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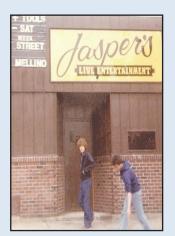
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Somerville City Council affirms federal Green New Deal resolution



Somerville resident Larry Yu made a presentation to the Somerville City Council emphasizing the importance of acknowledging the need for passage of the federal Green New Deal resolution.

By Jim Clark

At the latest regular meeting of the Somerville City Council on September 12, a resolution was put forward and approved that affirms the federal Green New Deal resolution by establishing goals, identifying actions necessary to meet these goals, and calling for the federal government to enact policies to advance a Green New Deal.

Speaking in favor of the resolution, sponsor Ward Seven City Councilor and Council President Katjana Ballantyne said, "I submitted this resolution because I felt that it sums up the work that we've been doing in the City Council for the last five years and that it highlights the intersection of climate, housing, jobs, infrastructure, and equity. We've worked on many of these issues. I really want to emphasize at every turn that we should be looking at how we can mitigate climate change.

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Little Sisters of the Poor to withdraw from Jeanne Jugan Residence in Somerville

The Little Sisters of the Poor announced this week with sadness, that they will be withdrawing from Jeanne Jugan Residence in Somerville. The Sisters met with the residents, their families, lay associates, staff and volunteers sharing their decision.

The decision was a difficult one. The Little Sisters have served in the Archdiocese of Boston continuously since 1870. Eight Little Sisters arrived at the port of Boston on April 19, 1870 to start a home for the elderly poor in Roxbury. In the span of 17 years, two other homes for the elderly were built, in Charlestown and Somerville. The Charlestown Home closed in 1896. In 1978, the Residents of Roxbury and Somerville were welcomed into their new home on Highland Avenue, behind the former building.

In making the announcement, Mother Alice Marie Jones, l.s.p., the Little Sisters' provincial superior, explained, "As part of a strategic plan aimed at strengthening our ministry and bolstering the quality of our Continued on page 17



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We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Stan Koty**, who passed last week. He served the city for many, many years, most recently as DPW Commissioner, and will be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Donald and Patty Norton**, who are both home on hospice care. They are very grateful for all the well-wishers that have called and made visits to their home. We wish them the best and hope they stay strong.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to Mary Jo Rossetti, who is a lifelong resident and a hard working Councilor At-Large. We wish her a very happy birthday. Also this week, we wish another local person Conor Brennan, the owner of PJ Ryan's in Teele Square, the very best on his birthday. Happy birthday to a lady whose family has deep roots here in Somerville, Donna Prio-Andon, who grew up in Magoun Square, we wish Donna the very best. Happy birthday to Helen Yutkins Berry, who also is celebrating this week. We missed Juscelia LoRusso last week, not sure how but we hope she had a wonderful birthday, she is the best! I wonder

happy birthday as well.

how made her a cake? If we missed you here, we wish you a

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

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: It's time for rent stabilization

Matt says:

I am the owner of a two-family house. I live in one unit and rent out the other. I rely on the rental income to be able to live in Somerville.

I'm happy to commit to a rent increase cap, if the Mayor will commit to a cap on tax increases (average tax bill went up 6.4% for two-families last year), water rates (up 6%), sewer rates (7.5%), as well as the recently enacted CPA surcharge (currently 1.5%), High School debt exclusion (up to \$349 a year for average two-family), and water/sewer usage charges (\$180/year).

Despite all of these tax and fee increases, I've kept the rent the same for three years. Maybe if the Mayor tightened his purse strings, other landlords could keep their rents down too.

Old Taxpayer says:

Myself like many others I know in this city are content to leave our apartments empty. I could use the money but I can just skim by leaving it empty. The others I know just don't want the hassle. I was renting when they had rent control here. At the time I had the tenants windows cleaned twice a year and if I had a good year I used to give them December off without paying rent. All I did was get screwed. No more.

DatGruntled says:

Matt, you are one of the rare ones. Most owners do not live anywhere near Somerville and many take a two family and turn it into three units with six or seven bedrooms going for \$1k each. I would like to see something done that keeps that in check and allows people like you, who are also trying to live here, a break.

joe says:

I still haven't heard a good argument for any type of government intervention in the so-called housing "crisis". Somerville is desirable! Good! What's wrong with letting the market dictate prices? Where does Joe get the idea he can tell a property owner what they can/can't do with their property and how much they can charge? Nobody has a right to live in the most desirable neighborhood... there is plenty lower cost housing to the north and east.

Money Mayor says:

Maybe the money hunger millionaire mayor should concentrate on his "Vision Zero" goal instead of talking about rent with yet another hit and run this week. There have been multiple pedestrian deaths in the last nine months.

The streets of Somerville are unsafe and people are dying IN CROSSWALKS.

Old Taxpayer says:

This is a way of making more apartments available Money Mayor. Worth more if it's older people rather than young to the mayor.

JAR says:

As noble a concept as it sounds to be, at the end of the day, rent control destroyed affordable housing in the region. It created distortions and mis-allocations in the market which will take generations to correct.

kirk says:

Well said Matt! I am also owner occupied and my rent goes up with my taxes. The mayor doesn't see a correlation between tax rates and the cost of rents.

Scooby Doo says:

Yes, well said, Matt. I am both a resident and a landlord. Try to keep rent increases minimal but the hikes in taxes, and especially water/sewage are tough to swallow. So much for the promised positive impact of Assembly Row on our property taxes!

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

Willie Bruno says:

I continue to be shocked that so many educated people think that disregard for our laws is just fine, and those who do so should be welcomed, and we should work to make them safe and comfortable. Can you name any other laws that you are perfectly happy to see people violate?

Jenny K says:

It seems to be kind of an update on the status of the bill that was filed, as well as some reasoning for supporting it. Makes sense to me. I recommend actually reading what she says.

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Life in the Wille by Jimmy Del Ponte

Rock 'n roll never forgets



"Plans call for a five-story mixed-use building with 12 apartments and a bar or restaurant on the first floor." This is getting old.

When the news hit that the popular live music club at 379 Somerville Ave. Thunder Road might be closing, it sparked a symphony of memories for me and my friends. My bands The Tools, and Delfusion played there when it was Jaspers. Before that I hosted karaoke when it was Choices. It was also called Radio for a while.

When it was Jaspers it was one of the trio of great local musical "J's" along with Jumbos and Johnny D's, also now gone.

