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Police groups protest 'Black Lives Matter' banner at City Hall



 $A gathering \ organized \ by \ local \ police \ unions \ to \ protest \ the "Black \ Lives \ Matter" \ banner \ hanging \ at \ City \ Hall$ took place last Thursday. More pictures on page 13.

By Donald Norton

Last Thursday evening, the Massachusetts Municipal Police Coalition, along with other local police unions, showed up at City Hall to protest the displaying of the "Black Lives Matter" banner on the public building.

About 100 to 125 Officers and supporters were present to hear speakers and to ask the mayor to take the banner down.

Michael McGrath, President of the Somerville Police Employees Association, addressed the gathering, listing the reasons that his and other groups felt the banner should be removed.

McGrath asserted that the police groups do not object to the banner itself, but that it was not appropriate for it to be hung on a public building.

A crowd of media people almost as large as the assembled crowd itself took note of McGrath's and other's remarks. Continued on page 4

Wall to Wall: Art builds community

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

The Nave Gallery is holding the upcoming community event, Wall to Wall, calling on all who want to highlight and help their community using the Arts: there is a \$15 entry fee. A maximum of three pieces may be entered for consideration. Submissions will be accepted through August 15. The Nave Gallery will retain only 30% commission for work sold.

This has been the very simple and feasible set of guidelines which Curator Karl Stephan had in mind for the curious: "My motivation is to help people understand how art can help build positive community in a very practical hands-on way."

The outreach couldn't be more inclusive, inviting the gifted and the sincere: "With programming and logistical assistance from the CHCP Social Justice Circle. The Nave Gallery, in partnership with the Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church invites artists to participate in the curated gallery exhibition Wall to Wall: Art Builds Community (aka W2W)." Continued on page 7



Wall to Wall: Art Builds Community will be on exhibit at the Nave Gallery, 155 Powder House Blvd, Somerville, from September 24 to October 30.

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Yes, we were assured that the Annual Mayor's Senior Picnic is being held today, Wednesday, August 3, at Powder House Park in West Somerville. It was not advertised on the City of Somerville's website like the other Council on Aging events are. Is the Director, Cindy Hickey, trying to keep it a secret? Maybe she decided not to invite those elderly that don't live in elderly housing? We will be there to check it out this year. We think it's at around noontime, but who knows?

Coming up shortly, in September on the 13th, DISCOVER ... East Somerville's best-kept culinary secrets at 15+ restaurants. From 14 Broadway to 192, join the 2016 Participants: Maya Sol, Casey's, Connexion, Fasika, Rincon Mexicano, Taco Loco, Los Paisanos, East End Grille, Vinny's, Ola Cafe, La Brasa, Tapatio, Gauchao, Blanca's, Deano's Pasta, Joe's Liquors, Amigos Market, and more!

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to Alicia Lafuente who is celebrating this week. We hope she has a great day. Happy birthday to a successful and local guy who grew up here and has made it big in the real estate business, Michael Carucci, executive VP of Gibson Sotheby's in Boston. Happy birthday to Pat and Donald's granddaughter, Kaitlin Harrison, who was here visiting not too long ago with her two daughters. We hope Kate has a great day. A nice guy, Chris Just, who grew up here, is also celebrating this week. He's self-employed in the security business in Ohio. Happy birthday to another nice guy, Alan Laurentano, formerly of Spring Hill. We wish Nick Lanzilli of Medford, who ran for State Rep. here not so long ago, a great day. A nice guy, from a great family.

Think about it, it's already August and the year is rushing by. Summer will be over in just about 30 days or so. School will be open and, alas, a primary election will be held on September 8.

The 16th Annual Golf Tournament for the John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund will be held this year once again at the Falmouth Country Club in Falmouth, MA.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Mayor comments on protest rally scheduled for Thursday, July 28

A Moore says:

We have to remember that he is an employee of the city and as such he can dictate what he wants regardless of what his employees wish him to do.

Kevin says:

"We can stand together for the principle that every person who leaves their home and every officer who heads out to do their job should return safely. That is where most people stand. That is why both banners will remain."

Every person = all lives matter

Gunther says:

Very well said. Thank you, Mayor Curatone!

Andy Klatt says:

I am far away from home but will be back soon. I am very proud of my city and my mayor for stating clearly that black lives matter and for not backing down when faced by short-sighted (if not narrow-minded) opposition.

Trobertson says:

You are discriminating against every race except black. THAT IS NOT WHAT AMERICA IS!!! SHAME ON YOU MR MAYOR. AMERICAN INDIAN MUSLIM WHITE ASIAN ETC...

YET YOU PUT UP A BANNER STATING ONLY BLACK LIVES MATTER? REALLY?? STUPIDITY

Response to: Police hold rally to protest BLM banner on Somerville City Hall

Mark says:

Good for them. The police department was right, "All Lives Matter".

City Hall shouldn't be used as a political billboard, and to single out this political movement is simply exclusionary to all other city residents. The BLM movement has refused to meet with anyone (at city, state or fed level) to discuss their issues or to promote any kind of open dialog. How does BLM hope to resolve their objections if they refuse to work with gov't agencies, dpts or individuals to find common ground. It kinda seems that their only objective is to provoke and antagonize. Shame on Mayor Curtatone for not standing up with his police force – the mayor's only goal should be a better life for everyone.

Jim B. says:

Absolutely, Mark, the City hall building should not be used as a billboard for any political agenda. If the mayor wishes to post a political banner supporting any platform or group, he should post it on his own house or in his front yard.

Dusty says:

Dumb. And wrong. Showing support for BLM is not a personal "political agenda". It's an affirmation of City policy. Those in opposition to it are pushing personal agendas. Everyone who's being honest about this knows it. Nice try. Not.

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Cyclists and motorists share frustrations

By Amy Swain

The issue is not new, but it is intensifying. While bicycles have always been a staple of Somerville transportation, they have also brought questions of safety into public traffic conversation.

There is no doubt about the benefits of being a bike-friendly city. Pollution and noise are cut down greatly, the need to cut land for roads is lessened, it is an efficient source of keeping healthy residents, and of course it lessens traffic. The concern lies then, in whether the lower amount of car traffic is worth the fear and frustration that can come when cyclists assume the right of way.

Longtime resident Kenneth Cook has put some thought into this, which has become necessary for him after many potentially dangerous run-ins with cyclists. Cook has lived in Somerville since 1955, and rode a bike to get around in his youth, so he understands the struggle.

One thing that has made a difference, he believes, is the lack of bicycle registration requirements. For around a quarter a plate, all residents of Massachusetts used to register their bikes. "If they felt the same amount of

responsibility drivers do, I think they'd be more careful." Running red lights is a paramount problem. Injuring riders, himself, or other drivers is Cook's primary concern, and he believes police being unable to regulate and punish the riders contribute to their being in danger at all. "Pedestrians are ticketed; bikes should be too. There are rules for a reason, and they just have to be followed."

> "Pedestrians are ticketed; bikes should be too"

The tough part of the argument, it seems, is that there aren't much of any. Another resident had this to say: "I've been biking in Boston four seasons for over a decade, and I've seen bad behavior on all sides. I've been hit by a truck because they weren't paying attention, I've almost hit a pedestrian because they were blindly crossing the road while looking down at their phone. I



Cyclists, motorists, and pedestrians are often finding their way through our busy streets challenging and sometimes dangerous. Many are asking whether or not it is time for stricter regulations and enforcement.

have bikers clip me while passing me without a word." So, is policing cyclists the answer? "I don't think there is any reasonable way to police this. God knows they've got enough to do. For some, biking is the only

affordable way to get to where they need to go. And taking money out their pockets isn't going to change anything."

There is no real movement toward registration requirements for cyclists or anything of the like, but as our contributing source said, "I think drivers and bikers need to do a better job of co-existing and just be aware of each other. It's a give and take. We're all just trying to get where we're going."

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WINCIR IN CIR By Jim Clark

Seafood lover's special

Police were called to the Star Market at McGrath Hwy. last Sunday on reports of a shoplifting incident.

As officers made their way to the scene they were advised by dispatchers that the suspect had left the store and was seen standing outside a nearby beauty supply shop.

The officers stopped a man

fitting the suspect's description, later identified as Melvin Knight. The reporting party from Star Market was on the scene and confirmed for the officers that Knight was the suspect in question.

When asked to identify himself, Knight reportedly gave a false name and Social Security number, and would not state his date of birth. A police database query did not yield a match fitting Knight's particulars.

A search of a bag Knight was carrying turned up a bag of scallops, a bag of shrimps, and two pounds of haddock. All three items had Star Market price tags on them.

When asked if he had receipts for the items Knight reportedly said that he did not.

Knight was then placed under arrest for shoplifting. According to reports, he became very angry and told officers, "Really, really, you gonna lock me up for food, no wonder you cops are getting killed. I'll be out on a 20 dollars bond."

After Knight was transported for booking, police learned that he had threatened one of the store employees that had become suspicious of his activities in the store's beer and wine shop. Knight reportedly told the employee, "If you call the police, I'll come back to see you."

Knight was subsequently booked and charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise and witness intimidation.

Arrests:

Hughes Julien, of 3 Washington Ave., July 26, 8:00 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of destruction of property under \$250, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery on a household or family member.

Ryan Nash, of 9 Kearsarge Ave., Roxbury, July 26, 6:32 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of larceny under \$250 and larceny from a building.

William Crosby, of 79 Edsel Rd., Littleton, July 26, 6:32 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of receiving lost credit card, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and shoplifting by asportation.

Luis Morales, of 61 Shore Dr., July 27, 4:17 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, and uninsured motor vehicle.

