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City takes another look at Airbnbs



Officials are once again looking into the impact of Airbnb rentals and how possible regulations should be implemented.

By Henry Lin-David

A bill to tax and regulate short-term rentals like Airbnb hit a roadblock on Wednesday of last week after Gov. Charlie Baker returned the bill to lawmakers along with a proposed amendment.

While the original bill would require hosts to join a public registry, the governor's amendment would eliminate their "personally identifiable information," and would also exempt homeowners who rented units out for less than 14 days a year from the registry and the tax.

These short-term rentals are nothing new for Somerville, with many residents renting out rooms for extra income. The industry website Air DNA states that the city currently contains more than 700 active Airbnbs. However, some worry that this trend may negatively impact the community.

"There is a strong concern that the increase in short-term rentals is worsening Somerville's housing affordability crisis," Continued on page 4

Ignite! Global Street Food and Fire Festival lights up this Saturday

It's time to fire things up with the sixth annual Ignite festival, Saturday, August 11, 6:00 -10:00 p.m. in Union Square Plaza.

To celebrate Union Square's sizzling food landscape, they are bringing an evening of international eats, fire throwers, roving entertainment, and a raucous celebration of global culture.

Don't forget to bring a contribution to the festival's food drive, benefiting the Somerville Homeless Coalition. It's easy, just bring a can or two of food to the festival.

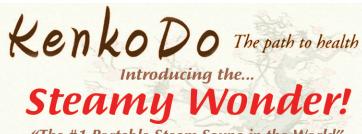
The suggested donation is \$2, and you will get a cool tiger sticker. Or buy a tiger tee or tote to support the fest.

Entertainment will include poetry by Tim Hall, magic and more from Jungle Jim, Xuchipili Folkloric Ballet, and performances by Robson Leemos and Violin Viv, Bob Filene's "Magic for Smart People," caricatures, face painting, tarot card reading, and much more.

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

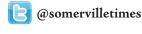
****** Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy Birthday to local East Somerville guy, Bill MacLeod, a lifelong resident and nice guy. We wish him the best on this his birthday. Happy birthday to another local guy who is very well known since he and his lovely wife moved to Somerville, Zach Zasloff, who is Chairman of the local Condo Review Board. Again, a great guy. Happy birthday Zach! Happy birthday to Maria Mancini, formerly of Winter Hill. We hope she has a great birthday. Happy birthday to Tony Caliri. We hope he has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to good friend of ours, Brendan Cunningham. We wish him a great day as well. Happy birthday to Stephen Shea. We hope he has a great birthday. To Kaitlin Norton, a happy birthday to her as well as her brother, Corey Norton. Wishing them both a happy birthday this week. And finally, Alicia Lafuente - we know, we mentioned her last week but her actual birthday is this week. Again, to a very nice lady and professional businesswomen. We wish her the very best. To all the others here in the city who are celebrating their birthdays this week and we missed you here, we wish

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

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services reports that there has been an increased amount of IRS fraud calls to Somerville residents. The following numbers listed have been identified on caller ID. Please do not send money or give any personal information to these people. Please share this information with neighbors or family members who might be Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: YIMBY movement takes root in Somerville

Matt says:

Allowing the building of larger buildings sounds like a zoning change, which could be reasonable. My only ask is that we have a plan in place where the changes are introduced gradually. Have the growth targeted at current commercial centers and have it radiate out

Villenous says:

Far as I'm concerned, we can't YIMBY fast enough.

CAP says:

Yeah? Name city in America where this worked and didn't gentrify the surrounding area. Name one place where the community members who had been there long enough to recognize the before/after difference declared that their neighborhood was more affordable, more racially diverse, and more 'homey' after all of this YIMBY development had been crammed into every nook and

And using London or Paris, both of which have slowly grown up over 500+ years and are in countries with generous public benefit schemes, as a comparison or model is ridiculous. Instead compare this any community in the US that has already been gutted by this hyper-development, free market gentrification mentality.

Doreen says:

YIMBY's are for no restrictions. Not a nice "vision". We will be packed like sardines, while nearby towns protect their green space. YIMBY articles state that folks think they are in with the developers. Dangle a few low-income apartments ...please don't fall for this.

BMac says:

Well, Matt, we would mostly have that if the Aldermen would vote for the new Zoning that has been in front of them for a couple years now.

But apparently they are incapable of actually doing anything, they just want to talk and debate and collect a check for not making a decision.

JPHM says:

I am from London. Paris and London both have superb public transport – subway and buses. You definitely can live there without ever needing a car. In London most of the central metro area has at least 2 to 3 subway stops within a 1/4 mile. Heck, London has built quite a few new subway lines and light rails in the past 25 years. They are even building a brand new cross rail link which connects east and west London (opens in December 2018). The same cannot be said for many parts of Somerville, especially East Somerville, and Winter Hilll area. So to compare Somerville to Paris or London is insane. Somerville is a small segment of the Boston metro area (Yes, I know it's technically not in Boston). Where are all the new cars that come in going to be parked? It seems like progressives just assume that none of these new people are going to have cars. That's a pretty big assumption.

Thomas says:

All in YIMBY here. I moved from tiny Town USA to Boston because of the public transit and the ability to bike everywhere. Somerville has plenty of space up there in the sky. The transportation problems are solvable (self driving paratransit is coming probably within single digits years, well before we could get many of these buildings constructed).

You can tear down my house and build a 10 story in it's place as long as I get a unit or two equivalent square footage. Happy to share the land with some new co-owners.

Yet another poster says:

Just to clarify, the actual title of the group should be YIYBY, (yes in your back yard), as it's other people's neighborhoods that get crapped up, not those of the members of this group. "YIMBY" erroneously implies some sort of sacrifice / generosity on the part of its proponents.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



City seeking ways to ease the pain of bridge closure detours

By Jim Clark

With the recent announcement of motor vehicle and pedestrian detours as a result of the yearlong Broadway Bridge closure, many area residents and those who commute through the area on a daily basis are expressing fear and anger at what is being regarded as an imminent disaster in the making.

But according to Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, options are being considered that may alleviate some of the anticipated disarray, particularly in the Ball Square area.

"The GLX team has put out proposals for three different kinds of detours for the pedestrian/bike detours, for the bus detours, and for the motor vehicle detours," said Niedergang. "They put out proposals for the three of those and invited comments on them from the public. There actually is quite a bit of, I would say, extremely expensive - maybe unprecedented outreach being done, at least in Somerville on these. There's these kind of informal Q&A sessions at community events."

Niedergang says that the ward aldermen have been talking to constituents. "There are Green Line Extension community representatives for each of the stations, and they are out there going to block parties and holding meetings and talking to people about them. And the adminis-

tration is communicating about this as well. So there's a lot of consultation and discussion going on, and everything now is still a draft, basically,"

As for the GLX planners, "They're absolutely listening, I don't know if they're going to do what we want them to do."

On Tuesday of this week, the Green Line Extension Project Community Working Group about a dozen representatives from Somerville, Medford, and Cambridge who represent the areas around the station stops - met with the Green Line Extension team leaders to talk about issues and get information back to the community reps so they can spread it throughout the community.

> "To be honest, all the options are terrible"

"One thing the agenda was a proposed Broadway pedestrian bridge on top of the utility bridge," according to Niedergang. "So one of the biggest and strongest pushes from the community has been if you have to close the Broadway bridge completely to motor vehicles, at least have a pedestrian and bike crossing, which then a lot of people could use. Because the proposed



Somerville residents and neighboring commuters are gritting their teeth and girding themselves for the tough times ahead following the Broadway Bridge closure. – Photo by Bobbie Toner

pedestrian/bike detour is about three-quarters of a mile long. For older people or people who are not able physically that's ridiculous. They're just not able to do it. It's just not viable. So one of the ways to deal with that is with this pedestrian bridge. They're response has been, 'Well, we can't do that, it's technically very challenging, if we're going to keep the project on time and on budget we just can't do these types of things.' But they haven't said an absolute flat no, so they put that on the agenda."

Another proposal which came from Jim Silva, of the South Medford Residents organization, one of the representatives for the College Ave. station, is to have an at grade crossing over the tracks that would go from Boston Ave. in Somerville to Granville Ave. in Medford. "If it's technically feasible and safe, it would be a much, much shorter pedestrian detour than the one that they've proposed," said Niedergang. "Probably an eighth of a mile instead of three quarters of a mile."

