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## Citywide preliminary election 2019 unofficial results



By The Times Staff

Somerville voters headed to the polls today to cast ballots for mayor, Ward City Councilor, and School Committee members in a preliminary election, which is similar to a primary election.

Voters narrowed down both the mayoral and the Ward 3 School Committee candidates to two candidates each. This was a nonpartisan preliminary and all voters were permitted to vote for any candidate running for either office. The general election will be on Tuesday, November 5.

The preliminary results as of press time are as follows:

In the race for mayor:

Marianne Walles 37.12%

Kenneth C. Van Buskirk, III 4.74%

Joseph A. (Joe) Curtatone 57.49%

Write-In 0.65%

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## Weddings, funerals and – The Burren Guitar wizard Tony Savarino to debut new CD

By Blake Maddux

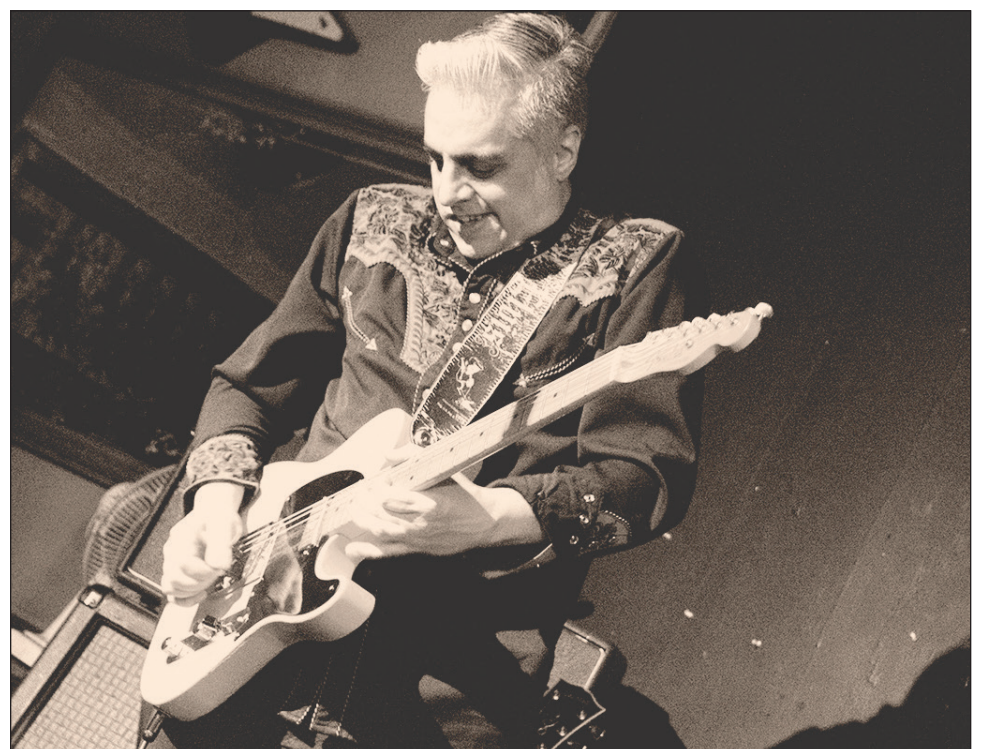
Boston-born guitarist Tony Savarino's website states that he has "played in every band in Boston."

This is not intended to be understood as anything other than tongue-in-cheek hyperbole that it obviously is. However, the Berklee graduate estimates that he has been a member of "probably over a hundred" local groups since 1985, with tenures ranging from 12 weeks to 10 years. The band that he currently fronts is called The Savtones.

Savarino's father is a retired nuclear physicist and his mother, who passed away in 2017, was a painter. As he sees it, "Being a musician is the perfect compromise between a visual artist and a scientist."

In addition to being in 100 or so bands, Savarino has been a guitar instructor since he was a teenager. He currently provides guitar lessons at Mass Ave Music (487

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Boston-based guitarist extraordinaire Tony Savarino will be kicking off the release of his latest CD, Savvy Tonarino, at The Burren on Sunday, September 15.

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The city's annual vigil walk in honor of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks will be held on **Wednesday, September 11**, at 6:00 p.m. The vigil will begin with a procession stepping off from the **Cedar Street intersection of the Community Path**, and will conclude with a short ceremony in **Davis Square**. The entire Somerville community is invited to participate. For more information, please call **Jackie Rossetti** at 617-625-6600, ext. 2614.

This coming **Saturday, September 14**, the **Duhamel Education Initiative** is holding a fundraising event at **Daddy Jones**, 525 Medford Street in Somerville, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. They are raising money to provide even more grants to support the children of Somerville Public Schools. More info at: <https://www.duhamelsomerville.org/events>.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to local realtor **Stephen Bremis**. We wish him the very best for his birthday. Happy birthday to a great guy, **former Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente**. We wish him the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday to an old friend, **Bob Trane (former Alderman for Ward 7)**, and another great guy. We wish him the very best. Happy birthday to **Jodi Gallo**, who is married to **Jimmy**. A great lady and fun to listen to with her stories. We wish her the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday to another local historian and a guy that loves Somerville, **Matt Hoey**. We wish him the very best of birthdays as well. Happy birthday to **Gary DiZoglio**, who also is a bit of a local historian. We wish him the very best. A big happy birthday to a great guy, family man and one of the best restaurateurs here in Somerville, **Marty Henry**, one of the famous Henry's of the **Mt. Vernon Restaurant** on lower Broadway. A great guy and family. We wish him the very best of birthdays this week. To all others here in the city who are celebrating their birthdays this week and we missed you here, we wish a happy birthday to you.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: *New bus and bike lanes coming to Broadway in Somerville*

**Old Taxpayer** says:

An absolute joke. Take something that has never been a problem and turn it into a disaster. Waste of money, man hours and no sense of an common sense used in this design. I have watched a similar design by the Star in Cambridge go from cars all over the place trying to figure out this mess to now where it is just totally ignored. More traffic and pollution to ensue now that we have added many more cars on the road in this city and many more to come with all the new apartments being added. Is anyone doing drug testing here any more??? Obviously not.

**Curtis** says:

Kudos to the improved double parking lanes! Much wider and better marked than the skinny ones on east Broadway.

**Evelyn** says:

I drive my young adult to BHCC every day and cannot understand why would you play with the roadway. It is now a mess and you have added more time to my travel. Route 93 is usually a mess when we come done at 7:00 am for the classes at 8:00 am and it was totally blocked at the intersection of Broadway at School St. at that time yesterday and again today. What are you thinking at City Hall just another way to drive people crazy and then that is how accidents do happen! They almost had one today as a car from School St., decided to cut off a bus!!! No accident as the Bus driver was stopped. I was in the correct lane and saw it and could not believe this!!!

**Villinous** says:

I remember when a handful of people yowled like wet cats over Broadway in East Somerville going down to one lane in each direction. Turned out to be no big deal. This will too. Unless you're riding the bus and you're getting through more quickly or riding a bike and you're a whole lot safer.

**Jim G.** says:

It seems to me that this should work out pretty well. I say let's give it a chance, not that we could actually stop it, but you know what I mean.

**Andrew Fitzgerald** says:

This is insanity! Since when was there a problem with Broadway? NEVER..Buses come by every half hour and cars are on Broadway every minute of every day... I will not be abiding by this sheer lunacy. Come find me Mayor.

**DatGruntled** says:

Turning left off the side streets coming up from Medford street is going to be fun. You can stop and look for pedestrians and bikes, but since you cannot see the cars that far back you will be blocking the bike lane while you wait for it to be safe to pull out into traffic. How many reports of bicyclists striking cars in anger would you bet on?

**Ralph Kramden** says:

This administration continues it's blatant unmitigated assault on the working-class taxpayer. Nothing like creating a solution for a problem that didn't exist in the first place. Fed up? Remember to head to the polls at election time and let your votes do the talking.

**Jim G.** says:

Heh-heh. Not happy with the administration? Be sure to check out who's running against Joe this time. Another Our Revolution cookie cutter super-duper progressive tax-bot. Be careful what you wish for.

**Yet another poster** says:

Yeah Jim, the non-Joe options this time are either the Our Revolution plant (seen her video? Yikes!) or the whacko right winger nutjob guy (platform= get tufts to magically make our taxes go down, and kick out the illegals). I look forward to more Joe.

**Villinous** says:

I just watched that Walles candidate video. It's stunning. Just a hard no to that. What were they thinking?

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Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

Dis-Assembled



Another one bites the dust. Kmart, in Assembly Square Marketplace, if it's still called that, is closing. Just another part of our past that will soon be just a memory. My dear friend Blanche used to shop at its distant relative Kresge's Basement. It's getting to the point that conversations begin with, "remember when..."

So remember when The Assembly Square Mall was thriving?

Mostly all of the Somerville longtime residents I speak to are not happy with what has happened to Somerville. Don't get me wrong, I know that change is inevitable but It's a fact that when these familiar and comfortable stores, businesses and landmarks disappear, a piece of our hearts are also gone forever. And there's nothing we can do about it except shake our heads and say, "What a damn shame." It's sad that stores like Kmart are under-achieving and becoming history.

Assembly Square got its name from The Ford Motor Company's assembly plant that was built in 1926 when my Dad was six years old. When the Ford plant closed, First National Stores opened a manu-

facturing and distribution center there. Remember when the huge water tower was still on the site? Where is that now? Hopefully it's not rotting away someplace or already scrapped. I'm sure it's still around someplace.

But I know there are other parts of The Assembly Square area before Assembly Row that now only exist in our memories or sometimes on Wikipedia or Facebook. Places like the infamous Dapper Dan's Restaurant, Building 19, and Jordan Marsh were stores we Somerville folks frequented and enjoyed. I hope the following list of former stores is correct. I'm relying on my Facebook friends' memories and my own. Here they are:

Orange Julius, Papa Gino, Radio Shack, KB Toys, Suit Yourself (featuring Franco aka The Iron Messiah, where the beauty is always on duty!), Tellos, Windsor Button, Roland's Jewelry, (one of the first stores there, opened in October 16, 1980) Baker's Shoes, Hello Kitty, Claire's, 5,7,9, 16 Plus, Friendly's, Jeans West, Dunkin Donuts, Walden Books, Thom McCann, Cummings, Weathervane, Sam Goody, Tees and Tops, Charles Fried Dough, Lane Bryant, Foxmoor, Wilson Leather, Rave, Learners, Maryann, Debs, Macys, Kristy's Kids, Contempo Casuals, McDonalds, Paperama, Foot Locker, Express, PJ Pets, No Name Store, Dress Barn, Wild Pair, Cherry Webb and To-

uraine, NY and Co., Kristi's Korner, Emphasis, Command Performance, The Streudel Shop, Sulgraves, Lechters, Just Sweats (or Sweets!), Record Town, The Complete Athlete, The Sports Memorabilia Store, My Hero, G and G, Coda, The Luggage Store, KB Toys, Tobacco Shed, Anderson Little, Nature Food Center, The Shed place, Kay Jewelers, and Casual Corner. Don't forget the movie theatre around the corner, which is also gone. I heard Federal Realty bought out Kmart's lease for 14.5 million bucks.

I don't know if it's changed but the last time I checked, there were no crosswalk traffic lights from the Kmart parking lot to Assembly Row making crossing very treacherous. Are there any traffic lights there at all? What genius is responsible for that oversight? It's not one of my favorite places at all although I do occasionally eat at Tony C's. The only other time I go anywhere near Assembly Row, is looking for sneakers with my sons. I don't like that area at all. It's always crowded and uncomfortable and hard to drive to. But driving in Somerville in general is a nightmare. I refuse to pay the rip-off prices at the theatre. I don't care how comfy the seats are!

Oh, and by the way, we recently found out that a bunch of Bed Bath, and Beyond stores are also closing. Go figure.

Have I simply become a grumpy old



man who hates everything new or do I have a legitimate gripe? I like new clothes! I thought our taxes would have at least leveled off with all the new revenue the city is raking in from The Assembly Row projects. Did they? When they were pitching the idea wasn't there some mention of the expansion and development helping the hard working people of Somerville? Another BS story. Someone's benefitting but it sure as hell ain't me. As usual, the rich get richer. I'm sorry for the people at Kmart who are losing them jobs.

Final thoughts: most people I spoke to agreed with me that Dapper Dan's, where I hosted Karaoke in the early '90's, was the most popular of all the businesses formerly at Assembly Square Mall. Rest in peace my dear friend Danny Kallis. You are very missed.

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Somerville firefighters to receive federal grant

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced last week \$33.6 million in direct assistance grants to 166 fire departments nationwide through the agency's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. Additional phases will soon be announced.

