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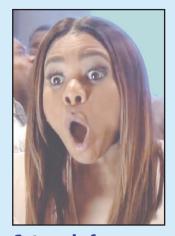
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# **Somerville Stands with Charlottesville Vigil**



City and state official gathered alongside members of the general public in Somerville to stand in solidarity against hate and racial bigotry, following the tragic events in Charlottesville.

#### By Charles Lane

In light of the recent events in Charlottesville, Virginia, the Somerville community came together for a solidarity vigil last Wednesday night in Davis Square.

Mayor Curtatone, residents, elected officials, members of Temple B'nai Brith, Somerville Human Rights Commission, Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church and many others filled Statue Park to honor those lost and injured, denouncing hate and intolerance.

Mayor Curtatone's remarks were as follows:

"I want to thank everyone who's come here this evening. It's a testament to this community's strength of character and conviction that so many of you recognize the need to stand up for a better version of America than the wretched display we saw put on by the hate groups that descended upon Charlottesville." Continued on page 4

# **MassDOT MBTA Intern** Transportation Institute graduation

#### By Rebecca Danvers

This past summer, MassDOT University conducted the 4th Annual MassDOT MBTA Intern Transportation Institute (ITI). The interns' graduation celebration took place on Monday, August 21.

Immediately following the 11:30 a.m. lunch, the ceremony began at with dignitaries speaking to the interns, followed by the formal PowerPoint presentations by the students on their

Secretary Stephanie Pollack, Jeff Gonneville, and Boston Private Industry Council Executive Director- Neil Sullivan, were in attendance with speeches and presentations of certificates of completion.

18 students from Somerville High School Vocational Programs, Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, Josiah Quincy Upper School, and Boston Latin School have worked at



Students from four regional vocational schools, including those from Somerville High School CTE, recently various MassDOT MBTA Continued on page 17 completed their intern programs at MassDOT University. – Photo by Bobbie Toner

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Condolences to the family of Maxine C. Faulkner who passed away recently. Maxine was married to Burton Faulkner Jr. for 52 years, is from a long established family here in Somerville that gave much to the city over the years. Mrs. Faulkner is being waked at Doherty's Funeral Home today, Wednesday, 4:00 -8:00 p.m. and services are Thursday morning at St. Eulalia in Winchester. The Faulkner family is one of Somerville's oldest families and have been well loved by many here over the years.

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

Happy Birthday this week to **Clifford Clark**, now of Pelham, NH. A great guy who grew up around here. His mother **Paula** still lives here in the city. A nice family man. We hope Cliff has a great day for himself.

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For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club, they give an extensive class program at the end of which you re-ceive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their web site at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it. Same goes for this in Newstalk, the club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

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# The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: Letter to the Editor – August 16

#### ritepride says:

Great letter Phoebe. Rep. Barber is watching out for all her constituents.

Problem is the atmosphere of some elected officials and corporate executives with overpaid salaries that should be downsized. The "T" just hired a new chief executive starting at \$300k not including the fringe benefits. Meanwhile the "T" in the red.

Cities, like Somerville making deals for the developers while co\$ting the taxpayers is a great ripoff and the feds should be taking them all to court.

It should be mandated that developers pay for infrastructure of gas, water and sewer lines from the feeding pipes on the major streets down the side streets to the developers sites.

We have already seen the recent devastating fires resulting from changing codes for developers to use particle board/wood for multi storied apartment/condo buildings, all for corporate greed.

#### Celia Morgan says:

I've been hearing about this problem for years and it seems that little has been done about it. It sounds like Rep. Barber is trying to get something done and I hope that this is so. It's terribly important.

# Response to: Our Ville Stands with Your Ville: Charlottesville Vigil, Aug. 16, Davis Sq.

#### PeterH says:

We might wonder how the Mayor is dealing with the social media storm of interest about whether Fuzzy Balls of Intention had been chasing him around in the past after a story surfaced in another Somerville paper and was picked up by a second in Boston. Who saw that coming? So will the Mayor address this at some point? He's at this vigil for Charlottsville, so ask him if you so desire. He's still employed by your tax dollars, and is accountable to you, and being the Mayor to all of us.

#### Dan says:

Would this be the complaint made by an ex con in a rag newspaper that was shredded by The Dig? Shut up Peter and go back to the uk.

#### Matt says

Dan, the Dig did a great job of debunking the conspiracy laden blog post Peter describes. The problem is made up "storms" are nothing but... what do the alt right wing nuts over there call it... oh.. the "storms" are just nothingburgers. While I am sure our city has its own share of corruption and cronyism we have seen pretty good results over the past 15 years, lots of new businesses, improving schools and increased property values for all the old timers who are banking on being able to retire off their home plus property tax deferrals for folks who want to age in place without having to worry about the impact of those increased property tax values.

What is not a nothingburger is a any leader who does not immediately denounce neo-nazis and the people who want to join them in carrying torches and marching around cities. You can talk about people who use violence to deliver or denounce a message, we all agree that behavior like that should not be tolerated... But come on... we are taking about neo freaking nazis.

So thank you to all the people that came out to stand in solidarity with people who stand against neo-nazis and the alt-right, who say they will not stand by complacently as hate groups march through their streets or drive cars into them. These groups, like thier kin who drove a car into crowds on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice, France, terrorists.

#### Response to: Lyrical Somerville - August 2

#### Russell says:

"Tate is also a stand-up comedian in his free time." Generally, you can see that male always dominate the industry, i mean the stand up comedian performances always portray only guys can deliver a really good jokes and not many woman really into this kind of performances. I try to search Tate performances on Youtube but cannot find any related videos. I hope that i can see style of her joke because, instead of males, females jokes also is the best to listen and laugh.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



# Bike lane modifications under consideration

By Rob Carter

The Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee (SBAC) plans to use traffic barrels to protect a new bicycle and bus lane created during the recent overhaul to Union Square's traffic pattern.

"The No. 1 issue for cyclists is the Prospect Street bike lane being used as a parking lane," said Mike Tremblay, Somerville's senior transportation planner.

Prospect Street was a oneway street until converting to two-way traffic July 29 and SBAC members say the traffic flow hasn't adjusted to the change yet.

"Unless you have a police officer at the front and barrels there, people in cars are going to use it" SBAC chair Ken Carlson said of the Prospect Street bike lane.

Tremblay said the MBTA still hasn't signed off on the plan by the time of the August 17 SBAC meeting because they needed to make sure the lane would be wide enough for its buses. He also added that the barrels were "a temporary solution until we come up with a more palatable long-term solution."

Despite the problems with Prospect Street, some SBAC members remained hopeful that the changes to the traffic pattern would ultimately be an improvement for Union Square.

"You build the streets that you want to see and the traffic will sort itself out," SBAC member Mark Chase said. "We're building streets that are more like a city than a highway."



The Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee (SBAC) has been working with city and state planners to help improve traffic flow on certain heavily traveled streets in Somerville. - Photo by Erin Wade

Tremblay agreed that, once traffic adjusted, Union Square would be more easily navigable thanks to the new traffic pattern. "81 percent of traffic in Union Square is not starting or ending in Union Square," Tremblay said. "If people are having to find routes that don't involve going through Union I think that's a good thing."

Before talk transitioned to lessons learned from the Union Square project, the SBAC outlined their major project priorities for the rest of the year. The group identified twelve streets that they plan to target for bicycle safety improvements.

Five streets - Sycamore Street, Marshall Street, Hancock Street, Gilman Street and Oliver Street - were identified as potential targets for contraflow bike lanes, where cyclists would travel in the opposite direction of the car traffic. The group also discussed plans to calm traffic on Cedar Street with chicanes, or slight turns added to the road meant to cause cars to move more slowly.

SBAC also hoped to add or improve bike traditional lanes to the other six streets discussed, Broadway, Park Street, Beacon Street, Webster Avenue, Elm Street and Beacon Street.

The project on Webster Avenue would add a protected bike lane from Prospect Street all the way to the city line and was a key target for the group due to large public support.

"This is one where we were like, 'Do this.' The mayor was like, 'Do this.' And [Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston] was like 'Do this," said Carlson. "So there's a lot of political will to get this done."

Tremblay said the city was receptive to the ideas being proposed by the group. "We're all sold on bike lanes," Tremblay said. "We don't need to be sold on that."



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# By Jim Clark

# He walked those shoes right back to the shelf

A police officer assigned to Assembly Row last week was contacted by Saks OFF 5TH loss prevention personnel and alerted that Brandon Tracy, an allegedly known shoplifter who frequents Saks was in the store and had concealed two pairs of shoes in a brown paper bag.

The officer called this into dispatch and requested an additional unit, then approached Tracy and explained to him that he had been seen concealing merchandise and that he had previously been banned from Saks.

The officer noted that he personally was the one to advise Tracy both times of him being trespassed from the location.

Tracy was escorted back to the Loss Prevention office. Looking into the paper bag, the officer reportedly spotted a white cloth, which turned out to be a white necktie that retailed for \$49.99.

The store security employee reportedly told the officer that he witnessed Tracy take a pair of sneakers off the shelf, cut the anti-theft device off and put the sneakers into the paper bag. He also stated that Tracy put the sneakers back on the shelf. It was his belief Tracy did this be-

cause he believed he was being followed by store staff.

A frisk of Tracy turned up nail clippers in his pants pocket, which are commonly used to remove anti-theft devices from merchandise and that Tracy has allegedly used in the past.

At this time, the officer placed Tracy in handcuffs, advising him that he was under arrest.

A search of Tracy's person re-

portedly turned up a small baggie of a white powdery substance that Tracy stated was heroin in the "change pocket" on the front right side of his pants.

Tracy was then transported to the Somerville Police Station and booked for charges of removal of theft prevention device, possession of a class A drug, trespassing, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

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# SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

#### Arrests:

Claudio Sousa, of 92 Central St., August 14, 8:21 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Jeremy Lentz, of 128 Front St., Weymouth, August 15, 4:51 p.m., arrested at Meacham Rd. on a warrant charge of trespassing.

Romero Sylvero, of 75 Myrtle St., August 16, 10:50 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat.

Brandon Spellman, of 49 Elm St., Cranston, RI, August 16, 11:44 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on multiple warrant charges of no inspection sticker and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

**Brandon Tracy**, August 16, 5:23 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of removal of theft prevention device, possession of a class A drug, trespassing, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Raulson Desouza, August 16, 9:10 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of failure to appear upon recognizance, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of

liquor, and assault and battery on a police officer.

