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# Local and international artists to paint new public, city murals



Artist Marka27, who lives in Cambridge, will create a mural in Union Square. — Photo courtesy of Marka27

By Shira Laucharoen

Colorful murals created by internationally acclaimed artists will deck the outer walls of storefronts in East Somerville and Union Square. Through a mini festival produced by the Somerville Arts Council, three artists, Evaristo Angurria, David Zayas, and Victor "Marka27" Quinonez, will paint the murals from August 21 to 31.

The idea for the project came out of a request by Mayor Curtatone in 2017, calling for more public artwork. Special events manager for the Somerville Arts Council Nina Eichner said that Curtatone had been supportive of the Council's festivals but was interested in having more physical public art that would be "less ephemeral." The city put out a call and selected both local and international artists who would be able to highlight their own cultural heritages and reflect the diversity of

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# Attack of the non-native invasive plants

By Jim Clark

According to the City of Somerville and specialists in this field, invasive plant species, such as black swallow-wort (BSW), can interfere with monarch butterfly reproduction.

Monarch butterflies help pollinate other plants, so a healthy population is important. If you have black swallow-wort in your yard, now is a good time to get rid of it before its seeds drop.

However, the Somerville UrbanAg Blog emphasize that "not all non-native plants are invasive plants. Invasive plant species are a problem because they interfere with native landscapes as well as the intentional landscapes in our gardens and parks. As the USDA puts it, '...not all exotic species are considered harmful. Non-native plants are fundamental to our lifestyle – most of our food crops, such as potatoes and wheat, are not native to the United States. Invasive species, however, are exotic

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The proliferation of black swallow-wort in the region has been linked to a decline in reproduction of monarch butterflies, thus inhibiting vital pollination of other plants.

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Tonight, **Wednesday, August 22**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at **Sally O'Brien's** on Somerville Avenue, Union Square, **Mayor Joe Curtatone** and **former Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay** invite all to a reception for **Jimmy Tingle**, who is a candidate for Lt. Governor. Suggested contributions from \$50, \$100, \$250 & \$500. For more information, contact the Tingle committee at 617-441-0522.

**This Sunday** at the **VNA** on Alewife Brook Parkway, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., the **Democratic Committee** will be hosting a meeting with **Congressman Mike Capuano**. To those newer residents of the city, Mike has been our congressman for 18 years or so now, and prior to that he served as mayor of Somerville. He was an outstanding mayor, and when he said something it was so, not like some of these political figures of today.

Every now and then we like to upgrade our paper, give it a new look, and stay abreast of new online technologies. We will soon be offering an **online subscription** of the paper. Plus, we will be putting out some new boxes, adding to our present locations right here in **Somerville** and over in **Medford**. A new look for the print addition is also coming soon.

How many **residents in the city** have been ticketed by the city for overgrown weeds? We were driving down Walnut St. to the intersection of Broadway, when on the left at the fire house, we spotted a huge run of overgrown weeds running along the fence of the next door driveway. Apparently, the city's property is exempt from cleaning up. Where is that **DPW commissioner Stan Koty**? Is he on vacation again? Why doesn't the city set an example and clean it up? Does **Inspectional Services** exempt city owned property?

Our international mayor, **Joe Curtatone**, is back from **El Salvador** where he was checking out the landscape or whatever. We're not sure. Some are saying – we know it can't be true – that maybe he's getting new voters? Anyway, he's upset lately with the owner of **Sam Adams Brewery** of

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: Protect our urban forest

**LindaS** says:  
I agree heartily that we need some way to preserve our trees and green spaces here in Somerville. I'm sick of seeing construction here as it is, and being told that it's for our benefit, while at the same time hearing from the very people who permit this to happen that we need more green space here because it's at a minimum.  
Somerville simply does not need to become another Boston or Cambridge. We don't need more high-rise buildings. We used to be just a friendly town that had something unique to offer. We cannot say we are unique anymore when we have trendy shops, "specialty" bakeries and designer stores similar to Newbury Street. Our uniqueness is fading. Before long, we will be indistinguishable from our larger neighbors.  
What we should be is a city that offers more parks and open spaces, so that those who live and come here can enjoy a respite from the busy day-to-day lives they lead. We can't call ourselves a "bike-friendly" or "pedestrian-friendly" city when those who do walk or bike have to contend with everything a busy city has to deal with.  
There are complaints about cars, yet we strive to add more bikes and pedestrians to the mix. Cars aren't going away, especially if more people move into the city to live.  
We are becoming more crowded by the moment. Our officials need to open up our areas, not fill them in with more buildings, and then have the nerve to complain that we are running out of trees and green spaces.  
I hope the Mayor and our local officials will consider that if we need to be a city that is a leader in something environmentally positive, then the first thing should be preserving the trees and open areas we have, and try to encourage more cities to do more than just recycling and banning damaging substances.  
Let us have our uniqueness once more, and be known for something other than the same cookie-cutter shops and condos that other big cities have.

**Andrew** says:  
Thank you for this insight. I did not realize the extent of the science behind the grown vs. new trees and how the apples to oranges tree-for-tree replacement schemes are having a net negative impact on our environment. Please keep up the advocacy and information to protect our neighborhood!

**Dan Flynn** says:  
This is a call to action that our Alderfolk and mayor should pay attention to. If there is any reason why the Urban Forestry Committee remains un-seated, a year after being created, we should know what that is.  
We have a goal of net zero change in carbon emissions (carbon neutrality, see https://www.somervillema.gov/sustainaville/carbon-neutral-goal by 2050). A net zero loss of native tree biomass should be the minimum we should strive for with our urban forests.

### Response to: Back in the Ville

**Bobbie** says:  
Welcome back and looking forward to reading more!  
**Robin Legee** says:  
Welcome back. Look forward to your articles

### Response to: Soaring Through the Matrix

**Christopher** says:  
Will be remembered. Dub Frequency was an epic valiant radio program. When the closest thing to the internet, was college radio. Magnus was an important avatar.

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John Connolly



Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

Welcome to Somerville



Somerville is a great big melting pot with a mixture of all kinds of different people, all ages, cultures and groups. We have folks moving here from other countries, transplanted newcomers, and of course, the lifers.

Lifers are those who have been lucky enough to be able to stay in the houses their parents bought in the 50s and 60s and 70s for prices that are now equal to some monthly rents in parts of Somerville and surrounding areas. Lifers are also dyed in the wool Somerville people who grew up here and now either bought or rent because they still love this city.

The families who have held onto their homes are a dwindling bunch. Two lifelong friends and neighbors of mine recently cashed out and moved. One bought in Florida and the other in Stoneham. Both places offered more bang for the buck. I hear many say that Somerville ain't even Somerville anymore. Unfortunately, things change. Some for the better some not so much. Old regime being replaced by new. Nothing stays the same.

A common gripe I hear is “nobody can afford to live in

Somerville anymore.” I was in Davis Square on Sunday and the place was mobbed. Obviously, a lot of people live here. Whether they can afford it or not is a different story.

My Somerville is packed with people paying their bills and taxes and just trying to live a quality life. Most of my Somerville High School graduating class of 1971 turned 65 years old this year. Some live week to week and hand to mouth, while some are living high off the hog. Some prepared better than others, but we are all doing our best to be healthy and happy. That's what adds to our diversity. I'm a senior now on a “fixed” income. The government “fixed” it so they take what they want and leave us to budget our “golden years.”

"Obviously, a lot of people live here"

The crowd in Davis Square on Sunday afternoon around 3:00 p.m. was a potpourri of parents with kids, young people with various vibrant colors of hair, and a .... man bun or two (great if you're going for that old librarian look).

I was stopped at a red light in front of the Somerville Theatre as a musician was finishing

a song. No one clapped, except me. But I didn't clap like a normal person. I had to clap really loud so that everybody looked over to see what the commotion was. It's common decency to clap (can you tell I'm a musician?).

My Davis Square, with its deteriorating sidewalks and crosswalks, now takes a back seat to Assembly Row (with no traffic lights or crossing lights) and Union Square, the new priority.

I hope the new crop of A-Men don't forget the little people.

Friendly Safety Tip: When you are walking down the street with headphones on (or earbuds or whatever the kids call them) make sure the vehicle sees you, acknowledges you, and STOPS before you walk off the sidewalk and into the crosswalk. Just the fact that you are in a crosswalk does not automatically make an oncoming vehicle stop. Drivers

are just as preoccupied as walkers. They are texting, listening to music, eating, but least of all, paying attention.

Driving through Somerville is getting tougher for me. It's tough because I'm a nut that has to beep and wave and yell out the window at all the friends I see all over the city, while trying to drive safely. And please – please watch out for motorcycles and bicycles. Go Sox!

