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## Planning Board approves Union Square phase one revitalization project



The D2 block is phase one of several phases. The completed project will include eleven green open spaces on 3.6 acres of the total 15-acre development.

#### By Denise Keniston

On Thursday, August 22, the Somerville Planning Board approved phase one of the Union Square Revitalization Project, a \$1.5 billion mixed-use transit-oriented development in Union Square known as USQ.

Phase one, referred to as the D2 block, is a four-acre parcel located on the corner of Prospect Street and Somerville Avenue. It includes three buildings: a life sciences building, two multi-use buildings, and open civic space. Planning Board member Amelia Aboff attached conditions to her 'yes' vote relative to environmental standards for future buildings included in the Union Square Revitalization Project.

Aboff said, "I had only two remaining concerns going into the meeting: whether we would be limiting ourselves by setting a precedent for the environmental standards 

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## Somerville Road Runners Race to the Row

The Somerville Road Runners presented the 7th annual Race to the Row, a series of events through Assembly Square and along the Mystic River, in Assembly Square in Somerville on Sunday, August 25.

Runners enjoyed a Fast Mile, a 5K and a free Kids Fun Run. The 5K was open to runners, walkers, teams and families of all ages and abilities, ending with a fun-filled post-race party with food, drinks and beer served from the local restaurants and businesses. All proceeds benefit East Somerville Main Streets as well as Somerville TrackPAC.

The first 400 registrants to the 5K received a t-shirt, and all 5K and Mile registrants, and all volunteers got free food, drinks and dessert afterward. Everyone involved participated in the post-race festivities. There was an awards ceremony for top finishers and age-group winners in Mens, Womens and Wheelchair divisions as well as team awards. All individual winners got medals as well.

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The 7th annual Race to the Row, a benefit for East Somerville Main Streets presented by the Somerville Road Runners, took place last Sunday. — Photos by Claudia Ferro

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Please join the Somerville Chamber of Commerce for an excellent networking night. Complimentary appetizers, business card drawing, cash bar and no cover at Bow Market's Remnant Brewery. The evening will feature Bow Market co-owner and developer Matthew Boyes-Watson and greetings from Union Square Main Street's Jessica Eshleman. Sponsored by Great Hill Dental who will be bringing excellent swag and Hosted by Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil. Register now: https://business.somervillechamber.org/events/details/after-hours-bowmarket-1290.

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Join the City of Somerville and Somerville Arts Council for Strike up the Bands, the September installment of the city's SomerStreets festival, on Sunday, September 15, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Highland Ave. between Central St. and Lowell St. This event is free and open to the public. SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally renowned Open Streets concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity. Save the date: October SomerStreets Monster Mashed-Up is on October 20 on Somerville Ave.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday our own best photographer, Claudia Ferro. What a great lady and fantastic family. We hope she has a great birthday this week. Another one of own, Bob "Monty" Doherty is celebrating this week! Ask him anything about the Continued on page 11

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### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: Mayor Curtatone aims to open supervised consumption site in Somerville

Someone Who Cares says:

Will make it easier for them to shot up and overdose, what makes you think this is safe

#### TheoNa says:

Has our mayor visited the methadone mile outside of Boston Medical Center? Since our mayor feels so strongly about this, may I suggest the injection site be either a room he donates in his residence or a van parked outside of his house. No NIMBY allowed for our mayor if he has such strong feelings about this.

#### Ron Newman says:

This experiment is worth trying, but I would prefer to see it sited in a non-residential area. The Circuit City next to Home Depot has been empty and abandoned for more than a decade, and is separated from any place that people live; perhaps it would be the ideal site for this?

#### Joe Beckmann says:

As the city explodes in real estate values, it blossoms with empty commercial spaces, from Union Square to Ball Square and, soon again, Davis. Given that so much of this opioid epidemic has subsidized th Sackler family, who transferred their surplus to Tufts real estate, it would seem likely to extract from their PILOT contribution to cover the cost and, perhaps, to extract the space. For that matter, the Tufts Health Plan Foundation has the funds to finance both space and program, largely derived from Sackler and Sackler-like contributors.

#### Response to: 'Clear the Shelters' putting animals where they belong

#### LindaS says:

Anything that helps animals find safe and happy homes is a plus. I was fortunate to adopt my beloved cat at a no-kill shelter in New Hampshire six years ago, and I have been grateful to them ever since. She's a sweet, happy cat, and she has helped me get over some really bad times in my life. I am grateful every day for her.

More should be done to encourage landlords to accept pets. As long as the tenants prove to be responsible people, there's no reason why they should have to give up their pets to be able to have a home. Nobody would ever give their kids up to move to an apartment if a landlord didn't want kids. Maybe a tax break or some other incentive would let more landlords allow tenants to keep their pets when they move in.

There should also be more to encourage people to turn over animals they can't keep or no longer want. Too many poor animals are either abused or left abandoned, rather than simply contact Animal Control or a shelter and have them take the animal away. All it takes is a phone call.

There's no excuse for treating animals this way. Kudos to everyone who keeps these shelters going. Whatever we can do, big or small, will help them to continue doing the wonderful work they do to help animals find loving homes.

#### Response to: Fearless Freddie

#### BMac says:

The thing I remember most about those track was ice fooling the sensors and dropping the gate on Holland street very often in the winter. There were normally a bunch of kids nearby to jump on the counter weights and lift the gate and wave drivers through. Do not remember anyone getting hit by a train but kind of surprising that it never happened.

#### Mary Teresa RENZI says:

Jimmy DelPonte another great story those were the days and I have had a few "Beetles" so much fun! XOXOXOXOX

#### Response to: Our View of the Times – August 21

#### LindaS says:

Love the stories

Maybe if there were services offered at these facilities to help drug users recover from their addictions, it would better serve the people. Just letting them have a place to go to feed their addictions isn't necessarily the best solution.

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## Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

## The Somer of '69



I can't believe 1969 was 50 years ago. You could buy a house in Somerville for about \$17,000. Gas cost 35 cents a gallon. All our favorite stores were still around. It was way before Assembly Square and the Davis Square Red Line. The anti-war, and Hippie movements were ramping up.

1968 was a sad year. We lost Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King. We hoped 1969 would be better but we were tragically losing sons, brothers, and friends in Vietnam.

Somerville in 1969 had James

F. Brennan as mayor. I was 16 years old and didn't have a care in the world, I thought. I hung around with my childhood friends doing very simple and often dumb activities to keep busy.

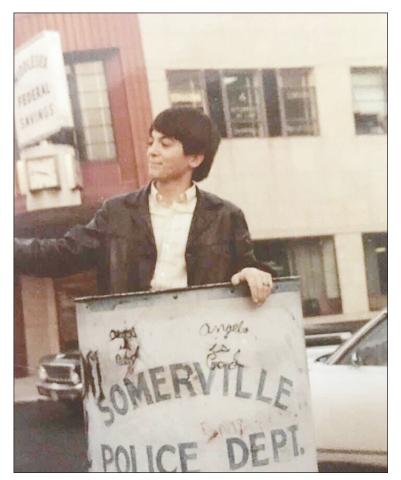
Most of us boys were growing our hair and the girls like my sister were into makeup, boys, and records. Led Zeppelin released their first album and we played it until the grooves were almost smooth.

Other top 40 songs of the day were Honky Tonk Women, Crimson and Clover, Hair, and Sweet Caroline. That happy feeling that overtakes us when we hear a song from 1969 is easy to explain. We were happy, full of hope and optimism and ... young.

Chet Huntley and David Brinkley kept us abreast of the news of the day. The Smothers Brothers Show was replaced by Hee-Haw and Dick Sargent replaced Dick York as Darren on Bewitched. Jeannie married Captain Nelson, Tiny Tim married Miss Vicky and Tom Jones wooed the women of America on his weekly show.

We watched Marcus Welby MD, The Brady Bunch, The Mod Squad, My Three Sons, Laugh-In, Green Acres, The Flying Nun, and Hogan's Heroes. Our parents watched Lawrence Welk, Meet The Press, Face The Nation, Ed Sullivan and Gunsmoke.

I had just graduated from The Western Junior High School on Holland St. My class was the last class to graduate before it burned down. We felt special. Then it was off to the ominous Somerville High School. The land of dress codes, building



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Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street;

Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street - Glen Street Entrance;

<u>Precinct 3.</u> A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street – Glen Street Entrance;

Precinct 1. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;

Precinct 2. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St;

Precinct 3. A room in the LOWELL STREET FIRE STATION, 651 Somerville Avenue;

#### WARD THREE

Precinct 1. PROPERZI MANOR, 13-25 Warren Avenue;

Precinct 2. A room in THE CUMMINGS SCHOOL, 42 Prescott Street;

Precinct 3. A room in the DANTE CLUB, 5 Dante Terrace;

Precinct 1. A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;

Precinct 2. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

Precinct 3. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

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Precinct 1. A room in the DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, 1 Francy Road;

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Precinct 1. A room in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, 5 Cherry St. - Sartwell Ave Entrance;

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Precinct 1. A room in the SENIOR CENTER, TAB BUILDING, 167 Holland Street;

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masters, a few mean teachers, and cliques.

I was in the long haired bell bottomed group, the hippies. In the three years I attended Somerville High School, the only time I got a ride from my parents was when they had to accompany me to a meeting in the principal's office for getting in trouble. Other than that we took the bus with the nice, thick padded seats for a dime or we walked.

In 1969, my street off College Avenue near Davis Square was two-way. Kids were still able to actually play in the street, of course only until the streetlights

Some of my friends took a little road trip and found themselves at The historic Woodstock music festival in New York. They have great stories to tell.

In the Summer of '69 I just happened to be at the corner of Highland Ave. and College Ave. at the same time that a gorgeous GTO with four on the floor ended up on the sidewalk. With cops and onlookers crowding around, I remember how surprised I was to see that the barefooted long haired driver was my sister Christine's boyfriend! Cool! I believe he accidentally popped the clutch and landed smack dab on the sidewalk right in front of The Middlesex Bank. I'm still friends with him and his family, and he's still cool.

1969 wound down, and I completed my sophomore year at SHS. It was a tough year full of homework, dress codes and teenage tension. On July 20 1969 America put a man on the moon. In 1969 The Beatles performed in public for the last time.

Two more years of Somerville High School saw walkouts and demonstrations against those outdated dress codes and a lack of proper heat. I was one of the first ones to join one of those walkouts and I'll never forget the vice principal yelling in my face, "Wait until I call your father!" And my response was, "Ha-ha-ha ... go ahead!"