The Somerville Fire Department will receive \$77,047 from FEMA for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The grant will be used for Mass Casualty and Active Shooter training for Somerville's firefighters.

The announcement includes Assistance to Firefighters Grants to Somerville with a federal share of \$ 77,047 for Mass Casualty – Active Shooter training.

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

This grant is funded through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. Eligible applicants include local fire departments, fire districts, non-affiliated EMS organizations, tribal fire departments and State Fire Training Academies. The grant applications are submitted from each agency directly to FEMA, where the applications are reviewed and scored by fire service personnel from throughout the nation.

FEMA obligates funding for this project directly to the recipient agencies. It is the recipient agency's responsibility to manage their grant award within federal guidelines with technical assistance and monitoring provided by FEMA Fire Program Specialists.



THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

# Charging your ankle bracelet the hard way

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to a Moreland St. last week on reports of a possible break-in.

The reporting party said that a woman, identified as Crystal Clifford, of Brookline, was throwing rocks at the windows and trying to break into his house. He also stated that she was currently in a stolen motor vehicle somewhere in the area of Jacques St. and the Healey School.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the reporting party, who described a set of circumstances regarding Clifford's actions around his house. As he was relaying the info to officers, his cell phone started to ring. He stated that Clifford was driving around the area in a stolen motor vehicle and that it was blue in color.

Police asked how he came about that info and he stated that "Crystal told me." She wanted him to meet her in this area. He stated that she was looking for some money in order to purchase controlled substances.

When his phone started ringing, he told police that it was Clifford calling him. He answered

the cell phone and referred to the caller as "Crystal."

He connected the call in the "speaker on" mode and initiated the conversation with, "Where are you? Crystal, what are you doing?" She reportedly answered with, "I'm over here by the school. I'm in a stolen car. You didn't call the cops on me, did you? I'm coming by, stay there." He then told her, "No, I didn't."

At this point, police observed a vehicle approaching the intersection of Moreland and Meacham Streets, and noted that a woman, later confirmed to be Clifford, was driving.

Once Clifford observed police officer speaking to the reporting party, she immediately turned right on to Moreland St. and headed north toward Mystic Ave.

The reporting party told police, "That's her, she's driving the car. It's stolen."

An officer activated his cruiser's blue lights and followed the vehicle along Moreland St., at which time Clifford started to pull over to the right into a partial opening. As she was pulling over, she struck a parked car, causing damage to the driver's

side front quarter panel and ripping the bumper off.

As a direct result of striking the parked car, she damaged the passenger side, front to rear, of the vehicle she was driving, which was a rental vehicle owned out of Holyoke, MA. The car had been rented to a party in Jamaica Plain.

The vehicle came to a complete stop and police ordered Clifford and a passenger, later identified as Jeffrey Lefoy, of Quincy, to stay inside the vehicle with their hands raised out the open windows.

Somerville Control confirmed that the vehicle was reported stolen on August 28. It was determined that the keys were in the vehicle at the time of the theft.

Clifford and Lefoy were removed from the car and handcuffed.

Police asked Clifford if she had a current Massachusetts driver's license, and she reportedly nodded her head in a negative manner. The officers discovered through the RMV that Clifford's driver's license was suspended.

Police advised Clifford of the charges being lodged against

her. They also informed her that she had an outstanding warrant lodged against her out of Dorchester District Court.

Once Clifford was secured, police turned their attention to Lefoy. They noticed that he was wearing a probation type GPS tracking ankle bracelet. They asked him what his status was due to the bracelet. He reportedly stated that he was currently out on bail. He said that he was riding around with Clifford in order to charge his bracelet that was probably dead at this time.

When police informed Lefoy that he was under arrest for the above stated charge, and he reportedly became very belligerent, boisterous, and angry toward them.

According to reports, he started yelling and swearing at the officers because they ruined his life. He started making veiled threats to do bodily harm to one of the officers, challenging him several times to strike him while handcuffed behind his back.

He reportedly made several disparaging remarks toward the officer regarding his age, all the time getting increasingly louder

and angrier, accusing police of discriminating against him.

Lefoy reportedly mentioned something about people of color and that one of the officer is a racist. The officer warned Lefoy that if he did not cease and desist his disruptive behavior he would lodge an additional charge against him of being a disorderly person.

Due to the defendant's tumultuous behavior, numerous residents awoke from their sleep to view the disturbance. The peace and tranquility of the neighborhood was obviously disturbed. At one point, the resident of the house where we were detaining the defendant came out of his residence and demanded that we remove the defendant off his property, due to his disruptive antics.

Clifford and Lefoy were subsequently taken to the Police station, where they were both booked on charges of receiving a stolen motor vehicle. In addition, Clifford was booked on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and on warrant charges of receiving a stolen motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

<b>Arrests:</b>			
Stacy Powell, of 2 Edgar Ct., September 3, 12:53 a.m., arrested at Cutter Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.	St., Quincy, September 3, 1:18 a.m., arrested at Moreland St. on a charge of receiving a stolen motor vehicle.	land St. on charges of receiving a stolen motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and on warrant charges of receiving a stolen motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with a	suspended license.
Jeffrey Lefoy, of 5 Berkeley	Crystal Clifford, of 53 Pleasant St., Brookline, September 3, 1:18 a.m., arrested at More-		Christopher Benoit, of 10 Greenwood, Malden, September 4, 11:21 a.m., arrested at Bonner Ave. on warrant charges of speeding, operation of a motor vehicle with a sus-
			pended license, and marked lanes violation.
			Ryan Buckles, September 8, 2:01 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on a charge of shoplifting over \$250 by concealing merchandise.

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## Election results CONT. FROM PG 1

The top two candidates, incumbent Joseph A. Curtatone and challenger Marianne Walles will face off in November's main election.

For School Committee Ward 3, the results are as follows:

Michele Lippens 25.23%

Sarah Phillips 44.79%

Mary Marshall 29.69%

Write-In 0.29%

Sarah Phillips and Mary Marshall will be on the ballot accordingly in November.

Additional Councilor At-Large candidates will be Joann Bocca-Rivieccio, Jack Connolly, Kevin Jura, and Kristen Strezo.

Go online at [www.thesomervilletimes.com](http://www.thesomervilletimes.com) to get updated and official results as they become available.

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# Somerville Heroes by Stephanie Hirsch

## Community Contributors

By Stephanie Hirsch

As we wrap up summer, and get back into fall routines, I'd like to pass along kudos to three of the many people who help keep our children engaged when school is not in session. What **Sam, Ramón,** and **Michael** have in common, according to the colleagues who nominated them, is that they keep kids safe, they help children and adults feel happy and included, and they inspire learning, fun, and action.

From our Parks and Recreation Department, **Sam Saron:** "We would like to recognize Sam Saron for his excellent work at the Kennedy Pool. Sam, a Somerville High School alumni, has just entered his second year at Tufts University.



Sam Saron.

This past summer was his fifth year at the Kennedy Pool. Throughout the summer, he evolved into a dependable role model for his peers. He took on a leadership role and even opened the pool to lifeguard morning lap swim two-to-three times a week. Sam prioritizes safety as well as pool policy and protocol. He continues to excel at teaching swimming lessons and is frequently requested by parents and students alike.

When one of his students found out Sam was teaching her class, she clapped her hands and cheered. His upbeat attitude and commitment is inspiring. Sam epitomizes the core values we hold sacred in Somerville Parks and Recreation – commitment, integrity, and accountability. What an incredible Somerville professional!"

From Somerville Media Center, **Ramón Rivera Fireside:** "As a four-year veteran of Somerville Media Center youth programs, Ramón has emerged as such an incredible leader over the past year. This summer, Ramón was one of our Teen Media Leaders. He was a paid employee for one week of camp, but Ramón chose to volunteer his time during every other week of camp as well, despite having to wake up early and navigate the personalities of 15 kids every day.

Ramón did it all, without ever complaining. Instead, he used his passion



Ramón Rivera Fireside (center).

for media production, social justice, and speaking up about important issues to amplify the voices of countless kids who came through our doors during our six weeks of summer programming. His energy, good nature, and ability to be both a role model and supportive friend was such an enormous help to staff, and to the many other spaces in which he has emerged in a starring role – including Teen Empowerment, where he recently MC'd an incredible youth open mic event at the Growing Center.

We are so grateful for everything Ramón has done for our community and feel he deserves a major shout out for his contributions this summer!" Ramón is pictured here with a SCATV crew, front and center in the blue shirt.

From Somerville Community Schools, **Michael Horowitz:** "Michael always knows when to lend a hand. He is an amazing team member that has been working for Community Schools for 17 years. Michael is kind hearted, hardworking, and willing to go the extra mile.

He is very passionate about his job and supportive of student needs. His upbeat personality is contagious to staff and all around him. Somerville Community Schools Program is fortunate to have him. Michael, we sincerely appreciate all you do, THANK YOU!"

Those of us who spend a lot of time with kids, especially when everyone is hot/tired/crabby, know there's not

enough gratitude in the world for people like these resilient, reliable, and kind leaders. We hope you continue to enrich the lives of people in our community and beyond.



Michael Horowitz.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Here are some ways that we can follow in the steps of our featured contributors. The Elections Office needs poll workers, and the city needs members of its 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. Somerville Youth Soccer League needs volunteer coaches and coach helpers (contact Jake Wilson at [jakewilson@somervillesoccer.us](mailto:jakewilson@somervillesoccer.us)). And there are many ways to shape city policy through openings in city Boards and Commissions. More information at <https://www.somervillema.gov/news/city-seeking-members-boards-and-commissions>.

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Rent an Instrument (for families who do not qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch) on September 10, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Somerville High School. Borrow an Instrument (for families who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch) on September 12, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Somerville High School.





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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* looks at the handful of major legislation that was approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker so far in 2019.

In the first eight months of the 2019 session, only 69 bills out of more than 6,200 filed have been approved by the House and Senate and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker.

Twenty-six of those were local bills dealing with an individual city or town and 28 were on sick leave banks for individual state workers. Sick leave banks allow employees to voluntarily donate sick, personal or vacation days to a pool for use by ill fellow state workers so they can get paid while on medical leave.

Eleven other bills ranged from supplemental budgets and extending simulcast racing to regulating appraisal management companies and establishing a restaurant promotion commission.

The remaining four were major bills that were debated and came to a roll call vote in both branches and were signed into law by Gov. Baker. Here they are:

**\$43.3 BILLION FISCAL 2020 STATE BUDGET (H 4000)**

House 159-0, Senate 39-1, approved and Gov. Baker signed into law a \$43.3 billion fiscal 2020 state budget. The package raises spending by \$1.6 billion, or 4 percent over fiscal 2019.

In an unusual move, Gov. Charlie Baker signed the fiscal 2020 state budget into law without vetoing any of the \$43.3 billion in spending approved by the House and Senate. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* talked to several Statehouse veterans and not one could remember any other time in the last four decades that the governor did not veto funding in the budget. Just last year, Baker vetoed \$48.9 million from a \$41.7 billion budget.

“The lieutenant governor and I and the secretary [of Administration and Finance] and a lot of our team spent a lot of time talking about the line item stuff, and basically came to the conclusion that this budget is balanced,” said Baker when he signed the bill. “We’re obviously going to pay a lot of attention to what happens to revenues in the first two quarters of the year because we did have a lot of volatility in the revenue base for 2019. So we’re going to work pretty hard to pay attention not just to the revenue side but also the spending side going forward.”

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

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

**REPEAL CAP ON WELFARE BENEFITS FOR KIDS (S 2186)**

House 155-1, Senate 37-3, overrode Gov. Baker’s veto of a bill that repeals the current law that denies an additional \$100 in welfare benefits to children conceived while – or soon after – the family began receiving welfare benefits, or if they had received family welfare benefits in the past. The law was adopted in 1995 as part of a welfare reform package that was aimed at discour-

aging families already receiving public support from having more children.

“Eliminating the family cap should be accompanied by other reforms to the [welfare] program designed to align the eligibility determination with federal standards and support recipients as they return to work,” said Gov. Baker in his veto message.

Supporters of the repeal said that there are some 8,700 children who currently fall under the cap in the Bay State. These families are barred from receiving an additional \$100 a month to help support that child. They said there are no facts to back up the charge that families are having more children in order to get the additional \$100.

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

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

**BAN CONVERSION THERAPY FOR ANYONE UNDER 18 (H 140)**

House 148-8, Senate 34-0, approved and Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that would prohibit psychiatrists, psychologists and other health care providers from attempting to change the sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression of anyone under 18. Conversion therapy exposes the person to a stimulus while simultaneously subjecting him or her to some form of discomfort. The therapy is primarily used to try to convert gays and lesbians to be straight.

Mental health experts and LGBTQ groups charge that the practice is scientifically unproven and unsound and can trigger depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts in these youngsters.