STATE PRIMARY

CITY OF SOMERVILLE



OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Ordered:

The Board of Election Commissioners is hereby directed to cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed by law that meetings of the qualified voters of this city, members of the Democratic, Libertarian and Republican Parties will be held in the several polling places which have been designated by said Board for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places are located as follows, namely for;

In Board of Aldermen

WARD ONE

- Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street;
- Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street – Glen Street Entrance;
- Precinct 3. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street – Glen Street Entrance;

WARD TWO

- Precinct 1. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;
- Precinct 2. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St;
- Precinct 3. A room in the LOWELL STREET FIRE STATION, 651 Somerville Avenue;

WARD THREE

- Precinct 1. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;
- Precinct 2. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;
- Precinct 3. A room in the DANTE CLUB, 5 Dante Terrace;

WARD FOUR

- Precinct 1. A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;
- Precinct 2. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;
- Precinct 3. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

WARD FIVE

- Precinct 1. A room in the DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, 1 Franey Road;
- Precinct 2. A room in the BROWN SCHOOL, 201 Willow Ave - Kidder Ave Entrance;
- Precinct 3. A room in the ENGINE 7 FIRE STATION, 265 Highland Avenue;

WARD SIX

- Precinct 1. A room in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, 5 Cherry St. - Sartwell Ave Entrance;
- Precinct 2. A room in the SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 31 College Avenue;
- Precinct 3. A room in the HOLY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 14 Chapel Street;

WARD SEVEN

- Precinct 1. A room in the SENIOR CENTER, TAB BUILDING, 167 Holland Street;
- Precinct 2. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, 177 Powder House Blvd – Raymond Ave, Entrance
- Precinct 3. VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

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- A Candidate for Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth
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- A Candidate for Auditor of the Commonwealth
- A Candidate for Representative in Congress for the Seventh Congressional District,
- A Candidate for Governor's Council for the Sixth Councillor District,
- A Candidate for Senator in General Court for the Second Middlesex District,
- A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Sixth Middlesex District, (To be voted for in all Precincts of Ward One and in Ward Two Precinct One)
- A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Seventh Middlesex District, (To be voted for in Ward Two Precincts Two and Three and all Precincts of Wards Three, Five and Six)
- A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Thirty-Fourth Middlesex District, (To be voted for in all Precincts of Wards Four and Seven)
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- A Candidate for Clerk of Courts Middlesex County
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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Car burglar packs plenty of knives – and weed

Police officers were dispatched to a Whipple St. location last Wednesday of reports of a motor vehicle break-in in progress. The suspect, later identified as Jonathon Denning, of Boston, was armed with a knife and was attempting to flee on foot towards Davis Square on the bike path. The victim, along with his sons, were following Denning on foot. The officers, while en route, were advised that the suspect and victim were outside the College Ave. T station.

Upon arrival, the officers exited their cruiser and ordered Denning to show him his hands. After being handcuffed, police asked Denning if he pulled a knife on anyone. Denning reportedly shouted that he was defending himself and that he wrapped the knife in a white towel and threw it in the barrel that was behind him. Denning also reportedly stated that he had another knife in his waistband and several other knives in his backpack, along with two ounces of marijuana.

The officers retrieved the knives from the backpack and secured the knife from Denning's waistband. Denning was bleeding from a laceration on his hand which he suffered while trying to close his knife. Police also observed a laceration to the victim's left hand. The officers called in an EMS unit to have Denning and the victim evaluated for their injuries. Officers retrieved the knife that was wrapped in the white towel from the barrel and placed it in an evidence box.

One of the victim's sons reportedly told police that he had gone outside to his dad's car when he observed Denning sitting in the driver's seat. He said that he approached the vehicle and tried to hold the door shut and started yelling for his dad and brother to call the police. Denning was reportedly able to crawl out of the vehicle from the passenger side. The son then grabbed onto Denning by his backpack and pinned him against the vehicle, causing Denning to drop several items which

he had taken from the vehicle. Denning reportedly broke free and opened a knife that he was holding in his hand. Denning swung the knife towards the victim, cutting him on his left hand. It was then that the chase to the T station occurred. Denning was subsequently placed under arrest and on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, possession of a class C drug, and drug possession to distribute.

### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

**Jonathon Denning**, of 47 West St., Boston, August 15, 11:52 a.m., arrested at Whipple St. on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, assault and battery with a dangerous

weapon, possession of a class C drug, and drug possession to distribute.  
**Michael O'Leary**, of 38 Dickenson St., August 17, 3:07 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on multiple charges of misdemeanor breaking and

entering, receiving stolen property under \$1200, and attempt to commit a crime.  
**George Mikhael**, of 299 Curve St., Dedham, August 17, 8:22 p.m., arrested at Boston Ave. on multiple warrant charges of malicious wanton

defacement of property and larceny over \$1200.  
**Matthew Splaine**, of 62 Clarendon Ave., Cambridge, August 18, 10:47 p.m., arrested at Shore Dr. on charges of drug violation near a school or park, drug possession to distribute,

and resisting arrest.  
**Abdul Ahmed**, of 1370 Broadway, August 19, 6:37 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of armed and masked robbery, armed robbery, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

## Attack of the non-native invasive plants

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organisms that have gone beyond being useful and have become harmful. There are some benefits to all species - but invasive species do more harm than good." The blog also points out that many invasive plants, such as Japanese barberry or Norway maples are actually illegal to sell in Massachusetts, and the city does not plant invasive species in its parks and open spaces. In addition, the blog states that though native to Southwestern and Northern Europe, BSW is easy to find in Somerville. A member of the same plant family as the milkweeds native to New England, BSW grows rapidly and aggressively, covering other vegetation and taking over urban fences as well as rural woodlands. BSW is aggressive and harmful in a variety of ways: it releases biochemicals into the soil that prevent the establishment of other plant species. Its seeds are carried

on the wind or transported by water; its roots are toxic to some mammals; and, its plants toxic to many insect larvae. According to the blog post, awareness has grown about BSW in recent years and a number of folks have committed to pulling and properly disposing of the noxious weed. Both the Somerville Garden Club and the Cambridge Pod Patrol have been working to eradicate BSW. You can help them by getting involved in their events, pulling BSW in your yard and, if you want to help the monarchs, replacing them with the native milkweeds. You can find a list of Massachusetts invasive species here: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/invasive-plants>. The full Somerville UrbanAg Blog post can be found at <http://somervilleurbanag.tumblr.com/post/177099083348/not-all-non-native-plants-are-invasive-plants>.



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# Local and international artists to paint new public, city murals

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Somerville and its residents.

“We were very impressed by their work. They all have a large amount of international experience and each have a unique style and vision,” said Eichner. “They use their cultural backgrounds and upbringings as inspiration for their work. They have themes and ideas that they

often work with, and you can see threads throughout their work that link them. But they’re always different and were chosen because they fit Somerville best.”

While the final designs of the murals will be left as a surprise, to be revealed after completion, the three artists all use the “street art” style, employing a mix of

spray paint and exterior wall paint. Angurria, originally from the Dominican Republic, is known for his portraits of women wearing hair curlers. Zayas, hailing from Puerto Rico, typically portrays children, women, and animals. Marka27, who lives in Cambridge, develops work influenced by Mexican folklore and hip-hop culture, playing with the ideas of race, culture, and design. The new murals will be featured on the outsides of the Taco Loco, Ola Café, and Urban Axes buildings.

“They use their cultural backgrounds and upbringings as inspiration for their work”



Artist Evaristo Angurria, from the Dominican Republic, will paint a public mural in East Somerville, working from August 21-31. — Photo courtesy of Angurria



David Zayas, an artist from Puerto Rican, will create contemporary street art in East Somerville. — Photo courtesy of David Zayas

“We were finding walls that were the right size and shape in neighborhoods where the art would be visible, in main squares or thoroughfares of the city,” said Eichner. “We are hoping to continue to do murals so more people can see them and generate more discussion and conversation.”

On August 26, the artists will participate in a meet and greet at the Somerville Media Center, followed by a celebration with music and food by the Union Square mural. On August 30, there will be a parade, led by local Brazilian band and activist group Grooversity, and a chance to see the two East Somerville murals.



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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators and representatives’ votes on recent roll calls on overriding Gov. Charlie Baker’s vetoes of items in the \$41.88 billion fiscal 2019 state budget.

**\$100,000 FOR MACULAR DEGENERATION PREVENTION AND TREATMENT (H 4800)**

House 127-23, Senate 32-5, overrode Gov. Charlie Baker’s veto reduction of \$100,000 (from \$200,000 to \$100,000) in funding for the prevention and treatment of macular degeneration at Schepens Eye Research Institute and \$50,000 (from \$100,000 to \$50,000) in funding for education and support of patients diagnosed with phenylketonuria (PKU) and their families at the New England Connection for PKU and Allied Disorders.

Macular degeneration is an incurable eye disease that affects more than 10 million Americans and is the leading cause of blindness for people aged 55 and older. The cause of macular degeneration is not conclusively known.

PKU is a rare, inherited condition that affects about one in every 14,000 babies born in the United States. PKU prevents a victim’s body from metabolizing phenylalanine -- one of the amino acids that are joined together to form proteins. “When the infant or adult is untreated or poorly treated, phenylalanine rises to high levels in the blood and can damage the brain by causing mental retardation, seizures, learning disabilities and emotional problems,” according to the New England Connection for PKU and Allied Disorders website.

Supporters of spending the funds said the funding is important to these groups and that it may lead to a cure and a way to prevent these diseases.

In his veto message, Baker said he struck language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended.

(A “Yes” vote is for the funding. A “No” vote is against it.)

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

**\$500,000 FOR CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (H 4800)**

House 126-24, Senate 29-8, overrode Gov. Baker’s \$500,000 veto reduction (from \$5.5 million to \$5 million) in funding for the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in North Grafton. Some of the funds would be used to support bioterrorism prevention by studying diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans.

Supporters of spending the \$500,000 said that the funding is important to Cummings and its four-year academic programs which offer a degree in veterinary medicine. They noted that the school conducts groundbreaking research that benefits animals and people and also has hospitals that treat an estimated 28,000 animals annually ranging from cats and dogs to pet rabbits, parrots, iguanas and fish.