On the whole, the Ward 5 alderman remains hopeful. "So they're listening, but as far as I know, no decisions have been made. I know that people in the administration are meeting, talking, analyzing, discussing, and trying to figure out what's

In spite of their best efforts, however, it will still be tumultuous process over the next year, according to Niedergang. "To be honest, all the options are terrible. There's no good options for the detours. It's going to be

a horrible mess no matter what, but we're going to make it the least bad mess that we possibly can. I think that's an important message to convey to people. But it's going to be very painful for a year while this bridge is closed."

As for quelling the fears of local and neighboring residents, Niedergang maintains a positive outlook. "A lot of people say it will be a year and a half. And that's a completely reasonable expectation. It's not my belief, because this new team under John Dalton, the head of the Green Line project, has done

everything as promised, on time, on schedule or ahead of schedule. So I'm a believer now, but I understand that other people aren't, given the history of this

Niedergang says he, too, can feel the pain. "Can you imagine being stuck in traffic for an hour for something that normally takes you five or ten minutes? People are going to be tremendously upset, and I understand that. There's no way around it and people's concerns are absolutely justified."

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By Jim Clark

Funny money in the disappearing wallet trick

Police officers were dispatched to the Dunkin' Donuts on Somerville Ave. last Friday on reports that a customer was passing counterfeit money.

Upon arrival, the officers located the suspect, Jamal Haywood, and approached him for questioning.

When asked for identification, Haywood reportedly hesitated and told the officers that he was not carrying any.

When asked if he had anything dangerous on him, he stated that he had a knife, which was recovered shortly thereafter.

Haywood was asked if he had a wallet, which he removed from his pocket. According to reports, Haywood initially stated that he did not have a wallet. The officers removed a Social Security card from the wallet.

Haywood reportedly claimed that he was an employee at the Dunkin' Donuts and that he had personal items stored in the back of the store, but this proved to be untrue.

Police contacted a store employee by phone and learned that Haywood had reportedly passed counterfeit bills there on multiple occasions. The bills were discovered to be counterfeit by use of a marking device utilized for this purpose.

Haywood began asking for his wallet back, but the officers explained to him that he had removed his wallet from himself, and the only item they took from it was his Social Security card, which was returned.

Haywood reportedly became upset and stated that his wallet was in the back room of the store. He also said to that he did not have another wallet. When asked how it would have gotten from his person to the back of the store, he did not

have an answer.

The officers then began to search under tables, in seat cushions, on the floor and everywhere else within the area to search for the wallet. After approximately 10 minutes of searching, they were unable to locate the wallet.

Haywood reportedly told police that he initially did not want to produce ID because he believed he had a warrant out on him. After running Haywood's Social Security number from the card the officers obtained from his wallet, it showed that he had an active arrest warrant out of Boston.

After Haywood was placed into handcuffs, he reportedly admitted to passing the counterfeit bills. When asked if he knew the money was fake, he responded that he did.

When asked if that was the only fake money that he had,

Haywood reportedly said it was not. The officers asked him where the rest of the money was, and he said it was in his wallet, which he had concealed in the front of his underwear when the officers turned the other direction during their initial encounter with him.

Haywood reportedly said that he had "paid \$1,000 for \$2,500 of fake money." When asked where and who he got the money from, he refused to answer and said that it was his deal and he wouldn't give up that information. He did say, "It's nobody that lives around here, you wouldn't be able to find him any ways."

The officers then asked if it was from out of the state, maybe New York. Haywood reportedly responded, "Yes, see you know everything already."

Haywood was subsequently placed under arrest on charges

of utter counterfeit note and possession of counterfeit notes, and on a warrant charge of prisoner vandalizing jail.

The missing wallet was recovered prior to placing Haywood inside the prisoner transport vehicle. All the counterfeit notes have been submitted into evidence.

The store employee who accepted the counterfeit bills was interviewed by police and it was learned that he has been acquainted with Haywood for about 10 years.

Surveillance video supplied by the store reportedly showed the employee marking the counterfeit bills with the marking device, then putting them in the till anyway.

The employee denied that he intentionally accepted the bills, but police have said that they will be conducting a further investigation of this.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Carlos Rivera, of 165 Cottage St., Chelsea, July 31, 10:18 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, shoplifting by asportation, forgery of document, larceny from a building, utter false prescription, larceny under \$1200, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Dante Quinn, of 260 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, August 3, 4:47 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of distribution of a class B drug and possession of a class A drug.

Jamal Haywood, August 3, 8:01 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of utter counterfeit note and possession of counterfeit notes, and on a warrant charge of prison-

er vandalizing jail.

Eduardo Garcia, of 33 Florence Ave., Revere, August 3, 9:00 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Itamar Neto, of 153 Second

St., Framingham, August 3, 11:21 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and license revoked as HTO.

Richard Abernathy, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, August 4, 11:45 a.m., arrested at College Ave. on charges of threat to commit a crime, disturbing the peace, and miscellaneous common law violation.

Carlos Rodriguez-Cartegena, of 138 Pearl St., August 5, 12:31 a.m., arrested at Flint Ave. on charges of leaving the scene of property damage and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Vladimir Jean Baptiste, of 8 Oakland St., Roxbury, August 5, 4:18 a.m., arrested at Heath St. on a warrant charge of disorderly conduct.

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says State Representative Christine Barber. According to Air DNA, more than 32% of Somerville's active Airbnb units are "entire home" rentals. Some argue that these rentals are depleting the current housing stock and consequently causing rents to rise. At the very least, the situation requires more analysis.

"There is a need to have greater transparency about short-term rentals," says Barber, "and also to address how these rentals impact our housing market."

State Representative Denise

Provost agrees, adding that short-term rentals are contributing to "forces of speculation, gentrification and displacement which are putting tremendous pressure on our communities."

Somerville has attempted to impose laws on short-term rentals, but these efforts have been largely unsuccessful. "We have an ordinance that regulates 'tourist homes," says Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang. "I think maybe half a dozen people have registered. It hasn't been enforced." Although the guide-

lines prohibit the short-term rental of full units, Somerville contains more than 200 "entire home" Airbnb listings.

Currently, Airbnb requirements are primarily enforced through a complaint-based system, which is inherently inconsistent due to its reliance on community involvement. But Niedergang hopes that the statewide registry proposed by the bill could strengthen Somerville's ordinances.

"It would set up a framework that would make it much easier for us to regulate short-term rentals effectively," he says. In addition, Niedergang points out that the tax revenue would contribute towards covering the cost of regulation.

But regardless of their effects on housing, Airbnbs play a unique role in Somerville. "They're certainly popular," says Provost, who adds that they potentially can benefit both visitors and the community. Niedergang also sees value in offering "kind of an intermediate space between a regular big hotel and staying in your family's homes," as well

as helping residents to pay off their rent.

With the Massachusetts House and Senate out of formal session, the bill's progress will likely be halted until next year. Until then, Somerville will continue to wrestle with how best to deal with the rapidly-expanding market of short-term rentals.

"They should be regulated," says Niedergang. "Stuff can happen ... and people in the city government should know which properties are being rented out for health and safety."

Somerville Response Network provides a reaction plan for ICE raids

By Shira Laucharoen

Since its launch in March 2018, the Somerville Response Network has remained an active resource for immigrant residents, having been developed by The Welcome Project as a system to be employed in the event of ICE raids in the city. Creators have said it is their hope to never have to use the program, but to be ready and prepared in case it is needed.

"A lot of things started happening after presidential elections, and there were additional resources constituents were asking for. There was a lot of fear, and people were afraid to go to clinics and schools, anywhere," said development coordinator of The Welcome Project Kenia Alfaro. "We realized this is a service we need to make sure families and those affected are ok. That was a motivation, saying we need to streamline the process and provide resources, so the community is safe and informed of what's happening.

The Somerville Response Network links together local government entities, nonprofits, and community members

to craft a plan for families in reaction to ICE arrests. The program currently has approximately 200 subscribers, who will all be notified via text message if a raid takes place in Somerville. When an individual observes a raid, he or she may report the incident to a phone number, specifying location and information about those involved. A response committee will verify the information and alert everyone in the network. The Somerville Response Network aims to help keep families together and offer those impacted with supports, such as legal resources and advocates, interpreters, or food.

The system's website provides a "Know Your Rights" section, available in five different languages. This portion of the site offers a set of reminders, such as the right to remain silent when confronted with an immigration officer. To enter a home, an ICE agent must have a warrant signed by a judge, and individuals do not need to open their doors unless shown one. One may also request the presence of a lawyer, and the site advises against carrying papers from another country, such as a foreign



The Welcome Project participated in the We Are One Somerville: Sanctuary City Rally in February 2017.