The photo is me in 1969 playfully directing traffic in Davis Square. Peoples' first impression is that in 1969 I looked like Chachi from Happy Days. But seeing how Scott Baio's debut as the spirited cousin of it is in fact Chachi who looks like me! P.S., Henry "The Fonz" Winkler Just happens to be my fraternity brother from Emerson College's Alpha Pi Theta. But I digress.

The final words I have to say about 1969 are the following. 50 years went by in a flash but it's been quite a ride, from what I can remember. And those houses purchased for around \$17,000 in 1969 are now worth millions.

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# By Jim Clark

## Alleged assault suspect held on drug charge

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the 711 Store on College Ave. last Sunday on reports of an assault.

Upon arrival the officers were flagged down by several people who informed me that someone had been stabbed. One person reportedly pointed directly at an individual leaving the scene and said that this was the suspect.

The officers caught up with the suspect in the Rite Aid parking lot, immediately recognizing him as Mark Galloway, and ordered him to stop and answer whether or not he had a knife, and he reportedly said that he did. Police ordered him to toss the knife away from him and he complied.

Galloway was handcuffed and told he was being detained as a suspect in an assault. He reportedly the officers that he was "jumped." as he was walk-

ing back from the Davis Square T Stop. He said that he recognized a male who had assaulted him the night before. This male was with a group of other men. Some words were exchanged and the group of men allegedly "jumped" Galloway.

Galloway claimed to have been hit with stones and was pushed to the ground and kicked, at which time he went towards one of the alleged attackers with the knife. This individual then fell to the ground during his retreat and was stabbed by Galloway, who then left the area.

The officers asked Galloway if the knife that he had was the weapon used and he reportedly said "yes."

Galloway claims to have been in fear for his safety and acted in self-defense. Witnesses at the scene disputed Galloway's account and said that it was Galloway himself who approached the group of men and committed the assault aggressively and not in self-defense.

A small bag of brown and white powder was found on Galloway, who was asked if this was heroin. He reportedly said that it was. Pending further investigation of the alleged assault, Galloway was placed under arrest on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

#### **Arrests**:

Terrence Morrison, of 21 Michigan Ave., August 19, 10:17 a.m., arrested at home on charges of resisting arrest and multiple counts of assault and battery on a police officer, and on warrant charges of larceny

of credit card, credit card fraud under \$1200, receiving a stolen motor vehicle, and larceny over \$1200.

Ithamar Santana, of 11 Rowson Rd., Arlington, August 19, 3:12 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on a charge of disorderly con-

duct

Erin Russell, of 42 Park St., Charleston, August 20, 12:17 p.m., arrested at Adams St. on warrant charges of armed assault to rob, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault and bat-

ter

Shami Grant, of 162 Medford St., Charleston, August 20, 7:41 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of drug possession to distribute.

Manuel De Jesus Menjivar, of 132 Pearl St., August 22,

2:54 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault to

Mark Galloway, of 373 Highland Ave., August 25, 2:30 p.m., arrested at College Ave. on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

## Planning Board approves Union Square phase one revitalization project CONT. FROM PG 1

of future buildings, and whether city staff had the full set of information necessary to inform their recommendations. Given the many other benefits provided by the US2 [master developer] team, I was prepared to vote in favor of the remaining parcels once we received clarification that this was not a precedent and that there would be more dialogue around sustainability in future."

"While I would have preferred to vote after one more round of city review, the added conditions ensured that conversation will still take place. All in all, I'm very excited to see these projects advance, and I look forward to more robust conversations about the energy performance of future projects," Aboff explained.

The master developer, US2, has worked with the Planning Board for more than a year on the site plan and design modifications. President Greg Karczewski says the USQ project is "in line with the city's SomerVision goals."

Karczewski highlights US2's commitment to the Union Square MBTA station, currently under construction. "It's really exciting to me that this first project is moving forward. The project is indicative of the

goals of this city and our commitment to the Green Line Extension (GLX)," he says. "We (US2) are providing \$1.5M in MBTA station improvements such as ADA access, an elevator at the Prospect Street Bridge, the Ride Dropoff, and breakroom as well as other financial commitments."

US2 plans to break ground later this year and finish construction in 2021 in tandem with the new Green Line Station, drawing an inflow of residents and commuters to live and work in the new high-rises.

Tom Bent, President of Bent Electrical Contractors in Somerville, says the USQ project is long overdue. "I'm obviously in favor of this project. It's great to hear about the addition of the elevator, which I know has been a contention with everybody, as well as the changes in the civic space, make a great project even better."

The D2 block is the first phase of a much larger plan. At full build-out, the 15.7-acre USQ project will include 2.4 million square feet of new biotech, lab, office, residential and retail space that will support generating 5,300 new permanent jobs, along with more than 4,000 new construction jobs and will



Planning Board member Amelia Aboff initially voted against the project last Thursday citing sustainability concerns. After some conditions were added to the plan she and two other members approved the project. - Photo by Denise Keniston

generate \$11.3 million annually in new property tax revenue. The project will be comprised of a 60 percent commercial and 40 percent residential development, and includes over 3.5 acres of open space.

Karczewski references the "open space" as an "achievement." In a recent letter to The Times he wrote, "In total, the D2 block will now feature 33,000 square feet of total civic space, which is an increase of more than 11,000 square feet from what was initially proposed, and

open space now accounts for 35 percent of the site."

Affordable housing advocates applaud the ninety units included in the first phase, although acknowledging ninety units "doesn't really put a dent" in Somerville's affordable housing needs.

The Somerville Community Corporation currently owns 300 or more affordable housing units and is on the front line of Somerville's housing issues. Director of Real Estate Scott Hayman says, "There are many

rewards to this project. Somerville needs affordable housing, lots of jobs and a notable increase for the commercial tax base. This is a great project for Somerville overall."

The Union Square Neighborhood Council and US2 have also arrived at a community benefits agreement. The CBA contains strong language around unionized workforce and affordable housing. It can be viewed here. http://unionsquareneighborhoodcouncil.org/docs/pdf/CBA/180322-CBA\_report.pdf.

## Former Somerville Mayor Eugene Brune honored by city for his 90th birthday

#### By Jim Clark

At the latest meeting of the Somerville City Council, former Somerville Mayor Eugene Brune was honored with a citation from the Council commemorating his 90thhday.

The citation reads as follows:

"Be it hereby known to all that the Somerville City Council and Mayor offer their sincerest congratulations to Eugene Brune Mayor Emeritus and lifetime resident, on the auspicious occasion of his 90th birthday. Gene has dedicated his life to our community, always seeking ways to help and be of service. The Councilors and the Mayor extend their best wishes for good health and much happiness. Offered this 22nd day of August, 2019."

During the presentation of the citation, several City Councilors offered their congratulations and warm regards to Brune, with many fond remembrances of his long career of service to the community.

Council President Katjana Ballantyne told Brune, "I have always seen you present in everything. You respect Somerville, you love Somerville. You stay committed. You know what the issues are. I can only imagine what it was like when you were actually mayor. That there was certainly a sense of community and compassion. And all my colleagues and the state delegation and anyone that has ever worked with you speaks about you with such reverence and respect."

Several City Councilors echoed Ballantyne's sentiments and offered their own words of appreciation for the former mayor.

After the presentation of the citation, Brune offered some of his own thoughts to those in attendance saying, "I'm very happy to be here, and I thank you very much for inviting me. You know, we all say from time to time that time goes by so swiftly. And it does. It's been forty-two years since I sat in that seat, and that seat, and that seat, and that seat, and that seat. And maybe another seat. And so much has happened before that and so much happened since that."

"I've been very fortunate," Brune said. "Forty-three years in political life, and I love politics. And sometimes I wish I could start all over again. But



Former Somerville Mayor Eugene Brune received a commendation by the City Council last week commemorating his 90th birthday and thanking him for his many years of devoted service to the city.

if I did start all over again then I wouldn't have my beautiful daughter, my beautiful grand-daughter, my new grand son-in-law, and my new grandson-in-law."

Brune continued, "Being in political life is so rewarding. But you have to make it rewarding yourself. You have to love people, and you have to want to do a better job for whatever you're doing to make life a little bit better for the people you serve. And I always try to do that"

"I started out in politics as Chairman of the Board of Health, and I wanted to do something great. So the thing I did first is to start a free flu shot clinic for the seniors in this city. And it's still going on today," Brune said. "So that's something I can think about. And when I became Alderman I wanted to change Ward 6. I wanted to do great things

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House and Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports on how often local senators voted with their party leadership.

The votes of 33 Democratic senators were compared to Senate Majority Leader Cindy Creem (D-Newton). The votes of five Republicans were compared with those of GOP Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester). Beacon Hill Roll Call uses 87 votes from the 2019 Senate session as the basis for this report. This includes all roll calls that were not on local issues.

Eighteen of the 33 Democratic senators (54 percent) voted with Creem 100 percent of the time.

The Democratic senator who voted the lowest percentage of times with Creem was Sen. Michael Moore (D-Millbury) who voted with her 94.2 percent of the time.

None of the five GOP members voted with Tarr 100 percent of the time. Two of them came close. Sens. Vinny deMacedo (R-Plymouth) and Donald Humason (R-Westfield) both voted with Tarr on all but one of the roll calls.

The GOP senator who voted with Tarr the lowest percentage of times is Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth) who voted with him 90.8 percent of the time.

## PERCENTAGE OF TIMES SENATORS VOTED WITH THEIR PARTY'S LEADERSHIP IN 2019

The percentage next to the senator' name represents the percentage of times the senator supported his or her party's leadership.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times the senator opposed his or her party's leadership.

Some senators voted on all 87 roll call votes. Others missed one or more roll call. The percentage for each senator is calculated based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted and does not count the roll calls for which he or she was absent.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen 100 percent (0)

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BUY LIFE-SAVING MEDICINE OR PAY RENT AND BUY FOOD - Sixteen percent of adults ages 18 to 64 in Massachusetts in 2016 stopped taking medications prescribed by a doctor due to the high cost of the prescriptions, according to a study by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

"While prescription drug prices continue skyrocketing, Americans are being forced to choose between filling life-saving medications or paying rent and buying food," said AARP Massachusetts director Mike Festa. "So far in 2019, 29 states have passed 46 new laws to rein in drug prices. It's critical that state and federal lawmakers continue this momentum to stop Rx greed."

Several bills on reducing drug pricing and increasing transparency are pending before the Legislature's Health Care Financing Committee.