David Whitney, of 383 Broadway, July 27, 6:13 p.m., arrested at Summer St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle

Rachid Belhadj, July 28, 12:40 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

under the influence of drugs.

Keith Memory, of 5 Elm Ct., July 28, 11:16 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering, larceny over \$250 by false pretenses, receiving

stolen property over \$250, larceny over \$250, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Robert Handy, of 15 Normandy St., Dorchester, July 29, 4:29 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny over

Dennis Guerra, of 34 Sargent Ave., July 29, 5:51 p.m., arrested at E. Albion St. on warrant charges of not in possession of license, speeding, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jennifer Hernandez, of 100 Crane St., Brockton, July 30, 12:30 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of possession and use of counterfeit receipts, larceny over \$250, and conspiracy, and on warrant charges of assault and battery and threat to commit a crime.

Melvin Knight, July 31, 4:30 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and witness intimidation.

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Police groups protest 'Black Lives Matter' banner at City Hall CONT. FROM PG 1

McGrath assured everyone that the police support the goal of the BLM movement, equal treatment under the law, but that they find the banner's message to be disrespectful of police officers.

The protest, highly anticipated by the public, was organized shortly after a letter to the mayor expressing the police groups'

displeasure with the banner was leaked to the media.

Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone publicly responded to news of the intended protest, saying in part, "We believe everyone has a role to play in advancing public health and public safety. We shouldn't be policing the way we did 30 years ago. We believe in training our officers to deal with society today, and we believe we're leading the way. So if the head of the Patrolmen's union wants to step up and be part of the dialogue, the door is open."

In the interim, groups such as the NAACP have expressed their support

for the mayor's decision to keep the banner on display at City Hall.

After the gathering at city hall broke up, a Black Lives Matter group that had been holding a peaceful demonstration at Union Square came up to City Hall to engage in dialog and show their support for the BLM movement.

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Dear Members of the Community Preservation Act Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the how the City should prioritize spending Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding in FY 2017. For other cities and towns in Massachusetts, the CPA has been among the most important sources of funding for the acquisition of new green, open and recreational spaces. It could be in Somerville as well, if adequate funding is directed toward it.

In previous years, Somerville dedicated only 15% of revenue to open space and outdoor recreation, which is barely the legally required minimum of 10% per category. With the high cost of land in Somerville, this is part of the reason why there has not yet been a single approved proposal for acquisition of land for open space or outdoor recreation, though we understand an acquisition fund has been considered to support this. It is ironic that many other towns which already have a good deal of open/green/ recreational spaces have chosen to prioritize this, while Somerville suffers from minimal open/ green/recreational spaces and then chooses to allocate near minimum funding towards it.

If we, as a city, are ever going to make progress towards SomerVision's open space goal of 125 acres, and creating the green/open/recreational spaces we know a healthy (and growing) community needs, the City has to find a way to acquire some land and designate it as open space. Meeting the Union Square Neighborhood Plan's minimal open space targets relies on the city's ability to acquire some land, and it's unclear how that could actually happen without a significant funding commitment.

Proposed zoning will hopefully require that open space be created in private developments, and this is really important, but the public will have more limited control over how this space is designed and used compared to the publicly owned spaces that would be created on land acquired through CPA funding. Public control over "public space" is important for a number of reasons, including making sure all have access to it and its design truly reflects what the public wants. Dedicating funding to the creation of public open space is one of the great opportunities of the CPA, and this was what many hoped to see the CPA used for when they voted for it.

We thank the CPA committee for making good use of the CPA funds which have been allocated to open space so far by choosing to fund a number of projects that are valued and appreciated by the community. Many of these projects appear to meet the CPA definition of 'outdoor recreation',

which is one of the allowable uses for open space funds. There is also a great need and desire for the more passive, natural places that meet the definition of open space, and we hope to see CPA funds used for a broad range of open space types in the future. We support the acquisition of land for open space to address the needs of residents, as identified through citywide and neighborhood-based open space planning and active community engagement processes.

There are clearly important projects in all funding categories. The CPA committee faces a really difficult job in choosing how to allocate funding between open space, community housing and historic resources, but open space is unique in that there are not many other options for funding acquisition of land and designating it as open space. A larger funding commitment could even allow the City to choose to bond against future CPA revenue in order to acquire a large property for a significant new open space. It would be great to see this as an option that could be considered in Union Square now, while there may be opportunity for acquisition before the planned redevelopment begins in earnest.

We advocate for equal funding between all three categories, recognizing that each is important but open space is a critical need and deserves more than minimal funding. We also encourage the City to actively pursue opportunities to acquire land for a range of open space types as identified through community planning processes, and ask the CPA committee to dedicate funding to both outdoor recreation and passive, natural open spaces.

Thank you again for your consideration.

This letter is cosigned by the following groups and organiza-

Renee Scott of Green and Open Somerville - Access for all Somerville residents to green, healthy, safe recreational space

Rob Buchanan, Tim Talun of Union Square Neighbors – an independent neighborhood association dedicated to helping Union Square become an even better place to live, work, play and raise a family

Maureen Barillaro of Somerville Climate Action - a grassroots collaborative working for a safe and stable climate while helping to build a resilient, just, and sustainable community.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #109

It's All About Wampum

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

One of the most acclaimed tales about New York City was its purchase 390 years ago in 1626. Six years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth in the settlement of New Amsterdam, its Governor Peter Minuet acquired today's Manhattan. The cost of the transaction between the Dutch and the Algonquin Indians was 66 guilders, or 24 dollars worth of "wampum" and other trade goods. To the Indians, land was like oxygen. It belonged to everyone, so the barter was in their favor.



In today's crowded Manhattan, condominiums average two million dollars – a lot of wampum. Wampum was money – Native American Money. It was mainly made from clam, quahog and other various shells that were cut into small pieces. They were then polished, drilled, and strung together. Natives treasured it and held it sacred. Men would use it as a reward for sports or combat, and woman made different varieties into jewelry. Wampum belts were given as gifts among friends and used to seal treaties between tribes and nations.



Natives looked at foreign silver and gold monies as useless. Fur trading and other bartering had to be done with wampum. It became the coin of the realm. It was the unofficial currency of New England between 1632-1637, and its official currency between 1637-1661. Its use was widely accepted into the 1690's. Wampum was the most valuable currency in America for many years.

Governor John Winthrop of Somerville's Ten Hills had an ample supply of wampum for official transactions as did his son, John Winthrop, Jr., when Governor of Connecticut. While at Ten Hills, Winthrop, Jr. Continued on page 15

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'Aging Well' dispels abuse and protective services myths

By Rebecca Danvers

Demystifying how adult Protective Services strives to mitigate elder abuse was the central tropic for the most recent episode of the Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) public access program *Aging Well*.

The program featured SCES Senior Protective Services Caseworker Norah Al-Wetaid, who said elder abuse often goes unreported due to misconceptions about how Protective Services operates.

"We know that a lot of people don't report abuse, because they're fearful we'd reveal who made the report," said Al-Wetaid. "We've had other people tell us they didn't call because they were concerned we were going to come in and incite more drama within the family, and that's not how we approach things."

Elder Protective Services is an SCES program dedicated to eliminating and alleviating abuse, neglect, self-neglect and exploitation of older adults (age 60 and over). Common services include crisis intervention, safety planning and housing loss prevention.

Al-Wetaid said elder abuse reports

are highly confidential, and outlined warning signs of abuse and steps for making a report. She also stressed that the program prioritizes honoring the wishes of older adults.

"If an elder has the capacity to make decisions for themselves, they have the right to make decisions for their life," said Al-Wetaid. "Our goal is to keep them as safe as possible and harm reduction."

The full episode is available on the SCES website, Facebook page and the SCES Youtube channel.

Aging Well is a monthly program that provides expert advice on a variety of topics related to aging, disability and caregiving. The show is produced in partnership with Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV). Episodes will air on SCATV Channel 3 at the following times:

- + Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
- Mondays at 7:30 a.m.
- Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

For more information about Protective Services and SCES, contact the SCES Aging Information Center by calling 617-628-2601, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) Protective Services Caseworker Norah al-Wetaid (right) recently appeared on the public access program Aging Well to discuss elder abuse and how her program works to mitigate that issue. Aging Well is a production of SCES, and is hosted by agency Director of Outreach and Community Relations, Nathan Lamb (left).

Obituary: Aida Solari (Ida) Azzolino, at 103

By Ross Blouin

Ida Azzolino, daughter of Marianna Nicoli Solari and John Solari, was a lifelong resident of Somerville. She was born in September 1912 at her grandmother's home on Board Alley in the North End of Boston and then brought home to live on Somerville Ave at Porter Square. Ida would have been 104 years old in September.

She remembered her beloved Red Sox winning their first World Series in 1918 and she lived to see them win again in the twenty first century. Ida would reminisce about gas lamps, rationing in World War I and playing on Somerville Avenue before it was paved. She was witness to the transition from horse and carriage to the first electric streetcars and automobiles and first airplanes.

Ida's family was the first on her street to have electricity and she remembered showing her friends the electric light. She lived through 18 Presidencies, The Great Depression, World War II and watched man land on the moon. Then she retired and lived for another 33 years.

Ida had to drop out of her senior year, 1928, at Somerville High School to help support her family. She became a licensed hairdresser and worked in Davis Square during the Depression. By this time her family had moved to their home at 13 Josephine Avenue where she resided until she was married to her husband, Philip Azzolino, in 1938.

They returned from their honeymoon when the Great Hurricane of 1938 struck the region and caused incredible destruction. Ida purchased her home on Curtis Street in 1951 and resided there until she died peacefully, at home on August first.