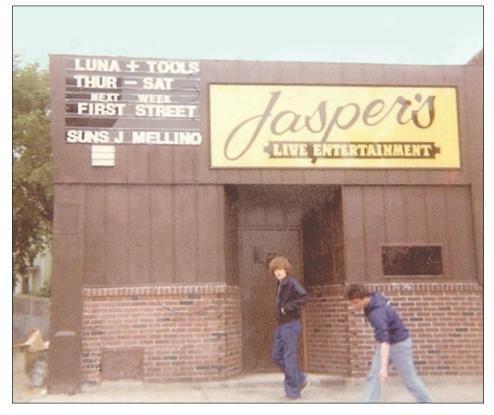
Jaspers was quite the rock venue in its heyday. It was usually packed solid and if you didn't get in no problem. Underage kids would sometimes climb onto the roof "standing directly above stage feeling the quakes around 1979."

Former owner Bob R recalls, "We owned and ran Duffy's Pub in the front half, and a disco in the back half. I can't remember the name off the top of my head (Night Stage?). We gutted the building and created Jaspers around 1978-1979 and it became Choices after we sold it in 1982-1983." Bob mentioned the "wall of drumheads." He also has old booking calendars that are nothing less than a Boston rock history book.

As usual, my stories sometimes come with a list. This is a partial list of bands that played Jasper's (I think!): Fire Dept, Robert Ellis Orall (with our own Dave Stef!), The Joe Perry Project, Luna, Berlin Airlift, with (Joe Pet), The Neighborhoods, Tommy James, Balloon with Charlie Farren, Robin Lane, The Flying Pirroni Brothers, The Dream/ Extreme, The Atlantics,

The Stompers, The Fools, Lizzie Borden, James Montgomery, The Grassroots, The Nervous Eaters, Pastiche, Face to Face, John Butcher Axis, David Johansen (I think), Sass, Private Parts, Rage, France, Wavelength, Pictures, The Guitars, Image, The Rave, Emit Dooley and Bad Habits, Needles, Lazers, Sods, Boys Life, New Models, Orbits, And First Street.

At one time I lived a (rolling) stone's throw from Jasper's on Somerville Ave. It was next to Caesar's Pizza in a studio apartment with three other friends including The Tools sound man, my pal,



the late Dave E. Also living in that small box was the lead guitar player of the band Thunderhead, Eddie C.

Most meals in that cramped one room apartment consisted of beer and leftover pizza. For a while, I even had a part time job cleaning Jaspers. I remember one of the owners Mike R saying, "Jimmy, your band sounded great last night! By the way don't forget to get the cigarette butts out of the urinals." Ah, the good old days!

My pals' band, The Billy Connors Project, performed at Thunder Road recently. I feel bad for the musicians who are losing another local place to play their music. Hopefully I'll get to check out Thunder Road before it becomes just another memory.

A story about Jaspers wouldn't be complete without mentioning my good pal Jerry J. We have stories and memo-

ries that are absolutely priceless! Jerry remains my buddy to this day as does Dave Stef, and Bobby D, Phil L, Richard C, Teddy B, Charlie V, Donny A, Dan C, Al F, Billy O, Pat O, Hutch, Chuck F, Bobby B, Wayne S, The Power's Brothers, Dave T, Tom S, and so many other Somerville rockers. A shout out to the late greats: Dennis O, Willie M, Tony D, Andy M, David T, Bernie M and Joey G. Rock in Peace.

Seems like Somerville developers want to cram as many people into any space possible as long as it's "within walking distance to the T," and it boasts granite counter tops and stainless steel appliances. Lots of the friends I grew up with are enjoying much more bang for their buck far away from the madness going on in our city.

Rest in peace Eddie Money and Ric Ocasek. Thank you for the music. Rock on.



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Join in at the Growing Center (22 Vinal Ave.) for the Summer Song Series featuring SheBoom on Thursday, September 19, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The beloved local women's Brazilian percussion ensemble will rock the garden. After the show, join SheBoom for a drumming circle. This event is free and all are welcome. For info, email lpktichell@gmail.com.

By Jim Clark

Alleged shoplifter found among the statues

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the CVS store at 1 Davis Square last Saturday on reports of a shoplifting.

Upon arrival, the officers were met by the store manager, who told them that two men had just shoplifted from the store and one of them was chased out of the store.

The manager was able to show

the officers video of the two suspects entering the store, and one of them was immediately recognized as Keith Hill, of Cambridge.

The video showed Hill running from the store after being approached by a store employee. The manager said that Hill had stolen various electronics from the store and has been known to shoplift there in the past.

A store employee told police that Hill came into the store and started hanging around the phone electronics display. Hill was reportedly observed grabbing three items and attempt to conceal them in his sweatshirt.

Upon seeing this, the employee approached Hill, who began to attempt to run from the store. At one point, Hill reportedly

fell to the ground and dropped one of the items, but was able to get to his feet and leave the store with two of the items.

The officers located Hill across

from CVS at Statue Park. They told him that they had to talk to him about what had just occurred. At first, Hill denied ever being in CVS, but after the officers

At first, Hill denied ever being in CVS, but after the officers told him about the video footage they had seen, he admitted to taking two items.

The officers asked Hill where the items were and he produced a white pair of headphones and a blue USB charger from his pocket.

Hill was subsequently placed under arrest on a charge of shoplifting by asportation. The second suspect was not located.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Luciano Castro, September 11, 1:14 a.m., arrested at Fellsway West on warrant charges of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation, indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older, and assault and battery.

Marcus Peterson, September 11, 3:02 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of felony daytime breaking and

entering.

Kevin Headley, of 89 Putnam Ave., Cambridge, September 11, 8:56 p.m., arrested at Grant St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and drug possession to distribute, and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding.

Kevin Sanchez, of 39 Broadway St., Malden, September

11, 8:56 p.m., arrested at Grant St. on a charge of distribution of a class B drug.

Susan Hayes, of 48 Conant St., Revere, September 13, 9:42 a.m., arrested at Fellsway on a warrant charge of misdemeanor breaking and entering.

William Sweeney, of 151 King St., Franklin, September 13, 10:12 a.m., arrested at Fellsway on a warrant charge of criminal harrassment.

Edilio Najera Mateo, of 97 Gilman St., September 14, 12:31 p.m., arrested at Adams St. on charges of larceny of motor vehicle and malicious wanton defacement of property.

Keith Hill, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, September 14, 4:16 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

John Gallo, of 1370 Broadway, September 14, 7:52 p.m.,

arrested at home on charges of assault and battery on a person over 60 or disabled and larceny from a building, and on a warrant charge of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Matthew Baxter, of 43 Gordon St., September 14, 11:08 p.m., arrested at home on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and carrying a dangerous weapon.

Somerville City Council affirms federal Green New Deal resolution

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This resolution recaps and chronicles the commitment by our city on climate change, and it is imperative to ensure these commitments are implemented. Climate change is real, it's happening."