The study can be found at: https://www.aarp.org/politics-society/advocacy/info-2019/prescription-drugs-state-fact-sheets.html

ALLOW ALL IMMIGRANTS TO PURCHASE AND POSSESS MACE (S 1369) - The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee is considering a bill that would remove immigration status as a condition for purchasing Mace and other self-defense sprays. The bill would repeal a current law that allows all citizens but only some immigrants, including permanent residents (green card holders) to purchase the sprays.

Other immigrants currently allowed to purchase the sprays are limited to certain immigrants with visas relating to their being a witness or victim of crime, human trafficking or domestic violence. Every other category of immigrant, including illegal immigrants, is currently prohibited from possessing a self-defense spray. Under this legislation, all citizens and legal and illegal immigrants in every category would be allowed to purchase the spray.

"Immigration status is irrelevant to need for self-defense spray," said Sen. Will Brownsberger (D-Belmont) the sponsor of the measure.

MASSACHUSETTS' ROADS RANK 46TH OVERALL - The Reason Foundation's 2019 highway rankings were unveiled and determined that the Bay State ranked a lowly 46th in the nation in the category of overall highway performance and cost-effectiveness, a drop from 44th in the prior ranking.

The state did not do well in several categories including total costs per mile (48th), administrative costs per mile (48th), highway pavement condition (48th), traffic congestion (46th) and structurally deficient bridges (30th).

Its best rankings were in the categories of overall fatality rate (1st), rural fatality rate (1st) and urban fatality rate (12th).

"To improve in the rankings, Massachusetts needs to reduce its disbursements, improve its arterial pavement condition and reduce its traffic congestion," said Baruch Feigenbaum, lead author of the report at Reason Foundation. "The state is in the bottom 10 for all four disbursements metrics, and the bottom five for arterial pavement condition and traffic congestion. Compared to neighboring states, the report finds Massachusetts' overall highway performance is better than Rhode Island (48th), but worse than Connecticut (44th) and Vermont (19th)."

"Every Massachusetts lawmaker should read today's report," said Paul Craney, executive director of Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. It shows unequivocally that throwing more money at the issue will not solve our transportation problems. More than likely, new revenues will go to fund an ever-expanding 'Cadillac-style' bureaucracy. This report makes perfectly clear that the commonwealth isn't focused on cost."

Craney continued, "Massachusetts taxpayers should be skeptical of any lawmaker who claims we need to 'invest' in our transportation without offering reforms. Doing that would just be throwing good money after bad. It's like filling up a bucket with water that has holes in it. Gov. Charlie Baker, House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Karen Spilka owe it to the taxpayers to come up with a way to drive down these costs," he concluded.

"The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is committed to maintaining a transpor-

tation system with the highest levels of quality and safety for the traveling public and continues to make strides to maximize cost-efficiency for the commonwealth's taxpayers," said the department's spokesman Patrick Marvin.

Critics say the report uses outdated spending data that is nearly a decade old and is no longer accurate because there have been many improvements made within the last decade. They note the report itself also admits that numerous outside factors including terrain, climate, truck volumes, urbanization, system age, budget priorities, unit cost differences, state budget circumstances and management/maintenance philosophies may be impacting rankings.

Critics also point out that the report notes that Massachusetts' roads have a low fatality rate and are the safest in the country.

#### BAY STATE'S PENSION INVESTMENT FUND

RANKING – The American Investment Council recently released its 2019 Public Pension Study, which analyzes investment returns by 165 U.S. public pension funds and highlights how private equity continues to deliver the highest returns of any asset class.

The study names the Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Trust (Mass PRIT) as Number 1 of the ten funds with the highest private equity returns. The Bay State's fund earned a 10-year annualized return of 13.63 percent. Mass PRIT has topped the list four times since the study was first published in 2012.

The study also shows private equity continues to lead all asset classes in long-term investment performance, with private equity's median 10-year annualized return of 10.2 percent surpassing public equity's 8.5 percent and real estate's 4.8 percent.

"Mass PRIM's private equity program has consistently performed extremely well for the 300,000 state and municipal employees, teachers, retirees and others that count on us to deliver strong investment returns on their pension assets, said Michael Trotsky, executive director and chief investment officer of PRIM. "Our long-term commitment to this asset class enables us to partner with the industry's top investment managers – allowing our team to access the most attractive opportunities in pension investment on behalf of our member plans and beneficiaries."

GENDER X (H 3070) – A bill that would allow residents to choose a third gender option, "x" in lieu of "male" or "female" on an application for a driver's license, learner's permit, identification card or liquor purchase identification card has been stuck in the House Ways and Means Committee since April 4. No documentation would be required for the person to choose the "X" option. The measure was approved by the Transportation Committee in April which then sent it to Ways and Means.

"This issue was brought to my attention by a constituent who identifies as gender-nonbinary," the bill's sponsor Rep. David Linsky (D-Natick) told Beacon Hill Roll Call when the bill had a hearing in March 2019. "They were struggling with what they would do when it came time to choose a gender for their driver's license. Applying for a driver's license should be an exciting day for all teenagers, not overcome by stress for young people who identify as gender non-binary. This legislation is about

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ensuring that every person in the commonwealth of Massachusetts feels welcomed and accepted."

"Identifying documents serve a variety of crucial purposes that help society function on a basic level," Christopher Jay, an attorney for the Massachusetts Family Institute which opposes the measure told Beacon Hill Roll Call at the time of hearing. "Introducing false and incomplete information into the system undermines their purpose and harms society. There is no logical boundary here. If someone can specify their gender regardless of biological fact, why not specify a different race, age, height, weight or eye color according to how the person feels?"

#### SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY PROTECTION (H

**3695**) - The Labor and Workforce Development Committee gave a favorable report on April 25 to a proposal designed to protect students and employees from being forced or bullied into providing schools and companies with information about and access to their social media accounts. The bill has been stuck in the House Ways and Means Committee since that date.

Provisions prohibit any school from requiring a student or applicant and an employee or applicant to disclose photographs, videos, a user name, password or other means of access to a personal social media account; prohibit requiring an individual to "friend" a coach, school administrator, other school employees or employer as a condition of employment or participation in school activities; allow an aggrieved student or applicant to bring a civil suit against the school for violating these new laws; and permit schools to disclose lawfully obtained information from a student's personal social media account to law enforcement.

Supporters say that a growing number of employers and schools are demanding access to the social media account of students and employees and prospective students and employees. They argue this is an invasion of privacy that should not be allowed in the Bay State. They say that demanding access to a social media account is the same as demanding offline access to a person's diary, regular mail, photo albums and conversations the person has with family and friends—offline things that would never be demanded by a school or employer.

#### SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVA-DOR - The House approved, without debate, resolu-

tions "extending its support to El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele and the country of El Salvador."

The resolutions state that Bukele is battling violence, poverty and corruptions and aiming to alleviate the causes that generate its citizens' migration. They also pledge provided by Connecticut and New Jersey prove that to support the El Salvador's investment policies aimed you cannot solve these problems by punitively taxing Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

at increasing economic development, creating more jobs and stimulating the economy.

Rep. Joseph McGonagle (D-Everett), the sponsor of the resolutions, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call for a comment on the resolutions including responding to critics who say the Massachusetts House should not be voting on international issues when there is much work to be done at home.

"What else do Bay State legislators have to do?" asked Chip Ford, Executive Director of Citizens for Limited Taxation. "The alleged-fulltime Best Legislature Money Can Buy' is on its well-paid month-long vacation, and this is what happens when too much idle time seeks justification and relevance. I guess we should be thankful the resolution isn't being hand-delivered by a legislative delegation on a taxpayers-paid junket. It's not, is it?"

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"Gone are the days where someone with an opposing viewpoint would sit across the table, listen to the perspective of the other side and weigh their position with the facts to reach a compromise. Our political discourse has become so polarized that many conversations dissolve into accusations, insults and degrading retorts via social media. Misinformation continues to serve as a convenient tool to tell half-truths and to spread inaccuracies." — Sen. Michael Moore (D-Millbury)

"Now large, profitable corporations and their lobbyists are calling for working people to pay more, and they think they deserve a big round of applause for letting the rest of us pay higher taxes! Business organizations across the state are discussing transportation financing plans that would have road users pay even more, without taking any responsibility for businesses themselves to chip in." — From a statement from the group Raise Up Massachusetts arguing that it is time for businesses to pay more taxes to fund education and transportation needs. Raise Up is the same group that is leading the charge to pass a 2022 ballot question imposing an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current flat 5.10 percent one, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million in order to fund education and transportation needs.

"Thousands of hard-working Massachusetts employers, from software startups to corner grocery stores, spend every day paying their fair share to the commonwealth by providing economic opportunity and prosperity from Boston to the Berkshires. These employers understand better than anyone the need to address issues such as transportation and education, but they also understand that the recent examples

business." - Chris Geehern, Executive Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications for Associated Industries of Massachusetts.

"While the federal government fails to develop effective solutions, state and local leaders are working to ensure Americans' safety and quality of life with modern, well-functioning infrastructure. During the summit, governors, private-sector experts and other attendees will engage in panel discussions, a thought-provoking site visit, as well as peer-to-peer exchanges and networking opportunities." - National Governor's Association announcing that Gov. Charlie Baker will host the governors of Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maryland in Boston to talk with transportation technology experts and policy advisors about ways to reduce traffic congestion and boost economic competitiveness.

#### 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 19-23, the House met for a total of 17 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 17 minutes

House 11:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

	Senate 11:11 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Tues. Aug. 20	No House session
	No Senate session
Wed. Aug. 21	No House session
	No Senate session
Thurs. Aug 22	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
	Senate 11:11 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.
Fri. Aug. 23.	No House session
	No Senate session

#### **Former Mayor Brune CONT. FROM PG 5**

for Davis Square. I wanted to do the Red Line, which we did. And I fought for it very hard because we knew it wasn't going to go to Arlington. So we decided to see the governor. And it so happens that I knew the governor, Dukakis, and I gave him all the arguments I had. And one of the arguments was, 'Governor, I'm the Alderman of Ward 6, and all we have in Davis Square is barrooms and shoe stores. And even the shoe stores are moving out. So we have to do something.' And we convinced him to a point where we did get the Red Line. And I was so fortunate because I was able to fight for it as an al-

derman and I was able to cut the ribbon as the mayor."

Brune further reminisced about his many initiatives and accomplishments throughout the ensuing years.

Brune summed up his feelings by telling those in attendance, "Again I want to thank you all. I enjoyed being here. I always enjoyed sitting here as an alderman. I always enjoyed sitting in that office back there as the mayor. So thank you very

Brune was given a standing ovation as he exited the podium, hopefully not for the last time.

Registered Voters of Ward 3 Precinct 1, your polling place has changed from Somerville High School to PROPERZI MANOR, 13-25 WARREN AVE.