Jean Metellus, of 40 Miller Ave., Brockton, August 17, 10:21 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, exhibiting another's license, and unregistered motor vehicle.

Filsdym Modan, of 7 Memorial Rd., August 18, 10:43 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on

charges of resisting arrest, felony daytime breaking and entering, trespassing, and receiving stolen property over \$250.

Paul Fidler, of 10 Wellington Ave., August 18, 5:39 p.m., arrested at Jaques St. on a charge of possession of a class A drug and on warrant charges of electronic message operator send/read and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

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# Somerville Stands with Charlottesville Vigil CONT. FROM PG 1

"Yet first I want to start with a recognition of Heather Heyer, who was killed by act of terrorism this weekend, along with Virginia state trooper Lt. H. Jay Cullen and trooper-pilot Berke Bates, who died while trying to contain the hostilities set off by the white supremacist rally. It should serve as a shock to every conscience that good people's live have been lost in the re-emergence of this twisted ideology. So please join me in a moment of silence."

"I suspect many of you watched Charlottesville unfold with the same sense of revulsion I experienced. I could not believe I was watching this happen in the United States of Amer-

ica - the KKK, Nazi flags and an emboldened form of racism that has no place in a civil society. Charlottesville was a wake-up call for anyone who didn't realize the effort being made to push white supremacy into the mainstream. The leaders of this movement on the alt-right try to claim it has something to do with patriotism even though it's un-American to its core."

"Thomas Jefferson gave birth to the idea of America with the worlds: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." It took

us some time to grasp that women count just as much as men, and we have struggled to live up to the 'all' part of it."

"Yet take some comfort that cities and towns all across this nation have held rallies like this to decry the hatred of the would-be storm troopers who took to the streets of Charlottesville. They wanted to 'Unite the Right.' Instead they've united far more Americans behind the principles of equality and human dignity. Tonight we join with those people to become something far bigger and far better than anything a pack of outright racists can imagine."

Additional attendees and speakers at the event included



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Somerville Police Chief David Fallon, U.S. Representative Mike Capuano, State Representatives Denise Provost, Mike

Connolly, and Patricia Jehlen. Additionally, the Somerville Board of Aldermen was well represented by many attending.

# An invitation to the 'Girls Trip'

#### By Dre Joseph

Have you ever been on your way to work or driving around town and a song comes on the radio or your music streaming device and you yell out, "Oh! That's my song!"? You turn up the volume, blasting your speakers as the bass thumps and rattles your car that has now turned into a time machine transporting you back to when you and your crew use to "turn all the way up" on the regular?

If so, that was more likely than not a crazy time when you got into all sorts of trouble, doing things you would never tell anybody. Taking a vow to keep those skeletons locked in the closet forever. Yeah, of course, you remember. Funny, right? Things you never told a soul, including your children and your spouse. So, imagine all the hijinks four college girlfriends get into after a five-year hiatus. Regina Hall, Queen Latifah, Jada Pinkett-Smith, and Tiffany

Haddish take you on one ruckus weekend in Girls Trip, full of insane, sex-driven, raunchy comedy (and action) featuring gorgeous black women.

Girls Trip is about four lifelong friends traveling to New Orleans for the annual Essence Festival to rekindle their friendships that have been estranged for five years. They soon discover that everyone's life is not what they have imagined, leading to a wild weekend in the Big Easy. Imagine The Hangover meets Sex and the City. Instead of having Carrie, Miranda, Charlotte and Samantha, there is Ryan (Hall) the well-established television personality with the seemingly perfect life and marriage.

Sasha (Latifah), once an award winning journalist that is now an online tabloid reporter trying to get the next big story before she loses everything. Lisa (Pinkett Smith) the former party girl, now a divorced mom with two kids, trying to loosen up and find her "true" self. And then



It's an epic weekend on the road in Girls Trip - now playing at the Somerville Theatre.

last, but certainly not least, Dina (Haddish), the loud-and-brash, say what's on her mind, "ride or die" one of the foursome, whose rebellious behavior ALWAYS lands her in hot water.

Simply put: Girls Trip is laugh out loud hilarity. At times, the laughter is so loud that you miss the dialogue in a scene or two (more like 7). Although you can easily predict the outcome of the movie, it is the journey that keeps you enthralled. From one outrageous scene to the next, you are thinking to yourself, surely there cannot be more craziness after that, right?

And just when you think you have seen the most outrageous scene, then comes another one that will have your mouth hanging wide open and your stomach cramping from laughter. From a dance-off at a downtown New Orleans nightclub, to the strange man in the window, to zip-lining and getting stuck with no bathroom in sight (the preview doesn't show the funniest part) to the so-called grapefruit diet. I will say this ... if, however, you Continued on page 17 are not a

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Paul (Archie) Archambeau 64 passed away peacefully in his home 8/9/17. Paul was a lifelong resident of Somerville and loving brother of Robin Assaf, of Boston, David Archambeau of North Adams and the late John Archambeau of Wayland brother in law to Malek Al-Khatib and uncle to Brian, Kiersten, Mary Beth & Danny. Paul attended St. Clements School and enjoyed his career with Arlington Yellow Cab. Paul was a close and loyal Friend of Bill and achieved the promise of serenity. Paul will be remembered by his strong sense of humor and quick wit. A Celebration of Life service and luncheon and is being planned by his sister Robin & Malek Al-Khatib for 8/25. 617-901-0821.



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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Mike Connolly

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local senators' roll call attendance records for the 2017 session through August 18.

The Senate has held 76 roll call votes so far in 2017. We tabulate the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculate that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

In the 39-member Senate, 31 senators (82.1 percent) have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The senators who missed the most roll calls are Sens. Jennifer Flanagan (D-Leominster) and Barbara L'Italien (D-Andover), who each missed six roll calls (92.1 percent attendance); and Eileen Donoghue (D-Lowell), who missed three roll calls (96.1 percent attendance).

Beacon Hill Roll Call requested a statement from those three senators. Here are their responses.

Flanagan: "Unfortunately, this year I had to miss six votes out of 76 roll calls. The first four votes were missed due to work-related travel and the last two were because of a personal family matter that kept me from attending [the] session."

L'Italien: "I was unfortunately unable to vote on six roll calls this session."

L'Italien went on to explain that there were several reasons for missing the six votes including the unexpected death of her mother on April 3; her service as a Massachusetts legislative delegate at the Government of Canada Rising State Leaders Tour; her attendance at the Women in Government Conference in Nevada; and her convening a mediation meeting between SEIU 509 and Class, Inc. to avert a large labor strike in the city of Lawrence.

Donoghue: "On the evening of Thursday, June 22, I traveled to the Women in Government Conference in Las Vegas and was unable to attend the final few hours of [the] formal session."

#### 2017 SENATORS' ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE **RECORD THROUGH AUGUST 18**

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the senator missed.

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen 100 percent (0)

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CHARLOTTESVILLE RESOLUTIONS - The House and Senate approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed resolutions denouncing the "totalitarian impulses, violence, xenophobic and bigoted ideologies that are promoted by white nationalists and Neo-Nazis." The resolutions also urge elected officials and law enforcement to condemn these groups.

#### LOTTERY FOR LOW LICENSE PLATES - The

Registry of Motor Vehicle announced that applications for the 2017 Low Number License Plate Lottery must be submitted online by August 25. Mail applications must be postmarked by August 25. This year's goodies are 162 low license plates including 33E, 8J, M88 X1, 4455 and 8888. Applications are available at all RMV branches and online at www.massrmv.com/2017PlateLottery

and their names will be posted on the Registry's website.

NEW MBTA GENERAL MANAGER - Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack announced the appointment of Luis Manuel Ramírez as the new general manager of the MBTA, to succeed Interim General Manager Steve Poftak on September 12. Ramirez has had a business career spanning 30 years including successful turnarounds with divisions of some of the nation's biggest corporations but doesn't have any experience in the transportation field.

Ramírez, 50, who runs his own strategic and turnaround business consulting firm, also worked at several other companies including his stint as President and CEO of General Electric's Energy Industrial Solutions business, where he was responsible for 17,000 employees operating in 60 countries, delivering \$3.5 billion in annual revenue.

"From Day One, we were looking for a candidate with a solid track record of leading large and complex organizations through transformation and change," said Pollack. "His unique personal background, deep exposure to a range of challenges and constituencies, and proven leadership skills make Luis the right person to lead the MBTA as it continues to become the world-class transit agency our riders expect and deserve."

"I'm a little bit skeptical that they're bringing somebody in that doesn't know how to run a transportation system, to actually run a transportation system," said U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-Boston). "We've got a president who ran on the basis that he has never done this before, that he was a total outsider and didn't know the first thing about passing bills or running a government agency, and we've got the results there."

"I am excited about joining a great team at the T to build upon the progress they have already made," Ramirez said. "Going forward, we need financial discipline, we need operational excellence, and we also need strategy. But in everything we do, the overriding objective will be to put the customer first."

INMATES MUST PAY \$5 FEE (H 483) - A bill before the Judiciary Committee would allow county sheriffs to require prison inmates to pay the state up to \$5 per day to defray the cost of incarceration. The sheriffs would also be able to charge inmates \$5 for any medical or dental visits and prescription eyeglasses and \$3 for prescription drugs.

Inmates who could not afford the fees would have an outstanding bill when they leave prison. The bill would be forgiven if the inmate stays out of jail for two years.

Supporters of the fee say it is time that criminals share a small portion of the financial burden of room and board and other services. They note there are a lot of prisoners who enter prison with money which is then put in their canteen fund to buy personal items and candy. They argue that the proposal would raise up to \$120 million in much-needed revenue.

Opponents of the fee say the proposal is misguided and mean-spirited and argue that the revenue from this program would amount to less than the cost of administering it. Some say the burden of paying the fees would be shifted to the innocent families of inmates.

All winners will be announced by September 15, 2017, HELP VETERANS - Three pro-veteran bills that are

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still in committee and have not yet had a public hearing include: exempting former Prisoners of War from paying the Massachusetts 5.1 percent income tax (H 1606); allowing up to ten slot machines in VFW clubs and any other property owned or rented by a veterans organization (H 214); and providing up to a one-time \$500 tax credit for employers who hire a veteran. The credit jumps to \$750 if the veteran is disabled (S 1627).