Ballantyne sponsored Somerville resident Larry Yu, who offered a presentation highlighting the need for support of the federal resolution, after which co-sponsoring Councilors expressed their support for the city's resolution.

The Somerville City Council resolution affirming the Green New Deal reads in part as follows:

"WHEREAS, the Somerville City Council affirms the federal Green New Deal resolution by establishing goals, identifying actions necessary to meet these goals, and calling for the federal government to enact policies to advance a Green New Deal; and

WHEREAS, an October 2018 United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report states that human beings have only until 2030 to limit global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius (C) to avoid a climate catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 IPCC report also states that every bit of warming matters, so every fraction of a degree less of warming will save lives and pay dividends across the world's economies; and

WHEREAS, even with global temperature rise of +0.8 (C), the world is already experiencing impacts from climate change, including total loss of Arctic sea ice and accelerated glacier melting, more intense hurricanes, unprecedented flooding, and more frequent and longer-burning wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. spends \$100 billion per year in climate change disaster recovery, and a business-as-usual scenario will further increase economic and environmental disruptions due to storms, longer and hotter heat waves, worsening flood and drought cycles, rising sea levels, increased wildfires, and ecological breakdown with accelerated species extinction rates, ecosystem disruption, and environmental migration; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Mayor of Somerville committed the City of Somerville to become carbon neutral by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Office of Sustainability and Environment issued the first Climate Neutrality Pathway Assessment, which identified the primary pathways for the City to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Office of Sustainability and Environment issued the first Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment, which identified the direct impacts of climate stressors on the City of Somerville; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Office of Sustainability and Environment issued the first Somerville Climate Forward climate action plan, which included a suite of actions to reduce GHG emissions and prepare the City for the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Somerville Planning Board adopted, and the Board of Aldermen endorsed, the SomerVision comprehensive plan for 2010-2030, which among other things affirmed core values to "Invest in the growth of a resilient economic base," and "Build a sustainable future through strong environmental leadership," and included specific goals to "Preserve and

expand an integrated, balanced mix of safe, affordable and environmentally sound rental and homeownership units," to "Mitigate displacement of low and moderate income residents," and to "Invest in the talents, skills and education of people to support growth and provide opportunities to residents of all social and economic levels"; and

WHEREAS, in June 2017, the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution to affirm the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City's Climate Forward report identifies the actions necessary for Somerville to contribute to limiting global warming, and adapt to a changing climate; and

WHEREAS, the City's Climate Forward report emphasizes the need to "Fairly distribute the opportunities created by climate action and work to alleviate the unequal burdens of climate change"; and

WHEREAS, a 2017 study published in Environmental Research found that urban communities of color and people with low incomes in Massachusetts are more impacted by air pollution, particularly in the forms of particulate matter and nitrogen oxides from proximity to roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has recognized that fine and ultrafine particulate matter is associated with increased health risks, including but not limited to premature death in people with heart or lung disease, aggravated asthma and increased respiratory symptoms, such as irritation of the airways, coughing or difficulty breathing; and

WHEREAS, the New Deal demonstrated that federal government actions, such as investing in infrastructure and housing, creating employment programs, regulating financial institutions, and bolstering the labor movement, can be effective in significantly reducing poverty and income inequality; however, the New Deal's lack of focus on racial equity resulted in worsening existing racial and economic disparities, with long-term negative impacts to the economic mobility and security of communities of color, especially Black and Native communities; Continued on page 17

Musician Michelle Malone: Don't tell her not to

By Blake Maddux

"My brother had a guitar and he told me not to touch it," singer, songwriter, and guitarist Michelle Malone says. "That's how I became a guitar player, because all I wanted to do was play the damn guitar because he told me not to!"

That determination has proved fruitful. In 2018, 30 years after she released her debut album, Malone was chosen by readers of the Atlanta-based arts and culture publication Creative Loafing as Best Atlanta Songwriter, Best Local Rock Artist, Best Atlanta Blues Artist, and Best Atlanta Roots/Folk Artist. This was due in large part to her self-produced fifteenth album, Slings and Arrows, which came out last year. In a city that has produced and is currently breeding so much musical talent, to be recognized in such a wide range of categories is no small feat.

However, Malone remains humble in the face of such recognition and acknowledges that "it doesn't make you any better than anyone else." Her current tour will bring her to The Burren on Wednesday, September 18. She spoke by phone to The Somerville Times from her hometown of Atlanta, where she lives her wife, painter Trish Land.

The Somerville Times: Not very many people who, as your bio reads, "attended Agnes Scott College with dreams of becoming a doctor" get "offered a record deal with Clive Davis at Arista Records." How did that happen to you?

Michelle Malone: At the time it seemed par for the course because I was so young and I just thought that was the way it worked for everyone. I was playing at this little venue in Atlanta, and we knew Clive was coming. He'd flown in and he pulls his limo up on the sidewalk, comes into the club, and watches like three songs. Then at the break, he invites me into his limo and offers me a record deal. We know that was going to happen. It wasn't a surprise visit, but I guess it was a big deal at the time. But that was so long ago, and I was so young that I just thought that was the way life was.

TST: How high would you rank Georgia in terms of producing major musical

MM: To me personally, I think it's the best. That's why I'm still here. I like the way we approach music, our thought process on it. It's more of a way of life. Most everyone I know out of Georgia who plays music does so because we love it, first and foremost, and then we happen to be able to make a living at it. It wasn't wanting to be rich and famous and doing whatever you had to do and be whoever I need to be to do it. I don't know many people like that.

TST: Speaking of great musical Georgians, why did you choose to record a version of Otis Redding's I've Been Loving You Too Long?

MM: I had been invited to perform a couple of years ago at a tribute to Georgia



Multi-talented singer, songwriter, and guitarist Michelle Malone brings her artistry to The Burren Back Room on, Wednesday, September 18.

music. Chuck Leavell was in charge of it. He's the pianist for The Allman Brothers and The Rolling Stones. He called and said that within the show would be a tribute to Otis Redding and that the Redding family would be there. He wanted me to sing Respect, Otis's version, the way he first did it. And then he wanted me to sing I've Been Loving You Too Long with Gregg Allman. So of course I said yes, even though I was scared to death and wanted to say no. I practiced and practiced, I think I had about a month's notice, and it reminded me of how much I loved singing that style. That's part of why I recorded that song and part of why my record Slings and Arrows is what it is. It's a very Georgia record. It's very rootsy and bluesy and joyful, I think. I had planned to have Gregg come sing that with me on recorded it.

TST: Have you played in Somerville before when on tour in the Boston area? MM: Sure. I've played the Somerville Theatre. Is there a placed called AJ's across the street?