In his veto message, Baker said that he reduced the funding to an amount projected to be necessary. Some opponents questioned whether the state should be providing millions of dollars to a private university.

(A "Yes" vote is for spending the \$500,000. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

**\$150,000 FOR CHILDREN’S ORAL HEALTH (H 4800)**

House 123-26, Senate 35-1, overrode Gov. Baker’s \$150,000 million veto reduction (from \$300,000 to \$150,000) in funding for the Forsyth Institute’s Center for Children’s Oral Health to expand the Forsyth Kids program focused on children and adolescents and to study the emerging association between oral health status and academic performance.

“The program brings preventive dental care to Massachusetts children of all ages at schools, day care centers, neighborhood facilities, summer camps and public events,” according to Forsyth’s website. “For more than a decade, Forsyth Kids has helped tens of thousands of children throughout Massachusetts receive preventive dental care.”

Supporters of spending the \$150,000 said that tooth decay is the most common childhood disease in the U.S. and noted that dental disease can lead to long-term health problems, pain, lack of focus in school, eating and speaking problems and low self-esteem.

In his veto message, Baker said that he reduced the funding to an amount projected to be necessary.

(A "Yes" vote is for spending the \$150,000. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

**\$250,000 FOR STROKE PROGRAMS (H 4800)**

House 149-0, Senate 31-5 overrode Gov. Baker’s \$250,000 veto reduction (from \$500,000 to \$250,000) for stroke treatment and prevention programs including a \$100,000 reduction in funding to educate the public on the signs and symptoms of stroke with a focus on communities that have the highest incidence of stroke.

Baker also reduced by \$100,000 funding to require all primary stroke service hospitals and emergency medical services’ agencies to report data consistent with nationally recognized guidelines on the treatment of individuals with strokes; and reduced by \$50,000 the funding to oversee the operation and administration of designated primary stroke service hospital programs that meet strict guidelines for treating individuals with stroke symptoms.

Supporters of spending the \$250,000 said these programs can help prevent strokes and save lives.

In his veto message, Baker said that he reduced the funding to an amount projected to be necessary.

(A "Yes" vote is for spending the \$250,000. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**MBTA BUSES WOULD HONOR ROSA PARKS EVERY FEBRUARY**

– The House approved a Senate-approved bill that would require all MBTA buses to annually honor Rosa Parks on their LED display or on a decal in the front left window during Black History Month of February.

In 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama, Parks refused to move to the back of the bus and give up her seat to a white passenger. Her refusal led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the integration of public transportation in Montgomery and the modern civil rights movement. She was jailed for refusing to give up her seat and lost her job for participating in the boycott.

Additional approval is necessary in each branch prior to the measure going to Gov. Baker.

**ALZHEIMER’S (H 4817)** - Gov. Baker signed into law a bill requiring the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to conduct an assessment of all state programs that address Alzheimer’s disease and to create and maintain an integrated state plan to address and assist in the treatment of Alzheimer’s. The ceremonial signing took place during an event at the Alzheimer’s Association in Waltham.

Other provisions require that all protective service case-workers receive training on recognizing signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s; require that all doctors, physician’s assistants and nurses who serve adult populations complete a one-time course of training on diagnosis, treatment and care of people with Alzheimer’s; require hospitals to create and implement an operational plan for the recognition of patients with Alzheimer’s and dementia and treatment for those patients; and require physicians to report an initial diagnosis of Alzheimer’s to a member of a patient’s family (or a personal representative) and provide the family with information about understanding the diagnosis, creating care plans, and accessing medical and non-medical treatment options.

“Today marks the final step in Massachusetts’ journey towards reversing the course of the public health crisis that is Alzheimer’s disease,” said Rep. Danielle Gregoire (D-Marlborough), House Chair of the Committee on Elder Affairs. “I am so proud that Massachusetts will lead the country yet again with this comprehensive legislation that addresses not only those suffering from this disease but also their caregivers and healthcare providers.”

“Almost everyone we meet these days has a personal connection to Alzheimer’s as thousands of seniors and younger adults suffer from the disease across our commonwealth,” said Sen. Barbara L’Italien (D-Andover), whose late mother Claire Sullivan L’Italien died from Alzheimer’s last April. “For me it was my mom, who lived in our home with us for seven of the last ten years of her life as she struggled with Alzheimer’s. Navigating her diagnosis and care taught me just how difficult it can be even for the most informed families ...Today, we are making Massachusetts a national leader for those families.”

**OPIOIDS (H 4866)** – In another ceremonial signing, Gov. Baker signed a bill aimed at combatting the opioid problem in the Bay State by addressing opioid addiction,



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prevention and treatment.

The measure establishes a statewide standing order for Narcan, expanding access to this opioid overdose-reversing drug without an individual prescription; establishes a statewide program to provide remote consultations with primary care practices, nurse practitioners and other healthcare providers for persons over the age of 17 experiencing chronic pain; establishes a community-based behavioral health promotion and prevention trust fund to promote positive mental, emotional and behavioral health among children and young adults and to prevent substance use disorders among children and young adults; and establishes a center for police training in crisis intervention to serve as a clearinghouse for best practices in police response to people with mental illness and substance use disorders.

Other provisions require most prescriptions for controlled substances be provided electronically; permit a patient to partially fill a prescription for a schedule II substance and return to the original dispensing pharmacy for the remaining amount of the prescription and prohibit the use of drug coupons for opiate drugs.

“Despite efforts to suppress the opioid crisis, families across the Commonwealth continue to lose their loved ones to substance use disorder,” said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), Senate Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. “This legislation builds upon the work the state has done around opioid misuse and prevention and provides another set of tools to reduce harm, save lives and increase access to evidence-based treatment. We have a major epidemic on our hands and we have to use everything at our disposal to cure this disease.”

“With this legislation, Massachusetts continues its national leadership in combatting the disease of addiction and the opioid epidemic,” said Rep. Denis Garlick (D-Needham), House Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. “It lays the foundation for a 21st-century behavioral health system and puts in place strong prevention measures that will help stop this crisis from spreading to future generations and strengthens the provider’s abilities to expand treatment to help individuals, families and communities that are struggling with this disease.”

**QUOTABLE QUOTES – By the Numbers Edition.**

\$7 million — *The amount Massachusetts teachers earned hosting short-term rentals through Airbnb in 2017.*

9.5 percent — *The return on investment for the state’s \$72 billion pension investment fund in fiscal 2018.*

2,016 — *The number of opioid-related deaths in the Bay State in 2017.*

4th — *The ranking of Massachusetts General Hospital on the U.S. News and World Report’s latest ranking of the best hospitals in America.*

81 — *As of August 16, the number of days left until the 2018 General Election.*

3 — *Number of Green Party statewide candidates that will appear on the November ballot. (Secretary of State, Auditor and Treasurer)*

**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 August 13-17, the House met for a total of 43 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 46 minutes.

Mon. August 13	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.
Tues. August 14	No House session. No Senate session
Wed. August 15	No House session. No Senate session
Thurs. August 16	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:36 a.m.
Fri. August 17	No House session No Senate session

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

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
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

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72336230	228 Willow Ave U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h 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 bath Townhouse	40	\$999,000	\$1,005,678
72315410	1 Perkins Place U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	9	\$999,000	\$985,000
72311788	6 Spring St U:1	9 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	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



# Dartmouth College honors Somerville attorney

By Francis J. Kautz, Esq.

On Thursday, August 16, Dartmouth College held a dinner honoring Somerville Attorney Philip J. Privitera. Privitera earned both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree from Dartmouth, and remains an active Dartmouth Alumnus serving on the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) Alumni Council.

Dr. Donald E. Pease, Jr., Dartmouth's Ted and Helen Geisel Third Century Professor in the Humanities, opened the dinner. Dr. Pease spoke for nearly 15 minutes about Privitera's various contributions, including his work in the community through the Massachusetts Freemasons. Privitera is a District Officer whose district includes Arlington, Medford, Watertown, and Somerville, specifically King Solomon's Lodge on Somerville's Highland Avenue.

Privitera visits the East Somerville Community School annually and, through the Masonic Angel Fund, donates money to subsidize the purchase of holiday gifts for Somerville families in need. On September 22, 2018, Privitera will be honored in Santa Ana,



L to R: Dartmouth Guarini School Dean F. Jon Kull, Dr. Don Pease, Phil Privitera, Dean Lee Coffin, and Payton Privitera.

California, as the California Grand Lodge Humanitarian of the Year 2018 for the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy.

At Dartmouth, Privitera studied under the late Dr. John A. Rassias, who had been a great inspiration to Privitera.

Born in Somerville, and having urban roots in East Boston and Boston's West End, Privitera was originally apprehensive about "fitting in" and "being accepted" on Dartmouth's verdant campus and pastoral surroundings. However, through the inimitable spirit of John Rassias and the loving culture of the Dartmouth Community, Privitera quickly embraced Dartmouth's life and became a leader for many who had simi-

lar apprehensions as himself.

Rassias introduced Privitera to Pease, who is currently the Chair of MALS. Dr. Pease commented that MALS has now grown into the crown jewel of Dartmouth's newly established Frank J. Guarini School of Graduate and Advanced Studies, named after the former US House Representative.

Dr. Jon F. Kull, the First Dean of the Guarini School, and Dean Lee Coffin, formerly of Tufts University in Somerville, were also in attendance. In acknowledgement of their contributions to Dartmouth, Privitera presented plaques to Dr. Pease, Dean Kull and Dean Coffin.

