friends of the Community Growing Center invites sealed bids for:

Renovation of the Community Growing Center - Re-Bid 22 Vinal Ave, Somerville, MA 02143

Bid packages for may be obtained online at: https://tinyurl.com/y7dq5e4e beginning on Monday, July 30, 2018. An optional pre-bid site visit will be held on Tuesday, August 14, at 10am at the Growing Center on Vinal Ave. Hard copies are not available.

Sealed general bids will be received until Friday, August 24, 2018 at 11:00am. Late bids will not be considered. The Friends of the Community Growing Center reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in their sole judgment, the best interest of the FCGC would be served by so doing.

In general, the work includes demolition and removal of site improvements and plant materials, grading, fencing, paving, curbing, rough stone masonry, water and electrical service. The work also includes cooperation with the Somerville High School vocational classes, who will be constructing and installing wood and metal elements in coniunction with this work.

Please contact Andrew Leonard at 781-641-0750, or email aleonard@ leonarddesign.info for information and the bid package.

> Andrew Leonard Leonard Design Associates

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, August 13, 2018 in the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Olive, Viola, and Will Inc., d/b/a Delicious & Co., 233 Elm St., Somerville, MA for an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices License, Sunday Hours and Outdoor Patio Seating

> For the Commission Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, August 13, 2018 in the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of T.W. Productions, Inc. d/b/a T & B Pizza, 251-251A Washington St., Somerville, MA for an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices and Performers License, and Sunday Hours

> For the Commission Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek Administrative Assistant

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> For the Commission Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek Administrative Assistant

From on page 14 Ms. Cam's

Demolition days at Somerville High School

The demolition of Somerville High School's 1929 classroom wing has started, making way for the new construction to come. This is a big step toward the new Somerville High School, but perhaps a bittersweet moment for SHS alums. — Photos by Brad Hartman



OPENAIR Circus this weekend

The big top tent goes up again near Union Square, as OPE-NAIR Circus returns for its 33rd annual performances. Over 100 children, teens and adults will show off the circus skills they have learned over the summer, and indeed over the years. Tumbling toddlers, poi spinners, stilters of all ages, unicyclists, hula hoopers and much more.

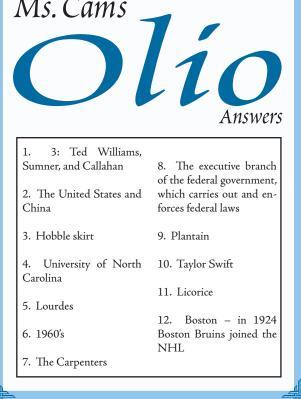
The circus will be at Nunziato Field (corner of Summer St and Vinal Ave, a few blocks from Union Sq.) on Friday, August 3, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, August 4. at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, August 5, at 2:00 p.m. Requested donation is \$3. Popcorn, refreshments, and circus items available.

This year's theme is Animals, so expect lions and chickens and bears, oh my!

For 33 years, (mostly) young people from Greater Somerville have developed their circus and leadership skills with OPENAIR at extremely affordable summer classes. For more details see: www.openaircircus.org.



UDPATE: Community Path section closed for repairs



As of July 30, the Buena Vista Rd. to Cambridge Line portion of the Community Path is expected to be closed for approximately three months during excavation. Detour routes available at www.somervillema.gov/detours.

This portion of the Community Path will undergo much-anticipated repairs to the drainage system and to a retaining wall to address recurring flooding issues and to improve safety along the path. Bicycle and pedestrian traffic will be detoured for approximately three months as crews excavate in this area. Detour routes can be found at www.somervillema.gov/CommunityPathClosure and temporary signage will be posted along this section of the path.