TST: There used to be a place called Johnny D's.

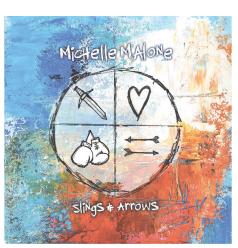
MM: Johnny D's right! I liked Johnny D's. There some little tiny bowling place over there that I bowled at. I remember the area well because it was just really cool. And I've always enjoyed playing Somerville, so I was excited to see that on my calendar.

TST: Your website mentions that "The collectible card game Magic: The Gathering was named in part for her song The Gathering." Please explain how that

came to be!

MM: There's a club in Atlanta called Eddie's Attic, which is really my Atlanta home, where I play more than anywhere else. I was playing there one night in '90 or '91. It was a weeknight and there were maybe 20 people there. There was a loud table of folks and after the show they came up and talked to me and said, "We loved your show, and you did this one song about getting people together and we really loved that song, and we're starting this card game and we want to use your song in our title." And I said, "Yeah, cool. Whatever." I was thinking a card game like poker or Go Fish. Then my manager started getting letters from their attorney about the whole thing. They did give me an alpha deck when they first started, so I have that in my the record, and he passed away before we drawer. I don't know what to do with it. It just kinda sits there!

> Michelle Malone with Rachel Sumner, Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 p.m., at The Burren Back Room, 247 Elm St.,



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calls in the House or Senate last week.

Beacon Hill Roll Call reports on the delay in approving the measure that prohibits drivers from using a handheld cellphone or other electronic device to make a call or access social media. Current state law only bans texting while driving, a threshold that police say is difficult to prove and enforce.

BAN HAND-HELD CELL PHONES (H 3149 and S 2216)

A bill that would prohibit drivers from using a handheld cellphone or other electronic device to make a call or access social media is still tied up in a conference committee that has spent more than three months trying to hammer out a compromise version of the measure. The House 152-0 approved its version of the bill on May 15. The Senate approved a different version on June 6.

A conference committee was appointed by House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop) and Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) on June 10. The committee is charged with hammering out a compromise version of the bill to which a majority of the committee agrees. The compromise measure is then sent to the House and Senate for consideration and like all conference committee reports in recent Massachusetts legislative history, except one, is approved by both branches and then sent to the governor for his signature, amendment or veto.

The members of the conference committee are Reps. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett); Joe Wagner (D-Chicopee); and Tim Whelan (R-Brewster); and Sens. Joseph Boncore (D-Winthrop); William Brownsberger (D-Belmont); and Dean Tran (R-Fitchburg).

Use of a hand-held phone would be permitted in some emergencies but the definition of emergencies differs in each version.

Violators in both versions would be fined \$100 for a first offense, \$250 for a second offense and \$500 for a third offense and subsequent offenses. Under the House version, a violation would not count as a surchargeable offense that could lead to higher insurance rates for the violator. The Senate version counts a third and subsequent offense as a surchargeable one. In addition, the Senate version would require second-time offenders to complete a program selected by the registrar of motor vehicles that "encourages a change in driver behavior and attitude about distracted driving.

Another key difference in the bills is how police officers would track and collect demographic data when they pull drivers over. The data is mainly collected to uncover any bias or discrimination. The House version would require police officers to track only stops that end in a citation issued to a driver. The Senate version calls for tracking of all stops regardless of outcome. Some observers say the question of who would analyze the data is one of the issue holding up the conference committee.

"Every day hands-free legislation is further delayed puts us all at risk, said Rich Levitan, CEO of TextLess Live More, the chief organization advocating for the bill. "Given the distracted driving epidemic on our roads, we fear it's only a matter of time before another life is lost in the commonwealth. It is beyond time for Chairs Boncore and Straus to resolve final language issues and get this legislation on Gov. Baker's desk this month. Further delay is unconscionable."

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll Beacon Hill Roll Call asked all six members of the conference committee, the Senate president, the House speaker and a few other legislators to comment on the delay and explain the reason for it. Only three of them answered. And none offered any new information or insight.

> "This bill continues to be a top priority of the Massachusetts State Senate, and I am hopeful that it will be completed soon," said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland).

> "The Senate's commitment to safer roadways, for motorists and pedestrians alike, is steadfast," said conference committee member Boncore. "The Senate has passed this bill in previous sessions, and I look forward to continue collaborating with my House colleagues to ensure it becomes law."

> "I've been filing this bill since 2004 and it is difficult to come to grips with the number of lives we could have saved if we had acted with decisive action from the start," said Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford), the chief proponent of the bill in the Senate. "During that time we've built the consensus that driving while distracted is dangerous, it is not a harmless habit that we should tolerate. My bill passed in the Senate the previous two sessions only to die in the House and I'm very disappointed that an agreement has not been reached this session. The sooner we pass this legislation the sooner we begin to prevent the death, injury and damage that distracted driving causes."

> Supporters of the bill say it would save lives and prevent accidents. They note that the measure does not ban cellphone use but simply requires the use of hands-free ones. They pointed to accidents, deaths and injuries involving handheld cellphones.

> Some opponents say that the restriction is another example of government intrusion into people's cars and lives. Others note that there are already laws on the books prohibiting driving while distracted.

> "Studies on the effectiveness of hands-free vs. handheld cellphone operation of a motor vehicle are inconclusive at best," said Rep. Peter Durant (R-Spencer) when the House debated the bill in May. "The real culprit in distracted driving is texting, which was already banned in 2010 but are still at staggeringly high levels. This bill doesn't solve the problem of distracted driving and we could have used the money spent in this bill to provide better public awareness of the dangers and consequences of texting and driving." Durant is one of the two members of the House who voted against the measure.

> Here is how local legislators voted on the bill. (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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

GENDER X (H 3664) – The State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee held a hearing on a proposal that would allow Bay Staters to choose the gender-neutral designation "X" in lieu of "male" or "female" on state identifying documents including birth certificates, marriage licenses, driver's licenses, learner's permit, identification cards and liquor purchase identification cards. The Senate approved a similar proposal in April. Fourteen states and the District of Columbia currently allow a gender-neutral option on driver's licenses.

"Being non-binary is a real and valid gender identity," testified 25-year-old Ryley Copans who is planning to get married. "We want to be recognized as we are."

"It's bad practice and contrary to our security and our values to expect Massachusetts residents to pretend to be someone else or to lie about who they are when they seek state identification and licenses," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Mindy Domb (D-Amherst). "Forcing individuals to choose from two options, when we know that for some it will not represent who they are, sanctions dishonesty, promotes stigma and keeps our neighbors invisible. When we take away the opportunity to be our authentic selves, we take away our humanity."