“We can offer assurances to those still struggling with coming out, or whose parents are still coming to terms with their orientation or identity, that that they will not be sent to a licensed therapist to change who they know themselves to be,” said Rep. Jack Lewis (D-Framingham) at the time of the vote.

“This vote was an appalling assault on parental rights in the commonwealth,” said the president of the Massachusetts Family Institute Andrew Beckwith who opposed lifting the ban. “Over 140 of our state legislators apparently believe that parents should not be able to get gender-confused children any treatment, even counseling, that might help them avoid cross-sex hormone injections, sterility or ‘transition’ surgery.

(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

**\$200 MILLION IN CHAPTER 90 FUNDING FOR LOCAL ROADS (H 69)**

House 156-0, Senate 40-0, approved and the governor signed into law Senate a bill authorizing \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The package is a bond bill under which the

funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds.

Other provisions include \$200 million for rail improvements and \$1.5 billion in bonding to allow for federal interstate repairs to advance. According to officials, 80 percent of the \$1.5 billion would be reimbursed by the federal government.

Supporters said the \$200 million would help cities and towns keep their roads and bridges safe and allow many vital municipal road projects to move forward.

No one voted against the bill but there are some legislators and city and town officials who say the same old \$200 million that has been given since fiscal 2012 is insufficient. For several years, the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) has been seeking to increase the amount to \$300 million.

Advocates say that cities and towns maintain and repair 90 percent of the roadways in the Bay State. They note that because of revenue caps imposed by Proposition 2 1/2, cities and towns are very dependent on state funding to keep roads and bridges from crumbling.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Didn't Vote
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

**HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?**

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

During the week of September 2-6, the House met for a total of one hour and four minutes while the Senate met for a total of 16 minutes.

Mon. Sept. 2 No House session  
No Senate session

Tues. Sept. 3 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.  
Senate 11:09 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

Wed. Sept. 4 No House session  
No Senate session

Thurs. Sept. 5 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:53 a.m.  
Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

Fri. Sept. 6 No House session  
No Senate session

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# Union Square revitalization builds momentum with approvals

By Marshall Collins

While the Boston area’s real estate market continues to expand, financial forecasts warn of a forthcoming economic downturn. However, in Somerville, the master developer selected by the city to revitalize Union Square, Union Square Associations (US2), may finally break ground very soon.

US2 was selected by the city in 2014 to collaborate with local stakeholders to create a comprehensive vision for the redevelopment of Union Square, and to deliver public benefits through the redevelopment. Community processes, neighborhood planning, land transfer agreements,

a community benefits agreement and Planning Board approvals over the past five years have meant that Union Square has yet to participate in the region’s economic growth.

Now, as Somerville seeks to capitalize on the biotech and life sciences boom that grew commercial tax bases and increased job opportunities in Cambridge and Boston, two recent approvals may signal that the Union Square revitalization is set to move forward.

After more than a year of project evolution through Design and Site Plan Review, Somerville’s Planning Board approved the project’s 175,000 square foot, \$160 million life sciences

building in mid-July. Then, in late August came unanimous approval of the remaining applications for this first phase: Two mixed-use residential buildings (with a combined total of 450 housing units, including 90 affordable units) and 33,000 square feet of total civic space - an increase of more than 11,000 square feet from what was initially proposed.

Project proponents point to the lab building as a catalyst for creating new jobs in a city where 80 percent of residents leave the city to go to work each day. The project will also generate substantial new commercial tax revenue and provide new housing across income levels, helping

Somerville achieve its housing goals as laid out in SomerVision.

On the community front, the project reached a major milestone over the summer when US2 and the Union Square Neighborhood Council Negotiating Committee concluded their community benefits negotiations. The agreement includes a number of additional commitments in the areas of housing, workforce development, small business assistance, sustainability and open space, among others.

The long-awaited arrival of transit to Union Square through the MBTA Green Line Expansion project is yet another point of emphasis for

some residents. US2 is poised to contribute \$1.7 million toward MBTA station improvements at the stop, including an elevator at the Prospect Street bridge, ADA access, The Ride drop-off, an employee break-room, as well as other financial commitments to see the project through.

As concerns about a potential economic slow-down increase, those in favor of implementing the years of planning in Union Square are only more eager to see Somerville capture the new jobs and tax revenue that could position the square as a resilient city center, one that may be better poised to coexist with changes in the economy.

## Somerville to hold Public Hearing on airplane noise

The City of Somerville and the Somerville City Council Committee on Public Health Public Safety invite all interested community members to attend and speak at a co-hosted Public Hearing on Airplane Noise. The Hearing will take place on Wednesday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. The Committee, chaired by Ward 4 Councilor Jesse Clingan, and City representatives will hear testimony on airplane noise and its impacts on the community. Written public comment will also be accepted as noted below. The hearing is an opportunity for the community to offer input on this important issue. Prior to the hearing being opened for public comment, Wig Zamore, the Somerville representative to the Massport Community Advisory Committee, and Tara Ten Eyck, the Somerville representative to the 33L Municipal Working Group (regarding runway 33L at Logan Airport), will provide a brief presentation on recent study results and updates on Logan Airport airplane noise. Written Testimony: Public testimony at public hearings is generally limited to two minutes per person, but may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. Written testimony for the public record may be submitted via email to [cityclerk@somervillema.gov](mailto:cityclerk@somervillema.gov) through Friday, September 20 at 5:00 p.m. or submitted by mail to City Clerk, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72487505	9 Porter St	8 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	7	\$749,900	\$780,000
72492988	141 Central Street	6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	23	\$769,000	\$775,000
72502479	33 Marion St.	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1hbath	20	\$789,900	\$800,000
72491715 35	Harvard Street	9 room, 4 bed, 1f 1hbath	18	\$895,000	\$1,025,000
72496264	45 Tennyson Street	10 room, 4 bed, 3f 2h bath	9	\$1,495,000	\$1,580,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72455659	42 Bow St	U:3 5 room, 3 bed, 2f 1hbath	96	\$949,900	\$940,000
72475446	163 Central St	U:2 7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	46	\$1,049,000	\$990,000
72484101	9 Monmouth Street	U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	6	\$1,085,000	\$1,100,000
72480180	7 Webster St	U:2 10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	37	\$1,095,000	\$1,095,000
72487570	27 Murdock Street	U:3 7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	34	\$1,150,000	\$1,070,000
72486729	261 Willow Avenue	U:2 7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath	17	\$1,178,000	\$1,200,021
72447165	65-67 Victoria Street	U:67 9 room, 3 bed, 3f bath	132	\$1,195,000	\$1,125,000
72495805	70 Howard	U:PH 3 room, 1 bed, 1fbath	18	\$1,599,000	\$1,599,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72475400	62 Hudson St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	2	\$1,239,000	\$1,200,000
72394426	315 Washington St	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	60	\$1,250,000	\$1,200,000
72479573	3 Preston Road	2 unit, 17 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	23	\$1,350,000	\$1,320,000
72382267	13 Quincy St.	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	6	\$1,399,000	\$1,300,000
72470834	26-28 Adrian Street	unit, 18 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	44	\$1,599,999	\$1,560,000
72471115	124 Perkins St	3 unit, 18 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	15	\$1,699,000	\$1,465,950
72459227	42 Greenville St	6 unit, 28 total rooms, 10 total bedrooms	47	\$2,599,000	\$2,050,000



# Somerville Kiwanis Club provides filled backpacks to local schools

On August 20, the Somerville Kiwanis Club wrapped up the second successful year of a month-long drive to collect school supplies for local children who are most in need. The drive was officially closed when 200+ backpacks stuffed with school supplies were dropped off at two Somerville Schools.

The program began in early July with donation boxes being placed at local businesses across the city where supplies were collected. On two July weekends, Kiwanis members collected supplies donated by customers at Staples located at Assembly Square Marketplace. In addition, club members and corporate supporters donated more than \$2000.00 in cash.

On Monday, August 19, club members and volunteers from Federal Realty Trust packed



L-R standing: Jim Bowdring, Bob Nissenbaum, Jack Connolly, Darcie DeLuca, Dawn Austin, Tom Austin, Bill Lemos, Gene Brune, Paul Zimmerman; L-R front: Chairperson Haley Adams, David Blumsack, Patricia Ng.

over 200 backpacks with school supplies. The following day, those backpacks were delivered to both the Parent Information Center of Somerville Schools and to Prospect Hill Academy.

Kiwanis President William Lemos and Program Chairperson Haley Adams expressed their gratitude to everyone who supported or contributed to this program. A huge thank you to Federal Realty Trust who supplied a generous donation of 90 backpacks and a monetary donation that got the drive off to a fantastic start.

The Kiwanis Club thanked the Staples Assembly staff and Manager, Juan Lopez, who allowed them to collect supplies in front of the store over two weekends in July. Comcast was

also thanked for their generous donation of 200 notebooks and 20 backpacks. Thanks were also offered to Dr. James Nager of Belmont Dental for the 200 hygiene kits and Kiwanis Member Tom Austin for 200 pocket Constitutions for the kids that were included in the packs.

Additional thanks go out to East Cambridge Savings Bank, Winter Hill Bank, Naveo Credit Union, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Commonwealth, ABG Realty, Wedgewood Crane and Connolly Insurance and the Somerville Media Center for their support of this program.

Also, a special shout-out is given to the Lion's Club brethren who donated their club space to store and pack the backpacks.



## Special to The Somerville Times

By Ross E. Blouin, Publisher

Each year at this time we make a request for all of you who are listening to the fantastic music of years gone by as presented on WJIB 740 AM and 101.3 FM. Bob Bittner from Maine is the genius who has kept these great tunes playing 24-7 for many years now. His stations are the only ones playing those wonderful songs from the 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.

Many of you out there listen to this music day and night...you know who you are. Many of you listeners also know that Bob Bittner relies on listener contributions to support WJIB ... **THIS MEANS YOU!**

So here's the deal: Bob/WJIB is \$5,000 short this year because Bob has requested that his listeners now switch their contributions to Bahamas relief. This is the kind of great guy Bob Bittner is. If you see his annual expense statement you will see that he takes NO MONEY for himself and cuts his expenses to the bone.

Please, please, please do the following: Give a non-deductible contribution to WJIB. Make your check out to...WJIB and send it to PO Box 308 Bath, Maine 04530. Better yet, make an instant donation through PayPal to bobthmusicman7@aol.com.

Bahamian relief donations can also be made through The Bahamian Red Cross and The Salvation Army ... always a good way to get your money applied directly to the relief effort.

In other words, we are asking you **TO DONATE TO BOTH! You'll be glad you did.**



## The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #187

### Historic Elm Street

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Cambridge has its celebrated Washington Elm Tree under which General George Washington drew his sword and took command of the Continental Army on July 3, 1775. Somerville also has its historic Elm.



It is Elm Street at Willow Avenue where one of the last severe encounters of Patriot's Day, April 19, 1775, took place. At this location, cannon fire helped protect retreating British troops from Lexington. The Redcoats were repulsed by the Minutemen and sustained heavy losses of men and arms. Today, a memorial stone marks the site of the British graves.

Elm Street is one of the city's oldest roads. It originally ran from Somerville Avenue at Wilson Square, where today's Somerville Car Wash is located, to Davis Square, and then doglegged north to Boston Avenue at Tufts University. Today's College Avenue was part of the original Elm Street. It honors the academics living on Professors Row and Tufts University, the school of learning that is named after Somerville's Charles Tufts.

Viewable scenes past and present on Elm Street would include:



- Battle marker at the site of the old Timothy Tufts house at Elm and Willow Streets.
- Porter Square shopping mall and gallery.
- The jewel of Elm Street, the Person Davis' orchard, which grew into today's Davis Square, including the Somerville Theatre to the Rosebud Diner and the Red Line subway beneath it.

• Horse-drawn wagons went into service on Elm Street in 1858.

• The square received its name in 1883 by vote of the city council. At one time, names considered for the square were Middlesex and Tufts.

• The area was paved with brick in 1900.



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Hundreds Support Driver's Licenses for All: Safety, Respect, and Mobility

By State Representative  
Christine P. Barber

Daily we hear of new attacks by the Trump Administration on the rights of immigrants -- from threatening DACA and TPS holders, to threatening to deport those with serious medical issues, to separating children from their parents in brutal ways. Now more than ever, we need to stand up and protect our local immigrant communities.

Earlier this year, The Welcome Project, an organization that supports immigrants in the Somerville and Medford area, approached me with the idea of filing a bill that would allow all qualified drivers, regardless of their immigration status, to apply for a standard driver's license. They saw firsthand how the inability to get driver's licenses impacted the ability to live in our Commonwealth safely. Passing

this bill would make an immediate, positive impact on immigrant families in our state.