For Privitera, the most emotional part of the evening occurred when three current Dartmouth Seniors spoke: Armin Mortazavi '19, Jimmy McHugh '19, and Varsity Football Captain Jack Traynor '19. They only knew Privitera by reputation and had sought to attend the dinner for the opportunity to meet him. While they admitted they had never met Privitera, all three seniors expressed the impact that Privitera's accomplishments and legacy had on their lives, as well as the lives of so many other students during their Dartmouth College experience.



L to R: Phil Privitera observes as three class of 2019 seniors, James McHugh, Armin Mortazavi, and football captain Jack Traynor speak about Privitera's impact on their college careers and the lives of many Dartmouth students.

## The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #160

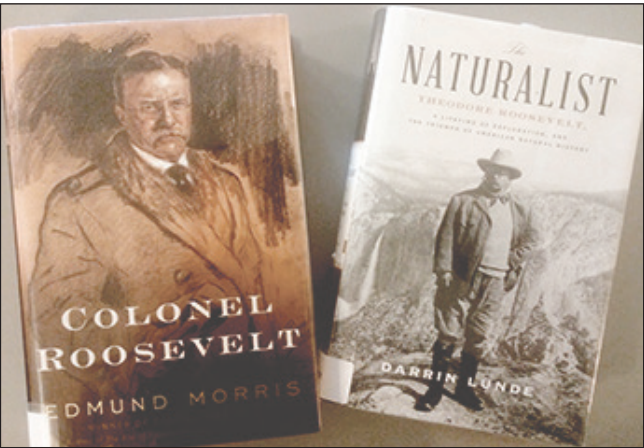
### The Rough Rider

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Brady Towers, the nine-story, 84-unit building at the intersection of Medford Street, McGrath Highway, and Highland Avenue, is a federally funded development that houses the elderly and young disabled. For many years, its front lobby boasted an attractive trophy case that displayed an interesting collection of memorabilia.



The most thought provoking was a collection of postcards mailed in Somerville in 1900 from a father to his daughter. They were short, declarative messages excitingly telling her about Boston and its surrounding towns. One stated, "My dear Alice, Having a bully of a time in Somerville." Another said, "I am having a grand time on my campaign tour. Somerville is bully. Affectionately Daddy." Who was he, and what did he do? The answer is ... he was a leader who, on his departure from public life, left an impossible road to follow.



By 1900, he had graduated from Harvard University, began to study law, was elected to the New York State Assembly which he served for three years and ran unsuccessfully for mayor of New York. He was appointed to the United States Civil Service Commission under Presidents Harrison and Cleveland, resigned to become the New York City Police Commissioner, was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy by President McKinley, assisted in creating the first United States Volunteer Cavalry, "The Rough Riders," and led them through the Spanish American War as their Colonel.

He was an avid sportsman. On one of his hunting trips in 1902, he compassionately refused to shoot a captured bear that had been tied to a tree by his hunting guides. The story was told and retold and soon after, *Continued on page 20*

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# Making a difference for people who are struggling



By William C. Shelton

After 34 years as a probation officer, my friend Bob McWatters retired last month, having done something remarkable in what many would consider to be an unremarkable line of work. Most Villens who have known him as neighbor, Alderman, or Clerk of Committees do not know that his innovation won national and international attention.

I want to tell you about it. But first, I want to describe the path that led him there.

He spent his early years sharing a two-bedroom apartment on Summer Street with his parents and three siblings. His grandmother, an Irish immigrant, was an ongoing source of affirmation and inspired in him an interest in politics and union organizing. He moved in with her when he was thirteen. Their apartment was one of six above Elm Supply on Somerville Avenue, all of which were occupied by family members. By age thirteen, he was taking a bus and a train each way to attend Don Bosco Technical High School in the combat zone.

Early in his life he found that making a difference for other people gave him his greatest satisfaction. It began within his family, and then extended to intervening when his youthful peers were mistreated by bullies. It's what eventually would earn him his reputation as "the con-

stituent services alderman."

When he expressed interest in entering the priesthood, a counselor responded that one does not need to become a priest to help people. He suggested other possible vocations, and Bob eventually pursued two of them.

He attended UMass Boston, he tells me, because, at \$300 per semester, it was the only college he could afford. He studied sociology and politics there while working at the Porter Square Star Market.

When he was a junior he became an intern at the Somerville District Court. His fellow intern was Scott Brown, who would also subsequently enter politics, albeit in a different party.

After graduation he worked for the Departments of Social Services and Children and Families. At night, he took courses at Northeastern and eventually earned a Master's degree in Public Administration.

Although investigating child abuse cases in Roxbury was satisfying, Bob's time as a court intern had left him with a keen interest in how probation officers could work with "offenders" to change the course of their lives for the better.

Eventually Al Ferrari, the Cambridge Court's Chief Probation Officer, asked his barber if he knew Bob McWatters. Tony Alibrandi told him that Bob had dated his niece, looked out for people who were vulnerable, and would make a good P.O.

He started work at the Cambridge Court the last day of 1984. His first boss, Tony Colorasi, told him, "The only difference between you and your client is the width of your desk."

Bob intuitively understood

this, having grown up with guys who shared similar origins and characters, but would variously become cops, fire fighters, gangsters, and addicts. The other piece of advice that guided his work came from a judge who told him, "your first responsibility is to protect the community."

People who know his work tell me that Bob had an excellent sense of when to be tough and when to be tender with his probationers. He understood that homeless and mentally ill people aren't a threat to the community. He worked to empower them and integrate them into supportive networks so that they could remain in, and contribute to, their communities.

District Attorney Marian Ryan told me, "Bob's work sums up what we were taught growing up in Ward 3: Take care of others, be accountable, and try to make things better." At his retirement party, Judge Roanne Sragow joked that Bob acquainted "ADAs and attorneys who have been practicing about a minute and a half" with reality.

Over the years it became clear to Bob that the system was warehousing homeless and mentally ill people in prison. Between 80% and 85% of those appearing in district court were under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and "If you don't treat their underlying problem, you'll create a revolving door."

Judge Sragow had come to the same conclusion. Three years ago, she and Bob got together to design a court session for people who are homeless, mentally ill, or addicted. In it, the prosecuting and defending attorneys are part of a team that can include a psychologist, social worker,



Robert McWatters at his recent retirement party.

nurse, and police officer. It is the only session in which a judge and defendant communicate directly with each other.

The idea is to create plans for defendants to recover. They receive pretrial probation, or a continuance without a finding. If they stick with the plan either the charges go away, or they aren't sentenced.

The "Recovery Session" has been a success. Thus far, only two defendants have reoffended, and in both cases they had gone off their medications. Visitors have come from across, and from outside of, the U.S. to study it.

Bob's former colleagues continue to solicit his wisdom on challenging cases. He says

that if could choose a career all over again, he would make the same choice.

He hasn't yet decided what he will do next. But you can bet that it will involve making a difference for others.

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## Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

### State Primary Election, September 4

The September 4th State Primary Election is quickly approaching and sample ballots are available now. Find them along with information about polling place locations and other important upcoming election dates like voter registration for the General Election and the early voting schedule by visiting [www.somervillema.gov/elections](http://www.somervillema.gov/elections).

### GLX Community Meeting to Discuss Upcoming Bridge Closures, August 29

Drop-in Q&A Sessions Continue throughout September

Although timelines are subject to change, current plans for the construction of the Green Line Extension (GLX) call for the full closure of the Broadway Bridge, just east of Ball Square, for one full year beginning in late 2018. While the bridge is closed, detours will be in place for cars, bikes, pedestrians, and MBTA bus routes 80 and 89.

Please join City of Somerville

staff, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis, and representatives from the GLX team for a community meeting on Wednesday, August 29, at 6 p.m. to discuss the upcoming bridge closure and detour routes. The meeting will be held at the Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.

Additional temporary bridge closures for varying periods are also planned for later construction phases in 2019 and 2020, including on Washington St. (between Union Square and Inner Belt), Medford St. (outside of Union Square), and School St. The meeting will touch upon these, but the Broadway Bridge closure will be the longest, most complex, and likely most impactful of all the bridge closures planned. This meeting will, therefore, focus primarily on upcoming construction and mitigation efforts in the Ball Square neighborhood this fall and through 2019.

Drop-in Q&A sessions featuring City staff along with representatives from the MBTA, MassDOT, and GLX Constructors will continue at various community events throughout the month of September. Please note the following schedule is subject to change:

- Saturday, September 8, 12 p.m.: Riverfest at Assembly Row
- Sunday, September 9, 11 a.m.: Rock & Roll Yard Sale in Union Square
- Sunday, September 16, 2 p.m.: SomerStreets on High-

land Ave.

- Saturday, September 29, 3 p.m.: Evolution of Hip Hop Festival in Union Square
- Sunday, September 30, 11 a.m.: Tufts Community Day at 419 Boston Ave.

For more information, including a complete schedule of events and the latest proposed detours, please visit [www.somervillema.gov/glx](http://www.somervillema.gov/glx).

### Public Meeting to Discuss Updates to Parking Changes on Central Hill Campus Rescheduled for Thursday, September 27

Join City staff Thursday, September 27, at 6 p.m. in the Academy Room at the Somerville Public Safety Building (220 Washington St.) for the third in a series of public quarterly meetings for updates about parking changes to the Central Hill Campus, which includes Somerville High School, City Hall, and the Somerville Public Library. New data collection and strategies for impact mitigation will be discussed. This meeting was rescheduled from Wednesday, September 19, due to Yom Kippur. All interested persons are encouraged to come including residents and local business owners, as well as City and school staff.