Ida loved living in Somerville and had many friends throughout the years. Her favorite activity was playing Bingo at the Somerville Council On Aging at Holland Street. Ida would attend the games on Thursdays and Fridays and she was known for wearing a different outfit on each day. Ida loved what she called "The Club," and all the ladies and gentlemen who attended with her.



Ida Azzolino.

Ida was very active at St. Clement's Parish as a member of Charismatic and a daily communicant for 33 years. Ida represented St. Clement's at the church's 100th Anniversary in 2012 as she had known all the Pastors from 1912 to 2012.

Ida was predeceased by her eldest brother, Frank Solari, and her brothers Albert, John, Charles, and Edward. She was also predeceased by her sisters Helen, Rose, Louise and Margaret. Ida is survived by one sister, Evelyn O'Hare of Belmont.

Ida was predeceased by her husband, Philip in 1963, and is survived by her son Philip and his wife, Nanvy Gordon Azzolino, of Sudbury. Ida is also survived by her daughter Diane and husband Ross Blouin, of Somerville. She is also survived by her five beloved grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Friday between the hours of 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway Somerville, Ma. A funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. at St. Clement's Church, Warner St. Somerville, Ma. Burial will be private.

Somerville Home, Inc.: Still shining after 118 years

By Kelley Sferrazza

On Monday, July 18, 2016, DPH Life Safety Code Surveyor arrived unannounced to perform the Somerville Home's Life Safety Inspection. It brings me great pride to state that we were deficiency free!

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Wall to Wall: Art builds community **CONT. FROM PG 1**

Stephan teaches at the Museum of Fine Arts and encourages a splendor of art-types: "I am looking for street artists, street-inspired studio artists, community artists, community-inspired artists, art educators and others. I don't really care about MFA degrees or show credentials. I seek skilled artists who are contributing in a positive way to their community."

"Amazing work is being done today in every conceivable mode, but bad graffiti doesn't advance our understanding any more than bad Impressionism. Street art and graffiti, like punk and other

DIY cultures brings a strong emphasis on community. I am interested in the potential for street art, and all art, to help build positive communities."

These are the words of Nave's very-literal message. Nave's mission in this respect is a campaign and call to arms, arms meaning pastel and paint, pencil and pen: "W2W is a gallery exhibition of street art and street-inspired studio art that represents the ways art helps to build community. W2W will be held in conjunction with CHPC's annual social justice program "Learn to Talk" and Somerville's legendary HONK! Festival of Street Bands. W2W will consist of an exhibit, artist talks and other events and activities that engage participants in positive dialogue for the purpose of building a more equitable community. Artists in all media are invited to submit work that promotes such dialogue. Strong expressions are encouraged."

Stay tuned for exhibit news like artists involved and when the opening reception takes place. As of right now exhibition dates are September 24 to October 30. The submission guidelines can be seen in its full glory at http://navegallery.org/wp/ wall-2-wall-cfe/.









Blinded by the light

By Kevin Dickinson

In the emotionally charged discussion regarding the Black Lives Matter movement, whether it is a political or social movement, or whether or not it puts police officers in a bad light, the question remains as to whether or not the banner that hangs at the City of Somerville's City Hall building should be there or if it should come down.

At the Cambridge Black Lives Matter demonstration held in Union Square last Thursday evening, I spoke with Cole Parker, who explained that BLM is a political/social movement for expanding and uplifting social and racial justice and that the Cambridge BLM group came to Somerville to show support as a counter to the demonstration at City Hall.

When asked if she knew if the Cambridge BLM group was go-

ing to ask the City of Cambridge to hang such a banner, her answer was no, as was the response from the Office of the Manager for the City of Cambridge when they were contacted and asked the same question.

Parker feels that other groups should be allowed to hang their banners from Somerville City Hall as well, as long as the group promoted peace and love.

So who then gets to decide who enjoys freedom of speech and who does not? Parker responded that this question really had nothing to do with the reason why they were there.

I thanked her and left thinking that freedom of speech is what allowed them to be in someone else's city to demonstrate against something they have no intention of asking their own city to do.

Henry Parker's grandparents moved to Somerville 125 years



BLM supporters gathered in Union Sq. last week in support of the banner hanging at Somerville City Hall.

ago and he has lived here his entire life, 66 years. He is on the Board of SCATV and feels, as I do, completely blown away that in so many BLM groups and demonstrations you see so many white people, such as the Cambridge BLM demonstration that was 95% white (a conservative estimate).

Parker says that Somerville is not a racist place and has never been. There has never been any violence against black people from the police. He felt that the Somerville Police did discriminate against one of its own (Friday Moore) to the point of taking away the officer's service weapon and only allowing him to have a night stick while patrolling one of the roughest neighborhoods, and he got roughed up.

When asked about the banner, Parker stated,"I think the mayor is doing an outstanding job and I commend him for putting up Continued on page 12 the banner."

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports how local senators and representatives voted on some of those roll calls.



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Both houses of the Legislature overrode dozens of Gov. Charlie Baker's 256 vetoes of spending and other items in the recently signed \$38.92 billion fiscal 2017 state budget.

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports how local senators and representatives voted on some of those roll calls. There was virtually no floor debate on any of the vetoes as legislators overrode them at high speed back-to-back.

CUT \$500,000 FROM "TURNING 22" PRO-GRAM (H 4450)

House 144-10, Senate 39-0, overrode Gov. Charlie Baker's \$500,000 veto reduction (from \$7.5 million to \$7 million) in funding for the Turning 22 Program. The program provides two years of transitional services to people with severe mental disabilities who lose their entitlement to special education services upon graduation or reaching age 22.

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

| Rep. Christine Barber | Yes |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Rep. Denise Provost | Yes |
| Rep. Timothy Toomey | Yes |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | Yes |

CUT \$200,000 FROM MASS COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (H 4450)

House 131-23, Senate 39-0, overrode Gov. Baker's \$200,000 veto reduction (from \$5,611,403 to \$5,411,403) in funding for the operation of and services provided by the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$200,000. A "No" vote is against the \$200,000).

| Rep. Christine Barber | Yes |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Rep. Denise Provost | Yes |
| Rep. Timothy Toomey | Yes |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | Yes |

CUT \$917,485 FROM AIDS/HIV SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (H 4450)

House 129-25, Senate 35-4, overrode Gov. Baker's \$917,485 veto reduction (from \$33,134,598 to 32,217,113) in funding for AIDS/HIV services and programs and related services for persons affected by the associated conditions of viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections and tuberculosis.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$917,485. A "No" vote is against the \$917,485).

| Rep. Christine Barber | Yes |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Rep. Denise Provost | Yes |
| Rep. Timothy Toomey | Yes |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | Yes |

CUT ENTIRE \$150,000 FROM SENIORS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (H 4450)

House 140-14, Senate 39-0, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of the entire \$150,000 in funding to identify the best practices for providing services to aging individuals with developmental disabilities, including those with Down syndrome and Alzheimer's disease.

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

| Rep. Christine Barber | Yes |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Rep. Denise Provost | Yes |
| Rep. Timothy Toomey | Yes |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | Yes |

CUT ENTIRE \$750,000 FROM THE COM-MUNITY COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAM (H 4450)

House 136-18, Senate 38-1, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of the entire \$750,000 in funding for the Community College Training Incentive Program grants that are awarded to expand vocational course offerings and develop partnerships with Bay State employers. According to its description on the state government's website, the program "encourages public community college training opportunities that promote workforce development, minimize the shortage of skilled workers and raise economic opportunity."

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$750,000. A "No" vote is against the \$750,000.)

| Rep. Christine Barber | Yes |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Rep. Denise Provost | Yes |
| Rep. Timothy Toomey | Yes |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | Yes |

CUT \$30,487 FROM MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (MCAD) (H 4450)

House 126-28, Senate 33-6, overrode Gov. Baker's \$30,487 veto reduction (from \$3,048,657 to \$3,018,170) in funding for the MCAD which was established in 1946 to investigate and prosecute cases of discrimination in employment housing, credit, education and public accommodations. The commission protects individuals from discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, age, disability, gender, gender identity and sexual orientation.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$30,487. A "No" vote is against the \$30,487).

| Rep. Christine Barber | Yes |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Rep. Denise Provost | Yes |
| Rep. Timothy Toomey | Yes |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | Yes |

CUT ENTIRE \$200,000 FOR POST-PARTUM DEPRESSION (H 4450)

House 142-11, Senate 39-0, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of the entire \$200,000 in funding for post-partum depression pilot programs at community health centers in Jamaica Plain, Holyoke, Lynn and Worcester.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$200,000. A "No" vote is against the \$200,000).

| Rep. Christine Barber | Yes |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Rep. Denise Provost | Yes |
| Rep. Timothy Toomey | Yes |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | Yes |

\$300,000 CUT FOR PROSTATE CANCER (H 4450)

House 150-3, Senate 39-0, overrode the governor's veto of \$300,000 (from \$600,000 to \$300,000) for a prostate research program focusing on men with African-American, Hispanic or Latino heritage, family history of the disease and other men at high risk of prostate cancer.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$300,000. A "No" vote is against the \$300,000).

| Rep. Christine Barber | Yes |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Rep. Denise Provost | Yes |
| Rep. Timothy Toomey | Yes |

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Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

DECAL FOR DRIVERS ON LEARNER'S PER-MIT (H 3114) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would require a learner's permit decal to be clearly visible to law enforcement officers on the window of any vehicle being operated by a driver with a learner's permit. The size, cost and other details would be determined by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. A violation of the requirement would result in up to a \$50 fine.