– Photo by Bobbie Toner

passport. A valid work permit or green card is helpful to have for identification purposes.

"It's really important that people know their legal rights. When you're in a position where someone is telling you to do something, in any situation, even when you're getting a parking ticket, how do you know what you must comply with and what is actually a re-

quest? There are protections and rights that are ignored," said volunteer Jeffrey Warren.

The Somerville Response Network is hosted by The Welcome Project, Somerville's leading immigrant organization. Based at the Mystic Public Housing Development, the non-profit offers programs for youth, adults, and families to support them in advocating for themselves and

finding empowerment through schools, government, and other institutions. Adult classes include English language lessons and citizenship courses, while youth services such as summer camp and interpretation assistance programs are also offered.

Learn more about the Somerville Response Network on their website: http://somervilleresponse.org.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of July 30-August 3.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (H 4868)

House 151-0, Senate 37-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker an economic development package including a sales tax holiday allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12 without paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax.

Other provisions authorize \$50 million for a grant program targeting coastal communities and create jobs in the maritime economy sector; \$250 million for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program which provides a one-stop shop for municipalities and other eligible public entities seeking public infrastructure funding; and \$12.5 million in capital dollars for MassVentures to continue providing competitive grants to Massachusetts-based companies commercializing technologies.

Tax breaks in the package include tax credits to businesses to occupy vacant storefronts in downtown areas and the establishment of a \$2.5 million Apprenticeship Tax Credit program for apprenticeships in computer occupations, healthcare and the manufacturing industry.

Supporters said the bill would be a real shot in the arm for the state by stimulating the economy, creating jobs and making Massachusetts friendlier to business.

"Too many families are struggling to make ends meet and too many workers are looking for work," said Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow), the sponsor of the package. "This bill is designed to rebalance the scales so that our economy works for everyone and fosters growth in every corner of our commonwealth. It will put people back to work rebuilding our roads and bridges and revitalizing our downtowns. And it will prepare the next generation with the skills needed to succeed in a changing economy."

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

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

REGULATION AND TAXING OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS (H 4841)

House 119-30, Senate 30-8, approved and sent to the governor a bill that extends the state's current 5.7 percent hotel and motel tax and up to a 6 percent local option room occupancy tax to short-term rentals offered by Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO while leaving the regulation of these rentals including registration, licensing and inspections up to local cities and towns.

The measure also allows local cities and towns to impose a local impact fee of up to 3 percent on operators who rent out two or more professionally-managed short-term rental units within a municipality.

Other provisions create a central state registry of shortterm rentals and require that a city or town dedicate no less than 35 percent of revenue generated from the new local option fee to either affordable housing or local infrastructure needs.

Supporters said the bill strikes a balance and levels the

playing field of taxes and regulation of these untaxed and unregulated short-term rentals and hotels and motels that are currently regulated and taxed.

Opponents said the bill is simply another example of an anti-business, unwarranted tax and overregulation by the state.

Estimates are that the state will reap \$34.5 million from the new taxes and local communities which impose the optional local tax will receive some \$25.5 million.

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

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

AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (H 4667)

House 134-16, Senate 36-0, approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill that would automatically register to vote a person who fills out an application with the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) or MassHealth, unless the person opts out. Officials at the RMV and MassHealth would be required to explain to each person that the transaction automatically registers them to vote, unless they opt out, and also inform them that non-citizens are ineligible to vote.

Supporters said an estimated 680,000 eligible voters in the Bay State who are not registered to vote.

"Automatic Voter Registration will make voting more accurate, more secure, and more available to all," said Pam Wilmot, Executive Director of Common Cause Massachusetts which was part of the coalition pushing for the bill. "That's good for democracy, for election security, and for voters. Utilizing existing technology to modernize the voter registration process just is basic common sense."

"The FBI just arrested dozens of illegal immigrants who easily obtained Mass driver's licenses with stolen identities," said Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton). "Under this law, those felons would be automatically registered to vote. Furthermore, this law creates a burdensome unfunded mandate on cities and towns."

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

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

\$2.2 BILLION FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (H 4835)

House 148-2, Senate 37-0, approved a bond bill allowing the state to borrow up to \$2.2 billion for climate change adaptation, environmental and natural resource protection and investment in recreational assets.

The package includes earmarks for hundreds of millions of dollars for hundreds of projects in legislators' districts across the state — many of which will never be funded. The Baker administration ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded but it cannot fund most of them because the governor's office is also required to adhere to the state's

annual bond borrowing cap.

Provisions include \$105 million for dam and flood control projects; \$160 million for roads and bridges; \$60 million for the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust to improve water by providing low-interest loans to municipalities; \$45 million for hazardous waste cleanup; and \$15 million for the Electric Vehicle Incentive Program that gives grants to cities and towns, state agencies, and state universities to purchase electric vehicles and install charging station.

"We've come out with a strong bond bill that funds necessary environmental investments across the state, including an agricultural estate tax credit, which aims to ensure a thriving agricultural economy here in Massachusetts, and investments in protecting our cities and towns," said Rep. "Smitty" Pignatelli (D-Lenox), chairman of the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. "This bond bill aims to preserve our land and restore dams and seawalls, which as we know, have suffered severe damage from storms over the years. I believe these efforts will have a lasting impact throughout the commonwealth."

Neither of the two opponents of the bill responded to *Beacon Hill Roll Call's* request for a statement from them.

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

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

OPIOIDS (H 4866)

House 151-0, Senate on a voice vote without a roll call, approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill aimed at combatting the opioid problem in the Bay State by addressing opioid addiction, prevention and treatment.

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

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

"Despite efforts to suppress the opioid crisis, families across the Commonwealth continue to lose their loved ones to substance use disorder," said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), Senate Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. "This legislation builds upon the work the state has done around opioid misuse and prevention and provides another set

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



of tools to reduce harm, save lives and increase access to evidence-based treatment. We have a major epidemic on our hands and we have to use everything at our disposal to cure this disease."

"The Massachusetts Legislature has been steadfast and unwavering in the face of the relentless disease of addiction," said Rep. Denise Garlick (D-Needham), House Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. "This disease is a reality that people face every single day, but we are pouring our best expertise and resources into this fight," "We are in this for the long haul and we are not backing down - we are in this battle together to save lives."

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

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT SURVEY (H 4810)

- The House and Senate gave near-final approval to a bill requiring all colleges and universities in the Bay State to biennially conduct a sexual misconduct climate survey of all students, including questions about incidents of sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, gender-based violence, violence based on sexual orientation or gender identity, sexual harassment and stalking.

The survey would be anonymous and would include the number of reported incidents of sexual misconduct at the school; students' awareness of institutional policies

and procedures related to campus sexual assault; if a victim reported the sexual misconduct; and if a victim was informed or referred to local, state, on campus or other resources and victims' access to support services including appropriate medical care, legal support and protection from retaliation.

"I am proud to have filed and championed this bill," said Rep. Lori Ehrlich (D-Marblehead). "Every campus is different in regard to the prevalence and nature of sexual violence. But what is true of all of them is that all students deserve a safe place to learn, study and grow, as well as transparency from school administrations about sexual violence."

The measure still needs final approval in each branch before going to the governor.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Bumper Sticker Edition -Bumper stickers seen around the Statehouse and around the state.

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HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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

During the week of July 30-August 3, the House met for a total of 25 hours and 24 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 28 hours and 32 minutes.

end of an annual session.

Mon. July 30 House 11:01 a.m. to 8:22 p.m.

Senate 10:38 a.m. to 9:56 p.m.

Tues. July 31 House 12:01 p.m. to 1:12 a.m. (Wed.)

Senate 11:02 a.m. to 1:20 a.m. (Wed.)

Wed. August 1 No House session.

No Senate session

House 11:00 a.m. to 1:52 p.m. Thurs. August 2

Senate 11:00 a.m. to 1:56 p.m.