#### DEMONSTRATORS BLOCKING HIGHWAYS

(H 982) - Another bill before the Judiciary Committee would fine and jail any demonstrator or protester who intentionally blocks or prevents access to a public road or highway with a speed limit of 30 miles per hour or higher. Offenders would be fined up to \$2,500 and imprisoned for up to one year.

Supporters say that these demonstrations on public roads wreak havoc on the roads and can lead to injuries or deaths. They note that the protesters often prevent passage of police and fire vehicles and ambulances. They cite an incident in 2015 during which demonstrators linked arms inside 1,100-pound drums and disrupted traffic.

**QUOTABLE QUOTES** - Special "By the Numbers Campaign War Chest Edition."

State legislators filed campaign finance reports covering fundraising and spending for January 1-June 30, 2017. Here are some of the highlights from the reports filed

with the state's Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

For a complete listing of all senators and representatives and their campaign funds, go to. Www.ocpf.us/Reports/MidYearReports and click on "View Reports" and then on "Mid-Year Reports."

Highest balances on hand:

Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) - \$932,988.29 House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop) \$462,012.61

Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) - \$435,540.19

Lowest balances on hand:

Rep. Stephan Hay (D-Fitchburg) - \$110.16 Rep. Juana Matias (D-Lawrence) - \$492.08 Rep. Russell Holmes (D-Boston) - \$519.72

Highest current outstanding liabilities:

Rep. Joseph McGonagle (D-Everett) - \$125,274.51 Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester) - \$82,790.00 Rep. Linda Dean Campbell (D-Methuen) - \$78,247.45

#### 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 7-11, the House met for a total of one hour and seven minutes while the Senate met for a total of 39 minutes.

Mon. August 14 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:37 a.m.

Tues. August 15 No House session No Senate session

Wed. August 16 No House session
No Senate session

Thurs. August 17 House 11:05 a.m. to 11:56 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.

Fri. August 18 No House session

No Senate session

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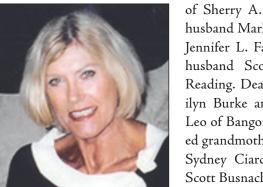
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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
18 James St	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	7	\$649,900	\$715,000		
21 Maple Avenue	10 room, 5 bed, 2f 0h bath Multi-Level	7	\$650,000	\$720,000		
13Thorpe St	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	38	\$749,000	\$800,000		
52 Madison Street	9 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath Other (See Remarks)	9	\$889,000	\$880,000		
123 Pearson Road	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Gambrel /Dutch	24	\$989,000	\$981,500		
11 Williams Court	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Other (See Remarks)	7	\$1,150,000	\$1,480,000		

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	List Price	Sale Price				
15 High Street U:1	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	10	\$699,000	\$805,000		
123 Morrison Avenue U:B	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	11	\$798,000	\$900,000		
9 Adrian St U:2	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Half-Duplex	162	\$798,800	\$787,500		
26 Indiana Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$799,900	\$870,000		
26 Indiana Ave U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	19	\$799,900	\$799,900		
40 Grant St U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	24	\$829,999	\$815,000		
32 Cedar St U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	23	\$924,000	\$960,000		
71 Bay State Ave U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$979,000	\$1,050,000		
221 Beacon Street U:3	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	6	\$985,000	\$1,035,000		
9 Pitman Street U:B	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	6	\$1,030,000	\$1,130,003.14		
60 Clyde St U:3	6 room, 2 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	21	\$1,049,000	\$1,075,000		
20Thorndike U:2	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$1,375,000	\$1,450,000		

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
242 Willow Ave	2 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	7	\$1,050,000	\$1,400,000		
305 Summer Street	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	20	\$1,100,000	\$1,050,000		
20 Carlton Street	3 unit, 13 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	62	\$1,169,000	\$1,115,000		
65 Lowden Ave	3 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	7	\$1,499,900	\$1,550,000		
7 North Street	6 unit, 24 total room, 12 total bedroom 5-9 Family	18	\$2,400,000	\$2,775,000		
1295-1305 Broadway	6 unit, 20 total room, 12 total bedroom 5-9 Family	18	\$4,400,000	\$4,775,000		

#### Maxine C. Faulkner



FAULKNER, Maxine C. (Lovell) – 81, Of Lexington, August 20, 2017. Beloved wife of 52 years to Burton F. Faulkner, Jr. Loving mother

May 9, 1936 - August 20, 2017

of Sherry A. Ciardi and her husband Mark of Winchester, Jennifer L. Faulkner and her husband Scott Busnach of Reading. Dear sister of Marilyn Burke and her husband Leo of Bangor, Maine. Devoted grandmother of Ryann and Sydney Ciardi, Arianna and Scott Busnach, Jr.

**OBITUARIES** 

Funeral procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway, Powder House Sq., Somerville, Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Eulalia Church,

Winchester at 11:00 am. Relatives and friends invited. Calling Hours Wednesday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Winchester

Maxine was a retired Airline Stewardess for Northeast – Delta Airlines and a member of the Clipped Wings Organization.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014.

#### Kelly T. Winn

#### November 21, 1960 - August 19, 2017



WINN, Kelly Thomas, of Somerville, August 19, 2017. Beloved, devoted, and loving husband of Sandy (Hall) Winn and father to

their daughter Kaitlyn Alyse Winn. Cherished son of Madelyn "Cookie" Winn and the late William M. Winn. Dear brother of William M. Winn, Jr. of Stoneham, Timothy F. Winn of Medford, Michael A. Winn and his wife Midgie of Salem, NH and Nancy E. Winn of Hanson. Kelly is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and Friends are invited to attend Calling Hours in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway, Powder House Sq., Somerville on Thursday from 1:00to 4:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service beginning at 4:00 p.m. A celebration of Kelly's life will follow at the Somerville City Club.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kelly's name can be made to the Mass General Hospital, Yawkey Cancer Center, 55 Fruit Street, Boston, MA 02114.

Kelly was a very proud member of IATSE Local 11, and formerly of Local 481 and Teamsters Local 25.

# Sunsetters on Kensington Ave.













The Ferro family hosted the Sunsetters on Tuesday, August 19 on Kensington Ave. Stop & Shop donated a \$25 dollar gift card for snacks and Louie's Ice Cream on Broadway gave all the Sunsetters free ice cream after their performance.

– Photos by Claudia Ferro

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# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #136

#### The Dentists

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

People often dislike dentists until they receive a smile better than the one they were born with. Much has been written about Paul Revere's epic ride. More than most, the people of Somerville have tried to keep his remembrance alive by naming parks, businesses, memorials and buildings in his honor.



After barely evading British capture near the now Holiday Inn, he completed his Lexington alert. Paul Revere was not only a patriotic spy; he was a soldier, a sailor, a businessman, and a dentist. The best dental surgeon in Boston, Dr. John Baker, who later made dentures for General Washington, trained him.

Often called the first forensic dentist in America, Revere identified his best friend's body after the Battle of Bunker Hill. It was the long-buried body of General Joseph Warren that Revere had previously performed identifiable dental work on. In 1842, Somerville wanted to name herself after General



Warren, but another town had claimed the privilege eight years before.

Dental Bites:

+ Norman Rockwell was considered the Charles Dickens of the paintbrush. Close to a dozen of his paintings honored dentists. Before dental floss and toothbrushes, toothpicks were used. Most were simple, and some were elaborate. Eight years ago, an initialed Charles Dickens toothpick sold for over \$9000 at auction. Charles may have carried it with him on his 1842 trip through Somerville.



• Fifty years ago, Jim Lonborg, baseball star and dentist, was the 1967 Cy Young Award winner ... the first Red Sox pitcher to do so. He was the American League strikeout leader, All Star member of the "impossible dream" team, and a member of the Red Sox Hall of Fame. After retiring from baseball, he attended Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and practiced south of

Boston. In the television series Cheers, the framed picture of Sam Malone was actually Jim Lonborg.

- Mark Spitz, the seven-time Gold Medal winning Olympic swimmer was accepted to dental school before being diverted to the pool.
- \* Zane Grey, a dentist, was one of history's first millionaire authors and wrote over 80 novels in the Western genre.
- + Dentist Thomas Welch, in search of a non-alcoholic church wine, created Welch's Grape Juice. Continued on page 15

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# Gas leaks bill slow going at State House

By Erin Wade

The Massachusetts House of Representatives has been in session for over eight months, and state Rep. Christine Barber's House Bill 2683 hasn't budged from the Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, where it's sat since January 23.

The purpose of the bill is to ensure utility customers don't pay for the cost of "leaked and unaccounted for gas," according to the language of the bill.

"It is set to have a hearing in, we think, early October. It'll have a public hearing and then go through the committee process," Barber said. "So right now, we're trying to educate people about the bill and prepare for the hearing."

There were 200 unrepaired gas leaks in Somerville in 2016, according to reports by Eversource and National Grid, the two gas companies that service the city. National Grid spokesperson Danielle Williamson said that in January, the company was responsible for 81 gas leaks in the city and that, as of August, that number had decreased to 74 leaks, though the company may have repaired more than seven of Somerville's gas leaks this year, as new leaks may have sprung up during the first eight months of the year.

HEET President Audrey Schulman said the gas leaks amount to a cost of over \$90 million per year in the state of Massachusetts, which averages out to just over \$13.21 each year per person living in Massachusetts. She said she supports Barber's bill and hopes it will be written into law.

bill," Schulman said. "Ratepay-

ers should not have to pay the cost of the lost gas, and research shows that 7 percent of the leaks emit 50 percent of the gas, by volume, so my hope is that, if the bill passed, the utilities would be incentivized to figure out where the worst leaks were and fix them."

And Barber said getting gas leaks fixed quickly is part of her goal in pushing House Bill 2863 forward - but she said the primary goal, as the language of the bill suggests, is to shift the cost of leaked and lost gas to the utility companies.

"Should we be paying for gas that never gets to us, and why is the ratepayer - the consumer - the one paying?" Barber asked. "So that's the simple goal behind the bill, but the hope is, of course, the goal is, at the end, to fix these leaks as quickly as possible."

Barber said she hears from constituents about gas leaks more and more as groups - including the Home Energy Efficiency Team, or HEET, and Mothers Out Front Somerville - organize public awareness campaigns, like Mothers Out Front Somerville's public forum on gas leaks in late May.