In total, the project is expected to last through early September, and the path will be repaved to a final condition in November, though an interim pavement layer will be installed at the completion of the project for the duration of the winter. The project will include replacement of catch basins as well as installation of new sections of drain pipe along this section of the Path. Additionally, the retaining wall in this area will be upgraded during construction. Work hours for this project will be Monday

through Friday, 7:00 a.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. While work is being conducted to the retaining wall on the south side of the path, contractors do not anticipate needing access to private properties, though all abutters will be notified prior to the start of work in November. If you have questions about impacts to your property, contact the Somerville Engineering Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 5400. For more information and updates about this project, visit www.somervillema.gov/CommunityPathClosure.

— City of Somerville

•••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|August 1

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

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

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

Thursday August 2

SOMERMOVIE FEST Grease (1978) Dusk| Nathan Tufts Park|850 Broadway| free

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

Meeting 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Middle School Summer Writers' Den 5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library Lego Club at East! 2 p.m.-5 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library Lego Club! 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday August 3

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

East Branch Library Good CRAFTernoon:Pet Rocks! 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Sunday August 5

'Seize the Summer' at Somer-Streets on Holland St. 2 - 6 p.m.|between Davis Sq and Teele Sq on Holland St

Monday|August 6

Central Library Kidstock Theater: Little Red & the Three Bears 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Middle School Summer Writers' Den' 5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday August 7

National Night Out 5 p.m.|Foss Park

West Branch Library

Wednesday|August 1

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

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

p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's Pub 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

6045 **Thunder Road** Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Arts at the Armory Star Struck - Cirque Us! 2 pm/7 p.m/Performance Hall Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.7/Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday August 2

Sally O'Brien's BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Billy Dodge Moody CD Release Show w/ Special Guests, Lacy Kay & The Righteous Liars|7 p.m. Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Thunder Road Andy Timmons (Danger Danger), Travis Larson Band 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Cassidy and the Orleans Kids 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Friday August 3

Sally O'Brien's Busted Jug |6 p.m. Melt, Billy Conors Project, The Bordens|9:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series with Tom Watershed Association|6 p.m. Skyfoot, SixFoxWhiskey|9 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Flamenco Boston 9:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Hot & Bothered Podcast 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|10 p.m. 255 Elm St

Saturday|August 4

Sally O'Brien's Stan Martin Band |6 p.m. Muck & The Mires, Gala, Tigerbomb \$10 cover|9:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Mickelson, Carlin Tripp|7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Thunder Road Christian Lopez Band, The Day-Breakers 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. 14 Tyler Street

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

Arts at the Armory Dire Literary Series 7p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday August 5

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Natural Wonders|4:30 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. Lindsey Sampson Album Release! With special guests, Gentle Temper, Tory Silver and Hope & Things|7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Bull McCabe's Pub 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road Porter & Sayles 7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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

The Rockwell Smoke & Shadows Burlesque and Variety Show: Noir 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Tuesday|August 7

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. Sharon Shannon| 2 shows|7 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **PJ Ryan's** Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-

625-8200 Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co Indie Trivia

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

Smut Slam 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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Bow Street Market

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

Thursday|August 2

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

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

East Branch Library Drop In Craft Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library Opening Reception: the Rose Collection 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Friday|August 3

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

East Branch Library Book Group 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday|August 4

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

Central Library Comedy Writers Group 2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Bagel Bards

Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

Sunday|August 5

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

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

East Branch Library Paws to Read! 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library Science Tellers Wild West: The Mystery of the Golden Piano 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday August 8

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

Central Library

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

MUSIC|ARTS

Bianchi Jessa Potts, Album Release Show!|7 p.m. Closing Time|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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Aeronaut Brewing Co. BYOP: The Late Risers|Blue Ribbon Healers 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Brew Haha 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday August 6

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. p.....

Alien Ultrasound, Tupelo Junction|7 p.m.

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Young Frontier 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday|August 1

Chair Yoga- Final Session 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Monday August 6

East Branch Library

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

Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Wednesday|August 8

Central Library Listening Circle Workshop 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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

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

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

Christmas Gift Glass Art with Linda Cohen – Tuesdays, October 16, 23 and 30 at our Holland Street Center. Class size is limited. All supplies will be provided. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 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.