Supporters said this would warn other drivers that the novice driver is inexperienced and encourage them to take extra caution. They said the requirement would reduce the frustration of and honking by other motorists.

Opponents said the bill is a solution in search of a problem that doesn't exist. They noted that families with more than one car would have to get one decal for each car. They argued that experienced drivers would often be driving the car with the decal and mistaken for a novice.

The bill was filed in June in response to the tragic death in April in which a Duck Boat struck and killed Allison Warmuth. The vehicle ran over Allison's moped near her Beacon Hill residence, killing the graduate of Messiah College, a Christian school in Pennsylvania, who was a senior underwriter for hospitals and medical practices.

BOSTON SNOW REMOVAL PENALTIES (H 3326) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that

would increase the maximum fines levied on Boston property owners who fail to shovel their sidewalks or throw their "private snow" onto the street or any other public property. Current fines are capped at \$200. The bill would increase the maximum fine to \$1,500. The measure, already approved by the Boston City Council, requires that unpaid fines are added to property tax bills.

Supporters said that the illegal dumping of residential or commercial snow on public roads makes the already difficult snow removal process worse, raises the city's costs and increases safety risks for drivers. They noted that failure to remove snow from sidewalks is dangerous and can seriously injure or even result in the death of seniors, the disabled and children.

Opponents said a \$1,500 fine is excessive.

TASK FORCE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT (S 2471)

- The Senate approved the creation of a task force to develop a model sexual assault climate survey to be issued to private and public college students in order to determine the prevalence and perception of sexual assault on college campuses. The survey would include the number of reported incidences of sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking on campuses; student knowledge of institutional policies and procedures; the involvement of force; incapacitation or coercion; and demographic factors that could be used to identify at-risk groups.

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 leg-

islators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of July 25-29, the House met for a total of five hours and nine minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and 36 minutes.

| Mon. July 25 | House 11:04 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. No Senate session |
|----------------|--|
| Tues. July 26 | No House session Senate 11:09 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. |
| Wed. July 27 | No House session Senate 11:03 a.m. to 12:23 p.m. |
| Thurs. July 28 | House 11:01 a.m. to 3:53 p.m. Senate 11:17 a.m. to 3:18 p.m. |
| Fri. July 29 | No House session No Senate session |

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| Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| Address | Description | DOM | List Price | Sale Price | | |
| 11 Chandler Street U:2 | 6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family | 52 | \$779,000 | \$825,000 | | |
| 510 Somerville Ave U:2 | 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family | 18 | \$779,900 | \$770,000 | | |
| 44 Paulina Street U:2 | 7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family | 19 | \$799,000 | \$885,000 | | |
| 510 Somerville Ave U:3 | 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family | 0 | \$799,900 | \$800,000 | | |
| 60 Bartlett St U:2 | 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family | 7 | \$819,900 | \$860,000 | | |
| 12 Bay State Avenue U:2 | 7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family | 51 | \$869,900 | \$858,000 | | |
| 935 Broadway U:2 | 7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family | 64 | \$895,000 | \$850,000 | | |
| 88 Josephine Ave U:2 | 7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family | 16 | \$899,900 | \$930,000 | | |
| 893 Broadway Street U:1 | 7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse | 65 | \$979,900 | \$955,000 | | |
| 56 Clyde Street U:3 | 6 room, 2 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse | 11 | \$999,900 | \$1,001,000 | | |
| 14 Appleton St U:2 | 8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family | 33 | \$1,075,000 | \$1,050,000 | | |
| 126 Orchard Street U:2 | 7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family | 35 | \$1,099,000 | \$1,099,000 | | |
| 7 Durham U:2 | 5 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse | 64 | \$1,195,000 | \$1,115,000 | | |

| | Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|----|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| Address Description DOM List Price S | | | | | | | |
| | 33 Cross St | E3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom | 55 | \$1,200,000 | \$1,210,000 | | |
| | 36 Hudson St | 2 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family | 12 | \$1,200,000 | \$1,200,000 | | |
| | 19 Simpson Ave | 3 unit, 12 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family | 36 | \$1,249,900 | \$1,185,000 | | |
| | 583 Somerville Ave | 5 unit, 15 total room, 5 total bedroom 5+ Family | 2 | \$1,300,000 | \$1,425,000 | | |
| | 8-14 Whipple St | 4 unit, 16 total room, 6 total bedroom 4 Family | 30 | \$1,500,000 | \$1,450,000 | | |

New law prevents wage discrimination on the basis of gender

By Tom Bannister

On Monday, Governor Charlie Baker signed a bipartisan pay equity bill, passed unanimously by both legislative branches, to ensure equal pay for comparable work for all Massachusetts workers and equal opportunities to earn competitive salaries in the workplace. The Governor was joined by Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, Treasurer Deb Goldberg, State Auditor Suzanne Bump, State Senator Patricia Jehlen, Representative Ellen Story, Representative Patricia Haddad and members of the Legislature at a signing ceremony in the State House to enact S.2119, An Act to Establish Pay Equity, which will go into effect on July 1, 2018 for Commonwealth employers and employees.

"I am pleased to sign bipartisan legislation to create a more level playing field in the Commonwealth and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to earn a competitive salary for comparable work," said Governor Charlie Baker. "I thank the Legislature for unanimously passing this bill and working closely with the business community to support women and families across the state."

"This legislation is an important step toward advancing more equal, inclusive and thriving workplaces throughout the Commonwealth for women and families," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We thank the Legislature for their collaboration with the Com-

monwealth's employers and their commitment to creating more opportunities for Massachusetts skilled workforce."

The new law will prevent pay discrimination for comparable work based on gender. The bill allows employees to freely discuss their salaries with coworkers, prohibits employers from requiring applicants to provide their salary history before receiving a formal job offer and authorizes the Attorney General to issue regulations interpreting and applying the expanded law.

"This new law
is an important step
toward ensuring
economic security for
Massachusetts women and families"

"The House is proud to have brought together stakeholders to ensure that we created a workable solution that will be effectively implemented," said Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "I want to offer my sincerest thanks to those who have raised their voices and tenaciously pursued this issue for decades. Your work will shape a better and more just future for women in the Commonwealth."

"The Senate put pay equity on the Legislative agenda in January and with the Governor's signature today we move Massachusetts forward by protecting women from discrimination in the workplace and closing the gender pay gap," said Senate President Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst). "I thank my colleagues in both the Senate and House for taking on this important issue for the people of the Commonwealth."

Under the new law, employers are permitted to take certain attributes of an employee or applicant into account when determining variation in pay, like: their work experience, education, job training, or measurements of production, sales, or revenue.

"This new law is an important step toward ensuring economic security for Massachusetts women and families," said Attorney General Maura Healey. "It makes vital updates that reflect our modern economy and balance the needs of workers and the business community. We thank the House and Senate for moving this bill forward, especially Speaker DeLeo and Senate President Rosenberg, Ways and Means Chairs Dempsey and Spilka, Speaker Pro Tempore Haddad, Labor and Workforce Chairs Scibak and Wolf, and the bill's lead sponsors, Representatives Story and Livingstone and Senator Jehlen. We also thank Governor Baker for signing it into law and the many business and advocacy groups who lent their support. Pay equity is not only a women's issue, it's a family issue, and with this new law on the books, we are closer to closing the pay gap in our state."

"The gender wage gap has a real impact on the lives of woman. It puts families at risk,



and makes self-sufficiency in retirement more difficult," said State Auditor Suzanne Bump. "I commend the Legislature and the Governor for recognizing the importance of the bill and passing it into law. This measure will ensure Massachusetts continues to be a leader in promoting equality and opportunity."

"The signing of the Equal Pay bill is a momentous occasion for Massachusetts," said Treasurer Deb Goldberg. "When women are paid what they are worth, families are stronger, our state is stronger, and our economy thrives."

"For too many generations women have done equally hard, equally skilled, and equally responsible work as men in the same workplace," said State Senator Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville). "This is an important milestone on the journey toward equity for women and families all across this Commonwealth."

"I have been trying to get this bill passed since Senator Jehlen first filed it in 1998," said Representative Ellen Story (D-Amherst). "But, there are some who have been waiting even longer. Marilyn Jancey and lunch ladies from Everett have been waiting since 1989. I am thrilled to help deliver this small slice of justice for those who have been waiting so long."

"This milestone legislation allows Massachusetts to, once again, lead the nation," said House Speaker Pro Tempore Representative Patricia A. Haddad (D-Somerset). "None of this would have taken place had not legislators on both sides of the aisle, the business community, the Attorney General's office and ordinary, everyday working citizens of the Commonwealth worked together to achieve this goal: equal pay for equal work."

The statute of limitations laid out currently under the Equal Pay statute will be expanded from one to three years and employees will no longer be required to pursue a general claim of intentional discrimination at the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination before filing a separate equal pay claim in court.

Senate passes elder workforce bill addressing elder abuse

On Thursday of last week, the Senate passed a critical piece of legislation relative to the workforce caring for older adults in Massachusetts. S. 2466, An Act relative to the commonwealth's direct-care workforce for elderly and disabled consumers, will begin the important process of reviewing the current status of and future needs for this workforce across the Commonwealth. The bill is comprised of various legislative initiatives filed by Senator Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville) over several sessions.

In light of a growing need to review

the workforce needs, Senator Jehlen also filed an amendment to the underlying bill that would fix a regulation gap that currently exists in how the state tracks elder abuse complaints that occur in assisted living residences. Senator Jehlen sponsored the bill that inspired the amendment after the WCVB Channel 5 investigative team aired a segment citing a number of tragic cases of physical, emotional, and financial elder abuse.