In addition to the meetings, an online form has been created to give community members and City and School staff an opportunity to submit questions, comments, and/or suggestions about the parking changes. A residential parking survey regarding current parking habits is

also available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole. Please only fill out one survey per household. The feedback form and survey, along with additional information about the High School project and resulting parking impacts, can be found at [www.somervillema.gov/shsparking](http://www.somervillema.gov/shsparking).

Questions? Contact Mike Tremblay in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, at [mtremblay@somervillema.gov](mailto:mtremblay@somervillema.gov).

### Apply for a Spot on the New Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board of Trustees by September 14

The City of Somerville is currently seeking applicants for the newly created Jobs Creation and Retention Trust (JCRT) Board of Trustees. Responsibilities for members will include managing the JCRT fund, working with the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) staff to implement strategies outlined in the workforce development strategic plan released early this year, identifying target industry sectors and resident demographics for job training programs, soliciting project proposals, and more.

In addition to the Mayor, Board of Aldermen President, and Superintendent of Schools (or their designees), the JCRT Board of Trustees will be made up of the following representatives:

- Two representatives from local workforce development non-profits

• Two Somerville residents, with a preference given to those who have participated in the City's workforce development programs

- Two representatives from local businesses

In order to stagger the terms of the non-municipal members, initial appointments of one member from each of the above categories shall be for two years. The other members will serve for three years.

Interested parties will need to submit a resume and brief answers to five specific questions to Economic Development Specialist Ben Sommer at [bsommer@somervillema.gov](mailto:bsommer@somervillema.gov) by noon on Friday, September 14. The questions for applicants to answer – and more information about the JCRT – is available online at [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov) under 'latest news' on the home page.

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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](http://www.somervillema.gov).

## Blind optimism in the age of #MeToo



By JT Scott  
Ward 2 Alderman

Sexual harassment is a major problem. We know from looking at the news that government is no exception. On investigating this problem locally, I discovered that Somerville does not keep track of sexual harassment trends.

### Show Me The Data

Almost every month we are reminded of this administration's dedication to a data-driven approach. From the mayor's "Data Download" column: "Data-based decision making is at the core of how the City of Somerville develops policy and sets priorities. Every day we check the latest 311 stats, and throughout the week we meet for in-depth review of departmental data and city trends." However, when it comes to one of the most important and high-visibility issues of our day, sexual harassment, our city is apparently closing its eyes and refusing to analyze, or even to collect, data.

This is a nationwide problem. In Philadelphia, for example, independent investigations by the Philadelphia Weekly and the Philadelphia Inquirer revealed major issues in their city hall. More than 20 harassment cases were reported for every year in the most recent 5-year period. The city paid out a total of more than \$2.2M in settlements.

This information didn't come easy. Even after multiple information requests, only about a quarter of the city's departments produced information and documented incidents of harassment. Surely a data-driven city such as Somerville under Mayor Curtatone can do better? Unfortunately, that's not the case. I

serve as Chairman of the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters. In that role, I have made multiple inquiries regarding Sexual Harassment in the city. These have been met with refusals to provide data or even summary information about the scope of our problem.

The Somerville Commission for Women has made similar requests and received similar responses. Instead of data we have been given reassurances that the city is re-evaluating its current harassment policy and is in the process of updating it. How can we even begin to understand the scope of the problem, let alone address it, unless

we look at this data?

### We Don't Even Look

I filed "Freedom of Information Act" requests with the city in accordance with Massachusetts Public Records Law (G. L. c. 66, § 10). In those requests, I asked specifically for anonymized totals. I asked for any tracking done in aggregate or by department of sexual harassment reports, and human resources actions taken as a result of those reports.

City Solicitor Frank Wright stated in his response that "no log or other record exists that tracked or otherwise sets forth that which you request". In response to my astonished follow up, he

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# COMMENTARY

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Time to dust off the cobwebs and get back to work.

## Our View Of The Times



The summer season is winding down. Kids and families and, yes, our public officials have had their vacations and play time. Now it's time to get back to the business of running the city. Or attempting to, at any rate.

And there is much to be done. A lot of hot button, high priority issues were

left on the table when the sunscreen got packed into the luggage. Now it all awaits the scrutiny and care of both the public and the administrators of civic policy.

The long awaited zoning overhaul, the right of first refusal issue, the seemingly ill-fated real estate transfer fee, bridge closures and traffic nightmares, over-de-

velopment and under-development, and what the heck is happening to all our trees?

All this along with the mundane, every day business of making the city run smoothly and on all cylinders.

It must take the intestinal fortitude of a grizzly bear to step up and face the chal-

lenges that confront the various leaders of our fair city. I don't envy them.

Let's all pull together in our hearts and wish them – and ourselves – the best in the months to come. There are many tough issues to engage with over the course of the near future. We sincerely wish all of us the best.

### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Boston, who employs a few hundred people, for thanking the president for the new lowered taxes on corporations. Mayor Joe is so upset he asked for a ban on Sam Adams beer, But **Mayor Walsh** isn't going along with our mayor. But a current a worker at Sam Adams says that sales are way up these past few weeks. The source also tells us that there are more than a few workers at Sam Adams that live here in the city and are not happy with our Mayor Joe!

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Last week we told you about the show **Worst Cooks in America** and a local lady, **Linda Martin**, who was on the show. This past Sunday night was the second show and Martin was knocked off. We thought she should have stayed on, but unfortunately the judges didn't think so. We congratulate her in her efforts. We enjoyed watching her on the show.

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**Bob McWatters**, **Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan's Somerville coordinator**, is having a meet and greet at **Sally O'Brien's** in Union Square Wednesday of next week, on **August 29**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Elderly residents are free. Marian grew up here in Union Square, and her family is well known. This event is co-sponsored by former **Mayor Eugene Brune**,

**Jack Connolly**, **Dennis Sullivan** and **Bob McWatters**.

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Nice to see the ever popular **Secretary of State Bill Galvin** busy campaigning here in Somerville, nice guy has many friends here in Somerville. He recently had a large turnout at a meeting with private residents and is expected to be escorted around by several local officials for the rest of the next couple of weeks. Some of us go way back to the late 70's and early 80's. Bill Galvin has been a tremendous Secretary of State for Massachusetts.

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday local good guy and popular barber at **Albraindi's**, **Paul** does a great job. Stop in and give him your best wishes. Happy birthday to another well-known guy, **Gary Gartland**. We wish him the very best. Popular East Somerville guy **Kenny Salvato** is also celebrating this week. Happy birthday to **Cliff Clark**, who is also a great guy, a family man and a good friend over the years. We wish him the very best. Happy birthday to another friend and 1000% percent union guy, **Kevin Molineaux**, of the **Electrical Brotherhood Union**. Happy birthday to one of Somerville's newest, most gen-

erous residents, **Jenny Bonham Carter**. Along with her husband **John**, they're a great couple. We wish Jenny a great day and week. And finally, a long time realtor who started out in Somerville, **David Lilley**, is celebrating this week as well. To all others here in the cities who are celebrating their birthdays this week and we missed you here, we wish a happy birthday to you.

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Last week, we missed a couple of Somerville's finest in wishing them a happy birthday, so this week we will correct that. Happy belated birthday to our good friend **Sal Ferro**, who is married to our lovely photographer, **Claudia**. We know Sal had a great birthday. Happy belated birthday over in **Medford** to **City Councilor Adam Knight**, who celebrates this week. Happy birthday to **Courtney O'Keefe**, who is a former alderman and currently very active in what's going on here in the city. We hope she has a great birthday. A happy birthday to **Bonnie Lambert**, who grew up here in Winter Hill and married her high school boy friend. We hope Bonnie (Thompson) Lambert has a great birthday. Also, a big happy belated birthday to **Bob Massie**. Bob is running for the Democratic nomination for Governor on September 4. We, of course, wish

him well. Happy birthday to **Maureen Hart-Maguire** and **Mary Hart Drouin**, of the famous Hart family.

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Once again, **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](http://www.johns-team.org) or on their Facebook page.

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Join city staff **Thursday, September 27**, at 6:00 p.m. in the **Academy Room** at the **Somerville Public Safety Building**, 220 Washington St., for the third in a series of public quarterly meetings to discuss **updates to parking changes on Central Hill Campus**. This meeting was rescheduled from Wednesday, September 19, due to Yom Kippur. All interested persons are encouraged to come including residents and local business owners, as well as city and school staff. The final 2018 meeting will be held Wednesday, December 12, and the 2019 quarterly meeting dates will be announced soon. Questions? Contact Mike Tremblay in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, at [mtremblay@somervillema.gov](mailto:mtremblay@somervillema.gov).



# An afternoon at the Union Sq. Farmers Market

Union Square Farmers Market is back for its 14th season. With over forty vendors, a great line up of musicians and bands, and community groups - it promises to be one of the best seasons yet.

The Union Square Farmers Market is organized by Union Square Main Streets, which works collaboratively to actively support a vibrant neighborhood by preserving the character and advancing the economic strength of the Union Square business district and community.

By highlighting the artistic and ethnic strengths of the neighborhood, they seek to drive commercial and economic development. They celebrate food — local and international, their own eclectic creative sensibilities, and the dense, unique fabric of our New England square that blossomed before there was such a thing as smart growth. See their full list of vendors on [unionsquaremain.org](http://unionsquaremain.org)

The market runs on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 66-70 Union Square. Next Saturday, August 25, enjoy live music by Andrew Martin.