No House session No Senate session

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72339994	13 Webster Steet	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Other	7	\$979,000	\$979,000	
72334835	12 Lester Terrace	8 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Victorian	8	\$985,000	\$1,025,000	
72329444	44 Adrian Street	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	12	\$995,000	\$995,000	
72336211	1098 Broadway	9 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	6	\$1,395,000	\$1,700,000	
72318677	22 Sycamore St	11 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian	23	\$1,499,000	\$1,390,0008	

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
72336230	228 Willow Ave U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Low-Rise	9	\$899,900	\$1,000,000	
72293940	19 Cutter St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	40	\$924,900	\$955,000	
72327264	375 Canal Street U:914	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	20	\$947,500	\$947,500	
72327362	221 Willow Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	16	\$975,000	\$1,125,000	
72311793	8 Spring St U:1	9 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bathTownhouse	40	\$999,000	\$1,005,678	
72315410	1 Perkins Place U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	9	\$999,000	\$985,000	
72311788	6 Spring St U:1	9 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	20	\$1,039,000	\$1,040,000	
72327995	30 Hawthorne St U:30	9 room, 3 bed, 4f 1h bath Detached	27	\$1,749,000	\$1.700.000	

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

Local elders swap letters with Panamanian English students



Peace Corps volunteer Meg Bolger (right) holds a packet of letters from the Cambridge Citywide Senior Center. Bolger recently organized a letter swap with Cambridge Council on Aging Director Susan Pacheco (left), to help her students in Panama learn English.

By Nathan Lamb

Older adults at the Cambridge Senior Center recently helped Panamanian children practice their English, though a letter exchange organized by a Peace Corps volunteer with local ties.

The swap was conceived by Meg Bolger, a former case manager at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES). Bolger is now in her second year in Panama with the Peace Corps, and said the idea came up while teaching Panamanian children a second language.

"They are learning basic English and are very motivated to practice, and I thought it would be really fun for them to do a letter exchange with a group of elders from Massachusetts," she said.

Bolger reached out to SCES

about the project, and was put in touch with Cambridge Council on Aging Director Susan Pacheco, who agreed to find people who would write back.

Bolger mailed the 15 student letters in late spring, and picked up the response letters during a visit to her home state in July. She also gave a presentation about Panama and the Peace Corps at the Cambridge Citywide Senior Center.

"It was a really fun experience and it was great because some of the people in the audience were from Panama, and they shared their perspectives as well," said Bolger.

Pacheco said the Cambridge Council on Aging was excited to participate in the letter exchange, and to host Bolger's presentation.

"Both senior participants and

staff eagerly wrote to the students," said Pacheco. "Many of the respondents chose to decorate their letters with sketches and stickers."

"Meg's presentation was well received by the audience," added Pacheco. "It was a great learning experience for all."

Bolger returned to Panama in early August, to complete the final eight months of her Peace Corps commitment.

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

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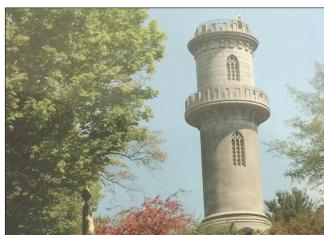
Longfellow

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine, on February 27, 1807, when Maine was still part of Massachusetts. He was a favorite son of the city and its residents still applaud anything Longfellow. He held a Chair at Harvard University and received degrees from England's University of Cambridge and University of Oxford.



A bust of Longfellow is in Westminster Abbey, and a statue of him rests in Washington, D.C. He was known as one of the world's most beloved poets on both sides of the Atlantic, receiving and responding to over twenty thousand letters of acclamation. Although a quiet man, he was the Beatles of his time in popularity.



For over 45 years, he raised his family in his home near Harvard Square in Cambridge. The impressive mansion had once been the home of English Tory, John Vassall, until General George Washington made it his headquarters during the 1775-1776 siege of Boston. After many owners, Longfellow purchased the home from the widow of Andrew Craigie, the first Apothecary General of the United States, who also attended to the wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill.



Longfellow loved to take long walks and one of his favorite treks was from Craigie House, or "Craigie Castle" as he preferred to call it, to Somerville. He drew inspiration from Somerville's revolutionary history that included the Old Powder House, Continued on page 20

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We're going Green (Line that is!)

By Greg Karczewski President of US2

You may have read the Green Line is coming. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao, Governor Baker and other state and local officials broke ground on the Green Line Extension last month right in Union Square.

The extension of the Green Line to Somerville, and Union Square in particular, is a catalyst for economic development that will create an employment hub and the daytime foot traffic needed to keep our small (and big) businesses thriving. It's a substantial step toward realizing many of the community's SomerVision goals through the Union Square revitalization project (USQ).

An important piece of keeping the Green Line Extension opening on track for 2021 is the timely construction completion of USQ phase one improvements that are required for the station to open. That's why we are asking for the State's environmental review (MEPA) for the first phase of the project to occur earlier in the process.

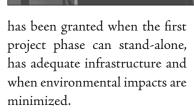
We want to keep the community informed throughout this important process. We recently participated in a site tour and meeting with Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office to discuss our application and answer community questions. We understand August is a popular time for family vacations and that you may not have been able to attend. Here are eight things that you need to know about MEPA which you can also find here in greater detail.

What is the Massachusetts Environmental Policy (MEPA)?

 MEPA requires state agencies to study the environmental consequences of certain projects through public study, disclosure and development of feasible mitigation measures. It is not a permitting process.

What is a Phase 1 waiver?

• A Phase 1 waiver may be permitted after expedited review for the first phase of a large-scale project. This type of request



Does a Phase 1 waiver lessen the amount of environmental

• The request only accelerates the review of the first development parcel of the project, the entire 2.4 million square foot development will undergo full MEPA review.

idential and open space, located on 3.5 acres in the heart of

been given on the first phase of Suffolk Downs, General Electric, Seaport Square and Waterfront Square in Revere.

Why is a waiver needed?

• This waiver will enable US2 to start construction on the D2 block later this year which is critical to opening the Union Square Station MBTA station in spring of 2021. The D2 project includes improvements that are required for the MBTA station Phase 1 provide?

+ By allowing construction to start, US2 can immediately begin remediating a brownfield site Phase 1 waivers have recently while creating revenues to fund a portion of the City's \$50 million Green Line commitment and pay the debt service for the city's \$63 million Union Square infrastructure project.

What are the next steps in the process?

• The filing was submitted to MEPA on July 2, 2018. US2 has requested an extension of the comment period through August 24, 2018.



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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Special Women's Health Edition

In late 2017, along with the Cambridge Health Alliance, we released our joint Wellbeing of Somerville Report. The report provides an overview of the health of city residents across the life stages from the womb to old age. The data is not only fascinating-and in some cases eye opening—it provides an informed launching pad for our coming community-wide dialogue about resident health and the steps we want to take to improve it. Taking cues from our SomerVision process, we're hoping to tap into the well of creative and compassionate thinking we know this community is capable of to chart a path forward that will benefit us all. In short, we'll be asking you to help develop a comprehensive Community Health Improvement Plan. Women's health will most certainly be a key area of discussion.

Due to persistent gender inequality, women and girls still face unique social and health concerns. Women are more likely to be caregivers to others, including parents, partners, and children, and are less likely to have their needs met by health-care providers and employers. It's our job when creating a Community Health Improvement Plan to acknowledge these concerns and develop strategies to help us close the gap.

Recently, City staff presented data relevant to women's health from the Wellbeing Report to the Somerville Commission for Women to facilitate a discussion about the data, learn from the commissioners own experiences, and identify next steps the Commission plans to take to help improve the health of women and girls in Somerville. A sampling of some of that data is included below.

Food Security

• From 2010-2015, there was a 44 percent increase in the number of female-headed families

with children accessing SNAP benefits, representing 658 households.

- As of 2016, 61 percent of those eligible for SNAP in Somerville weren't enrolled.
- In 2017, 1,834 Somerville residents received WIC benefits. Employment
- In 2015, 14 percent of U.S. mothers age 25-34 took time off from careers to raise a family. This represents a sharp decrease from the 43 percent of mothers who did so in 1975.
- Nationally, 25 percent of women who took parental leave in the past two years reported a negative impact on their careers. Poverty, Homelessness, and Violence
- Of families with a female householder and no husband present, 43.2 percent of them had incomes below poverty level. This is a 2.6 percent increase since 2010 and higher than the statewide rate.
- In 2016, 198 domestic assaults were recorded in Somerville.
- The Point in Time count from January 2017 reported 34 people sheltered in Somerville, 30 of whom were female, 13 with a serious mental illness, 8 with substance use disorder, and

20 victims of domestic violence. A look across the life spans Ages 5-18

- Female high school students have double the rate of self-harm compared to males.
- Girls reported dating violence (3.8 percent) at more than twice the rate of boys (1.4 percent).
- In 2016, 2.9% of high school females and 1.2% of high school males self-reported using anti-anxiety or anti-depression prescription medication without a prescription.

Ages 18-24

• In 2016, 59 women in this age group residing in Somerville gave birth, a decrease from the 79 women in this cohort who gave birth in 2012.