That is why I filed *An Act Relative to Work and Family Mobility*, along with my colleagues Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield) and Sen. Brendan Crigh-ton (D-Lynn). This bill would allow all qualified drivers, regardless of their immigration status, to apply for a standard Massachusetts driver's license.

There are currently two license options for Massachusetts's drivers: the standard license and REAL ID. The standard license can only be used for driving, not for federal identification purposes, such as boarding an airplane. Under our bill, all people would be able to apply for a standard Massachusetts license. Applicants would have to pass standard vision and road tests, submit comprehensive documentation, and purchase auto

insurance. Separating federal immigration policy from Massachusetts driver's license eligibility makes common sense--our federal immigration system is broken, and it's clear that Washington won't be repairing it any time soon.

Just last week, over 400 people packed the State House for a hearing on this bill that lasted over 6 hours. Testimony was overwhelmingly in support, and full of personal stories about the need for driver's licenses. We heard from individuals who spoke of the need to get to work and take their kids to school, and the fear they face every day from the lack of a license. Businesses, law enforcement, faith leaders and municipal officials spoke to the moral importance and common sense logic of this bill.

Driving is key to economic mobility. Though many people in our region take public transportation, the reality remains that many jobs are not accessible to the routes or hours of the T, and are not reliable if your child has a medical emergency. And in more rural parts of our state, public transportation isn't an option at all. For people to get to work, drive their kids to school or to the doctor, and participate in their communities, a driver's license is often a necessity that we have denied qualified people solely because of their immigration status, making thousands live in fear of detention or deportation every time they get in

a car to drive.

Allowing driver's licenses also improves safety. Many undocumented immigrants without a license already drive out of necessity. This bill would ensure that everyone on the road would be licensed, trained and insured. A recent study in Connecticut showed that when a similar measure passed, hit and run rates declined significantly, as people were more likely to remain at the scene of an accident, rather than flee due to fears of detainment or deportation.

I am proud to represent Medford and Somerville because they are diverse and welcoming communities. We value people of different races, religions, and socioeconomic statuses. I see every day how much this community benefits from hard-working immigrants, and supporting the ability to get a driver's license is an important way that we can help protect the immigrant families that make our communities great places to live.

In this moment in history, states must look for ways to step up and do the right thing for those who have been targeted by The Trump Administration's cruel anti-immigrant policies. The time is now to ensure people have mobility to support their communities and families. The time is now to pass the Work & Family Mobility Act.



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THURSDAY September 19

The Ways and Means Committee, Rusted Bucket 9 p.m.

FRIDAY September 20

Spring Hill Rounders 6 p.m.

Ringtail, guests - \$10 cover 9 p.m.

SATURDAY September 21

Zagnutt 20th Anniversary - \$10 cover 9 p.m.

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African Night, SambaLolo and guests 9:30 p.m.



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Serve and Inspire Volunteer Orientation

Volunteer Orientation for new and prospective volunteers wishing to serve regularly with Somerville Public Schools this school year will take place on Thursday, September 19, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Cummings School Building, 42 Prescott St.

Contact Somerville Public Schools Volunteer Coordinator, Jen Capuano at jcapuano@k12.somerville.ma.us or call (617) 629-5475 for more information, accommodations needed to attend, and to RSVP.

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It's time for rent stabilization



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The Greater Boston housing crisis is a complex problem that will require a variety of approaches to fix. In Somerville, we've been taking steps like building more housing, adopting our 20% inclusionary housing requirement, establishing a community land trust, opening our Office of Housing Stability, and enacting new regulations that will help keep more housing units on the market. But many of these steps will take time to have a broad impact, and we need to help the many people struggling to pay

their rent now. That's why earlier this month I voiced my support for a new approach to rent control. I'm supporting a bill filed by Representatives Mike Connolly and Nika Elugardo that would allow cities and towns to adopt tenant and foreclosure protections, including rent stabilization rules. Let me be clear from the beginning: this is not the rent control that was voted out in the 1990s. It's an option for a better version of rent control that works for our community – both renters and landlords. Representative Connolly and Elugardo's bill, if passed, would allow cities and towns adopt the parts of it that make sense for them and set policies that work in each community. If given the option, I want Somerville to seriously consider rent stabilization that would cap how much landlords could

raise rents each year. But before enacting anything, we need to hear from tenants, landlords, activists, developers – anyone with a stake – to make sure we come up with rules that work for Somerville. The old system of rent control didn't work. It often resulted in undervalued properties and didn't provide enough incentive for landlords to maintain or update their properties. We want to ensure that residents can both afford housing and have a safe, well-maintained home. If a landlord sells, we want them to get a fair return on their investment. We also know that there are landlords who depend on rental income, and we don't want to undercut anyone's livelihood. But the reality is that the greater Boston area's housing crisis is at emergency levels and we need to look at immediate steps we can take to counteract it.

Along with stabilizing tenant's rents, rent stabilization also helps stabilize the community. Nearly 40% of renters in Somerville are paying 30% or more of their income toward housing costs. Long-term, that's not sustainable, and often doesn't leave room in the household budget for a large rent increase. By limiting how much a tenant's rent can increase each year, we can prevent more people from being priced out while also making sure landlords can make enough money to cover expenses. Far too often I hear from residents who want to stay in Somerville, but for a variety of reasons they are struggling – often with their rent. For some, their family is expanding and they need more room. Others are happy where they are but have been hit with rents rising faster than their income. When a significant portion of your in-

come is already going toward housing, it's hard to save up to cover the costs of moving to a new unit or to afford to move into a larger rental unit or to buy a home. Often those residents and families – including kids who want to stay in our schools – end up moving out of Somerville. If we can help keep housing costs in check, more people will have the option to stay in Somerville and continue to be a part of this community. We want to do whatever we can, as quickly as we can, to help residents struggling to afford housing, but we also want to make sure we get it right. This is just the beginning of the conversation on rent stabilization. If Representatives Connolly and Elugardo's bill is passed, there will be many opportunities to ask questions and share your ideas. I look forward to this important discussion.

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Public Officials Should Support Fair and Equitable Airplane Noise Dispersion

By Matt Harutunian, Edith Mooers, and Tara Ten Eyck

September 9, 2019

Dear Editor, The MIT RNAV Study has reached a point at which the communities impacted by the 2013 implementation of the 33L RNAV Standard Instrument Departure (SID) procedure are being asked to provide feedback to Massport about which proposed dispersion concepts are most desirable – and equitable – to our cities. As background on this issue, the MIT RNAV Study provides a detailed analysis of flight path changes (from Logan's Runway 33L) resulting from FAA's aRea NAVigation (RNAV) procedures that

went into effect in 2013. RNAV replaced radar-based navigation with GPS-based routing, which results in more concentrated flight paths. The MIT Study also proposes some dispersion options for communities to consider. We have been living under one of these concentrated RNAV paths for the past six years when flights were shifted over West Somerville. In 2013, before the new procedures were implemented, there were fewer and less frequent 33L flights flying directly over our neighborhood; fast forward to 2019, and there could be 300 flights on a peak day, spaced a minute and a half apart for hours on end. These planes are flying over our neighborhood late in the evening and early in the morning and follow the same path over and over again. They interrupt our sleep, detract our ability to do yardwork, and negatively impact our quality of life. Prior to these new policies going into

effect, they were disbursed over a much larger part of Somerville. The attached slides depict how that shifting in concentration has unfairly and inequitably placed all of the burden of the growing number of departures from Runway 33L over our neighborhood. Several of the concepts proposed by MIT have the potential to decrease the concentration over West Somerville. In order for any of these dispersion concepts to achieve a more equitable and fair sharing of the burden, some of the neighborhoods that got relief from flights in 2013 need to take some of them back. 59% of residents in our city received SOME dispersed airplane noise pre-RNAV in 2013, while 14% now receive ALL concentrated airplane noise post-RNAV. In 2012, there were 95 airplane noise complaints registered in Somerville; in 2018, that figure was 2,565 – a 250-fold increase!

That's just not fair. We realize that the selection of one or more of these dispersion concepts to recommend to Massport for consideration by the FAA will require cooperation from residents of all the impacted communities of 33L. We request that our local officials, state legislators, and the Massport Community Advisory Committee (CAC) continue to conduct an open, transparent, and public process. We are thankful to Mayor Curtatone and the City Council for organizing a public hearing on this issue on Wednesday, September 18 at 6 pm at City Hall. We look forward to the discussion and working with all parties towards a solution that more fairly and equitably shares the flight noise burden across our neighborhoods. Matt, Edith, and Tara are voters and residents in Somerville.

Mayor's Parks Pass Challenge

The parks pass is now year round! The Mayor's Parks Pass Challenge encourages Somerville residents of all ages to visit our city's beautiful parks. From active playgrounds to grassy lawns perfect for quiet reading, Somerville has more than 60 parks to experience – and nearly 100% of Somerville residents live within walking distance of one of those parks. You can pick up your parks pass at the Shape Up Somerville office in the City Hall Annex, download and print it from the Parks Challenge website ([www.somervillema.gov/parkspass](http://www.somervillema.gov/parkspass)), or ask your local library to print you a copy. Every time you visit a Somerville park, write the park name on the back of your pass. Be sure to include your name and contact information at the top! Once your pass is filled out completely, submit it to Shape Up Somerville via email ([sus@somervillema.gov](mailto:sus@somervillema.gov)), mail, or in-person drop-off. Your pass will be entered into a quarterly raffle for a chance to win Somerville memorabilia.





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Somerville remembers the victims and heroes of September 11, 2001.

Our View Of The Times



Although 18 years will have passed since the terrible and tragic events of September 11, 2001, took place, for many of us the shock and horror remains fresh in our memories. And since we, as New Englanders, were relatively close to the sites of destruction and loss of life, we can perhaps feel those sensations of sadness and even anger a little deeper than some others might, especially since our own Logan Airport played a role in the perpetrator’s deadly scheme.

It all felt so close. The Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and then the anthrax threats. It seemed like the world had gone mad and we wondered where we could go to be safer. More than a few spoke of heading for remote locations until things

calmed down. Yes, the whole country was shocked and angered, but we here also felt so close to the eye of this storm.

This week we join the rest of the nation in remembering those who were injured and killed during this horrendous event, including the brave first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Those who were there and survived

the ordeal are also remembered and honored on this occasion.

Consider joining in Wednesday evening, September 11, as we gather in Davis Square to share our thoughts and feelings, and show solidarity in our support for those who have passed and those who remain, doing everything in their power to help keep us safe.

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Please join the **Somerville Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development** and **Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen** on Monday evening, **September 23**, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a community meeting to discuss the plan for the **Central Hill Campus (Phase I)**. The meeting will be held in the **Somerville High School cafeteria**, 81 Highland Ave. Phase I of the Central Hill Campus Master Plan includes the renovation of Central Hill Playground and the installation of Memorial Walk East, a celebratory walk for the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials, and a new Service Memorial. This will be the second in a series of meetings to discuss the plan. For more information about the project, visit [www.somervillema.gov/departments/central-hill-plan](http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/central-hill-plan), or contact **Cortney Kirk** at [ckirk@somervillema.gov](mailto:ckirk@somervillema.gov).

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**Parkour Generations'** fall kickoff event and challenge day takes place **Saturday, September 14**, 9:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. at **Somernova**, 21 Properzi Way, Somerville. For more info, visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2494283813964366/>.

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**Strike Up the Bands @ SomerStreets** takes place this **Sunday, September**

**15**, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., **School St. to Lowell St.** Activities along **Highland Ave.** will include live music on two stages, flea and artisan craft market by Somerville Flea, Aerial performances by Esh Circus Arts, Parkour with Parkour Generations Boston, Beer garden with Cuisine en Locale, learn to walk on stilts with Open Air Circus, hockey, football, and much more. Check out the Facebook event for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2454251167926190/>.

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**What the Fluff? 102 Anniversary Fluff Festival** will be held on **September 21** in **Union Square**. What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Invention is presented by **Union Square Main Streets** as part of the **Somerville Arts Council/ArtsUnion**. Join in the celebration of the 102nd anniversary of Fluff, invented right here in Somerville’s Union Square in 1917 by **Archibald Query**. This madcap, fun-filled festival draws approximately 20,000 people and is cited as one of the reasons why *Lonely Planet* named Somerville in the top 10 “Best In The US” travel destinations for 2016. The 14th annual What the Fluff Festival will feature musical performances, a cooking contest, Fluff-themed games, activities, antics and fun for every age, and Fluff

treats of every sort. This year’s theme, **Fluff Travels: All Roads Lead to Fluff**, celebrates one of the most culturally rich cities in the nation, paying homage to the many roads traveled to Union Square from all over the world. With 50+ spoken languages in its schools, Somerville is home to a mix of neighbors from El Salvador, Haiti, Portugal, Brazil, and beyond. So bike, boogie, scooter, roller skate or jetpack to Union Square as Marshmallow Fluff journeys round the world and back again with deliciously diverse food, entertainment, and family-friendly activities. For more information please visit: <http://www.flufffestival.com>.