Go to [www.thesomervilletimes.com](http://www.thesomervilletimes.com) for more photos

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SPORTS

Join in on the 9th Annual Great Urban Campout at Nunziato field



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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Why is Labor Day celebrated?

2. What is the name of the ranch Lyndon B. Johnson was born, lived, died, and was buried at?

3. Who is the shortest player to win NBA MVP?

4. On the *Mork & Mindy* TV show, where did Mork come from?

5. Who is the father of actress Jamie Lee Curtis?

6. What song was Milli Vanilli lip-syncing to during a live performance on MTV when the recording began to skip?
7. Besides the New York Yankees, what other teams did Billy Martin manage?

8. What is singer James Newell Osterberg Jr.'s stage name?

9. What was pitcher Satchel Paige's real first name?

10. What is the name of Billy Joel's motorcycle shop?

11. On what TV show did Regis Philbin ask "Is that your final answer?"

12. What state quarter has Washington crossing the Delaware on it?

Answers on page 17

All residents who like to camp are invited to the 9th Annual Great Urban Campout, Saturday to Sunday, Aug 25 and 26. Also, people who aren't regular campers can test out tenting and still have a way to get home in the middle of the night if need be. Join and share the Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/509737246108227/> Come by at any point, whether or not you want to stay over.

Families and anyone else who likes to camp are welcome to come spend the night on Nunziato field, or just join in for afternoon/evening activities. Set up tents and hang out anytime on Saturday. If rain is forecasted, the event will occur on Friday, Aug. 24. No need to register in advance.

The idea is to use a familiar open space in a new way to build community. Come by to play,

chat, and hang out. You can sit on the grass or on a lawn chair to watch the temporary town pop up over the course of the afternoon and evening. The event started in Lincoln Park in 2009, moved to Conway, and now finds a new home at Nunziato field. Over the years, campers have ranged in age from newborn to age 70. They have ranged in wilderness experience from those who have hiked the Appalachian trail to people who have never camped. One year, a life-long Lincoln Park neighbor camped with her grandkids. She said, "I've spent my life living next to Lincoln Park, but never slept IN Lincoln Park. But I'm going to do it this year!" It's a unique experience that'll leave you with interesting memories (if not necessarily a good night's rest).

What to bring: Camping stuff (tents, air mattress, chairs), in-

struments, toys, field games, etc.

Food: There will be grills, so feel free to bring food to grill and potluck snacks, salads, or desserts to share with other campers. There will be a breakfast with lots of coffee the next morning for anyone who makes it through the night.

Bathrooms: There will be a clean port-a-potty on site.

There should be plenty of adults on hand and in ear-shot to keep an eye on things, however, the Police Department will send a cruiser by regularly throughout the night.

Please note alcohol and animals are not allowed in this city park. Quiet hours will be from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Hirsch at [stephanie@stephaniehirsch.org](mailto:stephanie@stephaniehirsch.org) or 617-512-4847 or Ilana Krepchin at [ikrepchin@gmail.com](mailto:ikrepchin@gmail.com).

'The Canary Warnings' by Rhonda Ratray

The Canary Warnings are a series of paintings inspired by the practice of keeping a canary in a coal mine as an early warning system for miners. When the bird dies the air will soon be too toxic for humans as well. The canary serves a kind of guardian, like a life force monitor.

This series considers a myriad of possibilities about the ways in which one could be warned of tragedies or other dangerous situations. It is my hope that the viewer will "read" and interpret the Canary much like reading tea leaves or deciphering a Rorschach test.

The exhibit runs through September 13, 2018  
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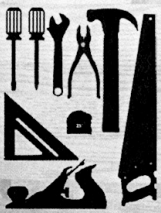


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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, September 5, 2018** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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**144 Highland Avenue (ZBA 2018-97):** Applicants and Owners, Matthew McCarthy and Gregory McCarthy, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 and §7.11.1.C to construct an addition greater than 25% of the existing gross floor area to a nonconforming structure in order to establish a fifth dwelling unit on the site. A Special Permit per SZO 9.13 is also being sought for parking relief. RC Zone. Ward 3.

**76 School Street (ZBA 2018-103):** Applicant/Owner, Summer Living, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.5.1 to convert a portion (approximately 987 sf) of the previously approved (ZBA 2018-34) residential space back into commercial office space. As a result, the property will have three commercial office units totaling about 4,518 sf and one residential unit of 1,012 sf with two-bedrooms. RA Zone. Ward 3.

**5 Greene Street (ZBA 2018-104):** Applicant, Shelly Ziegelman, SWZ Architects LLC, and Owner, Stefan McDonough, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter nonconforming rear decks that were previously approved by the ZBA in November 2013 (ZBA 2013-70) by renovating the railing types and adding a pergola. RB Zone. Ward 2.

**125 Lowell Street (ZBA 2018-89):** Applicant/Owner, 125 Lowell Somerville LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §5.2 and §4.5 to change one non-conforming use to another (office to 20 residential units - 4 of which are inclusionary units) in an existing non-conforming 7-story structure, and a Variance under SZO §5.5 and §7.3 for reduction of the lot area per dwelling unit. RA Zone. Ward 3.

**1 Munroe St (ZBA 2018-88):** Applicants and Owners, Enzo J. Orellana and Wesley J. Esser, III, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure. Variance for wall/fence height. Unit count will increase from one to two. RA zone. Ward 3.

**11 Sanborn Avenue (ZBA 2018-83):** Applicant and Owner, Anthony Dopazo, seeks special permits to alter an existing, non-conforming structure including, but not limited to, relief under §4.4.1 of the SZO for non-conforming front and side yard setbacks, Article 9 for parking. RB zone. Ward 3.

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144 Highland Ave: <http://eepurl.com/dEcjDf>  
76 School St: <http://eepurl.com/dEcjY5>  
5 Greene St: <http://eepurl.com/dEcko5>  
125 Lowell St: <http://eepurl.com/dEpJgL>  
1 Munroe St: <http://eepurl.com/dEpJQ9>  
11 Sanborn Ave: <http://eepurl.com/dEpQNZ>

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](http://www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning).

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Attest: George Proakis, Planning Director  
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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Thursday, September 6, 2018** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA**. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

**A proposed amendment, submitted by 22 registered voters, “amending Section 6.4 Assembly Square Mixed-Use District (ASMD) of the Somerville Zoning Ordinances to establish new open space requirements for midrise and highrise buildings in the ASMD District.”**

**A proposed amendment, submitted by 15 registered voters, “amending Article 7 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinances to regulate the siting of housing, schools, preschools and long term care facilities near heavily trafficked roadways.”**

**A proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance regarding adult-use (recreational) marijuana establishments.**

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More information about the adult-use marijuana amendment is available on-line at: <https://www.somervillema.gov/adult-marijuana>

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Attest: Michael A. Capuano, Chair, Somerville Planning Board  
Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen  
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI18D18210DR

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Samira Ben Essayeh aka Samira Kernis vs. Zouhair Ben Essayeh

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .**SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:  
**Samira Ben Essayeh**  
**510 C Mystic Ave**  
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your answer, if any on or before **09/11/2018**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: July 31, 2018.

**Tara E. De Christofaro**  
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The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year with 2 optional renewals from 09/10/2018 to 09/09/2019.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at [pwaditwar@somervillema.gov](mailto:pwaditwar@somervillema.gov) for more information.

**Angela Allen**  
Purchasing Director  
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RFQ#19-18

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The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year with 2 optional renewals from 09/17/2018 to 09/16/2019.

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Blind optimism in the age of #MeToo CONT. FROM PG 10

elaborated: “I am informed that to the best of Personnel Director Candace Cooper’s knowledge and belief the documents you have requested do not exist. If such tabulations were to exist it is our understanding and belief that the Personnel Department would possess such information.” This is remarkable: the city has gone on record with the fact that they simply do not maintain statistics on sexual harassment in our government.

**We Must Do Better**

This failure to track – let alone eliminate – abuse is a massive and disturbing problem right here in our supposedly progressive and data-driven administration. It’s possible that careful compilation of records and tracking harassment claims will give us good news: Somerville has not one case of sexual harassment. If it does, then we should all take to the streets and celebrate. More likely the collection of this data will give us the tools we need to protect people from abuse in their workplace and on the streets of their city.

We live in a #MeToo world. Turning a blind eye to sexual harassment is unacceptable. It’s time that Somerville stands up to do better. I am putting forward a Board Order at our upcoming meeting requesting that the Mayor and the Human Resources Director immediately address this failure. Please join me in demanding transparent, data-driven action to combat sexual harassment in our city government.



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A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Planning Board** on **Thursday, September 6, 2018** at **6:00 p.m.** at the **Aldermanic Chambers** on the Second Floor of **Somerville City Hall**, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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**9 & 39 Medford Street (PB2018-13):** Applicant/Owner, Somerville Millbrook Associates, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §6.5.D.5 to expand an existing roof deck by 392 square feet, add a pergola for shade, install electric grills, and relocate the green roof. TOD 100. Ward 2.

**290 Revolution Drive – ALTA XMBLY (PB 2018-12):** Applicant, WP East Acquisitions, and Owners, CDNV Assembly LLC & Somerville Office Associates Limited Partnership, are seeking a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A (SPSR-A) final level approval of 290 Revolution Drive ("Alta XMBLY" formerly called "Block 23") of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP PB#2018-07) approved by the Planning Board on June 7, 2018. The proposal is to develop a 84'-11" high 8-story building containing 324 multi-family units and 5 townhouse units with approximately 199 parking spaces on internal structured parking levels supported by ground floor retail space under Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) Article §6.4.9 and §5.2. The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP and is subject to inclusionary housing requirements. Waivers are requested from sections, 5.2.3.3.d, 6.4.7.A.2, 6.4.8.B and 13.3.5. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD). PUD-A Overlay District. Ward 1.