"Though the vast majority of caregivers do their jobs with dedication, competence, and compassion, cases like these bring to light gaps in the ability to prevent vulnerable people from being subject to physical, verbal, and financial abuse," said Senator Jehlen. "This legislation both reaffirms that we cannot ignore workforce needs and reenforces that abuse of vulnerable populations is unacceptable in our Commonwealth."

The adopted amendment ensures that an individual found by the Department of Public Health (DPH) to have abused an older adult would not be allowed to work as a caregiver for any vulnerable people, including children, persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and persons with a mental illness. Additionally, any person who has been suspended as a result of abusing an elder cannot advertise themselves for work as a caregiver and if a suspended person does, they will be subject to a fine of not less than \$5,000.

"Senator Jehlen's quick work in getting this issue in front of lawmakers deserves praise," said Al Norman, Executive Director of Mass Home Care Association.

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for a vote.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark

We may not always agree on the issues - but we can definitely disagree peacefully.

Our View Of The Times



It's an issue that dogs us, left, right, and center. No matter which side of it you agree with, the "Black Lives Matter" banner hanging at City Hall has polarized many of us, and for some compromise is just not in the cards.

Last week, a gathering took place at City Hall organized by our local police union and attended by members of that body as well as the general public and the press.

Simultaneously, a group of BLM supporters held a peaceful demonstration of their own in Union Square.

Towards the end of the evening, paths crossed between participants from both events, allowing for constructive dialog to

take place between some of them.

Whatever one's feelings about the banner, the great takeaway from that evening is the fact that we can strongly disagree with one another and still maintain civility and order in the process.

With such a hot-button issue on the line, it's comforting to know that we live

in a community in which our best intentions and essential goodwill towards one another defuses the knee-jerk responses that can occur at such times.

This issue will eventually be resolved and pass on to the dustbin of history. Meantime, we can hold our heads high knowing that we handled it with class.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Saturday, September 10. Tee time is 8:30 a.m. If you'd like to play or sponsor go online to www.johns-team.org for all the information regarding this excellent fundraiser for a worthy cause.

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in Newstalk. We guess it's because we like them.

Our condolences and sympathy to the family of Ida Azzolino of West Somerville. She passed away this week at 103 years old, and lived in Somerville her entire life. What a nice lady. All who knew her will tell you, she enjoyed a full life thanks to her daughter and son-in-law Diane and Ross Blouin, who took her on many cruises and trips over the years. They saw some interesting sights together. Ida will be waked Friday at Doherty's Funeral Home.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Cer-

tified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

We've mentioned several weeks now about Demet's Donuts on Mystic Avenue having the best coffee, donuts and fresh made real egg sandwiches. We still stand by it.

Another email went out to the Democratic Ward & City Committee members from Diane Masters the Chair. She wrote: "Please vote in the poll of the Somerville Democratic City Committee survey in the State Senate Race. We would like to endorse a candidate in the race, citywide, not just at the Ward level. So please vote in the Google document

below before August 1. Thank you in advance." How democratic is this? At the last open meeting of the Ward & City about two months ago they didn't vote to endorse because at that time the leadership said that in the state senate race they were both Democratic candidates and they wouldn't at that time endorse. Now "THEY" or "WE" (whoever that is) has decided that instead of calling a citywide meeting to call for endorsement, they go and send out an email - by the way, there are some pretty interesting names on that email, including elected officials - asking to vote on which candidate to endorse. If we were gamblers here at The Times, we would bet huuuuuuge amount on who the winner would be. We predict that hands down Senator Pat Jehlen will win the endorsement and that the challenger, City Council Member Leland Cheung, will lose the endorsement. It used to be the **Democratic Party** was open and transparent. Oh, for the good old party days of Kennedy, O'Neil, etc. The Democratic Party has gone way left with the progressives in charge, hasn't it? Next, you'll see that the Progressive Democrats of Somerville will hurry up and send out endorsement email ballots. ******

Some calls came in this past week over this WHYC for gangsters. Our latest revelation is that only about 6% or less of its members live in Somerville. One caller asked to print the names of those members who both live here or not. We won't be doing that for now, but we suggest that the state might want to look into the lease agreement since it's state on land. One reason might be that the club or its members have hosted political events and fundraisers on the property and we ask the question: is that legal? We know for a fact that the mayor himself was hosted by particular members of the club under the assumption - we hear - that the mayor has control over the club. It's not city-leased land, it's state leased land. Let's see if the state delegation here in the city will put pressure on DCR to investigate. We bet not. What do you think?

Sally O'Brien's on Somerville Avenue is a great place to stop in and visit with some friends and have a bite to eat and enjoy the variety of entertainment that Liam, the owner, brings in every night. Wednesday is poker night, with lots of fun. Come and enjoy. Say "Hi" to Liam, Zack and Rob.

We heard that the City Treasurer, Peter Forcellese, has given his notice to leave his position. We Continued on page 20

Blinded by the light

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When asked about other groups, including hate groups, Parker said they should also be allowed to have their banners hang on the outer walls of City Hall.

When asked whether the banner should be left up or taken down, Deputy Chief Stephen Carrabino of the Somerville Police said, "I am a peace officer and I am here to keep the peace, and I'm going to stay in my lane." He, along with 10 officers from Boston, rode in on motorcycles. He explained that he had been speaking with DiDi Delgado on the phone and that she had explained what they wanted to do and he was just there to keep the peace.















Photos by Kevin Dickinson





Police groups protest 'Black Lives Matter' banner at City Hall

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Photos by Donald Norton



SPORTS

The OPENAIR Circus this weekend



The OPENAIR Circus is proud to bring circus arts to the children and families of the Greater Somerville area at extremely affordable prices. They are wrapping up the 2016 season and invite you to their 31st annual performances this weekend at Nunziato Field, just 2 blocks outside Union Sq. at Summer St. and Vinal Ave. Friday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, August 6 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, August 7 at 2:00 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3. Please stop by to enjoy cuteness and talent and a few laughs.

Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- #538
- 1. What is the tallest coaster in the world?
- 2. Which kind of bulbs were once exchanged as a form of currency?
- 3. Whose number was the first number ever retired in major league baseball?
- 4. What kind of paper did Thomas Edison invent?
- 5. What group meets in a Pentagon room called "The Tank"?
- 6. What color are a zebra's black stripes during the first six months of life?

- 7. What was Americas first organized sport?
- 8. What color is the M in McDonald's?
- 9. What are the color-sensitive cells in the eye called?
- 10. What stage show and movie feature Dr. Frank-N-Furter and Riff Raff?
- 11. Who did Magic Johnson play for throughout the 80s?
- 12. Where were the 1980 Winter Olympic games

Answers on page 17

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Somerville resident running to support the Jimmy Fund

By Louise Carpenter

On August 21, Somerville resident Rebecca Luz will run the 44th annual New Balance Falmouth Road Race to help conquer cancer as a member of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's team.

Along with more than 280 Dana-Farber teammates from New England and beyond, she will cover the seven-mile racecourse with a goal to raise \$850,000. Proceeds from the event go directly to the Jimmy Fund, which benefits adult and pediatric patient care and can-



cer research at Dana-Farber. In 2016, the Dana-Farber team celebrates its 14th year of participation in the race's Numbers for Nonprofits program.

Each Dana-Farber team member commits to raise or contribute at least \$1,500 to the cause. The team this year is striving to generate an average of at least \$3,000 per runner. The event has raised more than \$3 million since its inception. To learn more about running for Dana-Farber or to support a runner, please visit www.rundanafarber.org/Falmouth.



Somerville Alibrandis remaining 2016 regular season schedule:

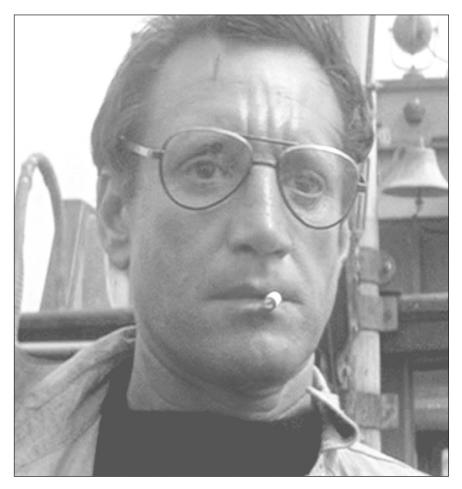
August:

3 Wed 7:30 p.m. Brighton Braves @ Somerville Alibrandis
St. Peters

5 Fri 8:00 p.m. East Boston Knights @ Somerville Alibrandis

Trum Field

You're going to need a bigger boat



Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the theater, The Somerville Theatre's summer tradition returns with Jaws Weekend starting Friday, August 12.

Often imitated but never paralleled, the Somerville is the ONLY Boston-area theatre to exhibit the 1975 blockbuster in it's original 35mm glory on their big screen.

Six screenings of the 1975 classic will grace the Theatre's big screen in buoyant 35mm, ensuring viewers stay out of the water for yet another year.

Screenings of the Speilberg classic are as follows:

Friday, August 12 at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 13 at 2:00, 5:00, and 8:00 p.m.

Sunday. August 14 a 5:00 and 8:00

For more information and to purchase advance tickets visit http:// somervilletheatre.com/repertory-programs/

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established the Saugus Iron Works where in 1652 the dies for the first American coinage were cast. These were the Massachusetts Bay Colony's pine tree, oak tree, and willow tree shillings. One of these shillings sold for \$76,375 in 2013.