Mon. Aug. 19



Registered Voters of Ward 3 Precinct 2, your polling place has changed from Somerville High School to the **CUMMINGS SCHOOL, 42 PRESCOTT ST.** 

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### S. Lester Ralph



**S. Lester Ralph**, former Mayor of Somerville.

The Reverend S. Lester Ralph, formerly of Reading and Somerville, passed away August 20, 2019 at his home in Reading, Massachusetts. He was 88 years old.

Born and raised in Lynn, he attended Boston University where he received a Bachelor's degree, a Master's degree, and a Law degree. He also received a Master of Divinity Degree and an honorary doctoral degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary. He received innumerable other recognitions, awards, and commendations. In 1969, as an unknown minister, he toppled the incum-

bent mayor of Somerville in an upset political victory. He was a much needed reformer in an age of rampant corruption. In 1971, he opened City Hall to reporters from The Boston Globe, who exposed deep-rooted municipal corruption in the first ever Globe Spotlight Series. This series went on to win a Pulitzer Prize. Ralph transformed Somerville. From 1970-1978 he served four terms as Mayor. In 1972, under his leadership, Somerville was awarded the All America City Award. While mayor, Ralph revitalized the city, building multiple schools and fire stations, transforming public parks, and renovating libraries. He was at the forefront of expanding and improving public transportation and played an important role in bringing the Davis Square area to life when he helped to bring the Red Line to the city. In addition to serving as Mayor, Ralph was the rector of Christ Church in Somerville for many years. He served as Middlesex County Commissioner. After retiring from politics, he maintained a successful private law practice. He touched and improved the lives of countless people.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joyce P. Ralph of Reading; daughter Sarah Ralph and her husband Peter Lydotes and their children Hannah, Preston and Betsy; son Thomas Ralph and his wife Hope Ralph and their children Eli and Luke of North Andover; and daughter Jennifer West and her husband Clarence West and their children Delia and Oliver of Shelburne Falls.

Donations in his memory may be made by check to the Wonalancet Union Chapel, Amy Semmes, Treasurer, 120 Auburn St., Medford, MA 02155.

#### Simon P. Hill

"We're all pots and kettles."

– Simon Hill

Simon Peter Hill of 45 Elm Street, Somerville (Ward 5), passed away on Monday, August 19 at the age of 62.

Despite being a British national during his decades-long residency in America, Simon's lack of American citizenship never stopped him from participating in local politics or believing that Somerville was his home and community for the time that he lived here.

Simon was known to many in Somerville and Union Square by his ubiquitous presence at community meetings, political events, and his prolific emails and salty commentary. He loved to debate and challenge people, delightin g in being a contrarian, but also willing to change his opinions when presented with a compelling argument. He took particular interest in calling out hypocritical opinions or actions, wherever and whenever he saw them.

Simon was well known for

his banter, comedic hyperbole, and verbosity. He spoke directly into one's ear, insisting on sharing personal space to be better heard. His colorful personality fostered as many friends as it did enemies – a fact for which Simon was entirely indifferent.

Among friends, he told more about himself, but not much. He previously lived in Florida, New York City, and San Francisco. He identified as a socialist and atheist. He was once a waiter and sommelier. Simon also followed professional tennis, having played tennis in his youth and developed a life-long friendship with a high level tennis player and member of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon.

He loved his roommate's rabbit and cat as if they were his own: "I'm just glad miss Kitty is happy with a cut of any meat or fish that's going for dinner and that she hasn't developed a taste for wine. Apparently female alley cats from Hyde Park are of the tough variety. Try cutting her nails. She has a strict policy: you try and cut 'em and I'm going to f\$@#ing bite you." Simon recently had a good scare when "Kitty" accidentally jumped out of the fourth story window in pursuit of a bird – only suffering a temporary limp in the fall, to Simon's immense relief.

Simon had an unusual knack for making friends with people unlike himself. He seemed to relish being an outsider, but always had the inside scoop on everyone, typically involving a conspiracy of some sort—some of which would turn out to be true! He was forever a sleuth.

Simon was a member of the Somerville community, and he will be missed by many. He is survived by a brother David Hill, of the United Kingdom, as well as other relatives and friends.

A remembrance toast for Simon will be held at Sally O'Brien's (335 Somerville Ave) on Sunday, September 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All are welcome. Inquiries may be addressed to: FriendsOfSimon-Hill@gmail.com.

## The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle Feathers #186

#### Man's Best Friend

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

John Winthrop kept a record book that gave a clear picture of his early life at Ten Hills. He wrote about October 11, 1631, when he took an after-supper walk, got lost in the direction of today's Tufts University, and after a fearful night around a campfire, safely returned the next day.

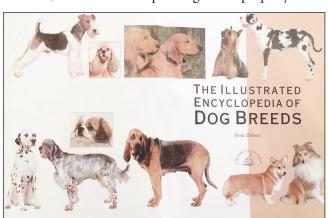


The Governor had carried with him a piece, or firearm, for fear of wolves. His fear was justified since these earliest of Somerville's canines roamed daily near his house and had killed pigs, calves and other livestock.



After five subsequent owners, Ten Hills Farm became the home of Colonel Samuel Jaques. During the mid 1800's, his was the biggest farm in Somerville. For sport, his game was the hunt, fox hunting in particular, where his horsemanship and his famous kennel of hounds could be put to the test. Could you imagine the early morning sight and sound of bugles, horses and Foxhounds thundering over his 600 acres?

Dogs of nearly every breed and use have touched the fabric of the city. Through the years, Dalmatians led fire apparatus through the streets, Collies herded cattle and livestock, and German Shepherds guarded property.



Currently, a variety of breeds are used, not just for pets, but also for arson and drug detection, rescue and crowd control, and as therapy dogs. It has been a long time since the old city kennel at Trum Field gathered stray dogs. This was before leash laws, dog walkers, Continued on page 20

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## Somerville educator receives Teacher Champion Award

One in nine children in Massachusetts lives in a food insecure household. When children are hungry, it impacts their focus and learning abilities in the classroom. Concerned teachers across the Commonwealth are going above and beyond, often tapping into personal resources, to ensure students are nourished throughout the school day.

To recognize the efforts of teachers, Project Bread and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts recently presented the Teacher Champion Awards at a ceremony in Boston, and Clarence R. Edwards Middle School teacher Priyadarshini Kumar, of Somerville, was honored as an award recipient.

Kumar teaches Special Education ELA/Humanities to students with emotional impairments. At Edwards, she noticed a spike in maladaptive student behaviors near breakfast time. Consequently, she worked with the school's cafeteria manager to implement a mid-morning meal to supplement the four-hour time period between breakfast and lunch. Snacks are now delivered to students at 10 a.m. every day. The intervention has in-

creased student engagement and learning in the classroom. With additional funding, Kumar hopes the mid-day snack will become a school-wide initiative.

> "Teachers play an important role in fighting childhood hunger"

To help provide youth and teachers like Kumar with the resources they need to succeed, Project Bread has partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and the American Federation of Teachers-Massachusetts to create the Teacher Champion Award. In target communities across the state, these organizations are celebrating 11 Teacher Champions who have demonstrated a commitment to ending hunger in their schools.

These teachers may have launched a weekend backpack program or school-based food pantry, promoted participa-



L to R: Priyadarshini Kumar, ELA/Humanities teacher at Edwards Middle School; Jeff Bellows, VP of Corporate Citizenship + Public Affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts; and Erin McAleer, President of Project Bread.

tion in school meal programs, worked to raise awareness of the impact of child hunger, or made creative strides in addressing hunger in their school.

Teacher Champions self-nominated or nominated by their districts. They receive \$1,000 to invest in a schoolbased nutrition program within their school or district, such as a school breakfast program, a weekend backpack program, a school-based food pantry, or an onsite after-school supper program. Awardees also receive a \$500 stipend for personal use.

"Teachers play an important role in fighting childhood hunger," says Erin McAleer, President of Project Bread, the state's leading anti-hunger organization. "They are strong advocates for kids and trusted members of the community. But, they need proper support, resources, and partnerships to make a difference for their students without compromising their primary role as educators."

"Addressing food insecurity in our schools is an important part of helping people live healthier lives-something we are deeply committed to at Blue Cross," said Jeff Bellows, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and Public Affairs. "We are proud to team up with Project Bread and AFT-Massachusetts to recognize all the incredible work teachers are already doing and help them further set their students up for success inside and out of the classroom."

"We collaborate with teachers, administrators and the community to build programs that work for everyone because we know each school is different," says McAleer. "We are proud to partner with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the American Federation of Teachers to ensure that all students throughout the Commonwealth have access to food."

In addition to the Teacher Champion Awards, Project Bread also awarded school districts with grants to support the implementation of a School Breakfast After the Bell program, celebrate demonstrated growth in school breakfast programs, or create healthier school breakfasts. Grant funding was used to purchase equipment or materials, source local food, provide stipends for nutrition educators, and more.

For more than twenty years, Project Bread has worked with school districts across the Commonwealth to increase participation in the School Breakfast and Summer Food Service Programs in partnership with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Project Bread's team provides technical assistance and innovative solutions to support schools and community partners that are implementing and expanding breakfast and summer meal programs.

The nonprofit's goal is to ensure that all children in Massachusetts have reliable access to healthy meals throughout the year. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org.

#### Sally O'Brien's 335 Somerville Ave. 617-666-3589

## **MONDAY September 2**

Comedy Night! The Up n Coming Open Mic 7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY September 3**

Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 8 p.m.

#### **WEDNESDAY September 4**

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

#### **THURSDAY September 5**

BYOBluegrass Jam with David Rizzuti 7:30 p.m.

#### **FRIDAY September 6**

Hayride! 6 p.m. Muck & The Mires, Jittery Jack & Amy Griffin, Bad Larrys \$10 cover 9 p.m.

#### SATURDAY September 7

Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m. Barbara's 50th! with Parlour Bells, Abbie Barrett, Lockette \$10 cover 9 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY September 8**

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests





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## Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

77: Since 2014, 77 Somerville residents were lost to overdoses. Saturday, August 31, is International Overdose Awareness Day, which we will be marking with a ceremony at City Hall on Thursday, August 29, at 5:07 p.m. During the ceremony 77 small flags will be placed for the Somerville residents lost since 2014, and a larger flag will represent those lost prior to 2014. Seventy-seven deaths in five years is a

tragedy, and sadly that tragedy is far reaching. Each of those people had family and friends who cared about them and who miss them. As a community, marking International Overdose Awareness Day is one way we can show our support to the countless people whose lives have been touched by overdose deaths.