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Caregiver Support Group – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional info please call Ashley at 617-625Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilities this group. A fun, safe, social group to discuss women's issues and growing older. Next date: December 26th - For more info, please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H) Wednesdays:

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

Caller" Program.

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

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.

Walmart & Jimmy's Steer House – Wednesday, August 22 - \$10 – Check in time is 10:00 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 3:00 p.m. Shop at Walmart – eat at Jimmy's. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Howie Conley & The Memory Laners – Tuesday, August 28 - \$10 per person due at time of reservation. A special lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the performance at 1:00 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. 6600 Ext. 2318.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Paterna family celebrates 50th anniversary



On Saturday July 28, Salvatore ("Tori") and Susanne Paterna celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Boston's Seaport Hotel. Tori, now retired, formerly owned and operated John Solomon's Inc. on Somerville Avenue in Somerville. Until retirement, Tori and Susanne lived on Baily Road, in Somerville's Ten Hills neighborhood. They recently moved to New Hampshire and keep a winter home in Florida. Happy 50th wedding anniversary Tori and Sue!

Photo Left to Right: First Row – Sal Paterna's First cousin, Somerville Attorney Francis D. Privitera (formerly of Temple Road, Somerville) and first cousin Margaret DiMare still living of Temple Road. Second Row: Toni-Ann Privitera formerly of Temple Road; Sal "Tori" Paterna and Susanne Paterna, formerly of Bailey Road; and Paterna's Second cousin, Somerville Attorney Philip Privitera, also formerly of Temple Road, Somerville. The entire family relocated to Somerville's Ten Hills in a last ditch effort to remain together as a family, after being victims of Boston's Eminent Domain takings in the Old West End neighborhood.

Rally to End Family Separation

The Somerville Children's Defense Fund Freedom School will march to City Hall and hold a rally to support Keeping Families Together from 12-1pm on Wednesday, March 8. Over 100 students ranging from kindergarten to high school will march with community leaders and their families in protest of family separation policies.

Children's Defense Fund, headquartered in Washington, DC, is one of the leading children's advocacy organizations in the United States.

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris

Classic Movie Nights start Thursday



For the month of August, Somerville Media Center brings you Cinema Somerville Outdoor Movies: CLASSICS.

Cinema Somerville is a popup movie series, free to the public and family friendly. All these movies are held at The Somerville Community Growing Center, 22 Vinal Ave.

These outdoor movie screenings start at 7:30 p.m. with a BYOPicnic and will play at 8:30 p.m. (dusk). Seating is limited; moviegoers are encouraged to bring their own portable seats, blankets, and lawn chairs.

AUGUST LINEUP:

- Thursday, Aug 2nd: Buster Keaton's "The General" (1926)
- + Thursday, Aug 9th: "The Little Shop of Horrors" (1960)
- Thursday, Aug 16th: Charlie Chaplin Marathon
- Thursday, Aug 23rd: Classic and Retro Cartoons and Commercials

For more information on Cinema Somerville, please visit www.somervillemedia.org or call 617.628.8826. In case of inclement weather, movie night will be cancelled. Check website or social media for up-to-date information.





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Wednesday, August 8

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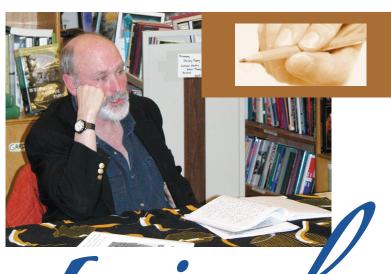
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The Grolier Poetry Festival:

The Certain Magic that Happens When Collective Poetry and Arts Performances Gather Together in a Public Space



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The Grolier Poetry Festival went on, as scheduled, on Saturday June 2, 2018, from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. Poets, musicians, dancers, and actors performed for a rapt audience, under the sun and an occasional light rain. During the light rain, Stage Manager James Fraser was found onstage, holding an umbrella or two over the performers, and in one case, a harp. Some remarked that the light rain only added to the magic of the day – the magic that occurs when so much talent and creativity comes together in one glorious space, with an open and receptive audience.