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Did you know that the **U.S. Census** impacts federal funding over the next decade? If you or someone you know is interested in ensuring accuracy and equity in the 2020 Census, all interested persons are encouraged to apply to serve on the **Complete Count Committee**, especially persons and representatives of organizations and institutions with strong connections to hard-to-count populations. The application deadline for the Somerville Complete Count Committee has been extended to **September 23**. More info: [somervilleMA.gov/CompleteCount](http://somervilleMA.gov/CompleteCount).

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**Ball Square Festival** is back for its second year. Join local businesses, artists and musicians in the square for an amazing local event. The event will be held on **September 22** from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be a beer garden, tastings, local flavors, crafts, music and more.

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**The Somerville Garden Club** is holding its yearly **plant sale** on **Saturday, September 21**, in Davis Square. Discover the perfect plant to enliven your garden or windowsill at this popular yearly sale. High quality perennials, house plants, herbs, shrubs, and groundcovers will be available for sale. Choose from hundreds of plants donated by both Somerville Garden Club members and community friends of the Club. Visit the Connoisseur Table for that unique specimen, or find a tried-and-true favorite among the many sun and shade perennials – there’s something for everyone. Horticultural books, decorative containers, and garden tools will also be for sale. And the littlest gardener in the family will enjoy the Children’s Table. Proceeds benefit the educational programs and public plantings of the all-volunteer, non-profit Somerville Garden Club.



# Somerville Dog Festival 2019

The 10th Annual Somerville Dog Festival, a community-wide event to celebrate dogs and the families who love them, took place last Sunday at Trum Field.

This year, the Somerville Foundation for Animals, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, partnered with Mass Vet Referral Hospital to proudly host the festival with 100% of the proceeds benefiting local animal-related charities.



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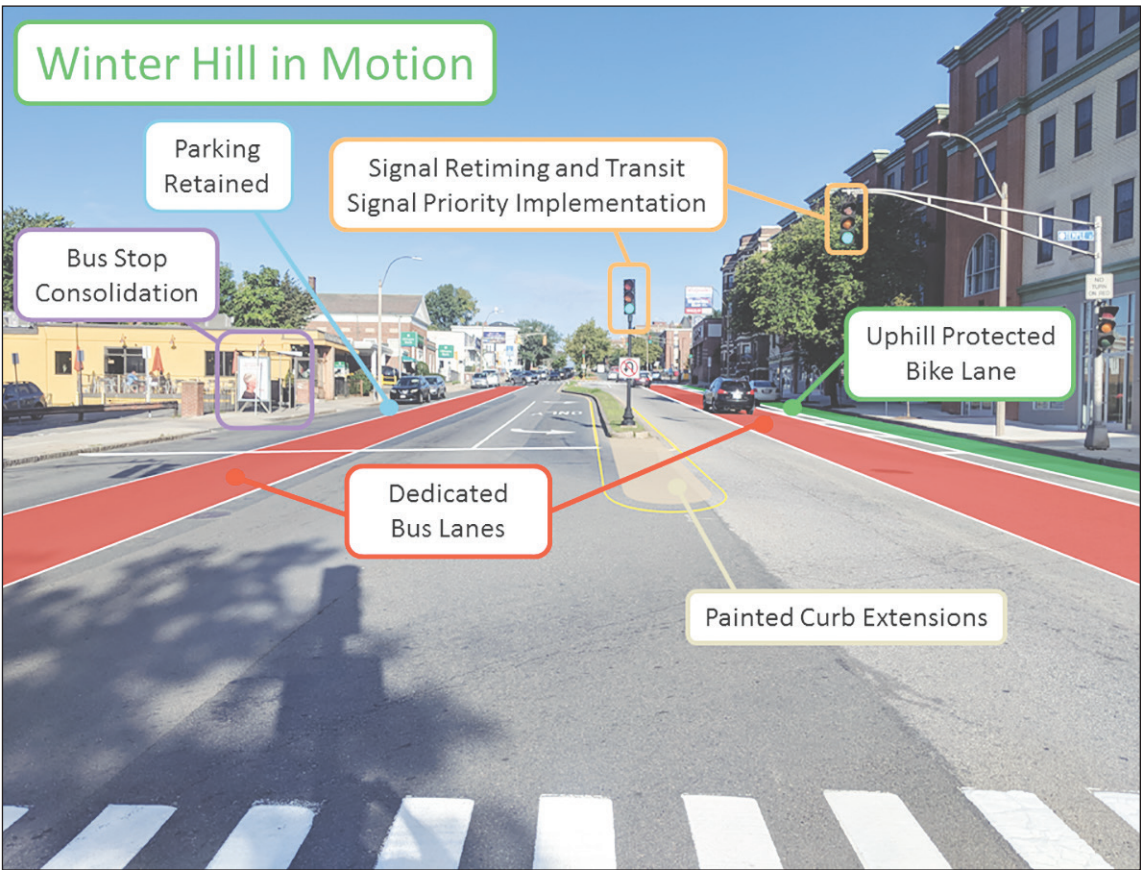
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# New bus and bike lanes coming to Broadway

As part of the City of Somerville's Winter Hill in Motion project, new dedicated bus lanes, separated bike lanes, and more mobility upgrades are coming to Broadway. Work has already begun to install bright red "Bus Only" lanes along both sides of Broadway between McGrath Highway and Main Street, one of the city's most congested commuting corridors. These dedicated travel lanes will enable the MBTA to provide more efficient, reliable bus service on routes 89 and 101, which support approximately 8,000 boardings per day. Passengers

could save up to 5 minutes per ride and see more buses coming on schedule. Somerville already has one dedicated bus lane running northbound on Prospect Street, but the lanes on Broadway will be the first in the city to serve both directions of traffic on the same road. In addition to bus lanes, the Winter Hill in Motion plan will install dedicated bike facilities, including a parking-protected lane, retimed traffic signals to better meet the needs of motorists and pedestrians, transit signal priority technology to move



buses through intersections more efficiently, and new signage and pavement markings. Broadway figures prominently in the daily lives of many in Somerville: In the heart of the Winter Hill neighborhood, it's the second-most traveled street in the city and home to many local businesses and civic spaces. With the diverse needs of all users in mind, this project will improve safety and ease travel along the corridor between Magoun Square and McGrath Highway. These changes to Broadway will also expand and improve equitable

low-carbon transit options for Somerville residents, advancing the city's SomerVision, Climate Forward, and Vision Zero goals. "If we're serious about shifting mobility away from car trips, it's our responsibility to make taking transit, biking, or walking the convenient and safe choice," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Improvements like dedicated bus lanes, bike lanes, and pedestrian-friendly signal timing will help make Broadway – which is a very car-centric corridor – more welcoming to other modes of transportation."

The new pavement markings, additional signage, and retimed traffic signals will be installed over the course of the coming weeks. The red bus lanes in particular involve a time-consuming application process to create a durable surface, and installation will proceed over three to four weeks along the corridor. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is expected to be held later this year. For more information about the project, please visit [SomervilleMA.gov/WinterHillMotion](http://SomervilleMA.gov/WinterHillMotion). — City of Somerville

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Who invented the first ATM machine?

2. When did the original World Trade Center in New York City open?

3. When was the first terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, NY?

4. How many hijackers were involved in the 9/11 attacks?

5. What relative of Tom Brady who was the first American prisoner of war during World War II?

6. What is the name of the van in the Scooby Doo cartoon?

7. What are a group of lions called?

8. What is the diameter of a basketball hoop?

9. What country is most successful in Olympic basketball?

10. In what year did the Gulf of Mexico oil spill take place?

11. How many eyes does a bee have?

12. Who was the youngest U.S. President to take office?

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Summer programs keep students active and learning

More than 1,500 students participated in a variety of programs this summer. Thanks to the commitment of numerous community partners, students had many program options available to support their summer learning. Among the programs offered this summer was SPELL (Summer Program for English Language Learners). K-12 students in the SPELL program had opportunities to learn real-world vocabulary and build English language skills before the start of the school year. K-8 students enhanced their learning through visits from Cataldo Ambulance and the Somerville Fire Department. High school students used conversation and games to develop vocabulary.

Summer programming helps students keep their minds and bodies active and ready for a successful school year. Among the many partners that ensure Somerville students have a wide range of summer program options to keep them engaged in their learning are the Somerville Education Foundation and the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, who last year raised more than \$28,000 to provide scholarships and expand access to high-quality summer programs in the city. Stay tuned for more information about SEF and their annual campaign to support Out-of-School-Time learning.

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OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, September 18, 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** in City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall, 93Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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

**15 Bartlett (ZBA 2019-73):** Applicants, Sally & Margaret Klessens, and Owner, Margaret Klessens, seek a Special Permit under §9.9.b of the SZO to create a handicapped parking space on a residential lot. RA zone. Ward 5.

**75 Irving Street (ZBA 2019-76):** Applicants & Owners, Erik L. Nygren & Ksenia R. Samokhvalova, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property including constructing a dormer on the left elevation roof. RA zone. Ward 6.

**12 Flint Avenue (ZBA 2019-60):** Applicant, Derek Snare, and Owner, Fiorillo Melares, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure including an upward extension of non-conforming setbacks, 25% increase in GFA. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 1.

**5 Lexington Avenue (ZBA 2019-94):** Applicants & Owners, Fan Wang & Marc Wagner, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property including constructing left elevation dormer. RA zone. Ward 5.

**10-12 Carver Street (ZBA 2019-89):** Applicant & Owner, Kathleen Jurow, seeks special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by the upward extension of the non-conforming left side yard setback, alterations to the non-conforming rear yard setback, change in roofline and the enlargement of a dormer within the non-conforming right side yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9. RB zone. Ward 5.

**8 Sycamore Street (ZBA 2019-61):** Applicant, Creative Property Solutions, LLC, and Owner, Eight Sycamore Trust, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property including increasing the GFA by more than 25%. Parking relief under Article 9 for number of spaces and providing compact spaces. RC zone. Ward 4.

**11R Dane (ZBA 2019-77):** Applicant, 7 Dane Street, Somerville, MA 02143, and Owner, 11 R Dane Street, Somerville, MA 02143), seek special permits under §4.4.1 to substantially alter a non-conforming property including reducing the non-conforming landscaping area, increasing the GFA by more than 25%, further decrease the non-conforming pervious area, create an upward extension of the non-conforming left, right, and rear yard setbacks. Parking relief under Article 9 including shared drive. RC zone. Ward 2.

**2 Adrian Street (ZBA 2019-62):** Applicant & Owner, 2 Adrian Holdings, LLC, with Mahmood Firouzbakht, Manager, seeks special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by adding an addition with a dormer within the right side yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 2.

**7 Dane Street (ZBA 2019-78):** Applicant and Owner, 7 Dane Street, Somerville, MA 02143, seek special permits under §4.4.1 to substantially alter a non-conforming property including increasing the GFA by more than 25%, creating an upward extension of the non-conforming right, left, and rear yard setbacks. Increase the number of units from three to four. Parking relief under Article 9, including shared access drive. RC zone. Ward 2.

**21 Laurel ZBA 2019-91):** Applicant and Owner, Adam Panken, seeks special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property including constructing a left elevation dormer and altering the rear portion of the structure within the non-conforming rear yard setback. RB zone. Ward 2.

**18 Glendale ( ZBA 2019-86) (re-advertise):** Applicant, Ji Shi, and Owners, Ji Shi & Yan Zhao, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property including adding a dormette within the left side yard setback, extending the left elevation roofline to cover the third floor rear porch, and to construct a right elevation dormer within the right side yard setback. RB zone. Ward 7.

**23 Ash Avenue (ZBA 2019-87):** Applicant, Kneeland Construction, and Owner, Pietro Coco, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by enclosing a rear second story deck and constructing dormers. RA Zone. Ward 4.

**111 Cedar Street (ZBA 2019-88):** Applicant and Owner, 111 Cedar Street, LLC, seeks a special permit under SZO §9.13.c to allow a driveway to straddle the lot line to serve as a parking space. RB Zone. Ward 5.

**21 Eastman Road (ZBA 2019-02):** Applicant and Owner, F. Michael Byrnes, seeks a special permit under the slope protection ordinance (agenda item 207122 ordained by the City Council on November 20, 2018) to perform necessary site work on a lot with a slope greater than 25% to construct a two-family dwelling and a variance for building height under SZO §5.5 and §8.5. RA Zone. Ward 5.