100+: Each day the opioid epidemic kills more than 100 people across the country and in Somerville, most of our overdose deaths are opioid-related. Looking at national and local statistics around overdose deaths, it's clear that we are in the midst of a public health crisis. Addiction is a difficult disease to treat and, sadly, far too many people have been lost to it.

733: Statistics about opioid-related deaths tell only part of the story of the toll that the opioid epidemic is having on our communities. The CDC estimates that for every opioid-related death another 733 people are misusing opioids. These are our family members, our friends, and our neighbors. The opioid epidemic is so widespread and so devastating that residents - often the friends and family members of users - have learned to use Narcan (a medication that can block the effects of opioids) and carry it with them in the hope of being able to reverse an overdose.

738: In April 2014, the Somerville Fire Department started carrying Narcan, followed by the Police Department that June, with the hope of reducing opioid overdose fatalities. From 2015 through 2019, both departments administered a combined 738 doses of Narcan in 312 incidents. Unfortunately, not every overdose can be stopped in time, but by equipping our first responders with Narcan, our hope is to save more lives and give more people the opportunity to seek treatment.

400+: After reading statistics about opioid-related deaths and overdoses, it's difficult to feel hopeful. But September is National Recovery Month and an opportunity to remember that recovery is possible and that there are resources for those seeking help. If you or someone you know needs help addressing substance abuse or mental health issues, please reach out to the City's COHR (Community Outreach, Help, and Recovery) Office at 617-625-1600. COHR Office staff works with individuals and families to review treatment options and develop a plan for appropriate care. In the last fiscal year, the COHR Office served more than

400 people, including more than 90 who were seeking help with substance use disorder or a combination of mental health needs and substance use disorder. The COHR Office also offers community trainings on topics like finding a pathway to recovery and mental health first aid, so keep an eye out for upcoming classes if you're interested in getting involved.

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

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Davis Square is Special

Unlike other squares in the city, Davis Square is unique and has a distinct vibrant culture not replicated elsewhere. Most cities have a downtown, Somerville does not. Instead it has a number of multi-street intersections we call squares. But Davis Square comes close to being our 'downtown'.

What makes it different are several aggregating factors not present elsewhere. These include a) a healthy entertainment capacity anchored by Somerville's only theatre which plays current and cult movies as well as live entertainment, Live theatre at the Rockwell, live music at the Burren and other locations, etc. b) It is a area that has had little industry but en-

self-contained community that has all its self -sustaining needs in the immediate area, ranging from supermarkets, all the banks, numerous restaurants and every facility needed through to a shoe repair shop. c) It is a destination serviced by integrated bus and rail that enables residents and visitors easy and fast access to the square. There are 9 places of worship in the immediate Davis Square area, adding to the draw to the square. All this has made it desirable for such planned activities as Art Beat, Porch Fest, Summer Streets, Honk and other outdoor activities. All these are unique to Davis and enhance the artistic value of the area.

This is accomplished in a residential

joyed light commercial growth. That it is positioned on a tangent between Tufts and Leslie Universities guarantees an annual new influx of young students seeking the convenient entertainment that is a hallmark feature of Davis Square.

Unlike other squares, Davis has some large areas where people can enjoy the square. Seven Hills, Kenney and Statue Parks as well as the West Branch Library all are well utilized and often the sites of buskers and other street entertainment. The square is also where political rallies are held.

The culture of the square is such that people have come to cherish these unique attributes that are not in any other Somerville square, though some are

available in some squares, Davis has it all. Davis has long been characterized by a very active civic group that reaches back in time to the original Davis Task Force that was instrumental in bringing the Red Line to Davis, and such groups have been continually active to this day, such is the civic pride. The residents strongly want to keep and enhance, not change Davis into another Harvard Square full of up-market shops and formula retail. Davis is a square of small boutique businesses that cater to the eclectic needs of the community and thus help sustain the vibrant values of the area.

Alan Bingham

#### Powder House Blvd.

Powder House Blvd used to be the prettiest, safest street in Somerville. It was a tree lined street with plenty of light. Besides the usual 5 o'clock traffic most cars that traveled the Blvd were residents of the West Somerville neighborhood.

Now with the redesign, which was designed by people not from the West Somerville Neighborhood, it has become one of the most dangerous streets in the city.

The 4 way stop signs at the corner of Curtis street are not working. Cars roll right thru them. You cannot even see the stop sign coming down Curtis from Teele Sq. because it is behind a post.

Residents are afraid to cross the street. It also makes it impossible for the 3 blind residents to cross.

With the new speed bumps emergency vehicles cannot make it to a call on time, as they need to slow down to go over not one but 3 speed bumps. Those lost seconds matter in an emergency.

The new bike lane, which was not the option discussed during the last community meeting, has narrowed the road, not leaving much room for the cars to travel in both directions. It also does not leave room for cars to park.

There is no center line and with the arrows for the speed bumps and the bike lane it doesn't look like there is even room for a center line. This is very dangerous with cars driving in both directions, especially at night.

Most of the West Somerville residents are lifelong residents that have taken pride in West Somerville. Our thoughts and ideas should be considered. We already know what works and what doesn't.

No need for a bike lane. Bikers can utilize Broadway and use Curtis or Packard Ave to cut across. Broadway runs parallel to the Blvd and already has a bike lane.

The lights should be put back at the corner of Curtis. Add a delayed green or a green arrow so cars can turn left onto Curtis coming up from North street. This would help traffic flow.

One speed bump by Dow street is enough or you can paint 3D crosswalks

that look like speed bumps or raise the cross walk like you did at the corner of Raymond Ave.

Make the light at the crosswalk in front of the school either blink red or turn to a solid red when pushed. Also teach people to look both ways regardless if light is red. Write "Somerville Cares look both ways" on the crosswalk so the people that look down at their phones will see it and actually pay attention.

Put the center line back and make the street wide again.

Restore the Blvd to the beautiful safe tree lined street that it has been for over 50 years.

West Somerville Resident

## **COMMENTARY**

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



## **Our View Of The Times**



If there is one thing that most Somerville residents can agree on it's the importance of supporting initiatives that help solve the problem of addiction and recovery in our community and others.

In recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) on Saturday, August 31, and National Recovery Month in September, advocates and officials in Somerville have united in their call for Somervillians to observe both events in a few simple but powerful ways.

From displaying purple lights and ribbons to attending vigils and events, residents can send a message of support and hope for recovery.

A Memorial Gathering and Overdose Awareness Ceremony will be held on Thursday, August 29, at City Hall. Attendees will be given 77 purple flags to place in memory of the 77 Somerville residents lost to overdose since 2014 and 1 larger flag for all those lost in previous years. On behalf of the community, City

Hall will also be lit with purple light after the ceremony and will remain so for the week of Thursday, August 29, to Friday, September 6, to remember those who we have lost and help raise awareness that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the City Council will pronounce that the City of Somerville is observing International Overdose Awareness Day and National Recovery Month. In declaring September Recovery Month, we will recognize that we as a community, in addition to honoring lives lost, must also pull together to focus on supporting the efforts of and assisting people in recovery. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

Going purple is one way we can all share in the effort to make a difference in the struggle to curb addiction and support those in recovery. Let's all join in.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

history of Somerville and he will have the answer. Happy birthday to a great guy, we wish Rick Pye the best. Happy birthday to State Representative Christine Barber, who is also celebrating. We hope she has a great day with her family and friends here in the city. Happy birthday to our good friend Jonathan Bowers, we wish him a great year ahead. To all others who are celebrating their birthdays this week and we missed you here, we wish a happy birthday to you.

Happy anniversary to our own Pat and Donald Norton. 52 years married! This year has been a tough one with their health but they are closer than ever watching out for each other every day. We wish them a very happy anniversary!

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The Somerville Fire Department be-

gan the annual inspection of all fire hydrants and will conclude on Saturday, August 31. This procedure requires the flushing of water from the hydrants as well as a check of the mechanical operation of the hydrant. The inspection/testing program will take approximately two weeks to complete. Though water will remain safe to drink, it is suggested that residents refrain from washing clothes, especially white fabrics, until the water runs clear. If rust stains do appear on wet laundry, the clothes should not be dried, and residents may call 617-666-3311 to obtain a free bottle of rust remover. Inspections/testing will be conducted Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and if necessary, in the evening, from 6:15 until 8:15 p.m. \*\*\*\*\*\*

Bay State Skating School is one of Greater Boston's most established and popular skating programs. They are celebrating over 50 years of teaching children in the Greater Boston area. The 2019-2020 skating season is about to begin. Professional Instructors teach Recreational, Figure and Hockey Skating Skills to the beginner, intermedi-

ate and advanced skaters. Students can wear either figure, recreational or hockey skates. New fall lessons begin in September. Lessons are held at 11 Greater Boston Rink locations including Brookline-Cleveland Circle, Larz Anderson/Brookline, Cambridge, Medford, Newton-Brighton, Quincy, Somerville, Waltham, West Roxbury, and Weymouth. The emphasis is on having fun while learning to skate. Enjoy a fun filled series of lessons, where children learn the basic skills of ice skating. They have taught over 90,000 students to ice skate. Come skate and feel great. For more information and to register, visit www. BayStateSkatingSchool.org or call Bay State Skating School (781) 890-8480.

The East Somerville Foodie Crawl is back for its 9th edition with diverse restaurants, a beer garden featuring Aeronaut Brewing Company (https://www.loc8nearme.com/massachusetts/somerville/aeronaut-brewing-company/4995151/) and Small Change Breweries, and live entertainment. Come and take a cultural crawl through the East Somerville restaurant corridor.

With the purchase of one ticket, you will be off on a culinary journey full of authentic foods, colors and smells from Ethiopia, El Salvador, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. Your ticket will give you unlimited access to sample East Somerville's best restaurants. **Tuesday, September 17**. Food will be served from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Beer Garden open until 10:00 p.m. Purchase your ticket(a) at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/foodie-crawl-tickets-63893064877.

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Attention shoppers and those that have frequented the several food establishments in **Ball Square**: Letting you know that the square is not that difficult to get to, especially since the bridge has been out. All the businesses would appreciate you still dropping by to shop, eat, or just say "Hi" – it would be very welcome. **The** Ball Square Café, Sound bites, Kelly's **Diner** – or almost everyone's favorite, Victor's Deli - don't forget Lyndell's Bakery and, of course, True Grounds are open for business as well. Traffic around the square is good, with plenty of parking. So there's no excuse for not shopping there.