Ages 25-39

- The vast majority of births occurring in Somerville happen in the young adult age range of 25-40. **Ages 40-64**
- Some residents are giving birth in their 40s.
- + Breast cancer was the leading cause of cancer deaths in Somerville from 2010 to 2012, and the majority of cases were found in women in this age range.

All childbearing ages

• Of the total of 865 women from the area who had postpar-

tum visits at Cambridge Health Alliance in 2016, 93.2% were screened for postpartum depression and 4.6% screened positive, indicating the need for further investigation and/or treatment.

Ages 65+

- + The rate for females visiting emergency room departments for mental disorders has been rising steadily.
- Women are more likely to be assessed as being frail and at risk for injury.

To view the Wellbeing Report in its entirety, visit www.somervillema.gov/wellbeing. For questions, feedback, or ways to get involved, contact Director of Health and Human Services Doug Kress at dkress@somervillema.gov.

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

Finding common ground as we take on the big challenges



By Stephanie Hirsch Alderman At-Large

After reading Alderman Connolly's column last week, I wanted to share my view of Somerville after seven months of service as an elected official.

First, here's what I think Alderman Connolly gets right – I believe there are divisions in our community. And, too often, groups divide along lines of background, class, and generation.

He's also right about our quality-of-life challenges, especially traffic. We can try our best to lessen them, but major infra-

structure investments are causing disruption everywhere. If all goes as planned, they'll eventually also yield more revenue and other benefits. In the meantime -- and that meantime looks pretty long -- they are driving people crazy. And sitting in traffic – in a hot car or on a crowded bus – makes even small disagreements seem big, and the big ones seem insurmountable.

But back to the divisions ... As Alderman Connolly mentions, the last election changed our Board. Shivering on the street corner on election day last November, holding my own sign, I listened to the conversations of other sign-holders around me: "When I saw turnout at 8 AM, I knew it was going to be an upset."

Somerville has one of largest shares of young people in the country (Ranking 48th out of 3,878 Census places in the US of 10K+ in population). And last fall, they turned out to vote.

Over half the voters were people who had never voted in a municipal election before, and most of those voters were age 18 to 34.

As a result, we saw a political sea change. In the last election the five departing aldermen represented the Irish, Italian, and Portuguese long-time Somerville residents. The newcomers more closely match the city's mix of younger people, renters, postdocs, and transplants. Since young people make up 45 percent (and growing) of the population, they will likely continue to be our city's biggest voting bloc. Change is in the air.

Is the change a promise or a threat? What will we do with new leadership? People seem to have different theories of change.

One theory of change is that with an activist Board and population, we should move fast and take bold approaches at a time when we need radical change, when it's a race against time to save life as we know it.

If there's dissent and if people feel left out or squeezed out of the city, persevere. Somerville can test game-changing solutions and that's worth short-term conflict. New ideas – once tested – will eventually become part of the mainstream, and we're in a good position to pioneer change. As one person told me, "Viva la culture wars."

And here's another theory of change...Somerville still has an extraordinary diversity. We are different in ideology, background, and income. We live close enough to overhear our neighbors' summertime conversations or smell what they're cooking for dinner. In a country that's increasingly divided by income and ideology, Somerville can test how to create a big tent of social change. We can look for the ideas that have the most overlap in values. We can work to build empathy and make sure all stories get told. When we just can't agree, we

can split the difference as best we can, with appreciation for our neighbor's sacrifice.

Though I agree there's division, I'll push back on Alderman Connolly's argument on its cause. He blames division on efforts to find affordability solutions, saying that they'll hurt long-time res idents. He echoes many of the arguments of the Small Property Owners Association. SPOA sends out very regular emails that (I believe) are misleading and unsettling. I believe the opposite of what SPOA is saying - more housing assistance will help seniors and long-time owners, most of whom need help. Programs may be able to help seniors live at home longer, including through tax relief, and fund efforts to help seniors share their properties with their children. They may help long-time tenants, who can get displaced when an older owner needs to sell. New funding can help mid-Continued on page 17 dle-income

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Remember to register to vote by August 15.

Our View Of The Times



Those in public service to our state must be ready willing and able to rise to the occasion when called upon to do so. Each one of us, whoever we may be supporting in this year's statewide election, is searching our heart to determine whom we feel will best fill those roles.

Most of us seem to be very confident

that our favored candidates are up to the task. Others bemoan a lack of integrity or skills required to do the job well among those who are running.

Either way, if we feel passionate enough in our convictions then it is clearly incumbent on each of us to do our part and make sure we make our voices heard by voting in the upcoming State Primary on September 4.

This means that we must have the foresight and capability to register for voting if we have not already done so. The process is quick and easy, and is an absolute requirement for being allowed to cast a vote. There really is no excuse for not voting. Registration continues through August 15 via the usual means. Specific info is available at www.somervillema. gov/departments/elections.

Let us hope that the those elected will rise to the occasion and realize the potential they may have to become as great as others who have gone before them.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

at risk. Fraud calls have been received from: 516-303-8339; 516-303-8321; 646-682-0961; and 646-082-6961.

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

We recently met and welcomed to our city a young businessman, the founder of NEON energy drinks, Dakota Rea, of Oregon, who recently moved here to Somerville and just loves it. A young guy who is a successful businessman in his twenties, he will be attending Harvard University, where he will be working to receive a PHD in Business. He moved into East Somerville and is looking to get involved. We welcome all those like him to our great city.

Miss watching the **Board of Alderman** meetings on TV? You can view them in their entirety on **Comcast channel**

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

The City of Somerville is seeking volunteers to attend a feedback session that will inform improvements to SomervilleMA.gov, which relaunched in December 2016 following an extensive and user-centered redesign process. The relaunch brought mobile-friendly design, improved search and navigation, and new, open source technologies to the city's official website. The city is committed to making continuous updates and improvements to SomervilleMA.gov so that it remains easy to use and up-to-date

without the need for costly overhauls. The user feedback session will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22 in Davis Square. If you would like to take part, please fill out a brief selection survey at Somerville-MA.gov/DesignFeedback.

The Somerville City Club is looking to increase its membership. For the time being membership is open to any resident here in the city It's a great organization that has been around a long time, with lots of activities that support local charitable groups here. Contact the club on Innerbelt Road across from Holiday Inn for more details.

A few weeks ago we ran the centerfold on Rosemary's Italian Garden and received a lot of calls telling us they too have great gardens here in the city. If you are someone that has a great garden or something different and unusual that you'd like to submit to the paper, along with a brief his-tory of it, we would be glad to publish it. Email us at news@thesomervilletimes.com.

en Line Extension (GLX)

Green Line Extension (GLX) dropin Q&A/info table's next sessions are Thursday, August 9 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Magoun Sq. and Saturday, August 11, at the Ignite Festival in Union Square. This summer and fall, representatives from the City of Somerville and the GLX team will be offering opportunities for community members to ask questions and get answers in person. Feel free to swing by and learn more about construction, bridge closures, and what's to come for the neighborhood and the city as a whole. Learn more about the Green Line Extension at somervillema. gov/GLX.

Have you thought you'd like to do some writing, a little story about Somerville as either a newbie or Villen? We have about 80K people and we would love to hear about your adventures here in the city. Maybe you want to write about a particular subject like our Bob Doherty and Dorothy DiMarzio, or like when Jimmy Del Ponte wrote his stories about the city (hey, that's an idea - maybe we can talk him into doing a little writing again). Or maybe you'd like to express your opinion like Bill Shelton, as many others have over the years. Not just the politicians, but those from our community. Give us a call at 617-666-4010 or email news@thesomervilletimes.com and tell us about your idea. We would love to tell it to the rest of Somerville.

SomerStreets: Seize the Summer

Seize the Summer, the August installment of the city's SomerStreets festival, took place last Sunday between Davis Square and Teele Square on Holland Street.

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



















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Mayor's 'Old Time' Senior Picnic

Last Wednesday, August 1, the Mayor's Annual "Old Time" Senior Picnic took place at Powderhouse Park.

The guests enjoyed lunch, dancing, music, entertainment and prizes galore. Mayor Curtatone hosted, and many other public officials were also in attendance.





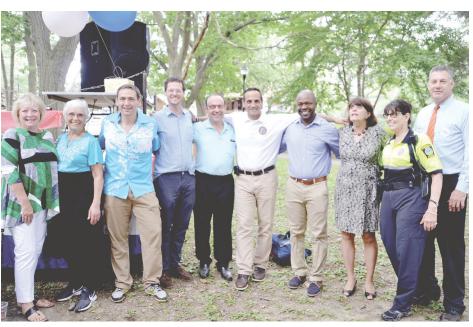












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SPORTS

District Attorney Ryan teaches Somerville YMCA campers about summer safety

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan recently visited campers at the Somerville YMCA to teach them about how they can keep themselves and others safe this summer. District Attorney Ryan was joined by Chief of the Somerville Fire Department Charles Breen.