"If you look at your Massachusetts driver's license, it lists 'sex,' not 'gender," said Massachusetts Family Institute President Andrew Beckwith. "The concept of 'gender identity' is based on internal feelings, but sex is binary (male or female) and grounded in biology. And we believe that a state ID should reflect that objective fact."

"Many Massachusetts residents who do not identify as exclusively male or female are currently forced to carry documents that do not accurately reflect their identity," said Chris Erchull, a staff attorney at GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD). "As residents in more and more states are obtaining identification documents with a gender-neutral "X" marker, it is imperative that the Massachusetts House votes to pass this legislation now, not only because Massachusetts should be a leader in LGBTQ equality, but also to eliminate barriers for people who wish to relocate here from other states."

The Catholic Action League called the proposed law "a deranged idea, recklessly embraced without regard for societal harm or unpredictable consequences." Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle testified, "Science, reason, common sense, natural law and millennia of human experience all tell us that there are only two biological sexes. The very concept of gender identity is artificial, subjective and potentially open-ended."

PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE TAX -

Beginning in January of 2021, most workers in Massachusetts will be eligible to get up to 12 weeks of paid family leave and up to 20 weeks of paid medical leave. The program will be funded by taxes paid by employees, employers and the self-employed beginning October 1. The 0.63 percent payroll tax was supposed to be effective July 1 to fund the estimated \$1 billion paid family and medical leave program that was signed into law last year. Business and advocacy groups raised concerns about their ability to prepare for the for the new tax by July 1 and the Legislature moved the date to October 1.

The Paid Family and Medical Leave Program is overseen by the Department of Family and Medical Leave. According to the department's website, the program "provides temporary income replacement to eligible workers who are welcoming a new child into their family, are struck by a serious illness or injury, need to take care of an ill or ailing relative and for certain military considerations."

The Department of Revenue advises you to get more information on this new tax if you are a business with at least one Massachusetts employee; a business that

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retains independent contractors; an employee or contractor in Massachusetts; or a sole proprietor or member of an LLC and live in Massachusetts. For more information, go to https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-family-and-medical-leave

REPEAL "ESTATE/DEATH" TAX (S 1731) – Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth) has filed a proposal that would repeal Massachusetts' estate tax, also known as the death tax -- a tax on the value of a decedent's estate before distribution to any beneficiary. Most Republicans are against the tax and coined the name death tax to imply that the government taxes you even after you die. Most Democrats support the tax and call it an estate tax to imply that this tax is only paid by the wealthy.

The first \$1 million is exempt from this tax and the tax on anything over \$1 million is a graduated one that according to the Department of Revenue's website ranges from .8 percent to 16 percent.

Repeal supporters said this regressive tax is unfair and noted that Massachusetts is losing many residents, who move to Florida and other states where this tax does not exist.

Repeal opponents said the tax is a fair one and argued the state cannot afford the revenue loss.

"Massachusetts is one of only 14 states that have adopted an estate tax on top of the federal estate tax," O'Connor said. "While the threshold for an individual at the federal level is \$11.4 million, in Massachusetts it is just \$1 million. With real estate assessment values rapidly increasing in the commonwealth, more and more families are being affected by this. I don't want families that have lived here for decades to have to consider moving elsewhere because of an outdated tax law."

"I'm against repeal because it would make our tax system less progressive and less adequate," said Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville). "The estate tax is one of our most progressive: only the top 2 to 3 percent of estates, those with over \$1 million in assets after deductions, and not including those where the spouse inherits, pay the estate tax, and it's a graduated tax. Estates of \$1 million pay 0.8 percent. We can't afford to lose the \$350 million to \$450 million a year the estate tax brings in. We need to repair and improve our transportation, to give all our children an adequate education, and to pay enough to attract and keep child care and elder care workers into important and fast-growing jobs."

"As one of only a dozen states in the nation still imposing an estate tax on the heirs of its deceased citizens, not even indexed for inflation since it was imposed in 2001, only Massachusetts and Oregon trigger its imposition at just \$1 million of lifetime assets," said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, which provided testimony to the committee. "Only Massachusetts reaches back and taxes on the first cent when that

million dollar threshold is crossed. Long ago Benjamin Franklin noted, 'In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes," Ford added. "The Massachusetts Legislature in its insatiable pursuit of revenue, pushes that certainty to the limits, and beyond."

DEFAULT ON STUDENT LOANS (H 3620) -

A bill before the Judiciary Committee would repeal a current law passed in 1990, which created professional licensure consequences for anyone who defaults on their student loan. Under existing law, the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority and the American Student Assistance can request that a borrower's state-issued professional or occupational certificate, registration, or license be suspended, revoked or cancelled for default on educational loans made or administered by either group.

The bill's sponsor Rep. Natalie Higgins (D-Leominster) did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call to comment on her bill.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Building a better T means meeting our customers' needs, whether it's through the five-year, \$8 billion Capital Investment Plan, or customer-facing changes like the \$10 weekend fare. We are pleased by the demand for the weekend fare and look forward to serving these customers on the weekend." — MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak announcing the sale of 584,000 new weekend tickets since its introduction in May 2018. This special fare allows for unlimited travel across all lines and zones for an entire weekend on a single \$10 ticket.

"Many people already know the environmental benefits green buildings bring to our communities and our world, but few understand the economic benefits of this investment. Zero energy buildings can be constructed or retrofitted for minimal upfront costs, if any, and owners can start making money off of their investment sooner than they expect. Our hope is that this report demonstrates that owning, operating, and living in a zero-energy building is within reach for many of us here in Massachusetts. — Meredith Elbaum, Executive Director of U.S. Green Building Council Massachusetts Chapter on its new report that she says dispels the myth that zero energy buildings are too expensive.

"I couldn't, looking around in this place, I really couldn't figure out where you would ever put a whiteboard. And I've got stacks of stuff that, you know, only I really understand what's in it or what it means. This is not a room where stacks of stuff would work." — Gov. Charlie Baker telling WGBH Radio that he does not work day-to-day in the traditional governor's office but rather out of a less formal office in the governor's suite. Baker does use the official governor's office for things like bill signings, formal meetings and photo ops.

"I was shocked to find out that there is a closed Twit-

ter group for people who use your carpool lane where they tweet at each other and say, 'There's no cops, it's OK for single cars to use it.' And we think as much as 80 or 90 percent of the traffic is actually just individual people in cars and it's not functioning as a carpool lane." — Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack speaking to municipal officials at a Local Government Advisory Commission meeting.

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 9-13, the House met for a total of 26 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 25 minutes.

Mon. Sept. 9	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.
Tues. Sept. 10	No House session No Senate session.
Wed. Sept. 11	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. Sept. 12	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 12:18 p.m.