"I think it seems like it's something we can fix," Barber said. "It's a public safety issue, but it's also an environmental issue and a cost issue, and it's something we can actually get our arms around."

Eversource spokesperson Rhiannon D'Angelo said in an email that the company has "worked closely" with Barber and the Somerville community over the past few years to address gas leaks in the city, noting that Eversource is mounting 13 separate "It would be great to pass the projects in Somerville to replace 1.75 miles of gas pipes this year.



House Bill 2683 is set to get much needed infrastructure repairs going with leaking gas pipes, if it can pass in the State House.

And Schulman emphasized that utility companies like Eversource and National Grid aren't villains in the gas leaks saga.

"I think it's important to say that the utilities are doing what they are regulated to do. They are not the bad guys," Schulman said. "They are tightly regulated by the Department of Public Utilities, so as the understanding of natural gas changes, the regulation changes."

Williamson said National Grid opposes Barber's bill, because "it essentially amounts to levying a penalty for factors that are largely outside the utility's control."

But she added that National Grid is committed to reducing its carbon footprint through the repair of gas leaks, and the company has set a goal for itself to repair all of its current gas leaks in Massachusetts within the next 10 years - including leaks that National Grid is not required by law to repair within a certain timeframe.

"While a leak may not be at risk of an explosion," Williamson said, "we still want to repair it."

She said that this is largely because the leaked gas - mostly methane - has been shown to contribute to climate change.

"We completely accept the science of climate change, and we'll continue to work toward doing our part," Williamson said.

Phoebe Whitwell, 24, of Somerville, said her concern about climate change was what spurred her to write a letter to the editor to The Somerville Times, published Aug. 16, that urged other Somerville residents to support Barber's gas leaks bill.

"The gas leaking out of the pipelines is actually a pretty big percentage of the carbon impact of the Boston area - like, more than the cars driving around," Whitwell said, citing a HEET statistic, "and it seems like something that, unlike people's cars which they need to get places, could get fixed."

Barber said this seeming ease of repair makes the gas leaks a rallying point for constituents who are concerned about climate change and the environment.

"Climate change is so big and there's so many things we need to do, but gas leaks is a really tangible thing that people have been concerned about and wanting to do something about," Barber said.

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# COMMENTARY

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# We will overcome



By Joseph A. Curtatone

On Saturday, August 12, I – like many people across the country – watched in horror and disgust as the KKK, neo-Nazis, and other alt-right and white supremacist groups descended upon Charlottesville, Virginia, and three innocent people lost their lives. I was appalled that this was happening in the United States of America in 2017.

We should never become complacent toward such vile hostilities. But frankly, while what happened in Charlottesville shook me to my core, I can't say that I was surprised. When you have a president who surrounds himself with advisors known for their

support of white nationalist views and who perpetuates lies about entire groups of people based solely on their race, nationality, or religion, it becomes increasingly challenging to not make the connection between the current administration and the growing brazenness of hate groups.

The ugly and shameful truth is that the case for white supremacy is being argued and advanced. Charlottesville was a wake-up call for anyone who didn't already realize that an effort is underway to push white supremacy into the mainstream — and into the White House.

In response, people in cities and towns across the nation took it upon themselves to do precisely what our President wouldn't: fiercely decry the hatred of the alt-right neo-Nazis who unleashed terror on the streets of Charlottesville. The alt-right groups claimed they wanted to "Unite the Right." Instead they've united far more Americans behind the principles of equality and human dignity.

The people of Somerville made their voices of hope heard too.

An estimated 900-1,000 people came out to Davis Square on short notice for the "Our Ville Stands with Your Ville" vigil. There were so many moving moments and powerful words spoken by local clergy and political leaders that I could never do justice to them by describing them here. However, one moment in particular stands out to me. As people of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds stood side-byside, they lifted up their interlocked hands while "We Shall Overcome" rang throughout the crowd. My hope is that we allow this beautiful, unscripted moment to serve as a reminder of hope and peace and embolden us to never stay silent in the face of oppression.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Coming together as a community to shine light on darkness and

fight hate with love is a first step toward change, and it was encouraging to see members of the Somerville community join tens of thousands of people across the country – and in Boston – to do just that this past week. But discrimination isn't isolated to a weekend demonstration in Virginia, so our actions cannot stop at attending vigils and marches in the name of solidarity. As Andre Green, our Ward 4 School Committee member, so poignantly asked the community as he spoke at the vigil: "You came to a vigil tonight. What will you do tomorrow?"

Charlottesville reminds us of the need to do more and the need to continually tend to the soul and heart of our nation. It's up to all of us to lead the way on this front too. No one person, business, non-profit organization, or government entity can fight deep-rooted intolerance alone. We must first be honest with ourselves and with the people we serve about our past and present, recognizing that whether intentional or unintentional, not all groups of people have been or are treated equally as a result of centuries of systemic biases built into our systems. Then we must get to work on ourselves as individuals and together to address these problems at their core.

We cannot allow Charlottesville to fade from our memories as just another flashpoint along the way to our next outrage. It is a gross understatement to say what transpired there made apparent the immense amount of work to be done on the front of achieving true equality and justice for all. I contend, however, that the response from people right here in Somerville as well as from other places across the country - and even the world gives me hope that we will overcome. I'm proud to stand beside so many of you in committing to make that hope a reality.

A complete video of the "Our Ville Stands with Your Ville" vigil can be found on the Somerville City TV YouTube channel.

# Harnessing gentrification: A Somerville solution



By Joe Beckman

Since Mayor Capuano's Affordable Housing Task Force in 1998, people have talked about a 1% transfer tax. Some see it as an "admission fee" to buy and move into Somerville. Some see a penalty for speculators. It was then. At that time, it was designed to support an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to finance rentals.

Since 1998, the focus shifted as different administrations explored the political reality of passing such a tax. Any transfer fee or tax will require a home-rule amendment to be approved by the Legislature and Governor, and the political atmosphere does not favor new taxes – or fees.

Faced with the current Legislative and Executive Legislature and Governor, a number of local advocates are considering a fund to guarantee private limited equity mortgages to families meeting fairly broad income

requirements, rather than one to purchase or build housing. A loan guarantee could impact ten times the number of people at no higher net cost.

And such a fund would grow as the properties it guarantees grow in value. In other words, it's an investment fund that need not last very long.

Looking at land trusts in Europe and the US – in Massachusetts, on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket – several different planning committees have made a case for ownership instead of rental investments.

A mortgage guarantees predictable costs, unlike leases. It also offers a mortgage interest tax deduction, which has a special impact in its early years, exactly when student loans eat up so much income. Mortgages also build equity for retirement, unlike rent, and are an incentive to maintain and update the owners' property. Trusts that guarantee mortgages also become self-supporting, as mortgage holders build their equity and the risks of default decline.

And, with limited equity caps on pricing for resale, a backlog of eligible new owners sharply reduces the risk to an underwriter. Ultimately, as European example demonstrate, land trusts build equity for both the land trust and its clients, and gradually needs less or no additional income from a transfer fee. Such a fee could have a sunset clause with no risk to the trust or its participants.

The more years a city worker – for one very vulnerable demographic – pays into a limited equity mortgage, the more valuable that ownership becomes and attractive jobs in other cities drop in value. If city employment were a requirement of that loan guarantee, its impact on salaries as well as community stability might double its value.

In twenty years very few teachers, for example, would find a higher salary in another city is as profitable as a salary and an apartment in Somerville. Targeting beneficiaries like those city workers, long term residents, seniors, and others could actually produce hard data on the Trust's impact on recruitment, on stability, on salaries and on other affordability measures.

Finally, we have yet to explore what this strategy contributes to making better use of existing city services for housing—lead paint removal, energy efficient heating and power systems,

MassSave benefits, various home improvement loans and direct benefits, and, finally, the tax deferral available to seniors over 70 with less than \$80,000 in annual cash income.

Each of these benefits are available to all in Somerville, but, if coordinated with a land trust and mortgage financing, could have much more significant impact in stabilizing the community, the city staff, and the housing in general. And none of these would need other additional investment to impact market conditions or housing costs beyond the trust.

The housing trust has additional value, beyond what it can deliver to limited equity owners. For new developers, for example, it could pre-sell several units and offer the developer a fixed cash down payment, making other financing easier, and securing affordable units in a mixed income building. Such projects have a very positive, but small scale, history in Somerville with developers like David Aposhian or with the 100 Homes program.

In other words, there really are some precedents, even though they are relatively small. A secure living situation for twenty to thirty years

would be worth far more than many other affordability strategies – to owners, neighbors, and local businesses.

Too often Somerville forgets it is a real laboratory city - almost unique in its density, its variety of work and living styles, and in its transportation and commercial base. The size of the city makes it possible to reliably measure how the trust might impact such vulnerable populations as the Trust and condo benefits - statistically and with reliable data - in how it might impact other vulnerable populations - seniors, those with disabling conditions, retired city workers, etc. Those measurements could inform other cities, while, at the same time, the trust itself would need no further investment and the transfer fee could have a sunset clause at five to fifteen years.

This kind of a trust could also help local banks, incidentally, since insured mortgage holders at fixed rates of inflation represent a re-sale to later municipal employees. Banks underwriting the mortgages themselves would not only be insured, but guaranteed continuous customers.

One other feature of a housing trust worth exploring is whether it might Continued on page 16

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



Somerville stands united against hate and intolerance.

# **Our View Of The Times**



The people of Somerville gathered in Davis Square last week to show their support for the victims of violence in Charlottesville, and to disavow the hatred and intolerance that drove the situation to its tragic outcome.

Our civic leaders, both local and state level, spoke of the challenges and responsibilities that everyone shares in holding together a civilized society, free from fear of violence and oppression.

Everyday citizens voiced their concerns and shared their commitment to maintaining order and promoting tolerance and understanding.

It is comforting to know that we live in the type of community where the few haters that do exist among us keep to the shadows, fully aware that their drumbeats of bigotry will immediately be drowned out by the unified chorus of admonishment and scorn. And it's not just Somerville. Look at what happened in Boston on Saturday. The so-called "free speech" advocates were similarly subdued and silenced, by something on the order of - literally - a thousand to one.