**14 Farragut Avenue (ZBA 2019-81):** Applicant and Owner, 14 Farragut Avenue, LLC, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a two-story addition within the left side yard setback and greater than 25% of the existing gross floor area to add a third unit to the structure. A special permit for parking relief under SZO 9.13 is also being requested. RB Zone. Ward 7.

**50 Inner Belt Road (ZBA 2019-93):** Applicant, Commodore Builders, and Owner, Penna Realty Associates, LLC, seeks a Variance under SZO §5.5 and §10.7 to construct an eight foot tall fence. IA Zone. Ward 1.

**87 Jaques Street (ZBA 2019-82):** Applicant, North America Development, and Owner, Nelia DaCova-Pissarra, Trustee of the DaCova Family Trust, seek a special permit with site plan review under SZO §7.2 to construct a second principal structure on the lot and a special permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief to add a third unit to the site. A Variance under SZO §5.5 and §8.5 is also required for a side yard setback violation. RB Zone. Ward 4.

**23 Rush Street (ZBA 2019-82):** Applicant and Owner, Electra Realty Corporation c/o Kevin Jackson, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.5.3 to expand the nonconforming use (carpenters shop) and under §4.4.1 to alter the nonconforming structure by constructing two additional stories. A Variance under §5.5 and §8.5 is also required for exceeding the maximum floor area ratio (FAR). Parking relief under Article 9 is also required. RB Zone. Ward 1.


**471 Somerville Ave (ZBA 2019-74):** Applicant and Owner, 471 Somerville Ave, LLC, seeks a special permit under SZO §7.11.1.c and parking relief under Article 9 to construct a four story mixed use building with five residential units and ground floor retail space. BA Zone. Ward 2.

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**1060 Broadway (PB 2016-79-R1-7/19):** Applicant & Owner, Powder-house Living, LLC, seek revisions to a previously-issued special permit by making changes to the building's facades. §6.7 and §5.3.8 of the SZO. PRD zone. Ward 7.

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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
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PROJECT# 1911  
**Invitation for Quotes for the Ciampa Manor Parking Lot Improvement Project at 27 College Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145.**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites quotes from General Contractors for SHA Job No. 1911 in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The project consists of labor, materials, equipment and supervision necessary to complete the replacement of the existing parking lot including but not limited to various defined improvements.

The estimated project cost is \$28,000.00

Quotes are subject to the Federal Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) Wage Determinations. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Quotes will be received until September 26, 2019 @11:00 AM** and should be emailed or hand delivered to the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Quotes shall be emailed to Anthony DiGiovanni at [anthonyd@sha-web.org](mailto:anthonyd@sha-web.org)

There will be a **pre-bid walkthrough on September 19, 2019 at precisely 9:30AM.** Contractors should meet at the project site at 27 College Avenue, Somerville, MA.

Project documents can be obtained by emailing Anthony DiGiovanni at [anthonyd@sha-web.org](mailto:anthonyd@sha-web.org). Any questions or concerns shall be emailed five days before the quote deadline to [anthonyd@sha-web.org](mailto:anthonyd@sha-web.org).

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive minor informalities and/or to reject any and all bids, if it is to be determined to be in the best interest of the Somerville Housing Authority.  
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There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 6:00 PM, in the High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Councilor Jesse Clingan, Chair of the Committee, for public input on airplane noise in Somerville.

There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 7:00 PM, in the High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Councilor Jesse Clingan, Chair of the Committee, for public input on the involvement of the Somerville Police Department in the recent Straight Pride Parade in Boston.

You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at each of these Hearings. If you are unable to attend a hearing, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at [cityclerk@somervillema.gov](mailto:cityclerk@somervillema.gov), but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the City Council.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG  
CITY CLERK

9/11/19 The Somerville Times

Somerville Community Growing Center's Harvest Festival

The Somerville Community Growing Center hopes you can join us for its Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 29, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m., 22 Vinal Ave, Somerville. Free to all, donations are welcome.

Celebrate Pollinators and Migration! In honor of all the creatures and people who make harvest of the food we eat possible, come join in a visual and auditory feast and participatory activities.

Enjoy pumpkin decorating and touring the garden beds of native pollinators and herbs from around the world. Learn more about local impacts of climate change. Make a butterfly button or set of colorful wings highlighting the artwork of Favianna Rodriguez's "Migration is Beautiful" project and our own mosaics by Emily Bhargava, including the new Turtle Table.

- 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.: Garden Tours, Pumpkin Decorating, and Butterfly Making Activities
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.: "Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color to Communicate" book reading with local author Sara Levine, learn about how plants attract pollinators
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.: Music by Sawaari, ride a musical landscape of global rhythms and sounds

Thanks to the following organizations for their support: Sawaari, Somerville Immigrant Service Providers Group, Matahari Women Workers' Center, Green and Open Somerville.

Please join in!



Weddings, funerals and – The Burren CONT. FROM PG 1

Somerville Avenue) and teaches classes at Berklee in the summer. Finally, the arguably hardest working guitar player in Boston also has four solo albums to his credit. He will be celebrating the release of his new CD, *Savvy Tonarino*, at The Burren on Sunday, September 15.

**Somerville Times:** Was a lot of music played in your family's house when you were growing up?

**Tony Savarino:** Music was a huge part of my life on both my mom and dad's side of the family. My dad was a pianist. My mom had exceptional taste in music. She had me listening to T. Rex, [the David Bowie album] *Ziggy Stardust*, and John Coltrane at a very young age. My grandfather on my father's side was a virtuoso fiddle player until he lost his arm in a lumber mill accident at age 19. So yeah, I was exposed to a wide range of music as a young

kid. At some point I'd be listening to old-time mountain music, at some point I'd be listening to Van Halen, at some point I'd be listening to Pat Metheny. It was really the gamut.

**ST:** Do you remember when you got your first guitar?

**TS:** According to my mom and dad, we went to a flea market when I was three and I saw a guitar and I just took it and started walking away with it. My father of course paid for it. I didn't really play the thing, I just kind of dragged it around the house. I started playing guitar seriously around 10 years old.

**ST:** Several of the tracks on *Savvy Tonarino* are covers that are dedicated to various people. Why did you choose to record some of these songs and to devote them to whom you did?

**TS:** My bass player and my producer, Sean McLaughlin, are both huge fans of *Twin Peaks*.

We had recorded three tunes at the studio: *Man of Mystery*, *You More Than Me*, and I think *And Then They Were Gone*. The reboot of *Twin Peaks* was on, and I said, "Hey, why don't we do *The Pink Room* really quick?" And that really made Sean's day, so I just dedicated it to him. The song *Brawl* I dedicated to Al Shapiro, who engineered a lot of stuff on my first three records. He passed away in 2014. He was a great friend and mentor. *I Only Have Eyes for You* is for one of my oldest friends, Paola Batti. She kind of hit a rough patch and wasn't feeling too great about herself, and I just wanted to make her feel good. This is basically just so if she's bummed out she can say, "Oh, there's a song that was dedicated to me on a record."

**ST:** In addition to recording and performing live, do you play birthdays, weddings, and bar/bat mitzvahs?

**TS:** I have. Actually, I wouldn't mind more wedding gigs. They pay great and the musicians are usually awesome. At every Savtones show, I make it a point to say that we're available for any kind of function that you want. Weddings, funerals, bar mitzvahs, Masonic promotions. In fact, The Savtones get hired for two or three corporate gigs a year. They typically hire us just to be us, so we're not catering to anyone. We just being ourselves. And I get to pay the band really well on those.

**ST:** How long have you been a guitar teacher at Mass Ave Music, Berklee, and in other capacities?

**TS:** Mass Ave Music and Berklee have each been about five years. But I've been teaching guitar since I was 17. In the '90s, I was on the road more and was making more from playing. Then I kinda hit a personal bottom

and I needed to get a normal job so I could get a normal schedule going. About the time of 9/11, I got laid off, and it horrified me that an employer was in charge of my destination. I had a couple of music-related jobs after that, got laid off again, and built up my student roster while collecting unemployment. And I just didn't say no to any gigs for like six or seven years.

**ST:** Are most of your students young people who aspire to rock 'n' roll stardom?

**TS:** Actually, I teach a lot of guys who play in bands. A lot of great guitar players just come to me to get out of ruts. They're perfectly capable of playing but just need a fresh outlook, so I view myself more as a consultant.

*Tony Savarino CD release with The B3 Kings, September 15, 7:30 p.m., at The Burren Back Room, 247 Elm St., Somerville.*

Kicking off the new school year with renovated turf fields at ESCS and Capuano

On Tuesday morning, August 27, the renovated turf field at East Somerville Community School (ESCS) formally reopened, just in time for the first day of school. As 6th grade ESCS teacher Julie Allen, who was on-hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony said, "I'm so happy for my students to be able to use the new soccer field. So many of them love soccer and it's the best part of recess or afterschool for them."

City and school officials, representatives who oversaw the project, and neighborhood and community members young and old attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony. But having the gates open in preparation for the ceremony was invitation enough for more than a dozen kids to begin a pickup soccer game while the adults talked along the crisply painted sidelines. The celebration at ESCS was the second of two field renovation projects completed this summer. The field alongside the Capuano Early Childhood Center was reopened and held its ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, August 9.

The improvements at both ESCS and Capuano were needed to address drainage problems, natural wear-and-tear from regular use, and safety concerns. Of note is the use of sand and plant-based infill material on the fields. One important improvement that couldn't be featured under the sunny blue skies at ESCS was the installation of athletic field LED lighting. This new field lighting will allow play to continue into the evenings even as natural light fades as the fall progresses. As ESCS Principal Obed Morales explains, "The new turf will provide the entire community a durable surface to utilize for many years. For the school, this surface promotes a healthy and safe space for students to use during the academic day. We are fortunate to have this facility available for our students."





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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|September 11

**East Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Homeschool Reading Group  
10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  
Teen Game Day  
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|September 12

**Central Library**  
Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds  
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.  
Comic Book Drawing Workshop for Kids  
3 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library**  
Night Owls Storytime!  
6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday|September 13

**Central Library**  
Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds  
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|September 16

**Central Library**  
Sing Along with Matt!  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|September 17

**Somerville Community Baptist Church**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 31 College Ave.

**East Branch Library**  
Paws, to Read!  
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Wednesday|September 18

**East Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Homeschool Reading Group  
10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  
Somerville High School Anime Club  
2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Farmers Market**  
12 p.m.- 1 p.m.|between Day and Chester Streets

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|September 11

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room:Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.  
Backroom: The Fretless|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Once Somerville**  
Joe Hertler & The Rainbow Seekers w/ Los Elk  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Road Trip Sessions: J. Edwards  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Thursday|September 12

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room:Americana Session with Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company |7 p.m.  
Back Room: Tassie Angels|7 p.m.  
Scattershots|10 p.m.

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Krush Faktory(Dub Down)  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road**  
My Good Friend Tom with special guests Alec Morrissey, The Billy Connors Project, and The Whiskey Barrel Band  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
The Selector 40th Anniversary Tour (1979-2019)  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Road Trip Sessions: Lauren Lee Quartet  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Somerville Theatre**  
An Evening with Sonia Sotomayor  
7 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

Friday|September 13

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Jim Coyle & Sneaky Pint|6 p.m.  
Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present - \$10 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Backroom: The Resonant Rogues, Mamma’s Marmalade|7 p.m.  
Fightin Friday|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Once Somerville**  
Joe Mande – King of Content Tour w/ Lamont Price  
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
DJ starting at 10 p.m.  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
David Liebe Hart (of Adult Swim/ Tim & Eric) with special guests Chip The Black Boy, Whatever Your Heart Desires, Keytar Bear, Giant Enemy Cancer Cult, OroborO, and host Dicky J Stock  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Brass Friday: Fat Boi’s Brass Band|6:30 p.m.  
Brass Friday: Extraordinary Rendition Brass Band  
8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
Smoke and Shadows: Burlesque & Variety Show  
9:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Saturday|September 14

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Stan Martin Band|6 p.m.  
Big Lonesome, Jack Oats (Detroit), Old Fox - \$10 cover|9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.  
Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m.  
Back Room:  
The Band That Time Forgot|7 p.m.  
Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Shakin It For Brian: A Charity Event  
12 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
The Boston BeauTease: Burlesque University  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Road Trip Sessions: J. Edwards  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Rick and Friends  
10 a.m.|Café  
Vintage Improv Festival -- Saturday Shows  
5:30 pm - 10:30 pm.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|September 15

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
The Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m.  
African Night, SambaLolo and guests|10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9 p.m.  
Matt Heaton & The Outside Toys|3:30 p.m.  
Tony Savarino CD Release With The B3 Kings|7:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Born Yesterday Band with special guests Time That Remains, The Troubled Times, and Social Entropy  
4 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
Steve ‘n’ Seagulls w/ ClusterPluck|8 p.m.  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Pumpkin Bread  
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Vintage Improv Festival  
4 p.m.- 9 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday|September 16