The Poetry Festival opened with the dynamic scene selections from Romeo and Juliet, performed by the The Young Company at Greater Boston Stage Company, followed by a poetry reading for children, by poet X.J. Kennedy, reflecting the Grolier's commitment to providing engaging programming for children. David Ferry was the first in an impressive lineup of poets, followed by Lloyd Schwartz, Gail Mazur, Kathleen Spivack and many other notable poets. Dramatic performances were presented by Jim Vrabel and Michael Mack. Sounds in Bloom performed, with Dennis Shafer playing the saxophone while Diana Norma Szokolyai read her poetry. Audrey Harrer, a harpist, also performed. Readings from poets published by the Grolier Poetry Press were held, including excerpts from Tino Villanueva's book So Spoke Penelope, followed by Grolier Poetry Press poets X.J.Kennedy and Partridge Boswell. Joe Burgio presented Ensemble Inedit: Poetry, Song and Dance. Dancers Katerine Gagnon and Ofri Rieger, and musicians John Voigt and Walter Wright performed to poems by Hector de Saint-Denys Garneau and Todros Abulafia. The Grolier also paid homage to their dear longtime friend, Donald Hall, who just weeks later passed away. Lloyd Schwartz and Joyce Peseroff read excerpts from Donald Hall's essays and poems, and poems by Donald Hall's late wife Jane Kenyon. The conclusion was magnificent: A video presentation of George Emlen's musical composition of Ifeanyi Menkiti's poem Before a Common Soil, performed by the Revels chorus and musicians. The dramatic music filled the streets, while the sun was beginning to set.

celebration for their 90th year, with so much positive feedback and hope expressed that the Grolier would plan another poetry festival, both Ifeanyi Menkiti, Director and Proprietor, and Francine LaChance, Festival Producer and Director will be exploring the possibility of other poetry festivals in the coming years.

On the importance of sharing poetry and performances at the Poetry Festival, outside of the Grolier, on Plympton Street, in Harvard Square, Ifeanyi Menkiti remarked: "When a brilliant moon is shining, and kinsmen gather together in the public square, to watch the moon under an Iroko tree, a tree with very hard wood that is tall and strong, and tell stories to one another and recount history there is a certain power to it. Everybody can see that moon from his or her own private back yard, but when kinsmen and women, in this case, the poetry and arts communities, gather together in a public space, celebrating, watching the moon together, there is a certain power to this collective experience, another dimension is introduced, that is magical."

Along with celebrating our 90th year, the Grolier has recommitted to our mission of keeping poetry alive, expanding programming, and providing many more opportunities for poets and performers to gather together. The Festival is one such example, and more collaborations with other art forms and cultural organizations will follow. We are developing an educational book discussion on Richard III, the play the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company will perform on the Boston Common, from July 17 - August 5. We are planning an event with Robert Perkins, who creates art work in response to poetry by many of our poet friends. We are in discussion with Ivy Moylan, Executive Director of the Brattle Theatre, who is interested in creating a Friday Night Stroll with us, which would include several additional arts and cultural organizations in Harvard Square to participate. The following events are being planned with poets: 2018 Poetry Pulitzer Prize winner Frank Bidart, Robert Pinsky, David Ferry, Peter Balakian, Robert Perkins, Lloyd Schwartz, and many more. We will also premiere Olivia (Weiying) Huang's documentary of the Grolier. We will be releasing a comprehensive list of ad-

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at Santa Fe Community College until her retirement in 2016. Her awards include the Santa Fe Mayor's award for Excellence in the Arts, the Poetry Gratitude Award from New Mexico Literary Arts, and a Lannan Foundation residency in Marfa, Texas.

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moon in the serene sky of autumn

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a habit of survival, coffee drips, the neighbor steals--collects-the honey and shares it golden in a glass jar

famous poets die along with the ones who actually were my friends

— Miriam Sagan

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