You can be sure that Somerville was also well represented in that crowd.

The neo-Nazis, white supremacists, weekend warriors and their ilk ought to know better. This is New England, not

the deep south. Freedom was fought for and won on this soil. This is the very birthplace of American democracy. Anyone barging in to tell us that we are not good enough Americans are just ridiculous and worthy of ridicule.

We should be proud of our solidarity and our commitment to justice, the rule of law, and common decency between all peoples. This is who we are. And the few aberrant exceptions will not change us.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Remember, the 175th birthday of our city is this year. Celebratory events are scheduled throughout the coming year. Go to http://www.somervillema.gov/somerville175 for more information about events you might be interested in.

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It's 2017 and **Demet's Donuts** over on Mystic Avenue is the best. We're noticing more and more Somerville residents over there getting their coffee and donuts to start the day. The ladies working there are fantastic and always smiling. If you're in the mood for a huge, great tasting donut drop over early since they disappear as the day gets on. We've noticed more and more Somerville residents over at the store on Mystic. They are finding out like we have that their coffee is better then you know.

Interesting column in the **DigBoston**, on Somerville: www.digboston.com.

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The last Youth-Police Walking Dialogues will take place Thursday, August 24, at 4:00 p.m. at the Brown School, 201 Willow Ave. This partnership with the Somerville Police Department and

the Center for Teen Empowerment aims to make communication between Somerville community members and the police department easily accessible, and strengthen relationships among police, youth, community residents and business owners.

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Welcoming and Inclusive Neighborhoods Somerville (WINS) Public Meeting takes place on Thursday, August 24, at 6:00 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross Street. The city's Housing Division invites you to a public meeting to receive citizen input on the city's Assessment of Fair Housing. The Assessment of Fair Housing, which the city is referring to as the Welcoming and Inclusive Neighborhoods Somerville (WINS) initiative, is a Department of Housing and Urban Development requirement that the city has developed to identify and address fair housing issues and factors that contribute to inequities in Somerville. Throughout the summer the city has solicited views and recommendations from community members and interested parties through surveys, tabling at

public events and holding meetings and

focus groups to gather information on fair housing issues. The input received has been incorporated into the Assessment of Fair Housing draft. The community is now invited to read and make further comments in person during a public meeting or online. The draft will be available for the public through Wednesday, September 20, at www.somervillema.gov/wins.

There will be an Old Powder House Docent Tour, Saturday, August 26, at 10:00 a.m. at Somerville Powder House, 1 Powder House Blvd. For the first time, the Historic Preservation

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House, 1 Powder House Blvd. For the first time, the Historic Preservation Commission will have Docent-led tours of the old Powder House, located between Ball Square and Teele Square.

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The Somerville Mobile Farmers' Market sells fresh, local produce in Somerville. They offer an unlimited 50% discount for residents of North Street or Mystic Housing, as well as for showing your SNAP, WIC, or Senior Farmers' Market Coupons. They accept cash, debit, credit, SNAP/EBT, WIC Farmers' Market Coupons, and Senior Farmers' Market Coupons. For more informa-

tion: http://www.somervillemobilefarmersmarket.wordpress.com

The Community Preservation Com-

mittee is made up of Somerville residents

who set the priorities for approximately

\$2 million in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds each year and recommend which projects should be funded to the Board of Aldermen. A general public seat is opening on the committee on January 1, 2018, and Somervillians are invited to share feedback on the applicants' qualifications, which can be found at www.somervillema. gov/CPA. Email feedback to City CPA Manager Kristen Stelljes at kstelljes@ somervillema.gov by Tuesday, August 29. The successful candidate will have a three-year term running from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2021, and will have the option to renew for a second three-year term. State law

designates that committee members shall be appointed by the **mayor** and approved by the **Board of Aldermen**. To engage the community in selecting the most qualified applicant, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone has formed a review committee of Continued on page 16

# **Project Star 2017**

Project STAR, Somerville's summer musical theatre camp, presented their original mini-musical on Thursday, August 17, at The West Somerville Neighborhood School. For 6 weeks, the talented Somerville teens rehearsed their play called *Enough is Enough*. The show addressed school bullying.

Directed by Youth Arts Coordinator Jimmy Del Ponte, with help from the mayor's Summer Jobs program's Lexi Sousa and Alysa Pierre, the performance also featured a short variety show.

















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# Our Ville Stands with Your Ville: Charlottesville Vigil

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# **SPORTS**

# **Ryan Harrington Foundation Corn Toss Tournament**





The 6th Annual Ryan Harrington Foundation Corn Toss Tournament takes place on Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Trum Field. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the games will start at 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$50 per team, 2 players per team. There are men's and a women's divisions. Cash prizes go to the winners of each division. They will be selling t-shirts, hoodies, food and drinks at the field, as well as having raffle items and a 50/50. There will also be kids activities. All monies raised will go to youth organizations in the City. It will be a great day for the whole family.

# Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 7. Which fruit has a variety known as Winter
- 8. What was Frank Sinatra's last wife's name?

Banana?

- 9. What was Alfred Hitchcock's last movie?
- 10. Which one of Clint Eastwood's movies has the most killings?
- 11. What percentage of whole milk is water?
- 12. From what part of the cinnamon tree do we get the spice?

Answers on page 17

2. What country was Paul Keating Prime Min-

1. What organization

1979?

did Curtis Sliwa start in

- ister of?
- are in the early Simon electronic game?

3. How many squares

- 4. How many ways does Wonder Bread claim to build stong bodies?
- 5. Who is Dr. Sivana?
- 6. What is singer Axl Rose's real name?

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# **Fight Night at Dilboy Stadium**

Show your support for Somerville's youth boxers at Fight Night at Dilboy Stadium on Friday, August 25 at Dilboy Stadium. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. Brought to you by the Somerville Youth Development and Boxing Club, in conjunction with Mayor Joseph Curtatone and the Somerville Recreation Department.



# Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Solar Eclipse Party



More than 125 girls and family members gathered at Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Camp Cedar Hill in Waltham to watch the solar eclipse on Monday. Pictured here, Avi Borgatti of Somerville wearing her solar eclipse glasses.

— Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts/Mae Beerman

# **Movie Nights in the Park**

Movie Nights in the Park is back after a successful first edition. Come join in at Chuckie Harris Park for a series of short movies organized by East Somerville Main Streets, Somerville Media Center and the Arlington International Film Festival.

Come at 7:00 p.m. for live music as well as food and drinks from locally beloved Fasika.

The artist Meagan O'Brien will also be present and working on her Portrait for a Story project. Check it out here: http://www.portraitforastory.com/. The movies will start at 8:30 p.m.

On Monday, August 28, enjoy a selection of short movies: Sensorium (5 min., USA); Wedding Cake (9 min., Germany); The Baby (15 min., Iran/Italy); Mee (4 min., Germany); Fallt (3 min., USA); Yo Presidenta (18 min., Spain); The Missing Scarf (7 min., Ireland); and O Atelier (14 min., Brazil).

On Friday, September 29, there will be a special presentation of the Tyler Parker documentary The Flag.

Visit the website for additional info and pictures from the previous event: https://www.eastsomervilleguide.com/movie-nights-in-the-park.



#### **Historical Fact** CONT. FROM PG 8

- · Dentist, John Henry "Doc" Holliday, was a famous wild-west gambler and O.K. Corral gunfighter along with his best friends Wyatt Earp and Bartholemew "Bat" Masterson. All three were boxing enthusiasts. At times, Earp refereed, Holliday nursed, and Masterson would bodyguard. Masterson was the bodyguard for Somerville's world-champion boxer, Jake Kilrain.
- The first woman to fly an airplane solo was a dentist. Dr. Bessica "Bessie" Raiche accomplished this feat in 1910. Somerville's largest monument, the Amelia Earhart Dam (Mystic River), honors the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean in 1928.
- Tufts University School of Dental Medicine was founded in 1868, 150 years ago next year. It is one of the oldest in the country and today serves over 18,000 patients a year and has a 108-chair simulation laboratory.

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+ On October 16, 1846, Dr. William T.G. Morton publicly administered ether for the first time. The following day, the Boston Evening Journal reported on the successful, painless operation that took place at McLean Hospital. A dentist had taken the first giant step in eliminating

surgical suffering.



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# A Message of Solidarity from SMC

In the wake of recent events, it is important to understand that racism, bigotry and hatred are still very much alive in this country. The Somerville Media Center community extends its thoughts and sympathies to the families that were devastated by these acts of terror. These ghastly hostilities will



not be tolerated and can only be prevented through action.

Hatred stems from fear. Fear derives from a lack of understanding. In these times of peril, we need to work to create a more effective exchange of ideas. A discourse that eliminates the evil ambitions of few, that so negatively affect

SMC helps to cultivate a safe and welcoming space for communicating, sharing, connecting and listening with the goal of creating a compassionate learning environment. Here, we encourage individuals not only to express themselves, but share new ways of thinking for a better community understanding.

— Somerville Media Center Board and staff

If you would like to share your thoughts, please consider attending our community speakout event, Free Speech: In Your Words. More information is below.

What does 'Free Speech' mean at a time when the phrase is being touted to espouse hateful rhetoric and racist viewpoints? Does Free Speech have an obligation to be responsible and informative? If so, where does all other Free Speech fit in? Where are the lines and who gets to draw them?

Record your thoughts on Free Speech during drop-in hours at Somerville Media Center. Your viewpoints may end up as part of a public service announcement about Free Speech that will debut on Community Media Day in October.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2:00 to 6:00 P.M.

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MICHAEL E GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION** 

**LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross Street, Somerville, MA

82 Willow Avenue (ZBA 2017-30): Applicants / Owners, Umesh and Dipti Mistri, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to make various alterations that include a complete renovation of the interior and exterior of the nonconforming three-family structure, a Special Permit under \$9.13 for parking relief, and a Variance under §5.5 and Article 8 for creating a new nonconformity by constructing a rear addition and decks into the required rear vard setback, NB zone, Ward 6.

21 Walnut Street (ZBA 2017-57): Applicant, Gilmar Costa, and Owner, Sharon Rotondo as Trustee of the Desmond Irrevocable Trust, seek a Special Permit under \$4.4.1 to increase the nonconforming floor area ratio (FAR) by finishing a portion of the attic and constructing a dormer on the left side of the roof of the nonconforming three-family dwelling. A Special Permit under §9.13 for parking relief is also being sought. RA zone. Ward 3.