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

No House session

No Senate session

Fri. Sept. 13

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Pedestrian Path at former Powder House Community School to close for approximately four months for park construction

As part of the ongoing reconstruction of the former Powder House Community School, located at 1060 Broadway, the pedestrian walkway connecting Broadway and Holland St. will need to be closed for approximately four months as the project team begins work on the new green space adjacent to the building. The walkway closed on Monday, September 16, and remain closed through at least the end of 2019. During the closure, pedestrians may access Holland St. by heading west on Broadway to Teele Square, or east on Broadway to Paulina St.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Sibor at dan@sebastianmariscal.com, or 617-395-1210 x102. For more information about the project, visit www.somervillema.gov/phcspark.



OBITUARY

Stanley 'Stan' Koty, Somerville DPW Commissioner

Stanley "Stan" M. Koty, Jr. passed away suddenly on September 12, 2019, he was 64. Born in Cambridge he was the cherished son of the late Barbara (Magrath) and Stanley M. Koty, Sr.

Beloved husband of 43 years to Gay (Russell) Koty. Devoted father Stanley "Chip" M. Koty, III of Peabody, Russell Koty and his wife Michelle of Billerica, Alison Fernandes and her husband Mark of Canton and Caroline Koty of Somerville. Cherished grandfather of Gianna Miranda, James Fernandes and one on the way. Dear brother of Diane Glenn and her husband Brad of North Reading and uncle of Kassondra and Jason Glenn.

Stan's passion for politics began at an early age. Growing up on Partridge Ave in the political hotbed of Magoun Square in Ward 5, Stan was influenced by his admiration for his parents who both believed in civic responsibility and participation. As a young man, Stan was a Boy Scout and a member of the prestigious Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of scouting.

After arriving at Somerville High School in the fall of 1968, Stan honed his skills as a fledgling politician by becoming the first student-elected Student Representative to the Somerville School Committee, regularly attending all public meetings and giving his report to the Com-

mittee on diverse issues facing the student body. His talents for organization and negotiation were obvious even at this early stage of his career. As Junior Class President, Stan succeeded in arranging for the J. Geils band to perform at Somerville High's junior class dance.

While still in high school, Stan became a legislative page at the State House, after a political bumper sticker on the fender of

Student Representative to the School
Committee, Ward 5
School Committee,
Ward 5 Alderman,
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to the Board of
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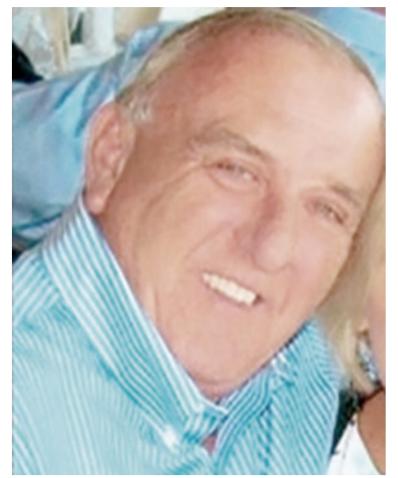
his bicycle caught the eye of his neighbor, State Representative Vincent Piro. Throughout high school and his college years, Stan remained at the State House as a page in the General Court and ultimately as a legislative aide to Representative Piro. These formative years instilled in Stan a lifelong appreciation for the complexity of legislative process and the necessity of delivering stellar constituent services. Stan

and Vinny would remain great friends for their entire lives.

In 1979, Stan ran for Somerville School Committee at the young age of 25, winning the Ward 5 seat. He continued to serve on the School Committee for the next eighteen (18) years until 1995, when he was elected to the Somerville Board of Alderman as the Ward 5 Alderman. In 2000, Stan retired from the Board of Aldermen, choosing instead to serve the Board as its Clerk of Committees. During this time, he also rose to prominence as Chief of Staff for State Senator Charlie Shannon, where Stan's unmatched understanding of municipal and state politics would cement his place as one of the most effective political strategists in Somerville's history.

In 1999, Stan would play an integral role in the election of Somerville's first female mayor, Dorothy Kelly Gay. In 2003, Stan was the driving force behind Mayor Joseph C. Curtatone's hard-fought campaign and victorious election as the second-youngest mayor in the history of Somerville.

Stan served the City of Somerville faithfully for over 45 years. He was the only person to ever serve the City in five different positions: Student Representative to the School Committee, Ward 5 School Committee, Ward 5 Alderman, Clerk



Somerville DPW Commissioner Stanley 'Stan' Koty.

of Committees to the Board of Alderman, and Department of Public Works Commissioner. Stan was the longest serving DPW Commissioner in the history of the city.

Beyond his service to the City in his official capacities, Stan was an ardent supporter of the people and youth of Somerville. He was past president of the Somerville Rotary Club, and Somerville Youth Hockey. In the early 1990's, Stan founded the Somerville Highlanders Club to raise funding for student athletes. He successfully recruited local business partners to help sponsor and support a range of youth organizations within the City to promote the scholastic and athletic achievement of Somerville's children.

In lieu of flowers donations in Stan's memory can be made to the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation at www.shsscholarship.org.

Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Cod en papillote

Cod en papillote, French for enveloped in paper, or cod al cartoccio, Italian for folded pouch is a method of cooking that uses the moisture of the food or an additional liquid, like wine, lemon juice, stock, or water to steam the food while baking in the oven or on a grill.

This is a great way to feed a crowd and can be easily made ahead and stored in the refrigerator and baked off about 20 minutes before serving. Here are detailed instructions on how to fold the parchment around the fish, https://www.finecooking.com/article/how-to-fold-and-bake-fish-in-parchment-paper.

The results are a flaky, moist fish with crispy steamed vegetables. Definitely a great way to cut down on calories.

2 (6-8 oz) pieces of cod loin 1-1/2"

1 Medium shallot, thinly sliced 2 Small Carrots, julienned 1/4" and/ or 4 baby bok choy, cut in half

1 Teaspoon ginger, grated

1/2 Teaspoon dried thyme or 2 fresh sprigs of thyme

1 Lemon, 4 thin slices, plus a squeeze of lemon juice

Salt and pepper

2 pieces of parchment paper or aluminum foil (12"x16")

Excellent quality olive oil for finishing

Preheat oven 400°. In a medium bowl, add the shallot, carrots and/ or bok choy and grated ginger. Season with salt and pepper and stir the mixture to incorporate the flavors. Prepare the parchment, see above instructions.

Add the shallot and vegetable mixture between the 2 pieces of parchment. Season the fish with salt and pepper, and place on top of the shallot and vegetable mixture. Add the



thyme, squeeze of lemon juice, approximately 1 teaspoon each serving. Place the lemon slices on top of the fish and fold the papillote.