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RFQ 19-17

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

Arborist Advisory Services

Bid packages for may be obtained online at <https://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Tuesday August 21st, 2018**

Sealed bids will be received until **Wednesday September 12th at 11:00am**. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact **Michael Richards** at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email [mrichards@somervillema.gov](mailto:mrichards@somervillema.gov) for information and the bid package.

**Michael Richards**  
Assistant Purchasing Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE –Somerville 175 Beacon ST

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to collocate antennas on a 58-foot building at 175 Beacon St, Somerville, Middlesex County, MA. Public comments regarding the potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to: Laura Mancuso – CBRE, 70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, NY 10604, [whiteplainsculturalresources@cbre.com](mailto:whiteplainsculturalresources@cbre.com) or (914) 694-9600

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Somerville Kiwanis Club donates school supplies

On Thursday, August 16, the Somerville Kiwanis Club wrapped up their month-long drive to collect school supplies for local children in need. The program began in early July with donation collection boxes being placed at local businesses across the city where the supplies were collected. On two July weekends, Kiwanis members collected supplies donated by customers at Staples located at Assembly Square Marketplace. In addition, club members and corporate supporters donated more than \$2000 in cash.

Working with the Somerville Public Schools, Parent Information Center and the Prospect Hill Academy Charter School staff, the program was developed to assist the local children in the greatest need of help. Using space at Assembly Row



L-R Standing: Bill Lemos, Eugene Brune, Federal Realty Assistant General Manager David Middleton, Darcie DeLuca, Regina Bertholdo, Somerville Schools Parent Information Center, Jim Bowdring, Julia Esko and Courtney O'Connor from Prospect Hill Academy; Seated: Kiwanis President Paul Upton, Program Chairperson Haley Adams, Assistant Chairperson Catia Aruda.  
— Photos courtesy of Somerville Kiwanis

donated by Federal Realty Trust, the donations were sorted and inventoried. The club purchased additional

supplies with the cash donations. On Tuesday evening, club members and volunteers from Federal Realty Trust packed 191 backpacks with school supplies. Thursday afternoon the backpacks were delivered to both the Somerville Schools and the Prospect Hill Academy.

Kiwanis President Paul Upton and Program Chairperson Haley Adams expressed their gratitude to everyone who supported or contributed to this program including East Cambridge Savings Bank, Winter Hill Bank, Naveo Credit Union, Century 21 Commonwealth Realty, ABG Realty, Staples and Wedgewood Crane and Connolly Insurance for their support of this program. Special thanks to Staples manager Deanna St. Croix and David Middleton of Federal Realty Trust for donating available space for the supplies, a generous cash donation and providing volunteers to assist.

— Somerville Kiwanis



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| 4. Planet Ork                            | 10. 20th Century Cycles                        |
| 5. Tony Curtis                           | 11. Who Wants To Be A Millionaire              |
| 6. Girl You Know It's True               | 12. New Jersey's                               |
| 7. Minnesota Twins, De-                  |  |

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|August 22

**Library Lawn**  
School of Rock on the Library Lawn  
7:30 p.m.- 9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|August 23

**SOMERMOVIE FEST**  
Toy Story (1995)  
Dusk| Seven Hills Park|Davis Sq|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.|79 Highland Ave

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

Monday|August 27

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

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Wednesday|August 22

**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.  
Runa |7:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The A-Beez  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Evan Murphy  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Thursday|August 23

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
BT ALC Big Band \$10 cover  
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
House Of Hamill|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**  
Strangelove- The Depeche Mode Experience : With “Heroes” & DJ Chris Ewen (Moved from the Wilbur- All tix honored)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Alison Keslow Trio  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Friday|August 24

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

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi  
Fightin Fridays|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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Pop Into The Chemist  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Way Up South, The New Motif  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Verdegree  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Lexo and Ecca Find Free Will  
7 p.m.|Café  
Urbanity Dance  
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|August 25

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.  
rockin' classics with BETH, Torpedo Rodeo, We Can't Work It Out \$10 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

3589  
**The Burren**  
Jeff Jam Family Dance Party!|4 p.m.  
Alan Scardapane, Colbis The Creature|7 p.m.  
Cover Up|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Kong-Thunderfunk  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

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

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Lexo and Ecca Find Free Will  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|August 26

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Roy Sludge Trio  
6 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.  
Rob Siegel, Sam Bayer, Mark Stepakoff|7:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Highland Kitchen**  
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass  
Sunday Night Live Music  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

**Thunder Road**  
Americana Sundays w/ Chris Hersch and the MoonRaiders  
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
BYOP: Tupelo Junction with special guests The Cellar Doors  
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Cafe Raqs  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|August 27

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
Live Music  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Queer Tango  
6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|August 28

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
SYM Tuesday \$5 cover  
8:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
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**  
Pub Sing  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|August 29

**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.  
Cantrip |7:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Nephrok Allstars  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Last Wednesday Residency: Copilot  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|August 22

**Central Library**  
Human Services Career Fair  
2 p.m.-4:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|August 23

**Central Library**  
Ibbetson Street Press  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave  
**East Branch Library**  
Drop In Craft Night  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

Saturday| August 25

**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 26

**Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups**  
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street  
Unity Church of God  
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday|August 27

**Central Library**  
Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|August 29

**Central Library**  
Mystery Book Club  
7 p.m.-8:15 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 Care-givers 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](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov)

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Summer Bowling Dates** – Running to Wednesday, 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.

**Walmart & Jimmy’s Steer House** – Wednesday, August 22nd - \$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 28th - \$10 per person due at time of reservation. A special lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the performance at 1:00 p.m. - . For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Revere Beach** – Wednesday, August 29th is SOLD OUT. **Breakfast at Renee’s** – Friday, August 31st 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. **Mohegan by Day Foxwoods Overnight** – Wednesday & Thursday, September 5th & 6th – is sold out. Wait list only.

**Paint Day** – Wednesday, September 12th starting at 9:30 a.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. \$10 per person due at time of reservation. Space is limited, no experience necessary and lunch & bingo to follow. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Dollar Days at the Movies** – Tuesday, September 18 – doors open at 11:30 a.m. movie starts at noontime. \$1 per person – Mamma Mia - For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Peace Breakfast** – Friday, September 21st at our Holland Street Center from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Join us for a continental breakfast to celebrate Peace Day. RSVP a must. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Washington, DC** – Monday, October 1st to Friday, October 5th - 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.

**Dollar Days at the Movies** – Tuesday, October 16 – doors open at 11:30 a.m. movie starts at noontime. \$1 per person – The Great Gatsby - - For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Christmas Gift Glass Art with Linda Cohen** – Tuesdays, October 16th, 23rd and 30th 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 26th to October 28th – 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.

**Wrentham Outlets** – Sunday, November 11th - \$10 per person – Check-in time is 10:00 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. Get your holiday shopping done early. Lunch is on your own. 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 16th, September 20th, October 11th, November 8th and December 13th. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov)

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month: August 9th, September 13th, October 4th, November 1st and December 6th. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov)

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Ralph & Jenny Center located at 1 New Washington Street. Scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month: July 26th, August 23rd, September 27th, October 18th, November 15th and December 20th. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto: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 15th, September 19th, October 17th, November 14th and December 12th.

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE (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)  
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)

**Adventure Group – Please call for details**  
**\*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration**

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

**Book Club** – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware on Friday, July 20th.

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

**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.

**Game Hour** – Every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us for lunch and activities. Immediately following lunch we will have a “Game Hour.” Yahtzee, Sorry, Jenga, Cards, Scrabble, Checkers, Clue, Qwirkle, Dominoes, Uno & Connect 4 are available to play. Community Cooks provides us with a family style lunch on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays and Food Services provides us with lunch on the off days. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please 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.



# GLX community meeting to discuss upcoming bridge closures, August 29

Although timelines are subject to change, current plans for construction of the Green Line Extension (GLX) call for the full closure of the Broadway Bridge, just east of Ball Square, for one full year beginning in late 2018. While the bridge is closed, detours will be in place for cars, bikes, pedestrians, and MBTA bus routes 80 and 89.

Please join City of Somerville staff, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis, and representatives from the GLX team for a community meeting on Wednesday, August 29, at 6 p.m. to discuss the upcoming bridge closure and detour routes. The meeting will be held at the Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.

Additional temporary bridge closures for varying periods are also planned for later construction phases in 2019 and 2020, including on Washington St. (between Union Square and Inner Belt), Medford St. (outside of Union Square), and School St. The meeting will touch upon these, but the Broadway Bridge closure will be the longest, most complex, and likely most impactful of all the bridge closures planned. This meeting will therefore focus primarily on upcoming construction and mitigation efforts in the Ball Square neighborhood this fall and through 2019.

For more information, including the latest proposed detours, please visit [www.somervillema.gov/glx](http://www.somervillema.gov/glx) or [www.greenlineextension.org](http://www.greenlineextension.org).

## Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

the “Teddy” bear and its legend were born.