## Somerville Road Runners Race to the Row

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## Documentary screening at the Cambridge Public Library, September 3

#### By Meia Geddes

Filmmaker Weiying Olivia Huang's beautiful documentary, Grolier Poetry Book Shop: The Last Sacred Place of Poetry, will be screened at the Cambridge Public Library this Tuesday, September 3rd at 6 p.m., followed by a discussion between Huang, director and producer of the film, and local poet-publisher Doug Holder.

The Grolier, the oldest continuously running bookshop dedicated to poetry in America, is a light-filled room beloved by countless bookish souls. It has been frequented by well-known poets and writers including

T.S. Eliot, Elizabeth Bishop, e.e. cummings, Robert Lowell, Anaïs Nin, and Seamus Heaney. This, coupled with the shock and sadness accompanying long-time owner Ifeanyi Menkiti's unexpected death this past June 17 lends the documentary a certain gravitas.

Yet there is a kind of lightness that lifts the spirit, as well. Huang captures her subjects' love for poetry and poetry's power to change the world with a quiet, urgent energy. The film is, in essence, serenely invigorating, in a way that makes one want to go buy and write books, and support those who do.

"This store as a cultural place



 $Weiying\ Olivia\ Huang, Director/Producer\ (left), and\ Mengyuan\ Lin, Cinematographer/Editor\ (right)$ 

— Photo by Ru Fang

# Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. What word does toilet paper, dice and hamburger have in common?
- 2. What is game of bowls played outdoors on artificial turf?
- 3. Who was the first woman to serve on the the Supreme Court of the United States?
- 4. What garden is known as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?
- 5. What type of cat is known as a "Sacred Cat of Burma"?
- 6. How many Grand

- Slam singles titles has Rafael Nadal won?
- 7. Who was the first woman to become President of the Philippines?
- 8. What product will Rob Gronkowski be promoting for athletes?
- 9. What flavor liqueur is Cointreau?
- 10. Who shot singer Selena?
- 11. How many underground rapid transits are there in the U.K.?
- 12. How many hearts does an octopus have?

Answers on page 17

for me is to make sure that we can keep it open," says Menkiti, a poet and professor who bought the Grolier in 2006 to save it from closing and ensured its continued survival despite difficult finances. Menkiti's kind aura and belief in uniting people through poetry makes for an uplifting time spent in this magical

belongs to all of us. So the thing

senses the welcoming, open atmosphere fostered at the shop, which continues on to this day.

There is a lovely, unassuming accuracy to the documentary that warms the heart: long shots

place. Watching the film, one

accuracy to the documentary that warms the heart: long shots of customers browsing shelves of books, animated readings, those cordial-yet-somehow-intimate interactions at the cash register, local small-town gos-

sip. Huang has an eye for lighting, living in the moment, and letting us, as viewers, linger on with those moments.

Those featured in the documentary include Menkiti and his wife, Carol Menkiti; staff Elizabeth Doran and Celia Muto; and local poets including Susan Barba, Doug Holder, Ben Mazer, Patrick Sylvain, and Gloria Mindock.

The footage Huang has captured is of immeasurable value to those of us in Cambridge, Boston, and beyond, who care for the Grolier and our literary destinations in general. It also serves as a reminder to support our local shops. "I want to make sure the bookstore continues for the next generation," says Huang.

Many stores in Harvard

Square alone have had to close their doors: Schoenhof's Foreign Books, founded in 1856, closed its brick-and-mortar store in 2017 due to high rents and online competition. Crema Café, at Brattle Street, closed in 2018 after having trouble securing a new lease. The Menkiti family plans to continue keeping the shop open for the foreseeable future. I hope we can support their efforts as a community.

It is splendid what one room – for it is a room, beloved and renown – can do for the being. That Huang could create a documentary featuring this room and just some of the many folk who frequent it speaks both to her skills as a filmmaker and the way this humble, historic place has made it into our hearts.

## Master Clarinetist Michael Winograd at The Burren, September 17



Michael Winograd is the co-founder of the nation's largest Yiddish cultural festival, Yiddish New York, and the artistic director of the world's largest Klezmer workshop, KlezKanada. He's also performed with master violinist Itzhak Perlman among many others, including revered Pakistani vocalist Zeb Bangash

Winograd will be performing at The Burren in Somerville on Tuesday, September 17. For tickets go to https://tickets.burren.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=508.

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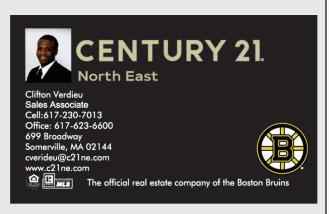
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

GEORGE J. PROAKIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A <u>public hearing</u> for all interested parties will be held by the <u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u> on <u>Wednesday, September 4, 2019</u> at <u>6:00 p.m.</u> at the <u>Visiting</u> Nurses Association (VNA), 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA.

269 Washington Street (ZBA 2019-84): Applicant, JTSRE Holdings, LLC, and Owner, J.T. Scott, seek special permits under §4.4.1 to legalize a unit, construct a deck and stairs within the rear yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. NB zone. Ward 2.

18 Glendale Avenue (ZBA 2019-86): Applicant, Ji Shi, and Owners, Ji Shi & Yan Zhao, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property including adding a dormer within the left side yard setback. RB zone. Ward 7.

12 Aldersey Street (ZBA 2019-80): Applicants and Owners, Vladimir & Lara Jaugust, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure (4-family in an RA zone) including exterior modifications, increasing the GFA by more than 25%. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RA zone. Ward 3.

48 Elm Street (ZBA 2019-79): Applicants and Owners, Balany Real Estate Group, LLC, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by constructing dormers within the right side yard setback, and the upward extension of the non-conforming right side yard setback through the construction of a second story at the rear of the building. Parking relief under Article 9. RB zone. Ward 6.

117 Summer Street (ZBA 2019-65) (re-advertised): Applicant and Owner, Riverside Community Care, seeks a Special Permit under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. RA and RB zones. Ward 3.

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

17 Thorndike Street (ZBA 2019-67): Applicant, Jake Steward, and Owner, Kirsten Chervinsky, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to enclose a portion of a first story existing porch within the right side yard setback.

63 Franklin Street (ZBA 2019-68): Applicant, Hudson Santana of North America Development, LLC, and Owner, Sonam Dorjee & Karma Sichoe, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to significantly alter a non-conforming property by creating an upward extension of a non-conforming front yard setback, increase the GFA by more than 25%. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. Unit count to increase from 1 to 2. RB zone. Ward 1.

14 Carlton Street (ZBA 2019-83): Applicant, North America Development, and Owners, Louis M. Carcon & Yvrose Merzeus, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to significantly alter a non-conforming property by creating an upward extension of the non-conforming front and left side yard setbacks, and increasing the GFA by more than 25%. Parking relief under Article 9. RC zone. Ward 2.

31 Woodbine Street (ZBA 2019-85): Applicant, Fly Together Fitness, and Owner, Rail and Glass, LLC, seek a special permit under SZO §7.11.6.3.a to establish a commercial exercise facility in one of the storefronts of the newly constructed building. A special permit for parking relief under SZO §9.13 is also being sought. RC Zone. Ward 5.

1154 Broadway (ZBA 2018-78-E1-8/19): Applicant and Owner, Anuj Pradhan, Trustee of the 1154 Broadway Realty Trust, seeks a six-month extension of time under M.G.L Ch. 40A Sect. 10 of a previously approved variance (ZBA 2018-78) that was granted in October 2018 to construct a 75-room betal NR Zone Word 7.

27-29 Cedar Street (ZBA 2019-90): Applicant and Owner, Charles Spellman, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing two shed dormers. RB Zone. Ward 5.

10 Oak Street (ZBA 2018-10-R1-6/19): Applicants and Owners, 10 Oak Street, LLC, under §5.3.8 of the SZO, seek revisions to a previously-granted special permit. RC zone. Ward 2.

1133B Broadway (ZBA 2019-66): Applicant, Kenneth F. Gray, III, and Owners, Shree Ganesh Realty Trust, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by establishing a comedy venue. Parking relief under Artcile 9 of the SZO. NB zone. Ward 7.

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

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

Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 8/21/19 & 8/28/19

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Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: 2:00 PM, Wednesday, September 18th, 2019. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please email <u>tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov</u> for more information and to register for the RFP package.

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

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PLANNING DIVISION

#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the <u>Planning Board</u> and the <u>City Council Land Use Committee</u> on **Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:00pm**, in the Council Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to receive public comments concerning the following:

#### ADOPTION OF A NEW SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 23, 1990.

. . .

Items may be continued to later dates. Please check the agendas for the Planning Board and/or Land Use Committee on the City's website or call before attending. Continued items will not be re-advertised.

Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board and Land Use Committee 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 <a href="mailto:planning@somervillema.gov">planning@somervillema.gov</a>.

Copies of the ordinance and maps are available on-line at the Zoning Overhaul Website at: <a href="https://www.somervillezoning.com">www.somervillezoning.com</a>

Copies of the ordinance and maps are also available for review 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.

Per **Section 1.2.2.a and 1.2.2.d** of the proposed new ordinance, permits issued under current zoning regulations, prior to the date of adoption of the new Ordinance will remain valid, subject to the conditions of the permit, notwithstanding the publishing of this advertisement.

Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman, Planning Board
Attest: Councilor Lance Davis, Chair, Land Use Committee
To be published in the Somerville Times on August 28 and September 4
To be published in the Boston Herald on September 3 and September 10
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#### LEGAL NOTICE

## CITY OF SOMERVILLE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105(e) (1), the City of Somerville will hold a public hearing to present the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the City's 2018-2019 programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and to obtain public input on the City's performance regarding its current grants funded by HUD, including the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program and the HOME Program.

The Public Hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Somerville Central Library Auditorium located at 79 Highland Avenue.

Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville or to attend meetings, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Nency Salamoun, at NSalamoun@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2323. Accommodations for non-English speaking persons are available by contacting (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500. All requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Thursday September 5, 2019. General questions about the hearing should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500. Written comments will be accepted until Thursday September 26, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m. and should be sent to the attention of Elizabeth Twomey at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or via email to ospcd@somervillema.gov.

Joseph A. Curtatone

Mayor

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## Sunsetters last show of the season

Claudia Ferro hosted the Sunsetters final show of the season on Thursday, August 22 at 20 Kensington Avenue. She wants to thank Stop & Shop for their donations of snacks and Louie's ice cream for providing ice cream. — Photos by Claudia Ferro

Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos















## From on page 14 Ms. Cam's Cams 110

1. Roll

7. Corazon Aquino

2. Crown green bowls

8. CBD products

3. Sandra Day O'Connor

9. Orange

4. Hanging Gardens of

10. Her fan club president Yolanda Saldívar

Babylon

11. Five systems

5. Birman 6. Eighteen

12. Three

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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday August 28

**East Branch Library** 

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broad-

#### **Central Library**

Middle School Summer Writers'

5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.