Bake on a sheet pan for 15 minutes. Add an additional 2 minutes to baking time if made ahead and stored in the refrigerator. Cut open the pouches, exposing the fish, but don't let the juices run out.

Drizzle with a good quality fruity olive oil and serve on a plate. Serve with a side salad.

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Somerville seniors celebrate healthcare wins at State House bill signing

Massachusetts seniors joined Governor Charlie Baker and Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders at the State House today as the Governor signed into law two budget provisions that will improve the health and quality of life of low-income seniors. One initiative will expand access to the Medicare Savings Program to 40,000 low-income seniors, and the other will enable the state to better control the exorbitant and growing costs of pharmaceuticals.

"It means so much to so many

people that we were able to get this done, in my own community and statewide," MSAC member and Somerville resident John Ratliff said. "Too many of my neighbors have struggled to pay for medical expenses on top of regular costs of living. Finally, they will get some relief."

Massachusetts Senior Action Council (MSAC) members were elated to see the fruition of years of grassroots advocacy, rallies and door-knocking at the Massachusetts State House. Seniors have been lobbying for the expansion of the



Medicare Savings Plan for six years, for example. MSAC is determined to change an unfortunate statistic: Massachusetts seniors are the second most economically insecure senior population in the country, not far behind Mississippi.

Governor Baker acknowledged Seniors' hard work on these healthcare solutions. Baker said, "We are grateful for our partners in the advocacy community...for working with us to enact these important programs that create savings for older adults and low-income individuals when it comes to health care costs."

Expansion of the Medicare Savings Program will bring in \$100 million in federal subsidies annually to directly aid low-income seniors. This is an enormous step forward, and the first step in MSAC's larger vision -- implementing a "staircase bill" to expand the Medicare Savings Program to even more low-income seniors over three years.

The pharmaceutical measure will allow MassHealth to directly negotiate the costs of medications with drug manufacturers, and if direct negotiations are unsuccessful, to also bring them into public processes for increased transparency.

Massachusetts Senior Action Council is a statewide, grassroots, senior-led organization that empowers its member to use their own voices to address key public policy and community issues that affect

their health and well-being. Now it its fourth decade of organizing, Mass. Senior Action is an effective, grassroots activist group, led by seniors fighting for social justice. It is the acknowledged "go to" organization in Massachusetts for developing intergenerational social change strategies to safeguard and strengthen the systems that all community members need to rely on for economic and health security.



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 bobthemusicman7@aol.com.

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COMMENTARY

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

10 years: Every 10 years there is a national census and the data collected each decade has far-reaching effects. The next census is happening in 2020 and we've already started work to make sure our results are as accurate as possible. One reason that's important is that it affects representation — the number of seats each state gets

in the House of Representatives is based on population, so an accurate census means each state gets the seats it is entitled to. Census data is also used for establishing districts for state legislature, and is even used by businesses and organizations when making decisions about where to locate offices or other facilities. Just as important, U.S. Census counts determine federal funding amounts over the next 10 years.

13 seconds: When you factor in births, deaths, and immigration, the United States gains one person every 13 seconds. Rates of population change fluctuate over time, but it's easy to see how there could be some major shifts over 10 years. Between the 2000 and 2010 censuses, the national population rose 9.7% - that's

more than 27 million people.

7 questions: On the 2020 census there are seven questions for each household member to fill out. They include things like name, sex, age, and race. If you've been following news about the upcoming census, you may have heard about the inclusion of a citizenship question, but after a Supreme Court ruling, that question will not be on the 2020 census.

73%: About half of Somerville's census tracts are in the hardest to count category, meaning response rates were below 73% in the last census. In an effort to get the most accurate census information in 2020, we'll be doing targeted outreach to traditionally hard-to-count populations including recent immigrants, rent-

ers, students, seniors, persons with disabilities, and low-income households. The 2020 census will be the first time that responses will be collected primarily online, so residents who aren't comfortable going online or who don't have internet access with need additional outreach and support. Given that the census only comes around once a decade and how important it is, we want to do what we can to make sure everyone is counted.

A few more days: To help with outreach to hard-to-count populations, the City has formed a 2020 U.S. Census Complete Count Committee and we're looking for residents with connections to those communities to join. The deadline to apply is Monday, September 23, and you can learn more about the work

the committee will be doing at www.somervillema.gov/completecount. We're also looking for volunteers who will help support the work of the committee. If you're interested in volunteering, please email tko@somervilleam.gov with "Complete Count Volunteer" in the subject line.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Sir,

In late August the city released a new version of the planned zoning, v4.0. Previously, version 3, from January 2019, was preceded by multiple public meetings as part of the neighborhood planning process to help the city understand what the constituents wanted, and did not want. Building height and massing were major topics of discussion with many visuals prepared by city staff, and people voted on what they preferred.

But since then, when the people of West Somerville overwhelmingly endorsed a 4 story limit, the city zoning plan (v4.0) has designated Davis Square 5 and 6 stories. Not the 4 endorsed in version 3 of the plan by the people. Someone in city hall made this decision despite what the people wanted. I have yet to find anyone outside city planning who thinks 6 stories in Davis Square would be a good idea. In fact, the general consensus is that it would wreck the character of the square. So after years of zoning change incubation the 11th hour changes in V4.0, with a rush to approval raise concerns on process and motives.

Davis is currently zoned for 4 stories and yet it is characterized mostly by 1-3

story buildings with the occasional 4-5. This clearly illustrates that development opportunities abound that have not yet been exploited. It's easy to visualize two CVS stores (One Davis Square) on top of each other (and this is what 6 stories looks like) as we walk down an overshadowed Elm, Holland or Highland St canyon flanked by 6 story buildings.

There is an alarming lack of transparency around this drastic uplift of 50% in height, by right, that clearly is aimed at developers and not citizens of west Somerville. If it's tax dollars the city seeks then listen up city officials. In the

½ mile radius from Davis Square the tax extracted is between 20 & 25% of the cities total. And part of this pie is in Cambridge! Already Davis, and surrounds, is being milked.

Davis Square is a precious gem in our city. It is vibrant, has an eclectic culture and is the main focal nexus for city events. Zoning should enhance this not damage it. We know what up-zoning has done to Harvard Square and that's a path we don't want to follow.

Alan Bingham Somerville

Strike This Friday

Greta Thunberg, who has become a leading voice on tackling the climate crisis, was three years old when Al Gore released his Oscar award winning documentary an Inconvenient Truth. Thunberg, a 16-year-old Swede, who just recently arrived in the U.S. on a solar powered yacht - as she's against flying, began skipping school on Friday's over a year ago to protest her government's lack of action on

climate change. What initially began as a small strike in solidarity with Greta, has now become a global movement that has seen millions of young people leave their classrooms and ask their government officials to take the science of climate change seriously and act.