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45 p.m., Run, Helena Delaney & Friends|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room:Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
Jimmy James Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
Venom Prison, Homewrecker, Black Mass, Joy  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

Tuesday|September 17

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers|8:30 p.m.  
Back Room: Michael Winograd & the Honorable Mentshn|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.  
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**PJ Ryan’s**  
Pub Quiz  
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

**Thunder Road**  
Neighbor Tuesdays in Union Square, Somerville!  
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
Dude York w/ Edge Petal Burn + Peach Fuzz  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
First and Last Word Poetry  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|September 18

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room:Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.  
Backroom: Michelle Malone|7 p.m.  
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Once Somerville**  
Raveena w/ Dianna Lopez  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|September 11

**Central Library**  
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft  
12 p.m.-2 p.m.  
Creative Writing Workshop with Caitlin McGill  
5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Farmers Market**  
12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert Streets

Thursday|September 12

**Central Library**  
Public Hearing on HUD Consolidated Annual Performance Report  
5 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.  
Cooking Workshop with JJ Gonson  
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Ciampa Manor**  
Learn English with the Library!  
6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|27 College Avenue

**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

Friday|September 13

**Central Library**  
Citizen Schools Friday Forum Mental Health First Aid  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday|September 14

**Central Library**  
Citizenship Class  
9:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Sunday|September 15

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

MondaySeptember 16

**East Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Peter Zheutlin - The Dog Went Over The Mountain  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|September 17

**Central Library**  
Digital Literacy 101 Classes: Protecting Your Digital Identity with James O’Keefe  
12 p.m.- 2 p.m.  
Learn English at the Library!  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Company**  
Books & Brews Book Club  
6:15 p.m.- 7:15 p.m.|14 Tyler St

Wednesday|September 18

**Central Library**  
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft  
12 p.m.-2 p.m.  
Part-time Founders Thinking Session  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Farmers Market**  
12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert Streets

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!



SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

**Holland Street Senior Center:** located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square)  
Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
617-625-6600, ext. 2300

**Cross Street Center:** located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)  
Mondays & Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Fridays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
617-625-6600, ext. 2335  
Fax: 617-625-1414

**Ralph and Jenny Center:** located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
617- 666-5223

**Main Office:** located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.)  
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
617-625-6600, ext. 2300  
Fax: 617-625-0688  
TTY: 866-808-4851

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

**The Diabetes Support Group – Penne for Your Thoughts** – Wednesdays- September 11, 18, 25, October 2 and 9 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Please join our Nutritionist, Caitlin and Social Worker, Natasha as they explain common myths and facts about diabetes and discuss strategies to help manage your diabetes. To sign up please call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Planning for Medicare – Countdown to 65** – Thursday, September 26 – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Are you approaching 65? Do you have questions about applying for Medicare? Come learn about the process. For additional information please call Ashley or Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Be Prepared for Flooding** – Friday September 27, 9:30 –10:30 a.m. Holland Street Center. Please join representatives from the City of Somerville who will share tips on how to prepare for flooding in Somerville. Bingo and Lunch to follow. For more information or to sign up call Josie at 617-625-6000 ext. 2300.

**Doc Talk** – Monday, October 7 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Come talk with Veronica Nuzzolo, PhD, CACD. Gain strategies and empowerment skills to be able to ask your doctor the questions that you are afraid to ask. RSVP by calling Ashely at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

**Wildwood, NJ** – Thursday, October 17 to Sunday, October 20 - \$423 per person double and \$521 per person single. Package includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 3 nights’ accommodations, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners and 2 concerts. Check in time is 6:30 a.m. on the 17 at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. on the 20. For more information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE (PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

**Monday:**  
Keep Moving Walking Club - 9:00 a.m. (H)  
Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H)  
Fit-4-Life – 11:00 a.m. (C)  
Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

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

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

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

Healthy Steps – 12:30 p.m. (H)  
Nutrition Class – 3:00 p.m. (H)  
LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)  
**Fridays:**  
Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H)  
Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)  
**Adventure Group – Please call for details**  
**\*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration\***

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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



Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



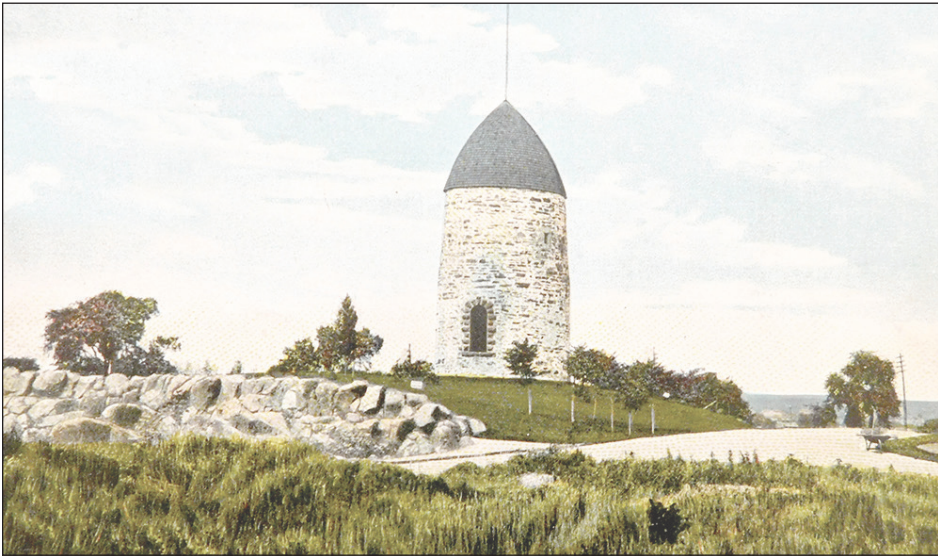
• College Avenue and Elm Street played host to what was the well-known Woodbridge Hotel. Many popular entertainers stayed there when acting at the theatre. As a young girl, Bette Davis lived across the street. She became a famous actress and the wealthiest working female in America during the 1940's. Betty gave the acting award "Oscar" its name.

• Many churches and societies carpeted the street up to Nathan Tufts Park, the Powder House and Powder House circle.

• Continuing on the other side of the traffic circle, the street bisected a mid-1900, nine-hole Municipal Tufts golf

course. A century earlier, the same spot was used to train army cavalry horses for the Civil War; and yet a century before that, Revolutionary prisoner-of-war captives stripped the area foraging for wood.

Historic Elm Street has experienced many changes. Her chameleon-like veneer went from dirt road, to cobblestone, to tar pavement, to bike trails painted on her surface. She has felt horses, cars, trucks, and buses rolling over her to steam trains rolling across her and subway trains rumbling underneath her. One of her former residents was iRobot ... maybe giant Roombas are up next to test the historic Elm Street surface.



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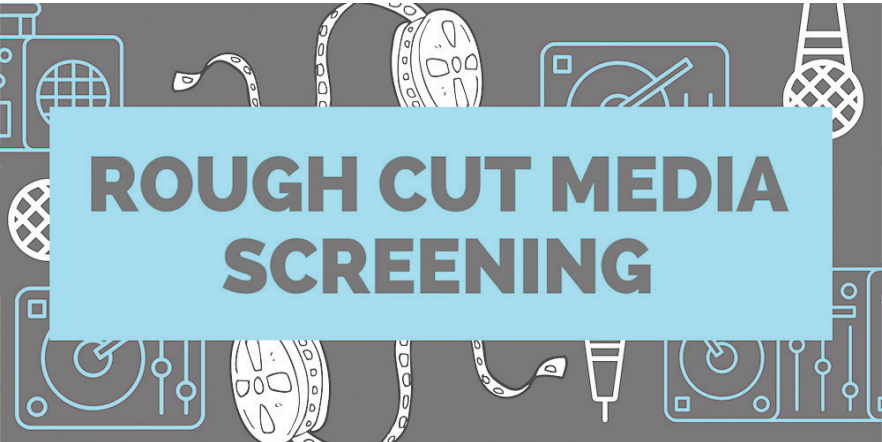
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Upcoming VOX POP events



**18th Rough Cut Media Screening**  
Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
at VOX POP, 431 Artisan Way  
Please fill out this form to submit: <https://scatvsomerville.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f666d0ca2473e6d81ef0dc44f&id=367b8b-c922&e=a6639670d7>

This is a safe space for people or groups working on media projects (short films, experimental, podcasts, tv shows, promotional videos, trailers, etc) to present their work to a group for constructive feedback. Please submit one form for each video being screened and note that in order to be fair and respectful of people's time, only up to 5 minutes will be aired. NO SUBMISSION REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

**Project PITCH Session**  
Monday, September 16, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
at VOX POP, 431 Artisan Way  
RSVP at [ejones@somervillemedia.org](mailto:ejones@somervillemedia.org)

How do you take your media idea and turn it into your best media idea? Pitch your idea to a panel of peers in a constructive and friendly environment. After some face-paced positive workshopping of your idea in a small group, you'll have the perfect pitch to present the end of the workshop! What should I pitch? Pitch your original idea for a screenplay, documentary, podcast, web series or film of your own imagination. Original ideas only.



**SMC Youth Media Open House**  
Thursday, September 19, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
at SMC Studios, 90 Union Square  
RSVP at <https://scatvsomerville.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f666d0ca2473e6d81ef0dc44f&id=6448202265&e=a6639670d7>

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<b>Wednesday, September 11</b>							
12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium	1:00pm	Tele Magazine	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:00pm	Startup TV Boston	2:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show
7:00am	Esoteric Science	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM Arts
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
9:00am	DW Global 3000	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	<b>Friday, September 13</b>		5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	1:00pm	The Kamla Show
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Literati Scene	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
11:00am	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	2:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:00pm	Special SCATV Programming	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
1:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:30pm	Legacies
2:00pm	Science 360	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm	TeleGalaxie
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	Going Postal
4:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Last Sip
4:30pm	The Literati Scene	10:00am	NASA TV	11:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
5:00pm	Hello Neighbor	11:00am	SOM ARTS	<b>Sunday, September 15</b>		7:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
5:30pm	Women2Women Today	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	12:00am	Flotilla	8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Overcoming Addiction
6:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
6:30pm	Off the Shelf	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions
7:00pm	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	1:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	11:00pm	Boston Come Through
8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	The Kamla Show	3:00am	Free Speech TV	<b>Tuesday, September 17</b>	
8:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	2:30pm	SMC Youth Media	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board	12:00am	Free Speech TV
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<b>Thursday, September 12</b>		5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	9:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	6:00pm	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast	10:00am	The Chef's Table Series	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
12:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	SOM ARTS	11:00am	Gentle Belly Dancing	10:00am	Road to Recovery
1:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	12:00pm	Off the Shelf	11:00am	Graphic Content
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9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	11:00pm	Totally Working Out	4:00pm	Gay USA	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	<b>Saturday, September 14</b>		5:00pm	The Grandstanders	4:00pm	SMC Youth Media
10:00am	Legacies	12:00am	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	Teen Empowerment	4:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
10:30am	Somerville Pundits	1:00am	Boston Come Through	6:30pm	Cinema Somerville	5:00pm	LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
11:00am	Teen Empowerment	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
11:30am	Art & Ideas	3:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	Community Lens
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	5:00am	Effort Pour Christ	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	6:30pm	Art & Ideas
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	7:00pm	Art Seen at SMC
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Road to Recovery	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville
4:00pm	Hello Neighbor!	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	<b>Monday, September 16</b>		8:00pm	LIVE - Dead Air Live
4:30pm	The Struggle	9:00am	SMC Youth Media	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Somerville Line
5:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke	9:30am	Somerville Storytellers	5:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	10:00pm	TUTV
6:00pm	Community Lens	10:00am	Dead Air Live	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board	10:30pm	Public Access Boyz
6:30pm	Somerville Pundits	11:00am	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
		12:00pm	TeleGalaxie	7:30am	Going Postal	11:30pm	Ojo Rojo