**Summer Reading Club Awards** Ceremony

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

#### **Central Library Front Lawn**

Family Movie Night on the Lawn 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.|79 Highland

#### **Tuesday | September 3**

#### **Somerville Community Baptist** Church

**Preschool Storytime** 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 31 College

#### Wednesday | September 4

#### **East Branch Library**

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broad-

#### **MUSIC** ARTS

#### Wednesday | August 28

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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#### The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief 9 p.m. Backroom: J. Van Cleave, Roxygen|7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night with Arty P.|10

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

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

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

#### **Thunder Road**

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Residency

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

Beat the Bridge

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Last Wednesday Residency: Strangled Darlings

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Arts at the Armory

Strummerville

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Thursday August 29

#### Sally O'Brien's

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#### The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company |7 p.m.

Back Room: Elevate Youth Benefit Show featuring Helen Trio|7 p.m.

Scattershots 10 p.m.

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

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### Bull McCabe's

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

#### **Thunder Road**

Positive Negative Man with special guests TBA! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

**Board Game Night** 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

**Brian Friedland Trio** 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Arts at the Armory

WLFF and AniMAtic Boston Present: First or Worst! 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### The Rockwell

**Cherry Docs** 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### Friday | August 30

#### Sally O'Brien's

Bucky Bear & The Bearly Seen|6 p.m.

Beantown Buckaroos, The Doc West Band - \$10 cover 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30

Backroom: Katie Martucci Band, Melissa Weikart | 7 p.m. Rip Cord 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

#### **Once Somerville**

Heroes Stand-Up|6 p.m. Stickup Kid, Sundressed, Intervention, Bloom 8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

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

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### Bull McCabe's

HIFI Monk J Gramling 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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#### 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Le Prestige

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

The Rockwell The Oregon Fail: You Have Died of Comedy|7 p.m. Good Luck Comedy|9 p.m.

#### 255 Elm St The Rockwell

Cherry Docs 7 p.m. B.U.M.P|9:15 p.m. Dirty Disney|10:30 a.m. 255 Elm St

#### Arts at the Armory

The Wagging Craze and Skyligh-7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Saturday | August 31

#### Sally O'Brien's

Tim Gearan Band 6 p.m. Skull & Roses - \$10 cove Lotus -\$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

3589

#### The Burren

Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2

Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m.

Back Room:

Kellie Loder 7 p.m. Swipe Right|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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#### **Thunder Road**

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#### **Once Somerville**

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8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Singer-Songwriter Summer Saturday Series: Brianna Nelson|2 p.m. Bengisu Onal Trio 8 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

#### Arts at the Armory

Rick and Friends

10 a.m.|Café

Nepali Teej 2 p.m.|Performance Hall Duo à cordés: Works for Violin and Viola

8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### The Rockwell

Cherry Docs 7 p.m. Dreamland Silent Disco|9 p.m. 255 Elm St

#### **Sunday | September 1**

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666

#### 3589

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

Back Room

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

#### **Highland Kitchen**

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 

#### Cabaret Witchpunk 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

BYOP: Sarah Donner with Sam

2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### The Rockwell

**Cherry Docs** 3 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### Monday | September 2

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Comedy Night! The Up n Coming Open Mic|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

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

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Jimmy James Trivia|8:30 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

**Once Somerville** Kaelan Mikla, Cloud Rat

#### 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

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

#### Queer Tango 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### **Tuesday | September 3**

Arts at the Armory

Sally O'Brien's Bar Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers 8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Ghetto People Band** 10 p.m.|366A Somerville

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

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

Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz

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

7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### Neighbor Tuesdays in Union Square, Somerville!

**Once Somerville** 

#### 156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co** Indie Trivia

#### 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Wednesday | September 4

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

#### The Burren

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

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

The A-Beez

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

#### **Thunder Road**

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

**Once Somerville** As Cities Burn, All Get Out, Many

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### **Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Aeronaut Brewing Co. Open Mic with Mike Morrissey

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

Wiretap Wednesday

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday | August 28

**Central Library** Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

## **Davis Square Farmers Market**

7 p.m, - 8:15 p.m|79 Highland

12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert

Mystery Book Group

### Thursday | August 29

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave

#### For more info call: 781-762-6629 Saturday August 31

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

#### Plaza

(Upstairs Parlor).

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

#### Sunday | September 1

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

#### Wednesday | September 4

#### **Central Library**

basement

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Fairy Garden in a Book Workshop 5:30 p.m, - 8 p.m|79 Highland

#### **Davis Square Farmers Market**

12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert Streets

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

#### CENTER SENIOR HAPPENINGS:

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

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

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

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

Mondays & Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fridays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

617-625-6600, ext. 2335

Fax: 617-625-1414

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

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

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

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

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

TTY: 866-808-4851

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Diabetes Support Group – Penne for Your Thoughts – a six week group starting on Wednesday, September 4 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Please join our Nutritionist, Caitlin and Social Worker, Natasha as they explain common myths and facts about diabetes and discuss strategies to help manage your diabetes. To sign up please call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

Mohegan by Day and Foxwoods Overnight - Thursday, September 5 and Friday, September 6. \$209 per person single or \$149 per person double. Trip includes roundtrip motorcoach transporation, Mohegan bonus package and Foxwoods bonus package. Check-in time is 7:30 on the 5 at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. on Friday the 6. For more information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Finger Lakes Region - Sunday, September 8 to Thursday, September 12. 5 days/4 nights \$859 per person triple, \$999 per person double and \$1199 per person

single. Trip includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfast, 3 lunches and 3 dinners and so much more. For more info or to reserve please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Cooking with Caitlin - Monday, September 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Have you ever heard of a cake in a mug? Come learn how to make a cake in a microwavable mug. Bring your blue mug from your goodie bag from the Mayor's picnic. Space is limited. RSVP a must. RSVP to Caitlin by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2316.

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

**Bowling** – Starting Wednesday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Sacco's Bowl Haven at Flatbread Pizza located in Davis Square. There is a \$3 weekly fee which covers shoe rental, three strings candlepin bowling and due for a bowling banquet. For more information and to sign up please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Atlantic City Boys - Wednesday, September 18th at the Davensport Yacht Club. \$69 per person includes transportation, lunch, show, taxes and gratuity. Meal choice of stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod. Time to be determined. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Prepare to Care Workshop – Thursday, September 19 - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. The Prepare to Care Workshop was created for those caring for a family member or close friend. For more information or to register please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Dollar Days at the Movies - Tuesday, September 24 - doors open at 11:30 a.m. movie starts at 12:00 p.m. \$1 per person for the movie paid to the theatre. This month's movie is Ocean's 8 starring Sandra Bullock and Kate Blanchett. For more information or to RSVP please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

The Boston Red Sox 2018 World Series Throphy Viewing – Wednesday, September 25 at Dilboy Post, 351 Summer Street - 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If you decided to stay for lunch which will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the price is \$5 per person. RSVP is a MUST. For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

#### **LGBTQ EVENTS**

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

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

#### Monday:

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

Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

#### Tuesday:

Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. - \$3 per class (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C) Bike Club - 12:15 p.m. (H)

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

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

Adventure Group - Please call for details

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

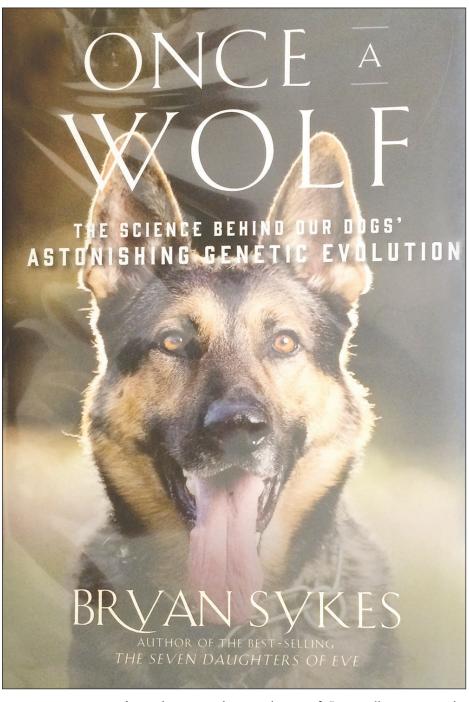
Coffee & Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. Come meet people from all over the world and join in the discussion of a different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

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

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

#### **Historical Fact**

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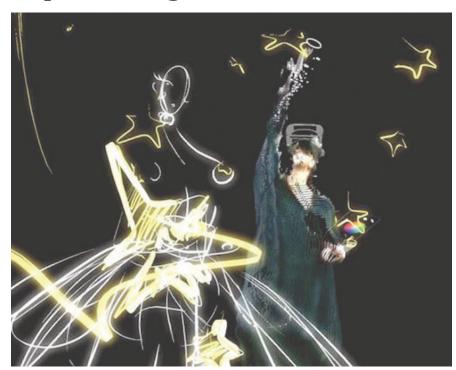
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## **Upcoming VOX POP event**



Virtual Reality Demo & Open House

Wednesday, August 28 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Come have fun and explore our new Virtual Reality station at VOX POP. Adam Stone, Studio & Technical Manager at Somerville Media Center will host a fun interactive session for the community. They will have Google Tilt Brush which lets you paint in 3D space with virtual reality. Unleash your creativity with three-dimensional brush strokes, stars, light, and even fire. You can also play with Beat Saber, a VR rhythm game, where your goal is to slash the beats which fit perfectly into precisely handcrafted music.

VOX POP is a pop up community, media & arts space that is the result of a collaboration between Federal Investment Realty Trust (FRIT) the property developer and owner of Assembly Row and Somerville Media Center. VOX POP is located at 431 Artisan Way at Assembly Row. Parking is free for 3-hours in the garages and is accessible by MBTA Orange Line.