22 Billingham Street (ZBA 2017-79): Applicants / Owners, Jonathan Wolfe and Margaret Rosenberg, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a dormer within the required right side yard setback. RA zone.

275A Elm Street (ZBA 2017-87): Applicant, Vallier, LLC c/o Sophie Vallier, and Owner, Dana Family Realty Trust and RMD, Sr. Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under §7.11.10.2.a for a change in use to convert a jewelry store into a café style establishment with 12 seats and a Special Permit under §9.13 for parking relief, CBD Zone, Ward 6.

13 Pinckney Street (ZBA 2017-63): Applicant, Jose Silva, and Owner, Joao Amaral, seek a Variance under Section 5.5 and 8.5 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to legalize an existing unit in the basement of a two-family residence. RB Zone. Ward 1.

51 Curtis Street (ZBA 2017-72): Applicant and Owner, Matthew Giunta, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to rebuild an existing deck, relocate the stairs, add a new pergola structure over the deck, and landscape the rear yard. RA Zone. Ward 7.

161 Linwood Street (ZBA 2015-49-R1-0717): Applicant, Herb Chambers I-93, Inc. and Owner, Tauro Realty Trust with David Tauro, Trustee, seek a revision to a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §5.2 and §5.3 of the SZO to alter a site plan including parking space dimensions and dumpster location. A Variance under §5.5 and §10.7 is sought for a fence exceeding 6 feet in height. IA Zone. Ward 2.

13 Lee Street (ZBA 2017-78): Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 13 Lee St., LLC) see Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to add a dormer to a non-conforming structure and under Section 9.13 for parking relief> RA zone, Ward 4.

14 Bradley Street (ZBA 2017-68): Applicant, Garrett Realty, LLC, and Owner, David Einis, seek Special Permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to construct a dormer within the right side yard setback, build egress stairs within the right side yard setback, and for the upward extension of the right and front non-conforming setbacks. Special Permits are also sought to increase the number of residential units from one to two. RB zone. Ward 4.

42 Bow Street (ZBA 2017-77): Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 42 Bow St., LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the FAR by more than 25%, under \$7.11 to increase the number of units from four to five, and under \$9.13 for parking relief. NB zone. Ward 2.

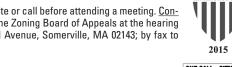
118 - 124 College Avenue (ZBA 2017-88): Owner, Lacourt Realty, LLC, c/o Mouhab Rizkallah, seeks a Special Permit under §7.3 of the SZO to increase the number of units from four to seven (including one affordable unit) and parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO.

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 8/23/17 & 8/30/17.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

**MIDDLESEX Division** 

Docket No. MI15P3760EA

Estate of:

Philip Vaccaro

Also known as: Philip F. Vaccaro

Date of Death: 04/01/2015

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by

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requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you

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

Date: August 01, 2017

Tara E. De Cristofaro **Register of Probate** 

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 18-09

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

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An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained online http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/ bids or by contacting the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after: Monday, August 23, 2017. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, 09/06/2017 at 11 A.M. at which time sealed bids will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 09/15/2017 through 09/14/2018, with two one-year options to renew. The City reserves sole discretion to exercise renewal options.

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#### Harnessing gentrification: A Somerville solution **CONT. FROM PG 10**

underwrite the mortgage insurance to select reverse mortgages, and thereby empower seniors to offer discounted rents to caregiving young people. That benefit may require Congressional action, but Congressman Capuano, under whom the first transfer tax was initially conceived, is now Vice-Chair of that committee in the US. House of Represen-

Fashioning a Home Rule amendment that other cities

could study, could compare with their own systems, and could adapt to their unique or distinctive housing and population patterns, makes this

kind of legislation much easier to imagine. And Somerville as a laboratory for creating community is why many of us live here anyway.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

community members and residents with expertise in related areas to review applications, conduct interviews, and consider public feedback on candidates. The review committee considers both professional and lived experience and seeks to nominate a candidate that has interest in all three CPA areas (historic resources, open space/recreation land, and affordable housing) and contributes to the diversity of background and perspectives of the Community Preservation Committee. From the group of applicants, the review committee will nominate a candidate for appointment for the mayor to review, and the mayor will submit the candidate finalist to

the Board of Aldermen for approval. Thanks to all applicants for their interest and dedication to Somerville: Laura Beretsky; Jane Carbone; Kathleen Evans; Katie Gradowski; Stephanie MacNeil; John Reinhardt; and Kristen Strezo.

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Ward 1 school committee candidate

Emily Ackman's Back to School Fundraiser will be taking place on Tuesday, August 29, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway, Somerville. This is a kid friendly event. Food will be served. More information is available at https://www.facebook.com/ events/1487418661316401/.

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CONT. FROM PG 5

# An invitation to the 'Girls Trip'

unconditionally. You never have to guess what she is thinking, because she is not afraid to tell you

what is on her mind. We should

of the seats due to a lack of body

control. Everybody in that theatre

got their money's worth watching

Girls Trip. And fellas, you should

as well, because funny is funny.

all have friends like that. Although the casting is perfect in Girls Trip and everyone While viewing this film, I nopulled their weight (and then ticed that I was one of only three some) on screen, the film's clearmen in a sold-out theater, domcut scene-stealing winner is, inated by an audience of young undoubtedly, Tiffany Haddish black women. The roar of the fe-(Nekeisha from The Carmichael male laugh was powerful in that Show), as she is truly the film's theatre that night, as I looked beacon of light. Her offbeat huaround, I saw women crying with mor and improvisation is surprissmiles on their faces, holding their stomachs, leaning on their ingly unexpected, but very much appreciated. She is that friend girlfriends so as to not fall out Take your wife or husband, or your girlfriend or boyfriend, your "side chick," or go by yourself. Either way, you won't regret it, because laughter is food for the soul and, needless to say, Girls Trip offers a plentiful serving.

Verdict:

With Hollywood being Hollywood, there will DEFININTE-LY be a sequel. Plus, add to that the fact that film studios and/or production companies are feeling the pressure now to crank out movies that are more representative and inclusive of all moviegoers. I think they finally figured out that black and brown people pay to watch movies too. So, with that said, I think Girls Trip 2 will be coming to a the-



atre near you, sooner rather than later. And by the time it does, you'll be ready for that second plate, I'm sure.

Girls Trip is currently playing at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square. Go online at: http://

somervilletheatre.com for show times.

Your mission, if you choose to accept it, will be to see this movie and try not to laugh. Good luck ... and Godspeed!

Rating: 2.8/4

#### **MassDOT MBTA Intern Transportation** Institute graduation CONT. FROM PG 1

locations including: Carpentry, Metal/Body, Auto Tech (Arlington, Cabot, Everett), the Green Line, IT, Real Estate and

you love, but at times, are afraid

to be seen with in public because

you never know what she is go-

ing to say. She is ready to fight at

the drop of a hat, but loves you

Somerville High School CTE students completed their internship with the MBTA exploring career pathways in the transportation industry. These students were given a chance to explore hands-on in the bus

yards as part of the new Mass-DOT University program. Students from the Automotive Technology, Carpentry, and Welding program got to see what each of their program of study is like in the transportation industry and that it takes more than just one specific field to make the any industry run smooth. Somerville High School plans to continue to use MassDOT internship to give students a smoother transition into entry-level work.

The multitude of partnerships have contributed to make the Intern Transportation Institute a model for other organizations; providing the youth a broadened perspective of the MassDOT MBTA transportation industry in ways very few have had the opportunity to do.

# **Artist exhibition**



Artist Angeline Flores displayed her artwork last week at Laugh Boston. – Photo by Claudia Ferro

— Photo by Bobbie Toner

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# Silents are golden

Silent Films with live musical accompaniment from Jeff Rapsis are coming to the Somerville and Capitol Theatres.

Clara Beau in Get Your Man (1927) in 35mm will be shown on Sunday, August 27, 2:00 p.m., at the Somerville Theatre, Davis Square, Somerville. Richard Barthelmess in Tol'able David (1921) plays on Thursday, September 28, 8:00 p.m., at the Capitol Theatre in Arlington.

Take a trip back in time to rediscover some of the biggest names of the silent era through a pair of sumptuous black and white films presented on the big screen with live musical accompaniment. For more info, go to the theaters' websites at http://somervilletheatre.com and http://capitoltheatreusa.com.

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7. Apple

8. Barbara

- 1. The Guardian Angels
- 2. Australia
- 3. 4
- 4. 12
- Captain Marvel's archenemy
  - - 11. About 87 percent

9. The Family Plot

10. Where Eagles Dare

- 6. He was raised as Wil- 12. The inner bark liam Bruce Bailey

#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday August 23

**East Branch Library Teddy Bear Picnic Storytime** 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broad-

#### Thursday August 24

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

#### Friday August 25

**Central Library** 

**TELL** (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting

3 p.m. - 5 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

#### Monday | August 28

**Central Library** 

Middle School Summer Writers'

5:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Tuesday August 29

**West Branch Library Preschool Storytime** 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College

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The Wood Floors / 5j Barrow / Lainey Dionne / Woundkin 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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#### Thursday August 24

Sally O'Brien's

Be Nice Or Leave Brass Band 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm Backroom Series: odd Thibaud and Brad Byrd 7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### P.A.'s Lounge

Victor / Conor Kenney Band / Erin Jarvis / Gregg Perry 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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#### **Thunder Road**

Scott H. Biram 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**

Cuentame Project Fundraiser The Dutch Tulips, Big Jon and the Mattress Factory, DJ Cait O'Brien 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

AERO Thursday ft. Andrew Stern's Telescope & Science by the Pint 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Arts at the Armory

The Loop 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### The Rockwell

Festival at First: Wicked Boston 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### Friday | August 25

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 HearNow Live presents \$10 cover||9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

#### The Burren

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Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Young Love and the Thrill|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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#### **Thunder Road**

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#### Aeronaut Brewing Co. The Late Risers | 3 p.m

14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory Cafe Raqs

#### 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Monday August 28

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

Tuesday | August 29 Sally O'Brien's Bar **SYM Tuesdays** 

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

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The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.