The coins gradually took hold and replaced the need for seashell currency. Before this occurred, several deeds for land were secured. Somerville's land Squaw-Sachem and the price received to ville on the Mystic.

her full satisfaction was twenty-one fur coats, nineteen fathoms of wampum, and three bushels of corn. A fathom is 6 feet, so those belts of beads were equal to 114

The city of Somerville's official seal proudly states, "Honorably purchased from Pawtuckets - 1639." It was certainly not the twenty-four dollar agreement of Manhattan on the Hudwas purchased from an Indian queen, son – but not a bad deal for Somer-



What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

Here are the latest headlines from Somerville Neighborhood News #67:Youth Voices Matter, New Liquor Licenses Approved, Mobile Farmer's Market, Elections and more:

Legislature Approves Unprecedented Liquor Licenses for Somerville: Development and economic growth in Somerville had dried up the city's stock of liquor licenses. A home rule petition asked the legislature to supply an additional sixty-five licenses for alcohol service at restaurants and bars. SNN looks into the reason for this unprecedented request and why the legislature approved it.



Listening to the Voices of Youth: How do young people deal with the social and political turmoil all around us? This summer SNN looks at how Somerville youth are using making their voices heard on the issues that matter to them. In this segment we hear how participation in a Black Lives Matter protest is sparking conversations for young people.

Somerville Mobile Farmers' Market hits the Road: Fresh local produce is a highlight of summer in New England. But urban living can make it hard to find and afford. Shape Up Somerville has teamed up once again with Groundworks Somerville to offer local, low cost, accessible fresh fruits and vegetable to residents. We'll look at the program and this year's schedule.

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV), made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents. You can watch it on SCATV Ch. 3 Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.



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> **LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

15 Brastow Ave: (Case #ZBA 2016-70) Applicant, Elisabeth Brown, and Owners, Elisabeth Brown and Jakub Zielinski, seek a Special Permit under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and add a dormer within the side yard setback, all on an undersized lot. RA zone. Ward 3.

14 Bond St: (Case #ZBA 2016-69) Applicant and Owner, Jose Sousa, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to extend the basement living area

7 Westminster St. Unit #3: (Case #ZBA 2016-65) Applicant, Kevin's Carpentry, and Owners, Gabriel Hugon & Angela Garry, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to add a dormer within the side yard setback to a legally-existing 3-unit residential structure. RA zone. Ward 6.

1 Westwood Rd: (Case #ZBA 2016-04) Applicant, Somerville Museum under Barbara Mangum, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the FAR, and substantially alter the building to install an elevator in order to meet ADA requirements. RA zone. Ward 3

22A College Ave: (Case #ZBA 2016-71) Applicant, RADAR Initiatives INC., and Owner, Rosemary Nolan, Tara II Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.a, to establish a fast order food establishment (bakery) and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a to modify parking space requirements for approx 4 parking spaces. Zone CBD. Ward 6.

19 Boston St: (Case #ZBA 2016-80) Applicant and Owner, Danuza Aquino, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to add dormers. RA Zone. Ward 3.

19 Granite St: (Case #ZBA 2016-84) Applicant and owner David Adamczyk seeks to alter a nonconforming structure under 4.4.1 to increase FAR, add a half story over a flat roof and dormers within side yard setback. RB zone / Ward 2.

59 Berkeley St: (Case #ZBA 2016-83) Applicant and owner Jon M. DeMartinis seeks to alter a nonconforming three family by adding two small additions in the rear and adding two parking spaces in the rear. RA zone/ Ward.

103 Electric Ave: (Case #ZBA 2016-77) Applicant, Gabriela Arruda, and Owner, Douglas Leuppert, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure, including increasing the FAR. RA zone. Ward 7.

104 Beacon St/5 Smith Ave: (Case #ZBA 2016-78) Applicant, Moons Realty Trust and Treat Realty Trust, and Owner, Richard A. Mauser, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 to alter two existing, non-conforming structures, §8.5d for minimum landscaped area, §9.13 for parking relief, and §7.11.1.d to add additional units, and §7.2 to add a second principal structure on the same lot. RC zone. Ward 2.

1155 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2016-85) Applicant True Bistro LLC is expanding into an adjacent space and is adding 23 seats and 2 peak time employees. Relief for three parking spaces is sought under 9.13. NB zone / Ward 7.

486 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2016-26) Applicant, Mouhab Rizkallah and owner 62 Collage Ave Trust, LLC, seek a Special Permit under Somerville Zoning Ordinance \$4.4.1 to add more residential floor area and add porches and decks to a non-conforming mixed-use structure with three residential units and one commercial space. RC zone. Ward 5.

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

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

As published in The Somerville Times on 8/3/16 & 8/10/16.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP #17-11

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

Processing Archivist – to physically arrange and describe four collections according to the Describing Archives A Content Standard

The City of Somerville is seeking a qualified vendor to conduct waterproofing repairs and associated work at the Somerville School Administration Building.

Bid packages for may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema. gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on Tuesday August 2nd, 2016. Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 11:00 A.M. Tuesday August 23rd, 2016.

Please contact Michael Richards, Procurement Analyst, 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and to register for the bid package.

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

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1060 Broadway: (Case #PB 2016-08) Applicant, PowderHouse Living, LLC. and owner, City of Somerville, request a Design and Site Plan Approval under Section 5.4 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance per Section 6.7, Powderhouse School Redevelopment District, to subdivide the parcel into two parcels, and to renovate the existing Powerhouse Community School into 48 units of housing and approximately 15,000 square feet of non-residential space permitted under Section 6.7.4. Powderhouse School Redevelopment District (PRD) and Open Space, (OS) zones. Ward 7.

337 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2016-09) Applicant BwB-Square LLC seek to alter a nonconforming structure in a CCD-55 zoning district pursuant to SZO 4.4.1 and SZO 6.1.22.D.5.A. Alterations include new windows along Somerville Ave, new egress door and signage. Special permit is also sought for restaurant space over 1,500sf in a CCD-55 zone under SZO 7.13.D. Applicant will separately seek relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals for catering uses and restaurant uses in a NB zoning district per SZO 7.11. NB and CCD-55 zones. Ward 2.

481 Columbia St: (Case #PB 2016-10) Applicant, Somerville Housing Group Trust III and Owners, Beacon Truck Real Estate Inc.., & Beacon Auto Parts, Inc., seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under Article 16 of the SZO to alter portions of an existing parking garage structure in a Planned Unit Development (PUD). PUD Zone.

Copies of these applications and amendments are 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; and at www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board 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: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 8/3/16 & 8/10/16.

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The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA), the Awarding Authority, invites Request for Proposals for Tax Credit Account Services in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority, SHA Job No. SHA Waterworks Accountant.

The work consists of approximately two (2) year service or through completion of work.

Bids are subject to MGL c. 30B & to minimum state wage rates as required by MGL c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

Proposals will be received until 11:00 A.M., August 17, 2016 at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245 and must be received before the date and time specified.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick up at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 10:00 A.M. on August 3, 2016. There will be no charge for these documents. Documents will also be available by email at no charge by contacting Anthony Crespo, at tonyc@sha-web.org or downloaded from SHA web site at www.shaweb.org- bid opportunities-tab. You must register by email at tonyc@ sha-web.org to receive any addenda's or updates.

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invite sealed bids from Painting Contractors for Exterior Painting at One

Capen Court (667-1) Elderly Building located at One Capen Court Somerville, Ma. The project consists of Painting the exterior of the front of the building only at One Capen Court.

The work is estimated to cost \$35,000.00.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive and the Bacon/Davis wage rate which ever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer.

Bids will be received until 2:00 PM, Thursday, June August 18th, 2016 and publicly opened, at The Somerville Housing Authority Modernization Department located at 30 Memorial Road Somerville, Ma.

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bid forms and contract documents will be available on Wednesday, Wednesday August 3rd, 2016.

Via email at Brianl@SHA-Web.org or in person from The Somerville Housing Authority Modernization Department located at 30 Memorial

The site will be available for inspection at 11:00 AM on Thursday, August 11th, 2016. Please meet at at One Capen Court. Somerville, Ma.

Questions can be directed to Brian Langton at brianl@sha-web.org or by calling 617-625-1152 ext 331.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or reject any and all bids ,or to waive the informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays ,Sundays and legal Holidays excluded ,after approval of the award by The Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

BRYANT MANOR ROOF REPAIRS SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed proposals from Contractors for the Bryant Manor Roof Repairs at 75 Myrtle Street in Somerville, Massachusetts. The work includes but is not limited to installation of fluid applied restoration coating on all EPDM and EPDM flashing on the entire roof. Work of this contract also includes removal of 500 square feet of wet insulation beneath existing EPDM membrane roof in individual areas within scope area, removal of the existing television antenna and associated hardware, remove and replace all existing roof drains, patch EPDM where removed for aforementioned work, install acrylic wall coating on cementitious surfaces of head house walls and chimneys, install new flashing at head house windows and hot stack. The estimated cost of the work is \$175,000.00.

Plans, specifications and other Contract Documents will be available 100% electronically and may be seen, examined or obtained at www. Projectdog.com for free using Project Code 814383, after 10:30 A.M., E.D.T., Wednesday, August 3, 2016. Go to www.Projectdog.com and click "Sign Up" for free, or login with your existing account. Enter Project Code 814383 in the project locator box. Select "Acquire Documents" to download documents, review a hard copy at Projectdog's physical location, or request a free project CD. Questions regarding the website or project distribution should be directed to Projectdog

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the awarding authority. Bids must be submitted electronically at www.Projectdog.com. Obtain all documents online via the job specific Project Code number 814383. Tutorials, instructions and videos on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online as well as in the Instructions to Bidders. Call Projectdog, Inc. at 978-499-9014 for assistance (M -F 9AM - 5PM). General bids will be accepted until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, August 18, 2016.