VOX POP Hours of Operation: May 8 – September 26 (NEW closing date) M: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. • W: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Th: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.\*

\*There may be select events outside these hours

## **2019 Candidate Profile Series** for the Preliminary Election

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**Connecting Communities** SPD Ride Along Haiti in the 'Ville 1:30pm Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks 6:00pm Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest - 6.15.19 7:00pm East Somerville Walking Tour - 6.16.19 Connecting Communities 8:30pm SHS Topping Off Ceremony 9:00pm 9:30pm SomerVision 2040 10:31pm Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 11:00pm Haiti in the 'Ville

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Sunday, September 1

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Wednesday, September 4

12:00am Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19

## **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

#### Wednesday, August 28 SHS Girls Soccer v Waltham 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm

SHS Boys' Soccer vs Beverly MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer v Revere SING! Somerville 2:00pm WSNS Science Fair Winners 3:00pm String Fest & Summer HONK Concert 4:00pm SCALE Graduation 2019 5:00pm 6:30pm SHS 'Topping Off' Ceremony 7:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Waltham 8:30pm SHS Boys' Soccer vs Beverly

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SHS Graduation 2019 WSNS Moving On Ceremony WSNS Spring Concert String Fest & Summer HONK Concert SING! Somerville

Public Domain Theater SHS CTE Awards Night 2019 - 5.8.19 SHS Football vs CRLS SHS Football vs Medford String Fest & Summer HONK Concert SHS CTE Awards Night 2019 - 5.8.19 SHS Football vs CRLS SHS Football vs Medford

SHS Volleyball vs Greater Lowell Tech Youth Peace Conference **Public Domain Theater** SING! Somerville SHS Baseball vs Pope John Healey School Spring Concert WHCIS Moving On Ceremony SHS Graduation 2019 Girls Intramural Basketball Championship WSNS Spring Concert SING! Somerville SHS Baseball vs Pope John Healey School Spring Concert

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# yrıca **SOMERVILLE** edited by Doug Holder

Tim Young is looking forward to a milestone birthday this January 2020, when he turns seventy. He began writing poetry in high school and has continued to do so. His poetry has appeared in Kaffe in Katmandu, Fictionaut, and other publications. In 2005 he began chasing the novel form and has since produced four unpublished



works. He was a resident of Manhattan's famed Hell's Kitchen neighborhood. Tim is also a singer/songwriter/guitarist.

#### **GUSTS**

a girl in a red cap flashes by the river walk blue and green yellow sun escapes behind memories thrown out and about like tucked away photos brown on the edges curled in the crossfire of nostalgia

ancient blooms pressed in books regard their death as long noble dreams glazed by fingertips touching each other like a kiss in a color magazine fires roaring

a girl in a red cap slows to a crawl repeating each moment memorized in every glance like each strand of hair nestled under her cap unable to break free until gusts cut across her face

— Tim Young

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## 'Curious Peach' by Denise Provost

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Review by Robert Cable

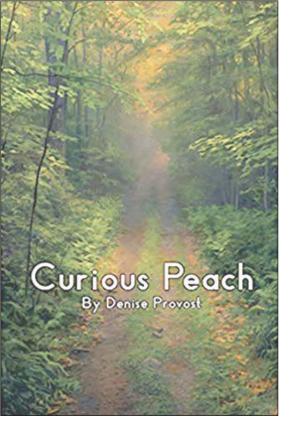
These poems reward our senses of sight, hearing, smell and taste! The poet observes that "ordinary seeing makes us blind." She herself, however, has cultivated particularly keen perceptions, which she shares in these colorful, musical, fragrant, tasty poems. A winner in the Maria C. Faust Sonnet Contest, Provost's poems tend to be of 14 lines, more or less. They are short and sweet, as is the poet herself. (Last night I had a front row seat at her public reading.) A few longer poems also tell interesting stories.

Are you curious about the title of this book? The phrase comes from a 17th century poem by Andrew Marvell, when "curious" meant "interesting because of novelty or rarity" rather than "eager to acquire information or knowledge," as it does today. Curious Peach is also the title of Provost's concluding verse, where it refers to consciousness of the fruit, which the poet imagines.

Denise Provost grew up in Maine, studied in Vermont – where Marvell was her favorite poet at Bennington College - and now lives in Massachusetts. She is intimately familiar with rural nature and with urban gardens. In addition to being a poet, she is an attorney, housewife, mother of three, and for the past two decades she has also served as a city alderman and then as a state legislator.

This chapbook provides a virtual poetic calendar or "declension of the year," naming or describing a month, a season, a solstice or an equinox in most of the poems: "fledgling time of year," "the tender season," "that shadow, Autumn" "September's sharpening cold," "the Harvest's gaudy show," "winter's monochrome." It also describes times of the day: "pre-dawn greyness," "sunrise pinks," "fresh-peeled day," "lovely day, so warm at its height," "colors grown dull/ when the sun slipped and fell," "deepening dark," "evening shroud," "dazzling day, then swift, seamless dark."

Provost's poems are filled with specific flowers, fruits, trees and animals: bearded iris, bees, Bradford pear, cardinal, cat, chickadee, chicory, cicadas, "junkos" (ten cents discount.)



cornstalks, daffodils, finches, forsythia, grapes, juncos, leopard frogs, lichens, lilacs, lindens, maples, "mere grass," milkweed, mockingbird, moss, mountain ash, mulberry trees, peach tree, peonies, pumpkin vine, Quaker Ladies, quince, rabbits, raspberries, red-winged blackbirds, robins, runner beans, skunk cabbages, sparrows, spring peepers, strawberries, sumac, tulips, water chestnuts, "noxious weeds," wild aster, wild rose, willows. Whew! The poet is steeped in nature; and we can share it through her words.

In two poems, the poet voices apprehension about the unnaturally changing natural world of our time. Unseasonable mentions "a world whose thermostat has gone awry." Lament from a Wingless Thing (the poet herself) voices the classical theme of Ubi sunt?: "Where are the birds/ of years gone by?/ To which rich banquet/ did they fly?" If we want to continue enjoying the wonderful nature described in these poems, we should seriously consider the question.

The cost of this delightful volume of 28 poems is \$0.36 per verse, but its value is immeasurably higher. You will like it.

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72472345	80 Moreland St	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath	57	\$599,000	\$607,500
72496440	12 Montgomery Ave	7 room, 4 bed, 1f bath	7	\$649,000	\$710,000
72468324	1 Vinal St	7 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	17	\$650,000	\$690,000
72487505	9 Porter St	8 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	7	\$749,900	\$780,000
72492988	141 Central Street	6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	23	\$769,000	\$775,000
72502479	33 Marion St.	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1hbath	20	\$789,900	\$800,000
72491715 35	Harvard Street	9 room, 4 bed, 1f 1hbath	18	\$895,000	\$1,025,000
72496264	45 Tennyson Street	10 room, 4 bed, 3f 2h bath	9	\$1,495,000	\$1,580,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72487335	16 Fellsway	WU:3 4 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	16	\$665,000	\$685,000
72492185	102 Conwell Ave	U:3 6 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	47	\$669,000	\$655,000
72475493	108 Belmont	U:2 8 room, 5 bed, 2f bath	24	\$669,000	\$690,000
72415191	390 Washington Street	U:3 5 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	217	\$669,900	\$669,000
72500341	58 Conwell Ave	U:3 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	10	\$674,900	\$695,000
72500364	4 Putnam St	U:2 5 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	7	\$679,000	\$715,000
72484871	21 Park Street	U:4 4 room, 1 bed, 1f 1h bath	37	\$689,000	\$690,000
72491732	52 Dimick Street	U:1 6 room, 3 bed, 1f bath	14	\$710,000	\$740,000
72490433	3 Banks Street	U:1 4 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	3	\$729,000	\$808,000
72500690	33 Mason St	U:1 6 room, 3 bed, 1fbath	14	\$729,900	\$800,000
72479043	49 Putnam Street	U:1 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	10	\$749,000	\$800,000
72500118	22 Beacon Place	U:B 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	17	\$765,000	\$786,250
72462754	43 Electric Avenue	U:27 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	26	\$769,900	\$774,900
72487091	56 Fremont Street	U:56 11 room, 4 bed, 2f 1hbath	8	\$795,000	\$885,000
72487322	24 Marshall Street	U:24 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	33	\$799,000	\$785,000
72498451	7 Westminster St	U:1 6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath	8	\$799,000	\$820,000
72442412	69 Rush	U:2 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1hbath	104	\$839,000	\$820,000
72493041	21 Park St	U:2 6 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	5	\$839,900	\$850,000
72458342	40 Harvard St	U:1 6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	82	\$899,900	\$865,000
72513213	9 Medford Street	U:501 4 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	15	\$915,000	\$915,000
72491955	30 Bromfield Road	U: 2 6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1hbath	20	\$939,000	\$940,000
72483678	12 Spencer Avenue	U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	14	\$949,000	\$980,000
72455659	42 Bow St	U:3 5 room, 3 bed, 2f 1hbath	96	\$949,900	\$940,000
72475446	163 Central St	U:2 7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	46	\$1,049,000	\$990,000
72484101	9 Monmouth Street	U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	6	\$1,085,000	\$1,100,000
72480180	7 Webster St	U:2 10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	37	\$1,095,000	\$1,095,000
72487570	27 Murdock Street	U:37 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	34	\$1,150,000	\$1,070,000
72486729	261 Willow Avenue	U:2 7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath	17	\$1,178,000	\$1,200,021
72447165	65-67 Victoria Street	U:67 9 room, 3 bed, 3f bath	132	\$1,195,000	\$1,125,000
72495805	70 Howard	U:PH 3 room, 1 bed, 1fbath	18	\$1,599,000	\$1,599,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72489507	14Trull St	2 unit, 10 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	19	\$849,973	\$827,775
72486931	31 Alpine St	2 unit, 9 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	21	\$939,000	\$939,000
72495963	21 Bradley St	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	69	AUCTION	\$970,000
72499734	67 Thurston St	3 unit, 13 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	9	\$975,000	\$1,042,000
72452780	17 Princeton Street	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	140	\$995,000	\$1,000,000
72472766	38	10 Hills 2 unit, 13 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	82	\$999,000	\$975,000
72480267	12 Conwell Ave	2 unit, 9 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	35	\$1,099,900	\$1,055,000
72484756	8 West Street	2 unit, 10 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	7	\$1,150,000	\$1,280,000
72475400	62 Hudson St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	2	\$1,239,000	\$1,200,000
72394426	315 Washington St	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	60	\$1,250,000	\$1,200,000
72479573	3 Preston Road	2 unit, 17 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	23	\$1,350,000	\$1,320,000
72382267	13 Quincy St.	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	6	\$1,399,000	\$1,300,000
72470834	26-28 Adrian Street	unit, 18 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	44	\$1,599,999	\$1,560,000
72471115	124 Perkins St	3 unit, 18 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	15	\$1,699,000	\$1,465,950
72459227	42 Greenville St	6 unit, 28 total rooms, 10 total bedrooms	47	\$2,599,000	\$2,050,000