District Attorney Ryan spoke to campers about water, car, window, bike and fireworks safety; highlighting important tips for children including: never swim alone, call 9-1-1 or notify an adult if you see a child alone in a car, never play near open windows, always wear a bike helmet, and never play with fireworks or sparklers. District Attorney

Ryan also talked about good decision making, and offered tips on how to avoid dangerous situations.

After the talk the campers played a game of Summer Safety Jeopardy to show off what they learned. At the conclusion of the game District Attorney Ryan called upon campers to be Summer Safety Ambassadors, and to share the information they learned with family, especially with siblings and cousins.

The visit was part of the MDAO county-wide summer safety initiative which focuses on averting preventable deaths of children by informing children, parents, guardians and caretakers about ways to keep children



Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan offered valuable safety tips to Somerville YMCA campers this summer.

safe during the summer.

Three of these priorities include: reminding parents to actively supervise children around water, to never swim alone and to learn to recognize the signs of drowning; highlighting that preventing falls out of windows

is as important as learning how to exit through one in an emergency; and raising awareness about how to keep children safe in and around cars, parents and caregivers should never leave children alone in a parked vehicle even when they are asleep or restrained and even if the windows are open.

More information and resources can be downloaded here: http://middlesexda.com/prevention/safe-babies-safe-kids.php.

— Somerville YMCA

Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge #640

- 1. What electronic musical instrument makes sounds without having to touch it?
- 2. When was MTV launched?
- 3. What were the first words spoken on MTV?
- 4. "LEGO" is an abbreviation of the two Danish words "leg godt" – what is the meaning of those words?
- 5. Who created the first hair dryer?
- 6. What boxer caused Muhammad Ali's first professional defeat?

- 7. Who wrote the song Thank Heaven for Little
- 8. What stage name is musician Michael Lee Aday better known as?
- 9. How much was a McDonald's hamburger when they first started in business?
- 10. When is Mickey Mouse's birthday?
- 11. Which sister has won more tennis Grand Slam titles, Venus or Serena Williams?
- 12. What president appears on the United States \$50 bill?

Answers on page 17

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Somerville community groups set sail with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay



In July, 4 groups from Somerville community organizations including the Somerville YMCA, Mystic Learning Center, and The Welcome Project, climbed aboard the Bay State Cruise Company's flagship Provincetown II to Georges Island, for one of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor cruises.

These youths started the trips cruising the cool, clean waters of the Boston Harbor, learning sea chanteys and history about the Harbor cleanup. Once on Georges Island, these Somerville groups spent the day fishing, crabbing, and exploring Boston's spectacular urban natural resources.

"What a great way to spend a summer day," said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy and Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "The Harbor Islands are truly Boston's treasure, and we're certain that the more than 10,000 kids and families that will attend these free trips this year will agree."

Save the Harbor's free trips allow young people from all Boston's neighborhoods, and from 40 cities and towns across the region, to experience the Boston Harbor Islands State and National Park where they can fully learn, explore, and enjoy all that the islands and harbor have to offer. For more information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, visit their website at www.savetheharbor. org, their blog Sea, Sand & Sky at www.blog.savetheharbor.org or follow their social @savetheharbor.

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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 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

*** Cases are sometimes postponed to later dates. To sign up for emails to inform you of a change of hearing date for a project near you, please use the URL associated with your address of interest that appears at the end of this legal notification.***

8-10 Ware Street (ZBA 2018-80): Applicant's and Owner's, Sara Lehrhoff Gehling and Victor Gehling, seek a Variance under §5.5 and §8.5 to construct an addition to the side and rear of the existing structure. RA Zone. Ward 7.

46 Laurel Street (ZBA 2018-98): Applicant, Christopher Burgholzer, and Owner, Warren L. Hirst and Catherine A. Hirst, Trustees of the Hirst Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing an addition in the rear of the four-unit dwelling and A Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief. RB Zone. Ward 2.

12 Avon Street (ZBA 2018-96): Applicant and Owner, Donal Waide, seeks a special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to add a dormer within the non-conforming right side yard setback as part of a project to finish the attic. RA zone. Ward 3.

45 Kent Street (ZBA 2017-90) (re-advertise): Owner and Applicant, Angela Schifano, seeks Special Permits under §7.11 of the SZO to increase the number of units from two to three; under §4.4.1 to increase the non-conforming left side yard setback, and for an upward extension of both the non-conforming rear and non-conforming left side yard setbacks by increasing the height of the building by approximately 10 feet; to increase the FAR and GFA by more than 25%; Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RC zone. Ward 2.

8-10 Ware St: http://eepurl.com/dDrsF5

46 Laurel St: http://eepurl.com/dDrtxP

12 Avon St: http://eepurl.com/dDsD1T

45 Kent St: http://eepurl.com/dDsFkT

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

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

Attest: George Proakis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 8/8/18 & 8/22/18

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFQ 19-14

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

School Recycling Program Development & Management

Bid packages for may be obtained online at https://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Wednesday August 8th 2018**

Sealed bids will be received until **Wednesday August 22nd at 11:00am**. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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

Michael Richards
Assistant Purchasing Director

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

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

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Docket No. MI18D2360DR

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Hernan Escobar vs. Sonia Martinez

To Defendant:

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

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Kevin Patrick MacMurray, Esq. MacMurray & Associates

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your answer, if any on or before **09/06/2018**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

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

Date: July 26, 2018.

<u>Tara E. De Christofaro</u> Register of Probate

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FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY GROWING CENTER CPA 18 - 01

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

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

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

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

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

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

Andrew Leonard Leonard Design Associates

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFA -19-11

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

City of Somerville contracted vendors for Request for Application - SNOW PLOWING (November 2018 – June 2020)

Potential vendors may obtain a Request for Application (RFA) packet at the Purchasing Department, City Hall (first floor), 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 OR online via the department's website: https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing

RFI packets are available for **pick-up or download** from Tuesday August 14th 2018.

Vendors must return their completed and sealed RFA packet by Monday, September 14th 2018, at 12:00 noon

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Final Henry Hansen Park Redesign Community Meeting

Please join Somerville Commissioner of Veterans' Services Bryan Bishop, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, and project design team CBA Landscape Architects on Tuesday, August 21, for the final community meeting to discuss the redesign of Henry Hansen Park. The community meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street. The design team will present the final design concept for the park redesign. For more information, please contact Somerville Veterans' Services at 617-625-6600 x4700 orveterans@somervillema.gov. Henry Hansen Park, located at the corner of Medford St. and Partridge Ave., honors Sergeant Henry O. "Hank" Hansen, a Magoun Square resident killed in action just one week after participating in the first flag-raising on Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi. The current Park features a garden, benches, a granite memorial tablet and a sculpture "tree" bearing information about World War II.

Department of Public Health awards \$6 million to Massachusetts communities for tobacco control and prevention

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) is awarding more than \$6 million over the next four years to prevent nicotine use and improve public health. The funding will strengthen capacity in 182 cities and towns to enact and enforce policies, systems, and environmental changes that reduce tobacco use, protect the public from secondhand smoke and youth from exposure to tobacco and vaping industry tactics.

"Massachusetts continues to develop comprehensive approaches to reduce tobacco and nicotine use among young people and adults," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders. "Local communities throughout the state will use this funding to build and strengthen their efforts to educate the public about the health effects of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, and direct individuals to cessation resources."

The funding, a combination of state and federal dollars, will help local communities establish and maintain comprehensive tobacco control programs based on the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Best Practices designed to:

- Protect youth from exposure to tobacco and vaping industry tactics and prevent youth initiation of tobacco/ nicotine use
- · Protect residents from secondhand smoke
- Ensure all Massachusetts users of tobacco/nicotine have access to cessation resources
- · Identify tobacco-related disparities and target efforts toward those disproportionately affected

"For more than 20 years, DPH's efforts have resulted in significant progress in preventing tobacco use and helping smokers quit for good," said Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel M.D, MPH. "Despite this progress, these awards come at a time when vaping rates among youth are 9 times higher than adults."