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

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

#### Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal Tuesday

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

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

#### Janet Connerney and friends 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday August 30 Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-

#### 666-3589 The Burren

Front Room Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. **Back Room Backroom Series** Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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#### **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** 156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Melissa Mills

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

Arts at the Armory Hearth Book Club

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday August 23

7 p.m.|Café| 191 Highland Ave

#### **Central Library**

Somerville Neighborhood Discussion Group 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Thursday August 24

#### **Central Library**

Branch

**Dump The Bosses Off Your Backs** - Part Two 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland

**East Branch Library** Drop in Knitting at the East

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadwav Family Game Night

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

#### way **Central Library**

Creative Writing Workshop 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave

#### program for people with problems with money and debt. 7

#### For more info call: 781-762-6629 Friday | August 25

(Upstairs Parlor).

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

Saturday August 26 **Union Square Farmer's Market** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

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7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

**Anon Family Groups** 

Unity Church of God

Monday | August 28 West Branch Library Drop in Knitting at West Branch

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College

#### **Tuesday | August 29**

#### **Central Library**

Couch to 4k Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Wednesday August 30

#### Trump's Budget & The Environment 7th Congressional District

**Central Library** 

6:30 - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library** Large Quiet Study The Nordic Theory of Everything

#### 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library**

Mystery Book Club 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

# PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

#### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

\*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Conversations of the Heart – Mondays (see dates below) from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. When you experience a loss; whether it be a loved one, a place of employment or even a change in your life, don't process these feelings along; come join our group where we process difficult emotions together in a safe and welcoming environment. For more information or questions please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. Refreshments will be served. Future dates: September 11 & 25, October 16 and 30, November 13 & 27 and December 11.

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of

each month: September 2, October 19, November 16 and December 14. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

**Birthday Lunch & Bingo** – Monday, August 28 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Cross Street. For more information or to reserve your spot please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

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

**Birthday Lunch & Bingo** – Thursday, August 31 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Limited seating – for more information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Judy at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fall Festival Lunch & Bingo – Monday, October 23 at the Cross Street Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seating is limited. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

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

The BBQ at Cross Street scheduled for Thursday, September 21st is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Salem Willows scheduled for Wednesday, September 29th is SOLD OUT.

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

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

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

#### LGBTQ EVENTS:

**LGBTQ Advisory Group** – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at

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

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

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

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

#### **Mondays:**

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

#### **Tuesdays:**

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

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

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

#### **Every Monday**

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

#### **Every Tuesday**

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

#### **Every Wednesday**

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

#### **Every Thursday**

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

#### **Every Friday**

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

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#### Somerville Local First Candidate Meet and Greet

On behalf of the Somerville Local First Board of Directors, I would like to invite members of the public and all candidates for political office (opposed or unopposed) to join us on Tuesday, September 12, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for a candidate meet and greet. This event will be held at Workbar Union, 31 Union Square, and light refreshments will be served.

With the Preliminary Elections right around the corner, it is important for us to have an opportunity to talk to those who are vying for leadership positions in our community. Candidates for Mayor, Ward Alderman, Alderman At-Large and School Committee have been invited to attend. There will be a short speaking portion beginning at 7:30 p.m. where confirmed candidates will be introduced.

For candidates, this event is not for the faint of heart. Unlike fundraisers, candidates will not be given an opportunity to address the crowd, but rather engage in face to face conversations with attendees throughout the evening. This ain't your mama's candidate night.

While this event is free to attend, Somerville Local First is asking for a \$10 donation to support our work and mission in the City of Somerville. We strive to bring awareness to our locally-owned, independent businesses and artists and encourage everyone to shift their shopping to help sustain our local economy.

To ensure space and food, please RSVP by emailing Courtney@SomervilleLocalFirst.org. It is my hope that residents take advantage of this opportunity for conversation with candidates because at the end of the day - all politics is local!

Courtney O'Keefe Executive Director | Somerville Local First

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Wednesda	ay, August 23	7:00pm	(LIVE) Taking Back Your Health	3:00pm	Telemagazine	2:00pm	Esoteric Science
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	7:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	4:00pm	Words on Film	2:30pm	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center
7:30am	Somerville Storytellers	8:00pm	(LIVE) Fouye No Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	4:00pm	Meet the Renegades (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Science 360	10:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	7:00pm	SCOUTV	4:30pm	The Laura Flanders Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:00pm	Public Access Boyz	7:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
10:30am C	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center	11:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	The Struggle
11:00am	DW Global 3000	Friday, A	ugust 25	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast
11:30am	Hello Neighbor!	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Folklorist	7:00pm	Start Up TV Boston
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	7:30am	What's Left	10:30pm	Act Out! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
1:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Flotilla	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	10:00am	Greater Somerville	6:00am	Hello Neighbor!	10:00pm	*
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4:00pm	Pirate Television (Free Speech TV)	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ		
5:00pm	Art at SCATV	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	-	, August 29
5:30pm	Justicia Migrante	1:00pm	Aging Well	10:00am	Aging Well	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
6:00pm	Rising Up! with Sonali (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:30am	International Church of God	7:30am	Art at SCAT
7:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	SCOUTV	12:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:00am	,
9:30pm	Beyond Boston	4:00pm	Gay USA	1:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	10:30am	,
	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	5:00pm	Reeling Review	3:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction	11:00am	
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Thursday,	August 24	6:00pm	Real Estate Answers	5:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley	12:00pm	(LIVE) Words on Film
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:30pm	The Language of Business	6:00pm	DW In Good Shape	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits
7:30am	Esoteric Science	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest	2:30pm	Taking Back Your Health
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	7:00pm	African Television Network	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm	(LIVE) The Somerville Line	8:00pm	Telemagazine	4:00pm	Aging Well
9:30am	Somerville Pundits	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	9:00pm	Public Domain Film Festival	4:30pm	The Struggle
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	5:00pm	(LIVE) Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Greater Somerville	11:00pm	Ojo Rojo	11:30pm	Ojo Rojo	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
11:30am	What's Left	Saturday	August 26	Monday, A	August 28	6:00pm	What's New Massachusetts?
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30am	Health is Wealth	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) Greater Somerville
4:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:30am	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am S	CATV presents Duck Village Stage Sessions	8:00pm	(LIVE) Dead Air Live
4:30pm	Off the Shelf	10:00am	TeleGalaxie	10:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	Public Access Boyz
5:00pm	DW Global 3000	11:00am	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	11:00am	Art at SCATV	9:30pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady
5:30pm	Legacies	12:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	11:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00pm	Real Estate Answers
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Wednesd	ay, August 23	Friday, Au	igust 25	12:49pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	12:38am	Senior Picnic 2017
9:00am	Our Ville Stands with Your Ville	12:00am	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	1:08pm	Congressional Update	2:00am	Project STAR 2017
11:30am	Project STAR 2017	2:00am	Congressional Update	1:37pm	Senior Picnic 2017	9:00am	Project STAR 2017
12:11pm	Applying For CPA Funding	2:30am	Art Beat 2017	2:48pm	SomerViva en Español	9:41am	Family Fun Day
1:00pm	Connecting Communities	9:00am	Congressional Update	6:30pm	Applying For CPA Funding	11:30am	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
1:30pm	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer	9:30am	Applying For CPA Funding	7:01pm	Greater Boston Nepal Fest 7.9.17	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 8.24.17
2:07pm	SomerViva en Español	12:00pm	Our Ville Stands with Your Ville	•	ndependence Day Celebration & Fireworks	4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda
2:34pm	Our Ville Stands with Your Ville	1:00pm	Connecting Communities	9:52pm	Family Fun Day	7:00pm	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
6:30pm	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	1:30pm	Applying For CPA Funding	10:00pm	Climate Forward Meeting - 6/26	•	<u> </u>
7:30pm	Congressional Update	2:01pm	National Night Out 2017	Sunday, A	August 27		August 29
8:00pm	Connecting Communities	6:30pm	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer	12:00am	Art Beat 2017	12:00am	Our Ville Stands with Your Ville
8:30pm	Project STAR 2017	7:07pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	1:00am Co	ommunity Preservation Committee Hearing	1:00am	SomerViva en Español
9:11pm	Our Ville Stands with Your Ville	7:30pm	Greater Boston Nepal Fest 7.9.17	2:04am	Connecting Communities	1:30am	Connecting Communities
10:11pm	Art Beat 2017	8:30pm	SomerViva en Español	2:33am	SomerViva em Português	2:00am	Applying For CPA Funding
Thursday	August 24	9:00pm	Porchfest 2017	8:30am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	9:00am	Applying For CPA Funding
12:00am	Greater Boston Nepal Fest 7.9.17	10:00pm	Project STAR 2017		Union Sq. Neighborhood Council Meeting	9:31am	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer
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2:52am	SomerViva em Português	Saturday,	August 26	12:30pm	Senior Picnic 2017	12:30pm	Senior Picnic 2017
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	12:00am	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer	1:41pm	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	1:41pm	Greater Boston Nepal Fest 7.9.17
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11:30am	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	1:18am	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	7:00pm	Senior Circuit	8:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 8.28.17
12:00pm	Senior Circuit	1:37am l	ndependence Day Celebration & Fireworks	7:30pm	Project STAR 2017		ğ ,
12:30pm	Senior Picnic 2017	9:00am	Our Ville Stands with Your Ville	8:11pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"		ay, August 30
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4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	12:01pm	Connecting Communities	Monday,	August 28	1:00am	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville
7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	12:30pm	Taste of Somerville 2017	12:10am	Senior Circuit	2:00am	SomerViva en Español

# **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

10:00am	Theater Spell 2008
11:00am	WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2017
12:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball
2:00pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball
4:00pm	96th Annual City-Wide Track Meet
5:00pm	Project STAR 2017- Enough is Enough
6:00pm	Theater Spell 2008
7:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2017
8:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball
10:00pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball
Thursday,	August 24
12:00am	Project STAR 2017- Enough is Enough
12:41am	Kennedy School Drama Club
2:11am	Spring String Fling
3:19am	Public Domain Theater 8.17
9:00am	Spring String Fling
11:30am	96th Annual City-Wide Track Meet
12:14pm	Girls' Middle School Basketball
1:24pm	Argenziano Spring Concert
2:18pm	SHS Baseball v Saugus
6:00pm	Boys' Middle School Basketball
7:04pm	Project STAR 2017- Enough is Enough
7:45pm	Theater Spell 2008
8:32pm	Spring String Fling