If you haven’t surmised who this famous father was, then look toward one of the four majestic faces on Mount Rushmore. He was Theodore Roosevelt, the twenty-sixth and youngest elected President of the United States. After posting these cards in 1900 from Somerville to his daughter, Teddy didn’t slow down a speck for the rest of his life. He was elected Governor of New York, then Vice President, followed by President of the United States after President McKinley’s death. During his administration, he built our navy into a world power, laid the Pacific cable and authorized the construction of the Panama Canal.

Theodore Roosevelt was a champion of conservation and, while in office as

president, he created five national parks, doubling the existing number. In 1906, he was the first American recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for helping settle the Russo–Japanese War. His slogan was “Speak softly and carry a big stick!”



## BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris

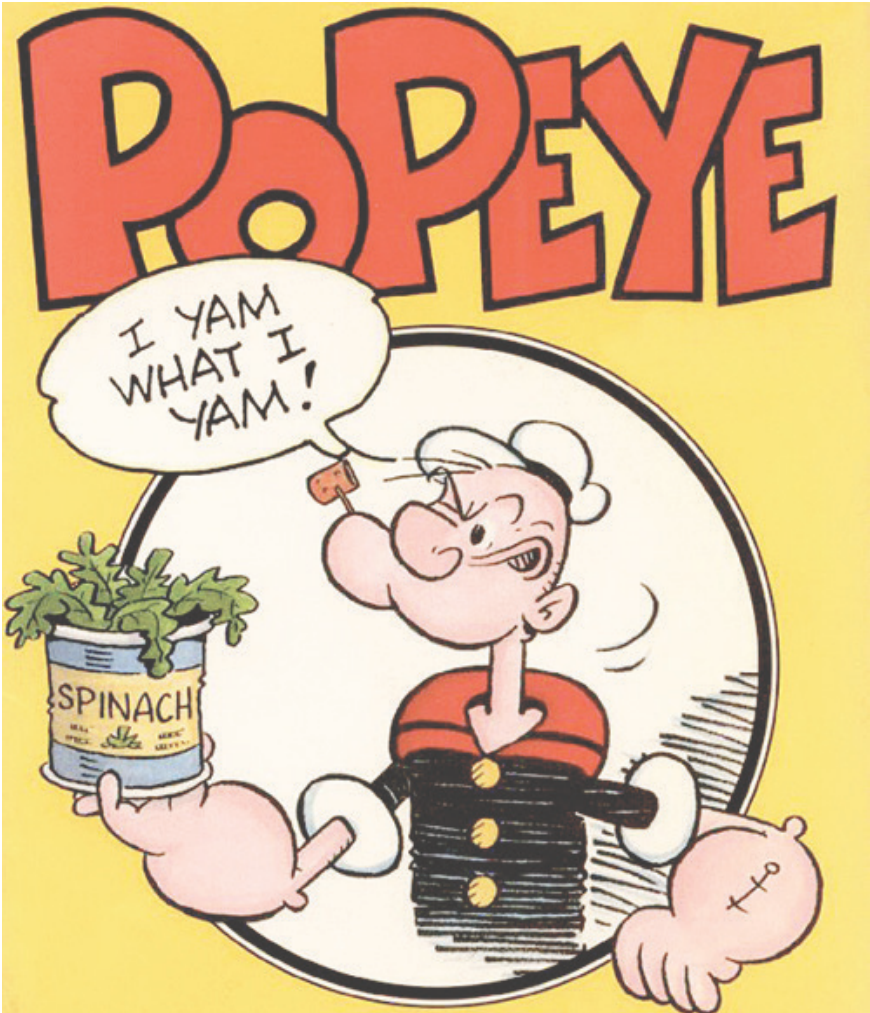


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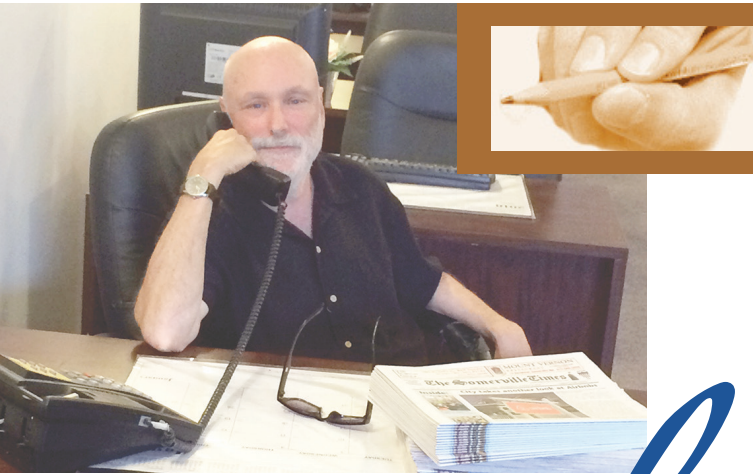
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville artist Marilyn Ranker:

An artist who pushes against boundaries

Marilyn Ranker traversed the shoals of the Bloc 11 Cafe to the inner sanctum, my usual perch in the back of the said eatery in Union Square. I was munching on a bagel – a plain one – though longing for my multigrain, the very one the store assured me would have a second coming, as soon as it “rises.”

Ranker is a thin woman, with refined features and an engaging smile. She had come to my table to talk about her life and work as an accomplished artist.

Ranker has a studio at 57 Central St., across from the Somerville Museum. And with the rapidly gentrifying city, and the hunger of developers of “luxury” condos, she is glad to have an affordable space. Many artists that I have interviewed have been worried about displacement, or have been displaced. Ranker told me, “You have to move out as far as Roxbury to find something that is affordable.”

Ranker, who is originally from Pittsburgh, now lives in Cambridge. She was once part of the academy, on tenure track at Dartmouth. When that hit the skids, she had to look elsewhere for steady work. For years she has held a steady job as a suit salesman at a high-end department store to make the daily nut and feed her art.

Ranker has been trained in sculpture, ceramics and drawing. She said she often uses her drawings on her sculpture. She works with a variety of materials, like wood, cloth, wire, copper, etc. She often



paints with gouache, a water-based pigment.

Ranker describes her work as pushing boundaries. She reflected, “I often use skeletal systems that uphold a compressed form. There is always a tension in the elements of my work.”

One copper and wood piece, titled *Emotional Entanglement and Mental Restraints*, has copper elements that are folded, emerging from a wood structure. The copper chains weave around the wood foundation. One can clearly see the metaphor the piece evokes.

Ranker told me that she exhibits her work at the studio 314 at 450 Harrison Ave. in Boston. You should visit Ranker there, because the first Friday of each month her gallery and many of the commercial galleries open their doors to the public.

To view Ranker's artwork go to: <http://marilyn-ranker.org>.



Ranker's Emotional Entanglement and Mental Restraints.

They make me think I could lift paternal wings,  
fly east east east, make sure you're safe,  
smile, fly back.

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I'm driving along the privileged beach roads  
of Old Lyme, playing Beatle songs for cheer  
& chiming in on the choruses. Mostly  
I'm trying to figure out  
the math of the trees shaking.  
I picture premonition breezes taking off  
across steely Atlantic's summer—heated waters,  
stirring depressions into hurricanes.

There's only one cloud in this sky;  
it hovers over the Sound  
like a gorgeous bruise.

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Many times in my own life  
I've been damaged into beauty.

I hope the beauty you find in the  
so—far east,  
when and if it hurts, heals  
even better.

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Math. It was my worst subject.  
The terror of its exactness.  
The high probability of being wrong.  
Unmerciful nun—eyes cursing at my brain.  
I wish they'd taught it closer to the heart:

Problem:  
A father missed a son  
who travelled 10,000 miles.  
The father drove slowly  
down Goose Neck Road  
until the water made him stop.  
He got out of the car  
and stretched and squinted  
through glare and blown sand,  
his bones murmuring  
the body's prayer.  
At the same moment, the son  
ate sticky rice in Hanoi, mind sparking  
one billion times per second.  
Deep eastern newness bubbled  
beauty in him every time he blinked.  
Solve:  
What degree of love translates  
fathomless waters into pearls of light?

Lyrical

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Hanoi, Vietnam

Hey Pops, good news:

I feel an old expression spun on.  
Tired legs chopped up sautéed mixed basil in  
Pumping heart of Hanoi's French quarter, sided with  
Sticky rice that arrives in a basket  
And gets rolled into clouded bundles that  
Cannot choose which of my fingers to  
Cling to (left then, right, back to left now).

This is the second floor  
And I can feel the worn bits  
Catching new light (in the noodled Pho)  
(A study of new light being conducted in the street).  
These streets buzz and hub bub with horn honking by  
The streetside Bahn Mi,  
And the restaurant at the meeting of Hang Ga and Hang Non  
Is lodged tightly between its neighbors,  
All books in the shelf keeping  
Dust off each other's covers.

I have trouble  
(Iron—clad rubble, iPad tunnel)  
Picking which novel.  
A freckled newt was clung the ceiling and wall  
Of the room and  
I could not decide if I could sleep with it there,  
So we both gathered dust.

I suppose then that Pops the good news is  
Spread thinly over sprout fields,  
Popped up from water ponds for a  
Hungry nation.  
The gaze of a child tattooed  
Devilish garden watching from a flaky pulpit  
Is stretched bed sheets, hungry bugs shiny shells crittering,  
Catching light of the ricecart brakelights burrowing deep night  
Who pedals past.

There is:  
A flat—foot woman with smiled wrinkles fixing motorbikes,  
My small brain trying to keep to itself.

1. Old Lyme

Bud, I'm helpless over the distance  
that gapes like a huge unfurled paper map  
but can't disunite us.

Atoms of you whirlybird in my veins.





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