On July 27, Governor Baker signed H4486, An Act protecting youth from the health risks of tobacco and nicotine addiction, which raises the legal age to buy tobacco products statewide from 18 to 21. The new law broadens existing prohibitions on public smoking to include e-cigarettes and prohibits the use of tobacco products on the grounds of any public or private primary, secondary, or vocational school. Additionally, pharmacies, hospitals, or other entities that offer health care services or employ any licensed health care providers are prohibited from selling tobacco products.

Earlier this month, DPH launched its first statewide public information campaign to educate parents of middle and high school-aged children about the dangers of vape pens and e-cigarettes. The campaign, The New Look of Nicotine Addiction, seeks to spread the word that these high-tech products are harmful and that they contain nicotine which can damage a teenager's developing brain and lead to addiction.

To learn more about DPH's comprehensive approach to reduce the health and economic burden of tobacco use visit www.mass.gov/dph/mtcp.



Finding common ground as we take on the big challenges CONT. FROM PG 10

residents stay, including our municipal and school district employees. Sinking affordability strategies mainly benefits developers. Almost half of our properties are owned as investments, instead of as primary homes, and that pattern frustrates residents across all demographics.

It's not the affordability efforts, I think, that divide us, but the cultural divisions and challenges of finding common ground. And to fix that, I'll challenge myself to redouble efforts and take more responsibility, especially since—at least in this cycle of governance – we carry the baton.

I hope both theories of change will continue to inform our thinking – and I appreciate the different perspectives my colleagues and neighbors bring. For myself, I will keep trying to balance the two approaches, but will try to double down on the bridge building with these goals:

• Make sure every voice matters. As an elected official, I need to spend an equal amount of time with each demographic group and take to heart their worries, whether or not they'll earn me the majority of votes. The Small Property Owners Association message is catching on because more work needs to be done to build a local consensus. In general, we need to keep making sure our initiatives benefit their biggest critics, and we need to build feedback into our solutions.

 Accept that people are different. I encourage us all to withhold judgement when the matter is trivial - it doesn't really matter if one person is wearing a man bun or riding an adult scooter, and another is drinking bottled water or using snow space saver. One neighbor's going to love Porchfest, and another one will hate it. Worrying about those differences gets in the way of making progress on the big stuff. And people's actual behavior sometimes defies the political boxes we may want to put them in. For example, even as our share of bike-loving high-income households grows, the number of cars is increasing. Or, for example, usually school districts with the most high-income households (including those with many liberal democrats) have higher private school enrollment. As it turns out, middle-income households seem to be better at attending income-integrated public schools or sharing a car.

 Form friendships and practice forgiveness. We need to continue to encourage friendships across all different stakeholder groups. When we understand why someone believes what they do, it can increase empathy. Living in community means practicing forgiveness every day -- even multiple times a day. I always remind myself that every demographic group has an equal share of types of people – of the naysayers, the bridge builders, and of the community champions. Here's hoping we all have a chance to make a friend from a different demographic, to laugh over our Porchfest preferences, and to look for the common ground on the big issues.

+ Look for the win-wins. When we as a community have more information, we are more likely to find agreement or find a solution that works for more people. Let's use our best analytical tools to find solutions that work for the most people and to explain how they work.

• Keep an open mind. I believe we should allow alignments to shift to try to get at new (if hard) solutions, even if it means unease or impermanence among coalitions or platforms.

I appreciate Alderman Connolly's pointing out the challenge, and I appreciate the many years of service and many ways he has shaped Somerville. But I believe the solution lies in working together even harder to find those common points, and I

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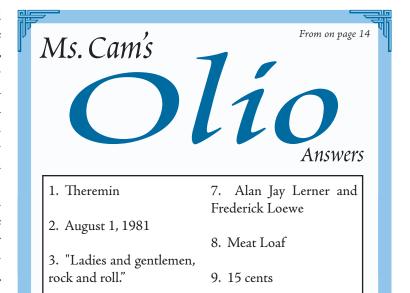
6. Joe Frazier

Alexander F. "Beau"

Godefroy in his French sa-

hope everyone – including opinion leaders like Jack – will be part of that solution.

I believe that holding onto our diversity in Somerville – including of age, background, and ideology – models a solution to what our nation needs. If we can take on some of the most radical ideas to help the most people, and avoid too much bloodshed from culture wars, then we will be even more of a balm for troubled times.



10. November 18

11. Serena Williams

S. Grant

12. U.S. President Ulysses

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | August 8

East Branch LibraryStory Time

11 a.m. - 11:45|115 Broadway

Central Library

Pajama Storytime Puppet Show with Gloria

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

Thursday August 9

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Central Library

Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting

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

West Branch Library

Lego Club!

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

East Branch Library

Stuffed Animal Sleepover! 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday August 10

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland

East Branch Library

Pop Up Play Group! 10:30 a.m..-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday August 11

Central Library

Paper crafts, scrapbooking, card-making

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday | August 13

East Branch Library

LEGO CLUB at East!
12 p.m.- 4 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library

Movie Night

4 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday August 14

West Branch Library

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

East Branch Library

Paws to Read!

3 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Middle School Summer Writers' Den

5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday August 15

East Branch Library

DPW's Touch-a-Truck Story Time @ East

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library

Good CRAFTernoon 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College

Central Library

Summer Reading Club Awards! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Family Movie on the Lawn: Coco 7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Wednesday August 8

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Thursday August 9

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

Thunder Road

LUX w/ the Cosmic Vultures 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Russ Gershon Trio Special Edition with Rick McLaughlin and Luther Gray

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at Armory

Pub Sing

7 p.m.|Café |191 Highland Ave

Friday | August 10

Sally O'Brien's

Johnny Mac & The Local Forecast |6 p.m.

HearNowLive presents Halley Trapella, Krush Acoustic, Water \$10 cover|9:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

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Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi

Damn Tall Buildings|7 p.m. Young Love and the Thrills|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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Thunder Road

Soul City (Soul/Funk/Dance)|8 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Boycott & Extraordinary Rendition Band 6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|7 p.m.
Dirty Disney|9 p.m.

Saturday August 11

Sally O'Brien's

255 Elm St

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. The Kenny Brothers, Ryan Martin, The Mairzy Doats, Bad Larrys \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

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Three At Home, JBJ & Blended Family|7 p.m.
Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m.
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Thunder Road

Shiver, Arms and Ears, Kid Disaster, Jude Ivy 9 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Cait and the Critters 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Kerplunk!|11 a.m.
Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.
255 Elm St

Sunday August 12

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Backroom series with Tom Bian-

chi|7 p.m. Ukulele Workshop With Victoria Vox|3 p.m.

Victoria Vox, Julia Mark and Joanna Schubert|7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Highland Kitchen

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Thunder Road

Americana Sundays w/ The Living Wage 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

BYOP: Tail

2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Monday August 13

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-

The Burren

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Back Room:

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

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

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave
Aeronaut Brewing Co.

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

Arts at the Armory Voter Registration Drive 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland

Tuesday August 14

Sally O'Brien's Bar

SYM Tuesdays \$5 cover 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m. Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10 p.m. Silver Arrow Band|7 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

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379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Wednesday | August 15 Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes!

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

666-3589

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

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder Road

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Noise Floor Sessions with Maxwell Bailey
7:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday August 8

Central Library

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

Thursday | August 9

Central Library

Meeting Somerville Ad Hoc Working Group on Privacy and Security

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library**

Drop In Craft Night

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

West Branch Library

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

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday | August 11

9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Sq Plaza **Bagel Bards**Somerville Writers and Poets

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

meet weekly to discuss their work

Union Square Farmers Market

48 Holland St

Sunday | August 12Fourth Step to Freedom Al-

Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Unity Church of God
Enter upstairs, meeting is in

Monday | August 13

Central Library

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

basement

Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie! 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Somerville Commission for Women - Education Subcommittee meeting

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library**

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

Tuesday | August 14

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

Wednesday | August 15

Central Library Listening Circle Workshop

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

Holland Street Senior Center: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square) Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300

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

Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 617- 666-5223

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688 TTY: 866-808-4851

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Bowling Dates – Starting Wednesday, July 11th and running to Wednesday, August 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Flatbreads. \$3 includes bowling and shoes. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

The Music Man – Thursday, August 9th is sold out. Wait list only.

LGBTQ Monthly Lunch – Wednesday, August 15th – 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center Bring a friend – all are welcome. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or emailing her at DHiggins@ Somervillema.gov.

Twin River Casino – Monday, August 20th - \$25 – Check in time is 8:00 a.m. at Holland and 8:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Walmart & Jimmy's Steer House – Wednesday, August 22nd - \$10 – Check in time is 10:00 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 3:00 p.m. Shop at Walmart – eat at Jimmy's. For additional in-

formation, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Revere Beach - Wednesday, August 29th is SOLD OUT.