Project STAR 2017- Enough is Enough

Healey School Spring Concert

Wednesday, August 23

9:00am

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10:16pm WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2017 Friday, August 25 12:00am Project STAR 2017- Enough is Enough Boys' Middle School Basketball 12:41am 2:00am SCALE Graduation 2017 3:00am El Sistema Spring Concert 6:00am 2017 SHS Graduation Spring String Fling 8:00am 9:08am WHCS Leadership Day 9:44am SHS Softball v Everett 2017 SHS Class Day 12:00pm 2:21pm Spring String Fling 6:00pm Spring String Fling 7:00pm Healey School Spring Concert 7:35pm Raising Caring Children in Somerville Project STAR 2017- Enough is Enough 8:30pm 9:12pm 10:16pm Saturday, August 26 12:00am 2:21am

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7:14pm Throwback-Olympia Dukakis at SHS - 2007 8:08pm Throwback-2007 Healey Talent Show 9:00pm Spring String Fling 10:08pm Project STAR 2017- Enough is Enough Sunday, August 27 12:00am Spring String Fling

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Monday, August 28 Healey School Spring Concert 12:00am 12:35am WSNS Spring Concert 1:38am Public Domain Theater 8.17 WSNS Science Fair 9:00am 10:00am 2017 SHS Class Day 12:21pm 2017 SHS Graduation 2:11pm Spring String Fling All-City Middle School Spring Concert 6:30pm 7:08pm Project STAR 2017- Enough is Enough

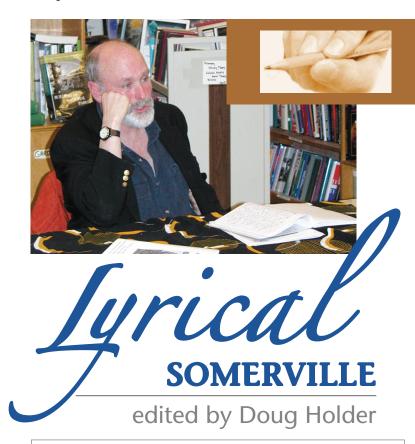
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Tuesday, August 29 Girls' Middle School Basketball 12:00am Boys' Middle School Basketball 1:09am 2:13am SHS Football 2016 2:42am Public Domain Theater 8.17 9:00am SHS Football 2016 Raising Caring Children in Somerville 9:30am 12:00pm Raising Families - Special Needs Education 12:30pm Spring String Fling 1:38pm

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8:00pm Raising Caring Children in Somerville
9:00pm El Sistema Spring Concert
10:00pm Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
10:26pm Healey School Spring Concert

Wednesday, August 30

12:00am SHS Scholarship Awards 2:13am Spring String Fling 3:02am Public Domain Theater 8.17



Robert K. Johnson was the poetry editor of the Ibbetson Street literary magazine. Now retired, he had taught at Suffolk University for many years. He is the author of several collections of verse and has been widely published in the small press.



#### A PINK-WRAPPED DAWN

(for Laurie Colwin)

How plush

your luck is

when,

waking up,

what you see

is a gift

beyond

anything

you deserve.

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- Robert K. Johnson

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# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# From Doo-Wop to Hip-Hop:

# Interview with two generations of African-American Poets

This is an article I wrote in 2009:

Afaa Michael Weaver, 58 and Major Jackson, 40 are two major African American poets from two different generations, but they both continually feed from their shared heritage, and the continuum of the Black experience in America. Weaver, a professor of English at Simmons College in Boston, a recent Pushcart Prize winner, and the author the critically acclaimed poetry collection Plum Flower Dance (U/Pitt), and Major Jackson, the author of Hoops, an asst. professor at the University of Vermont and a core faculty member at the Bennington Writing Seminars, met for a filmed discussion at the Somerville Community Access TV studios. The show was moderated by Gloria Mindock (Cervena Barva Press) and produced by Doug Holder (Ibbetson St. Press).

Weaver started off the discussion by going back to his native Baltimore in 1970. This was a time when he dropped out of the university, got a job at a steel mill, and started to pen his seminal poems. Later he joined the military, married his first wife, but was destined to live a radically different life than his early years indicated.

Jackson was born in Philadelphia, and studied to be an accountant. He got an internship in which he was spending up to 80 hours a week with spreadsheets. After college he worked at an arts center in the city in the role of finance manager. He said, "I was happy when I was fired." He had taken some poetry courses in college, and he started to program poetry events at the center. He soon realized it was the arts that touched him spiritually, and he eventually made poetry a part of his everyday life.

Weaver talked of his early days in East Baltimore in the 50's and 60's. He sort of free-associated about mowing grass with push lawnmowers and the rituals of his youth, like using toothbrushes to clean his shoes before a night out on the town. Weaver said, "Baltimore was a very Southern city. We weren't allowed to shop in the stores in downtown Baltimore, the line between black and white was clearly drawn."

Weaver said his father's family was from Southern farming stock, and his dad had the philosophy that "children should she be seen not heard." Weaver learned to become an "isolated" learner, he recollected. In 1963 he was bused to a white school, which caused a great deal of anxiety for the young poet. It was hard to be in a place where he was not welcomed. He was always glad and relieved to be back on his own side of town. At the time his scope of experience was limited. He thought the whole world was black. Weaver laughed, "I watched 'Leave it to Beaver' and thought that family was just like mine, except they were white."

Jackson said even though Philadelphia was north of Baltimore, it still possessed a Southern sensibility. This was confirmed when he spent his summers in Nashville, Tennessee as a boy and he experienced the same "rhythms" as the South.

Jackson described himself as a hyper-aware kid. He was tuned in to the music and the culture of the time. Hip-hop started to appear in 1978-82, and drugs started appearing in the mix. There was a potent combination of rich culture and tragic lives. He sadly watched the erosion of his neighborhood over the years.

Jackson's work is informed by his observations of people trying to survive under extreme stress. "Anything that cuts humans down, be it in an urban or rural setting, will find room in my work," he said. All in all, Jackson is grateful to have grown up in Philadelphia. He had an appreciation of the speech, jargon, and music of the milieu.

Jackson reflected on his neighborhood: "People all knew each other. The guy at the corner drug store and the drug dealer on the corner." Jackson knew who to avoid and who could act as a role model.

Weaver brought the discussion back to the pivotal year 1968. This was the year Martin Luther King was assassinated. Weaver's younger siblings were born in 1969 and 1973. He said he was able to see the effect the legacy of those years had on them, and how it changed them. Weaver vividly remembers his mother crying like a proverbial baby when MLK was shot.

Weaver went further back to the 1965 riots in Baltimore. He remembered the intrusion of the National Guard in his neighborhood. He can recall whites roaming the streets looking for blacks to beat up. He remembers hearing gunfire from his two- story row house. Weaver said, "It was horrifying. The cities never recovered from the 60's, and later they became plagued by drugs. The post-industrial era brought the loss of blue-collar jobs. Crime flooded the community."

Weaver reminisced about the downfall of Milton Ave., where he grew up. Blockbusting tactics by real estate developers drove whites out. The patterns of parenting changed. There were more divorced parents. The old family structure fell. More men of color were incarcerated.

Weaver eventually left the steel mill and worked for Proctor &



Afaa Michael Weaver (left) with Major Jackson (right).

Gamble. Once, while driving to work, he took a route down Milton Ave. with a friend and saw a man shot down dead. This really hit home as to how the times had changed.

Jackson said that music had a decided influence on him and his work. On one hand he celebrates the music of Elvis, but realizes the roots of rock 'n' roll is with the blues, which was African-American music. He was introduced to black history by an aunt who gave him a history book that traced the long list of accomplishments of the black race through the centuries. He learned about celebrated African Americans like Robert Hayden, poets Gwendolyn Brooks, Langston Hughes as well others. He also loved the music of the 60's like James Brown and his anthem of a song I'm black and I'm proud.

Weaver said the "big book" when he was growing up was the bible. He had a recent discussion with the poet James Tate, who also touted the influence of the "good book." Later his mother bought encyclopedias from the supermarket for 25 cents a piece. As for the blues, it came naturally. The cadence of his father's speech was very blues-like, Weaver said. Weaver loved the Temptations, The Supremes, The Impressions and other groups of the era. He wore highbrow collars, there was "a soundtrack to my life," he smiled. Hip-hop hit the scene when he was 30 or so, so he was able to appreciate it.

Weaver talked about the changes in the culture due to the turmoil in the cities. He said the parlance of the black man changed. The language used was of the type that would not be tolerated years before. The Civil Rights Movement opened up what was an essentially insular black society. From this instability came gangsta rap, and the idolization of the drug culture.

Jackson, through his elders, was exposed to the music of the 60's. He used to listen to a radio show hosted by "Butterball" that played that genre of music. Books were ubiquitous in his household. His grandmother built a sprawling library in the home from used books that she bought. Literature was important. His stepfather's sister worked at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and Jackson recollected, "I made it my playground." He had the images of Duchamp, Lichtenstein, and others seared into his nascent consciousness.

His grandfather had a deep appreciation for African-American music, and his grandmother loved gospel. He got to see the great vibraphonist Lionel Hampton with his grandfather. He had a piano in his house, and he too had a soundtrack to his life.

Jackson said the avant-garde musician Sun Ra lived a few blocks away in Germantown. He said, "You could hear his group play, unlike anything I heard before. It was free jazz, a big band sound, way outside the norm." Jackson said he appreciated Sun Ra's journey, a man who created this mythology of the musician as an alien being. Both poets agreed that mythology that artists like Sun Ra draped around themselves was a reaction to a world that rejected them and made them suffer. Sun Ra, and others of his ilk didn't want to be part of a society such as this, and in effect divorced themselves from it.

Finally, both men talked of mentors. And it was clear without mentors these men's lives would be quite different. Weaver defines a mentor as "a friend who reserves the right to tell you what to do." Jackson mentioned Amiri Baraka and Sonia Sanchez as well as Weaver, as major influences in his writing life.

Weaver talked about the poet Lucille Clifton who advised him to read X.J. Kennedy's Introduction to Poetry and gently criticized and encouraged his fledgling attempts at poetry. Both men are now in positions to give something back, and they do it as teachers, and in other roles. And hopefully, new generations will flow back and forth and nurture each other, like they have with Afaa Michael Weaver and Major Jackson.





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