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<b>Wednesday, September 11</b>							
7:30am	SHS Topping Off Ceremony	12:00am	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging	12:30pm	City Council Meeting - 9.12.19	7:30am	Overdose Awareness Vigil
8:00am	Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II"	1:13am	SPD Ride Along	6:00pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	8:00am	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer 2019
8:30am	Connecting Communities	1:30am	CC-Finance Committee Public Meeting	7:00pm	Overdose Awareness Vigil	8:19am	Haiti in the 'Ville
9:00am	Capuano Field Ribbon Cutting	7:30am	ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting	7:30pm	SomerViva en Español - Sept. 2019	9:03am	SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen
9:10am	SPD Ride Along	7:35am	Talking Business "Bow Market"	9:30pm	White Nationalism Community Response	9:30am	SPD Ride Along
9:30am	National Night Out 2019	8:00am	SHS Topping Off Ceremony	10:00pm	SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen	11:00am	POW Veterans' Cemetery Ceremony
11:00am	Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	8:30am	Connecting Communities	10:05pm	ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting	11:30am	Evolution of Hip Hop
12:30pm	CC-Finance Committee Public Meeting	9:00am	Evolution of Hip Hop	10:20pm	SPD Ride Along	12:00pm	Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy
6:00pm	Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping	10:00am	SomerViva em Português - August 2019	11:04pm	Haiti in the 'Ville	1:30pm	Celling Your Soul: Raising Kids in a Digital Age
7:30pm	Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan	11:00am	CC - Public Utilities & Public Works		SomerVision 2040: Parameters - 4.5.19	3:30pm	SPD Ride Along
8:00pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	12:06pm	Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II"	<b>Sunday, September 15</b>		6:00pm	SomerViva en Español - Sept. 2019
8:30pm	SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen	12:30pm	Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19	12:00am	Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	6:30pm	National Night Out 2019
9:00pm	Haiti in the 'Ville	1:30pm	SomerVision 2040: Values & Equity 2019	1:30am	Powder House Blvd Community Update	7:09pm	Talking Business "Bow Market"
9:43pm	SPD Ride Along	2:00pm	Celling Your Soul	7:30am	National Night Out 2019	7:30pm	CC-Finance Committee Public Meeting
10:00pm	CC - Public Utilities & Public Works	6:30pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	8:09am	SPD Ride Along	11:00pm	SomerViva em Português - August 2019
11:07pm	Talking Business "Bow Market"	7:00pm	SPD Ride Along	8:30am	9/11 Vigil - 2019	<b>Tuesday, September 17</b>	
<b>Thursday, September 12</b>		7:15pm	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer 2019	9:00am	Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19	12:00am	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer 2019
12:00am	SomerViva en Español - Sept. 2019	7:34pm	SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen	11:00am	SomerVision 2040: Values & Equity 2019	12:19am	Haiti in the 'Ville
12:30am	White Nationalism Community Response	8:00pm	Evolution of Hip Hop	11:30am	Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan	1:03am	Central Hill Parking Update Meeting
2:30am	Central Hill Parking Update Meeting	8:30pm	National Night Out 2019	12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II"	2:00am	East Somerville Walking Tour - 6.16.19
7:30am	Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19	9:09pm	SPD Ride Along	12:30pm	Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19	7:30am	Celling Your Soul
8:30am	SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen	9:30pm	9/11 Vigil - 2019	1:30pm	Celling Your Soul	9:30am	Capuano Field Ribbon Cutting
9:00am	SomerViva en Español - Sept. 2019	10:00pm	Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	6:00pm	SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen	9:40am	SCAP Annual Meeting 2019
9:30am	The Firstamerican Flag	11:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	6:30pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	11:30am	SHS Topping Off Ceremony
11:30am	Overdose Awareness Vigil	<b>Saturday, September 14</b>		7:00pm	Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II"	12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II"
12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II"	12:00am	9/11 Vigil - 2019	7:30pm	9/11 Vigil - 2019	12:30pm	Central Hill Parking Update Meeting
12:30pm	SomerViva en Español - Sept. 2019	12:30am	Evolution of Hip Hop	8:00pm	Connecting Communities	1:30pm	City Council Meeting - 9.12.19
1:00pm	Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	1:00am	Overdose Awareness Vigil	8:30pm	City Council Meeting - 9.12.19	6:00pm	Connecting Communities
2:30pm	National Night Out 2019	1:30am	Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	<b>Monday, September 16</b>		6:30pm	SomerVision 2040: Values & Equity 2019
3:09pm	SPD Ride Along	3:00am	SomerViva en Español - Sept. 2019	12:00am	Overdose Awareness Vigil	7:00pm	Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II
4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	7:30am	Fit-4-Life #4	12:18am	SPD Ride Along	7:30pm	Tuskegee Airmen
7:00pm	City Council Meeting - 9.12.19	8:00am	Overdose Awareness Vigil	12:33am	Talking Business "Bow Market"	8:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 9.9.19
<b>Friday, September 13</b>		8:30am	Celling Your Soul	1:00am	9/11 Vigil - 2019	11:30pm	SPD Ride Along
		11:00am	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging	1:30am	City Council Meeting - 9.12.19	12:00am	Overdose Awareness Vigil
		12:13pm	SPD Ride Along				

Educational TV 15 Schedule							
<b>Wednesday, September 11</b>							
9:00am	SHS CTE Awards Night 2019	10:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott	6:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott	9:00am	SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus
11:00am	SHS Football vs CRLS	<b>Friday, September 13</b>		8:00pm	SHS Football v Falmouth 9.14.19	10:30am	SHS 'Topping Off' Ceremony
1:30pm	SHS Football vs Medford	12:00am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott	11:00pm	Sunsetters 2019!	11:00am	SHS Football v Falmouth 9.14.19
4:00pm	Sunsetters 2019!	1:30am	Sunsetters 2019!	<b>Sunday, September 15</b>		2:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott
5:00pm	SHS CTE Awards Night 2019	9:00am	SING! Somerville	12:00am	SHS Football v Falmouth 9.14.19	3:30pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus
7:00pm	SHS Football vs CRLS	10:00am	SHS Football vs Medford	2:30am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott	5:00pm	String Fest & Summer HONK Concert
9:30pm	SHS Football vs Medford	12:05pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus	4:00am	Public Domain Theater	6:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott
<b>Thursday, September 12</b>		2:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott	9:00am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott	7:30pm	SHS 'Topping Off' Ceremony
12:00am	Sunsetters 2019!	4:00pm	Sunsetters 2019!	10:30am	ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting	8:00pm	SHS Football v Falmouth 9.14.19
12:35am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica	5:00pm	SING! Somerville	11:00am	SHS Football v Falmouth 9.14.19	11:00pm	Sunsetters 2019!
9:00am	Sunsetters 2019!	6:00pm	String Fest & Summer HONK Concert	2:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus	<b>Tuesday, September 17</b>	
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12:00pm	SING! Somerville	10:30pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus	5:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott	11:00am	SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus
1:00pm	WSNS Science Fair Winners	<b>Saturday, September 14</b>		5:00pm	ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting	2:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott
2:00pm	Rec All City Track Meet	12:00am	Sunsetters 2019!	6:30pm	SHS Football v Falmouth 9.14.19	3:30pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus
3:25pm	Sunsetters 2019!	12:35am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott	7:00pm	SHS Football v Falmouth 9.14.19	5:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere
4:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott	2:30am	Public Domain Theater	11:30pm	ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting	7:00pm	SHS Football v Falmouth 9.14.19
6:00pm	Sunsetters 2019!	9:00am	SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus	<b>Monday, September 16</b>		9:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere
7:00pm	String Fest & Summer HONK Concert	11:00am	SHS Football v Falmouth 9.14.19	12:00am	Sunsetters 2019!	11:00pm	Sunsetters 2019!
8:00pm	SHS 'Topping Off' Ceremony	2:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott	12:35am	ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting	12:00am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere
9:00pm	SING! Somerville	3:30pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus	1:00am	SHS Football v Falmouth 9.14.19	2:00am	SHS Football v Falmouth 9.14.19
		5:00pm	String Fest & Summer HONK Concert				





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'Come Closer and Listen'

by Charles Simic

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Book Review by Off the Shelf Correspondent Ed Meek

Charles Simic is now 81 years old. He's been a force in the world of poetry for many years. He has penned forty books of poetry. He writes articles about poetry for *The New York Review of Books*. He was a Poetry Editor for *The Paris Review*, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1990, and was the recipient of a MacArthur Grant. His poetry is somewhat enigmatic. His poems are generally short, combining colloquial language, observed details and surrealism. Here's an early poem that has stuck with me. It's called *Fear*:

Fear passes from man to man  
Unknowing,  
As one leaf passes its shudder  
To another.  
All at once the whole tree is trembling,  
And there is no sign of the wind.

Despite being so short, it's a poem that resonates. The imagery perfectly captures the idea and it makes a big statement about the way that fear can take over even when people forget what caused it in the first place. Sometimes lately it feels like we're living in The Republic of Fear these days.

In his current book, Simic employs the same elements though he seldom achieves the intensity he once did. *The Hand that Rocks the Cradle* is a two-line poem: "Time—that murderer/ No one has caught yet." That's the right idea but feels as if it could keep going.

Simic is in the group of poets who are accessible. He uses simple language and a casual off-hand tone. *Some birds Chirp*

Others have nothing to say.  
You see them pace back and forth,  
Nodding their heads as they do.

It must be something huge  
That's driving them nuts—  
Life in general, being a bird.

Too much for one little brain  
To figure out on its own.  
Still, no harm in trying, I guess.

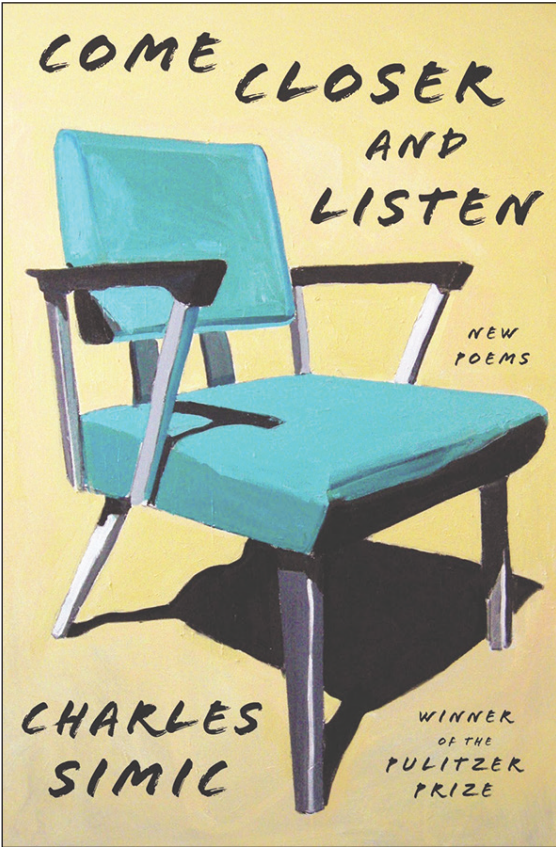
Even with all the racket  
Made by its neighbors,  
Darting and bickering nonstop.

So, the question is: Is it enough to be an economical, amusing observer?

Many of the poems in this collection are about death – not surprising given the writer's age. This one is called *The Last Lesson*

It will be about nothing.  
Not about love or God,  
But about nothing.  
You'll be like the new kid in school  
Afraid to look at the teacher  
While struggling to understand  
What they are saying  
About this here nothing.

There's a big argument going on these days about pronouns. When Simic says "What they are saying" is the pronoun singular? Does it refer to the teacher? In addition, although poetry should be about the ineffable, Simic doesn't have much to offer here beyond the ambiguity of the word nothing.



The best poem in the book is called *Ghost Ship*.

Those blessed moments  
That pretend  
They'll stay with us forever—  
Soon gone,  
Without a fare-the-well.  
What's the rush?  
I heard myself say.

You have the right  
To remain silent,  
The night told me  
As I sat in bed  
Hatching plans  
On how to hold the next  
Captive in my head.

I recall a window thrown open  
One summer day  
On a grand view of the bay  
And a cloud in all that blue  
As pale as the horse  
Death likes to ride

Always happy to shoot the breeze,  
That lone cloud  
Was telling me  
As it drifted out to sea,  
Toward some  
Ship on the horizon,

That had already  
Set sail  
And was about to vanish  
Out of sight,  
On the way to some port  
And country  
Without name.

A ghost ship,  
Most surely,  
But mine all the same.

In this poem, we have simple language paired with imagery and each line takes the poem a little further, yet each is surprising. There is some subtle rhyming and the usual economy. At first the subject seems to be memory but soon it becomes clear Simic is talking about death and here he gives us something we can take away. The fact that he is still writing good poetry is inspiring.

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When I say that my wedding rings have worn a groove in my finger,

That's not exactly true.

What's true is that my finger has grown large around them.

They operate like bindings,

Keeping that part of my finger small as thirty-two,

While fifty-five swells and rises around them.

— Sharon Paradiso  
February 12, 2019

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Answers

From on page 14

1. John Shepherd-Barron

2. April 4, 1973

3. Bombing on February 26, 1993, Ryder truck detonated in the underground garage of the North Tower

4. Nineteen

5. Michael Buckley Jr., Tom's great uncle

6. The Mystery Machine

7. A pride

8. Eighteen inches

9. United States

10. 2010

11. Five

12. Theodore Roosevelt





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