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

Mohegan by Day Foxwoods Overnight – Wednesday & Thursday, September 5th & 6th – is sold out. Wait list only.

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

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

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

Christmas Gift Glass Art with Linda Cohen – Tuesdays, October 16th, 23rd and 30th at our Holland Street Center. Class size is limited. All supplies will be provided. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

New York City – October 26th to October 28th – 3 days and 2 nights \$254 per person double or \$368 per person single – St. Patrick's Cathedral, Macy's and much more. Seats sell fast and are very limited. Check-in at Ralph & Jenny at 6:45 a.m. on Friday with an approximate return time of 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Lancaster, PA – Monday, November 5th to Thursday, November 8th is SOLD OUT. Wait list only.

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

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

<u>WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-ULE</u> (Please cut out and save)

Monday:

Keep Moving Walking Club** - 9:00 a.m. (H)

Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Tuesday:

Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. (H)

\$3 per class (H)

Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)

Bike Club - 12:15 p.m. (H)

Wednesdays:

Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) - 9:00 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group C (nutrition) - noon (H)

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

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

Thursdays:

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C)

LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)

Fridays

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

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Arts & Crafts – Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting January 11th - from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. This is necessary to ensure we have enough material for everyone. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

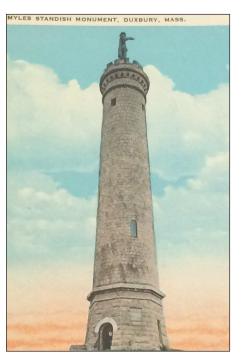


Prospect, Winter and Spring Hills and the Isaac Royall House near Tufts University. Here, much enthusiasm was drawn for his popular poems such as Paul Revere's Ride, The Courtship of Miles Standish and Evangeline. He was a brilliant scholar who was fluent in several languages. He was the first to translate Dante's Divine Comedy and gave courses on the subject at Harvard. Charles Dickens and President Abraham Lincoln were among his many admirers.

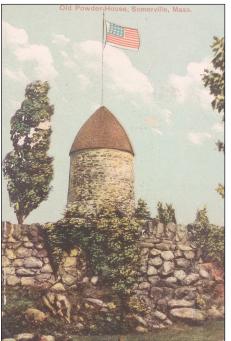
Longfellow's cousin, surveyor Alexander Wadsworth, was best known for his

work on the Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, which was the first rural cemetery in America. He also plotted out a large section of Somerville's Spring Hill. Craigie Street honors Craigie House, Longfellow's home. Dante Terrace, which is the home of the old Dante Club, also reminds us of Longfellow and his work.

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AUGUST LINEUP:

- Thursday, Aug 9: "The Little Shop of Horrors" (1960)
- Thursday, Aug 16: Charlie Chaplin Marathon
- · Thursday, Aug 23: Classic and Retro Cartoons and Commercials

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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
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	9:00am	ArtBeat 2018
	11:30am	Taste of Somerville '18
	12:08pm	Independence Day Celebration
	2:01pm	SomerViva em Português - Julho de 2018
	2:32pm	Haitian United 2018 Gala
	6:30pm	Lincoln Park Ribboncutting Ceremony
	7:11pm	SomerViva en Español
	7:30pm	Mayor's Senior Picnic
	8:45pm	SomerViva em Português - Julho de 2018
	9:16pm	Lincoln Park Ribboncutting Ceremony
	9:57pm	Family Fun Day '18
	10:03pm	Connecting Communities
	10:34pm	Taste of Somerville '18
	Thursday	, August 9
	12:00am	Mayor's Senior Picnic
	1:15am	Board of Aldermen Meeting
	3:13am	Milk Row Cemetery Tour - 6.3.18
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	9:13am	Independence Day Celebration
	11:30am	SomerViva em Português - Julho de 2018
	12:01pm	Senior Circuit - July 2018: Our Programs
	12:30pm	Mayor's Senior Picnic
	1:45pm	Council on Aging Multicultural Day
	2:13pm	BOA Legislative Matters Committee
	6:30pm	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest
	7:30pm	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer '18
	8:00pm	Lincoln Park Ribboncutting Ceremony
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9:00am	String Camp Final Concert					
10:00am	Sing Somerville Concert					
11:00am	SHS Softball vs Winthrop					
2:00pm	SHS Class of '18 Graduation					
4:00pm	SHS CTE Vocational Senior Awards Banquet					
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Rebel

Aside from my last name, my father didn't give me much of an inheritance. He parceled out a strong temper, a profound appreciation of vodka, the unfailing knowledge that all crushing love songs were written for me alone to understand and a fascination with the motorcycle in the garage that I wasn't allowed to touch, my mother's constant refrain of crushing death always in my ear. In my thirties, I decided it was time to get my bike license, check off that box. Again in my ear, she wondered aloud about how the children would function after I had slid under a tractor trailer, pondered why I loved her so little to do something so stupid. I got the license anyway, but pregnancy postponed my purchase. Then my mother died. A year later, I bought a used Honda Rebel from a little old lady who couldn't ride anymore. I took it around the block a couple times, let my kids sit on it in the driveway. There's no thrill in it anymore, so it sits in the basement, and I stroke the seat when I go down to get the laundry.

— Heather Sullivan

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OFF THE SHEL

by Doug Holder

Betsy Lenora:

Owner of the Blue Cloud Gallery in Ball Square

Betsy Lenora arrived at my unofficial office in the Bloc 11 Cafe to tell me about her relatively new undertaking - namely ownership of the Blue Cloud Gallery in Ball Square. Lenora, 62, is the same age as this writer, so we were able to talk turkey - without the necessary footnotes that are sometimes needed. This longtime artist - who has traversed the shoals of both the Cambridge and Somerville art scene for many years - is still very much in the game with her stewardship of this venue.

Lenora has no formal schooling in the arts, although she has taken many courses on the fly. She describes herself as self-taught. I asked her if there were any advantages to this status. Lenora reflected, "There are certain advantages. I never incurred any debt, and I never became pigeonholed in any niche."

Like many artists I have interviewed she has worked a variety of jobs to make the daily nut retail, restaurant, etc. But the most significant job she held, that was pivotal to her career was at the award-winning Cambridge Artists' Collaborative in Harvard Square. She told me, "I worked there for seven years. I was involved in choosing the art for the store, and I managed the gallery. We selected and displayed the work of over 200 artists in a wide variety of media."

All this of course gave her the smarts and acumen to own her own gallery the Blue Cloud. The gallery was originally owned by Patricia Wellenkamp. Lenora worked there one day a week, but eventually was given the reigns of the store when Wellenkamp left for the hinterlands of Brookline.

Lenora said, "We have a barrage of colorful work by over 100 local artists. We have blown glass, jewelry, ceramics, and more. The work is



sold on consignment."

Lenora made it clear that she is strict about what work she takes: "We don't do clichéd work, like beaded jewelry, for instance. This is seriously overdone. It has to be original and well-crafted."

Lenora has a number of loyal customers in Ball Square. She is a favorite of Tufts students, and their visiting parents. She plans to have events at the gallery, including artists workshops, music and craft parties.

Lenora is an accomplished artist in her own right, with the requisite awards, gallery exhibitions, that comes with the territory. She also has a great love of photography. She does a lot of nature studies, and is influenced by the nature photographer Eliot Porter. She reflected, "My forte is focusing on reflections of the surfaces of water. They create wonderful images."

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"And given that no decisions have been made, there's a lot of ideas bouncing around, that's an environment in which I think people can fear the worst," said Niedergang. "So I don't blame people for being upset, angry and concerned about it."

Keeping people informed is also important, according to Niedergang. "We are going to have this big community meeting at the end of August, and there ought to be another community meeting in September, and hopefully those will help. To give people information and hear people's concerns."

"I'm going to be out walking Ball Square with the Ward 5 Community Police Officer on Tuesday, August 21, in the late afternoon, and then again on Wednesday morning, just to talk to all the business owners," said Niedergang. "I think there has been a lot of outreach to the business owners by the Ball Square Green Line representative and also by city staff and the Economic Development Dept. But you can't do too much to make sure that people are aware, especially business owners, and that they're as prepared as they can be. I think it's just going to be awful for them. It's going to be a tough year for businesses in Ball Square."

But the alderman sees light at the end of the long and twisted tunnel. "The good news is that in 2021, I truly believe there's going to be a Green Line station right in Ball Square. If the businesses can survive that long, they're going to get a whole lot more business when that happens."

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