A pre-bid conference will be held for all interested parties on-site on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 10:00 A.M. Meet at the Bryant Manor, Somerville, Ma located at 75 Myrtle St., Somerville, Ma, meet outside the front entrance. Attendance at this pre-bid conference is strongly recommended for parties submitting a bid.

Each general bid shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, or a treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the City Of Somerville in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total possible value of the bid including any alternates. Bid deposits will be dealt with as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sec-

To be given consideration, all general bids must be accompanied by a copy of the Bidder's Certificate of Eligibility and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified eligible in the DCAM Category

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 § 39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Bidders' selection procedures and contract award shall be in conformity with applicable statues of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Performance and Labor and Materials payment bonds in the full amount of the contract price will be required from the successful

The Awarding Authority reserves the right to reject any or all general bids, if it be in the public interest to do so, and to reject any sub-bid on any sub-trade if it determines that such sub-bid does not represent the sub-bid of a person competent to perform the work as specified or that less than three such sub-bids were received and that the prices are not reasonable for acceptance without further competition

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Flags Great Adventure, 456 ft. tall

2. Tulips

3. Lou Gerhig's, #4

4. Wax paper

5. The Joint Chiefs

of Staff

6. Brown

8. Yellow

9. Cones

10. The Rocky Horror Show

11. The Los Angeles Lakers

12. Lake Placid, NY

Farmers market coupon program helps out with healthy food

By Charles Lane

Some 1,400 local residents will receive a windfall of fresh produce this summer, thanks to a recent collaboration between Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) and the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

sachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), the program delivered \$36,000 coupons for SCES to distribute in late July.

The program serves low-income older adults, providing one \$25 coupon per eligible applicant annu-

ally. SCES Nutrition Director Deb McLean said the program is quite popular, noting the distribution this year took less than a week.

"People start calling about the "We never have any left over."

The coupons were distributed by SCES case managers and volun-Administered through the Mas- teers, who brought the coupons to more than 30 locations across the

SCES also arranged for home worth of free farmers' market delivery of the produce for 70 clients who would have otherwise missed out. Those clients were designated by SCES case managers and Meals-on-Wheels drivers, explained McLean.

"The criteria there is that they're truly homebound and there's nobody who could go to the farmer's market for them," she said.

Coupon recipients also received coupons in March," said McLean. a copy of the SCES nutrition program newsletter, which provides information about other agency programs that can help people remain healthy and independent at home. Specific examples include Mealson-Wheels, congregate meals, a Brown Bag grocery distribution program, and low-cost nutrition supplements.

> For more information, visit the Nutrition and Meals page of SCES at eldercare.org, or call 617-628-2601.



Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services recently distributed \$36,000 worth of free farmers' market coupons, which can be used to purchase

Cambridge Health Alliance raises \$118K to support addiction services

By Rebecca Danvers

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), an academic community health sysem serving Cambridge, Somerville and Boston's metro-north region, held its annual Golf Invitational on Monday, July 25, at the Oakley Country Club in Watertown.

The tournament successfully raised more than \$118,000 to support patient experience of care initiatives, including addiction services and substance use programming.

CHA has raised more than \$1 million to help fund projects and programming since the tournaments inception over a decade ago, including upgrades to the Maternity Suite and Whidden Hospital Emergency Department, strengthening digital communications with patients, and the purchase of video translation equipment to help ensure all patients understand their care.



"We are deeply grateful to all of our sponsors who made the event such a success this year. It's heartwarming to see so many folks from the business community come out in support of CHA's patients. In particular, resources from the event will be used for our ongoing commitment to mental health and substance use treatment," said Mary Cassesso, President of the CHA Foundation and Chief Community Officer.

Top sponsors include C & W Services at the \$7,500 level; Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Cataldo Ambulance and Professional Ambulance at the Silver level; and Anaesthesia Associates of Massachusetts, Bond Brothers, Mary Cassesso and Peter Miller, Cresa Boston, Epic Systems, Image Technology Specialists and Winter Hill Bank at the Bronze level. Additional funds were also raised through auctions at the event.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | August 3

Sunsetters

Somerville Home|Summer St. (indoors)|7 p.m.

East Branch Library

Lindsay and her Puppet Pals! 11 am. -11:30 a.m. | 115 Broadway

Central Library

Teen Empowerment 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday August 4

Sunsetters Perry Park|7 p.m.

Somermovie Laugh Fest The Seven Year Itch Starts after Sunset|Baxter Park|Assembly Row

East Branch Library Lego Club

3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library

Lego Club 3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library

Lego Club 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library

Computer Programming for High

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday August 5

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.|79 Highland

East Branch Library

Fun Friday: Story and Craft! 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Monday | August 8

Sunsetters

Lowell St VNA|7 p.m.

Central Library

Creative Drama for Kids 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday August 9

Sunsetters

77 Putnam Rd.|7 p.m.

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library

Book Group for Kids Ages 9-12 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Av

Wednesday August 10

Sunsetters

141 Hudson St.|7 p.m.

East Branch Library Summer Storytime

11 am. -11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library Teen Game Day

2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC ARTS Wednesday August 3

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm

Back Room

Backroom Series Jeff Jam Family Dance Party! |5 p.m. The Bloom of Youth: A Musical

Celebration with Bostons Young Talent|7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Renegade Cartel Sassy Goose

The Schisms Josh O'Hara 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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Bull McCabe's Pub

The A-Beez - Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440

Thunder Road

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday August 4

Sally O'Brien's

BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Rednecks|9:30 pm

Backroom Series Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Nothings The Rule The Devyl Nellys Meadowhawks Stag Party

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern Live DI Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's

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

Joshua Tree 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Thunder Road

The New Review (Soul/Funk) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Skyjelly Emerald Comets, Sadha 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

Pub Sing at the Armory Cafe 7 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Friday | August 5

Sally O'Brien's

Busted Jug Band Tour Ireland with us! |6 p.m. Axemunkee, Steve Walther Orchestra,

Dragnbangrs \$5 cover | 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-358

The Burren

Backroom Series: Geoff Bartley|7 p.m. Cover Up|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

The Mad Clatter The Foxfires Galactic Perimeter The Knock Ups 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Bull McCabe's**

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

Joshua Tree

DI McRiddleton 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

The Shills (Rock/Popcentric) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Landmark Showcase Festival 5 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Davis Square Theatre

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing 7 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Saturday | August 6

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin & The Moonshiners |6

Muck & The Mires, NYC's Electric Mess, Sprained Ankles, Evil Streaks|9

335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room:

Bluegrass Session 2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room

The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Backroom Series:

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Scattershots 10 p.m.

P.A.'s Lounge Stars Like Ours, Today Junior, BLOWW , and DJ Wiley to close the night 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke 65 Holland St

On the Hill Tavern Live DJ Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's**

TBA

8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

6045 Joshua Tree

DI El Sid!

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DI 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Entertainment every Saturday

173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road No Small Children (Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Stardust to Blackstar: The Lives of

David Bowie 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

Musical Concert with Pete Ayres Band 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday August 7

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Jan Marie Strawberry Jam|5 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589 The Burren

Front Room

Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session | 3 p.m. **Back Room**

day Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8am - 2:30pm Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5

The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sun-

Burren Lantern Series 8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen**

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DJ 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Thunder Road

Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Stardust to Blackstar: The Lives of

David Bowie 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Monday August 8 Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room:

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

Free Music Mondays Stranger Leaves Kue The Sun The AM

345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Toddlerbilly Taco Takeover

5 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Tuesday August 9

Sally O'Brien's Bar

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Jazz|8:30 p.m.

The Burren Front Room lason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge Open Mic Night

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes)

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

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

hosted by Victor and Nicole of

Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 PJ Ryan's

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**

Wednesday August 10 Sally O'Brien's Bar

156 Highland Ave

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

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm

Back Room

Backroom Series Dallahan 7 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Ed White

See Through Casper & the Ghost Boys

Second day Venom Ten Dollar Mistake (long set)

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

345 Somerville Ave

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Thunder Road Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

9910 **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** The Moth: True Stories Told Live

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday August 3

Central Library City of Somerville Diversity Commit-

Thursday August 4

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

Lego Club 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway West Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

(Session 1) 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 40 College Ave

East Branch Library

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work

Bagel Bards

Saturday | August 6

Holland St Sunday August 7 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Monday | August 8

Central Library

115 Broadway

Family Groups

Central Library Drop In Coloring for Adults 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Crime by the Book: Christie, Sayers,

and Dovle 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

West Branch Library Drop in Knitting at the West Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday | August 9

Central Library Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday August 10

Central Library Income Inequality Reading Group

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

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

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

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

Yoga – Save the date. The next 5 week Yoga series will start on Thursday, September 15 from 9:00 to 10:00am. This low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes!

From Seniors to Kids and Back Again – with acclaimed storyteller and musician, John Porcino. Join us for this FREE intergenerational storytelling workshop. Thursday, July 28th at 1:00 P.M. How does it work? Visit John's blog at: http://www.johnporcino.com/blog or give Maureen a call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335. Must RSVP and light refreshments will be served.

De-cluttering Peer Support Group – this is a closed support group for individuals who are concerned about their clutter. Please contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending.

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors -Starting April 1 – The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to request an application. This program is on a first come, first serve basis. This is a Federally funded grant and services will be provided until the grant is exhausted.

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

Gloucester Harbor Cruise & Lobsterbake – Thursday, July 28 – For a \$82 dollar fee you will receive motorcoach transportation, harbor cruise and a lobsterbake buffet. Cruise historic Gloucester harbor on board the Beauport Princess. The Beauport Princess has two dance floors, three full service bars, an open-air top deck and comfortable indoor seating. Includes New England Clam Chowder, steamed 1-1/4 lb. lobster (limit 1 per person but all other menu items are all you can eat), grilled barbeque chicken breast, corn on the cob, red bliss potatoes, cole slaw and dessert. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot

or if you need additional information.

Castle Island – Friday, August 12th – Departing Holland Street at 8:30 A.M. and Ralph & Jenny at 8:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 1:00 P.M. \$5 with transportation provided. Lunch is on your own. For more information please contact Connie at 6127-625-6600, ext. 2300.

The Norman Rockwell Museum & Parker's Maple Barn – Tuesday, August 16 – A fee of \$80 includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, admission to Norman Rockwell Museum, lunch at Parker's Maple Barn Restaurant. For additional information or to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival – Sunday, September 11th – Departing our Holland Street Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 6:00 P.M. This trip includes transportation only for \$13. Lunch, shopping and \$5. Admission fee is on your own. Lots to do or just relax and enjoy the beach. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions, please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Tampa & Orlando – Monday to Monday, September 12 to 19 – 8 days & 7 nights – A fee of \$1099 / pp double or \$1435 / pp single includes deluxe motor coach transportation with 2 nights stopover accommodations en route, 2 nights in beautiful Tampa, 3 nights in exciting Orlando, 5 sumptuous dinners, 3 day Disney Park Hopper Pass includes The Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, MGM and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to reserve your spot.

Lancaster, PA & Atlantic City, NJ – Tuesday through Saturday, October 11th to 15th – 5 days & 4 nights – A fee of \$509 / pp double or \$669 pp single includes round trip deluxe motor coach transportation, 1 night accommodations at resort casino, 3 nights accommodations in Lancaster, 3 great breakfasts, 3 yummy Amish feasts, reserved seating at theater featuring Samson, tour Hershey Chocolate World, Landis Valley Museum and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

The Gloucester Harbor Cruise / Lobsterbake day trip scheduled for Thursday, July 28th is SOLD OUT.

The Lowell Spinners outing scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Castle Island scheduled for Friday, August 12th is BOOKED.

The BBQ at the WHYC scheduled for Monday, August 22nd is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Lancaster, PA & Atlantic City scheduled for October 11th -15th (Tuesday to Saturday) is SOLD OUT. The Weekend gateway to NYC scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, November 5th & 6th is SOLD OUT.

The Indian Head trip scheduled for December 6th, 7th and 8th (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) is BOOKED SOLID.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 12th at 4:30 P.M. in the conference room of our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

Mark your calendars for these great upcoming LGBTQ Events:

Monday, August 15th – Safety Seminar Monday, September 19th – Out Vets Presentation Monday, October 17th – LGBTQ Health Fair Monday, November 21 – Painting to Reduce Stress

STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics*** 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise
*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration
One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

Wednesday|July 20

11:30 – 12:30 Forming Friendships (H) Supper & Bingo (H)

Thursday|July 21

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday|July 22

11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H) Revere Beach

Monday|July 25

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

Tuesday | July 26 10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Yoga (RJ) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Senior Housing 101 / Senior Home Loans (H)

11:30 Pizza & Movie (H) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday|July 27

11:30 – 12:30 Forming Friendships (H)

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wish him the very best of luck. Peter is a nice guy. We hope to still see him around the city.

One name – possibly two – are looking at the **Ward One** alderman race, and we

hear that a couple of other wards have interested people looking to see if the incumbents can be defeated. We think that it's the pay raise that the alderman received is one major factor. Sounds pretty good, a part-time salary of \$40K a year plus a few benefits. How many part-time jobs pay that kind of salary? Now, back to the Ward One alderman race: we're told that after this year's elec-

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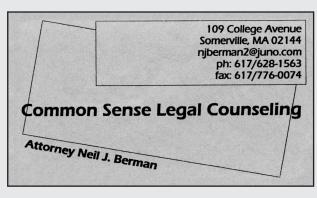
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| 10:30am | Talking Business | 2:00am | 2016 Historic Preservation Awards | Sunday. | August 7 | 6:30pm | Congressional Update |
| 12:00pm | Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte | 9:00am | Open Space Open House | 12:00am | Congressional Update | 7:00pm | Art Beat 2016 |
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| 2:00pm | SomerViva em Português | 1:00pm | Independence Day & Fireworks | 2:00am | Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest - 6.18.16 | 8:30pm | B2Green Expo - 7.7.16 |
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| Thursday, August 4 | | | | 6:30pm | Family Fun Day | 1:30am | Art Beat 2016 |
| 12:00am | Evolving Face of East Somerville Tour | | , August 6 Taste of Somerville | 6:40pm | Talking Business | 2:30am | Taste of Somerville |
| 1:30am | Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville | 12:00am 12:30am | Haitian Community Meeting #3 - 7.17.16 | 7:00pm 7:31pm | Senior Circuit "Preventing Fraud" Senior Picnic 2016 | 8:30am | Sit & Be Fit Balance & Fall Prevention |
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| 10:30am | WSNS Science Fair Winners | | | | | |
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| 11:00am | SHS Multicultural Fair | | | | | |
| 12:00pm | Class of '16 Scholarship Awards Night | | | | | |
| 3:00pm | WSNS Moving On Ceremony 2016 | | | | | |
| 4:00pm | Boys' Middle School Intramural Basketball | | | | | |
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| 8:00pm | SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet | | | | | |
| 9:30pm | WSNS Science Fair Winners | | | | | |
| 10:00pm | Healey K-2 Spring Concert | | | | | |
| 10:30pm | Kennedy School Drama Club | | | | | |
| Thursday, August 4 | | | | | | |
| 12:00am | Brown School Spring Concert | | | | | |
| 1:30am | Argenziano Community Heritage Night | | | | | |
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Wednesday, August 3

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| Friday, August 5 | | | | | | | |
| 12:00am | SCALE Awards Night & Graduation 2016 | | | | | | |
| 1:00am | Public Domain Theater - 8/16 | | | | | | |
| 9:00am | SHS Volleyball v Waltham | | | | | | |
| 11:00am | SHS Boys Soccer v Andove | | | | | | |
| 12:30pm | Argenziano School Malian Drum Concert | | | | | | |
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My father won't read poetry. He taught my brother the ways of paintbrush and canvas, played guitar before I was born

but after Nam, lost interest, saw no sense in art. I'd like to think, surviving war, I'd see no better reason to create, proclaim and praise I am here, but what do I know,

given my armed conflict with the self? My father once cradled a dying soldier missing everything below his waist,

and watched a starving boy convulse after a sergeant handed the child a candy bar his body no longer understood food.

My father pulls shoulder muscles as he masons walls, lays foundations. He cracks knuckles against engine blocks,

torqueing wrenches. Because the dead remind him that splinters in his palms are gifts, he builds cabinets, chairs, houses. His life is work, no room for self-indulgence

or anything frivolous. But don't we also live in rooms not constructed out of lumber and stone? Art is an alarm clock. Art is a ladle of beauty

lifted to the lips. My father. On the table he planed, sanded, stained— where we've sat together after a long time of not sitting together, where we've eaten slow—I want him to dance

and afterwards, I want him to see the scuffmarks on the pine as affirmations of purpose—of loving the lost with raucous praise, of letting the gone go.

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Fashion Designer Sandhya Garg Lifts A Middle Finger in the Fashion World



Somerville fashion designer Sandhya Garg does not lift a middle finger to offend the mandarins of the fashion world. But she uses it as part of her design concept of provocative, beautiful and engaging clothing.

I met Garg at my usual seat at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square, Somerville. Garg was dressed simply, and looked more like a bookish graduate student than a fashion designer. Although Garg lives in Boston with her husband (a doctor who is on a fellowship at a major hospital), she has a space at the Joy Street Studios in Somerville. Garg told me, "I love the artistic vibe of the city." She revealed that Joy Street has space for sixty artists, and it proves to be a stimulating environment for her.

Garg, who teaches at MASS ART in Boston and is a graduate of the London College of Fashion, told me that her attire has bold colors combined graphically to create bold prints. The clothing is influenced by world travel, regional folklore, superstition, etc. And Garg keeps in mind that she has hopes that the garments will provoke conversation, perhaps something more than, "Hey girl...

Garg, who hails from India, is influenced by the artwork of the native Gond tribe, as evidenced by her graphics. Many of the prints she uses in her clothing are strong reflections of the work of these creative people.

Garg said her creations are wearable and avant-garde. She explained, "My designs, which are unique, bold and conversational, are also wearable. They are not just there to make a statement or illustrate a concept, but to be worn and worn comfortably."

Garg worked at the Gucci factory in Italy, and honed her skills with hand embroidery craft, and vintage lace-making. She even created her own dress during her tenure there.

Garg told me she has been influenced by the late, innovative fashion designer Alexander Mc-Queen. She polished her skills at the McQueen design studio, as well as the Alice Temperley and Izmaylova studios.

McQueen was known to use "shock tactics" in his work. Garg follows a similar path with her series called "Abusive Prints," in which she uses the motif of a raised middle finger on some of her dresses to protest the indignities, sexism, and abuse many Indian women suffer in her country.

Her label, "Sandhya Garg" now has international standing thanks to a successful stint on the smash TV show Project Runway. Her work was lauded by such fashion icons as Heidi Klein, Nina Garcia, and Zac Posen.

Garg told me that I could wear her clothing and perhaps start a conversation that is inspired by them. And indeed, perhaps I should. Although I might shy away from the raised middle finger motif - I have enough problems!

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