Truthfully, the situation facing the world's future generations is much more than inconvenient. A 2018 report released by the U.N. detailed a forecast for what a 1.5 degree Celsius rise in

temperature would look like in comparison to the 2 degree Celsius goals of the Paris Climate Accord. The picture was bleak but looked like a much more viable reality to that of two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels which entails a 40% increase in extreme heat occurrences and the near extinction of all coral reefs.

Thunberg recognizes the urgency of the moment and so too do her fellow generation of Bostonians. This Friday, the 20th of September, thousands of young people and older allies are expected to gather at City Hall Plaza in Boston for the Boston Climate Strike at 10.00 a.m. Their demands, like Thunberg's, are to take the science of climate change seriously and make bold, structural changes to our economy as the U.N. recommends. See you there.

James Healy Somerville

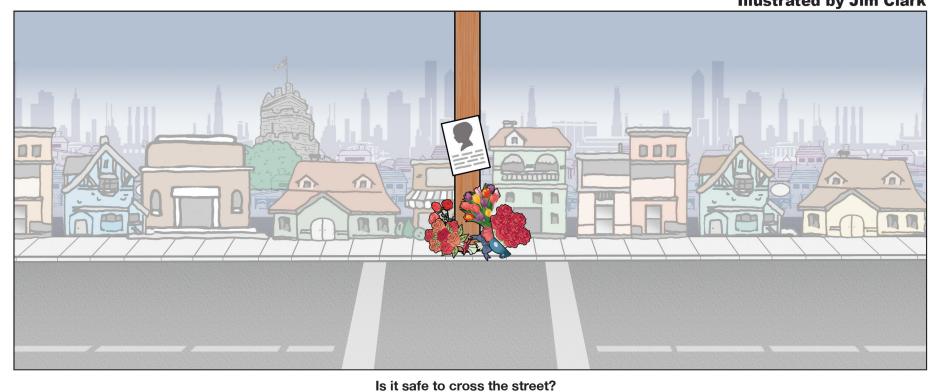
Community meeting to discuss Central Hill Campus Plan

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



All of us are asking ourselves – or anyone who will listen – how much more tragedy do we have to face while innocent pedestrians keep getting mowed down on our city streets?

Yet another victim was struck by a motor vehicle just last week, the third in the span of only a few months.

What can be the reason for this? How

can we seek a solution to this seemingly unending series of heartbreaking incidents if we cannot identify the factors that cause or contribute to them? Is it even possible to do so?

Angered and shocked, we search for answers, wherever we may find them.

Many blame inadequate infrastructure on and around our roadways, be it

poor lighting, signage and other markings. Others believe that speed limits must be lowered throughout the city. Speed bumps and more effective traffic lights installed.

Addressing these things may help. Of course, in our hearts we know that the main issue to be confronted is how we all conduct ourselves on the streets, both as

pedestrians and drivers.

As pedestrians, we have to carefully exercise caution and observe marked instructions at crossings.

Likewise, as drivers we need to remain alert and lookout for our fellow citizens who may be stepping out in front of us, whether or not they themselves are following the rules of the road.

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performances, a cooking contest, Fluffthemed 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.

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.

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.

******* 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 triedand-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.

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The Committee to Elect Mary Mar-

shall is hosting a fundraiser for her at **Sally O'Briens, Wednesday, September 25**, 2019, 5:30-7:30 Please come support Mary in her race to become the next Ward 3 School Committee member.

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

The Somerville City Club manager Donny Johnson is looking all the time for new members to join the club, if you think you'd be interested give him a call at 617-623-9340. It's a great local club for the residents of Somerville, and has been around now for over 40 years, their location on Innerbelt Road. Call and ask for details at 617-623-9340.

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Riverfest 2019

Riverfest 2019 took place on Saturday, September 14, at Assembly Row at Assembly Square.

It was a day full of live local music, free children's activities and the annual fireworks show over the Mystic River at sundown.

This year Capital One was the official Presenting Sponsor and hosted activities all over the property including giveaway tables, balloon artists and more.

The Smoke Shop BBQ hosted a family cookout that included train rides and kid friendly activities.





















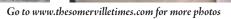












Photos by Claudia Ferro



Annual 9/11 vigil walk

The city's annual vigil walk, in honor of the victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, was held on Wednesday, September 11. The vigil began with a procession stepping off from the Cedar Street intersection of the Community Path, and concluded with a short ceremony in Davis Square. The entire Somerville community was invited to participate. — Photos by Adam Parise













110 Fiscellaneous #697 Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

mixture, hodgepodge 1. What Lynyrd Skynyrd

when he died?

- song was also the title of a movie Reese Witherspoon starred in?
- 2. What Rodgers & Hammerstein's song is also the name of a Broadway musical?
- 3. What actress made her film debut as an infant the film The Godfather?
- 4. In the Ernest Hemingway novel The Old Man and the Sea, what is the name of the old man?
- 5. What newspaper has the nickname "The Gray Lady"?
- 6. What sport was Sonny Bono participating in

- 7. What was the name of the TV series that starred Tom Selleck as a private investigator?
- 8. What is the telephone number for Jenny in the Tommy Tutone's song?
- 9. How many days are in a fortnight?
- 10. How many eggs are in a gross?
- 11. What is the name of the comedian known for his one liner "Take my wite ... please"?
- 12. "The Ultimate Driving Machine" is the slogan for what car company?

Answers on page 23











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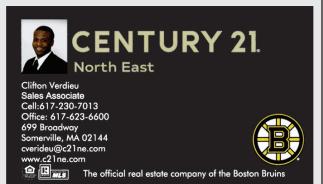
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

346 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2019-19) (re-advertise): Applicant, 346 Somerville Ave., LLC, and Owner, Palmac Realty Corp propose a mixed-use structure with 94 residential units, ground floor commercial. A publicly-accessible park is proposed at the rear of the lot. The NB portion of the property requires the following relief from the ZBA: Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR), variances including but not limited to FAR, height, lot area per dwelling unit, number of stories, and any and all other dimensionals that might be needed. Special Permit for parking relief under Article 9. The CCD-55 portion of the project needs relief from the ZBA for the following: variances including but not limited to landscaping, FAR, height, ground coverage, lot area per dwelling unit, number of stories, and all other dimensionals that might be needed. All special permitting in the CCD-55 zone is the purview of the Planning Board. CCD-55 & NB zones. Ward 2.

57 Trull Street (ZBA 2019-85): Applicants and Owners, Timothy Buntel and Cynthia Graber, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a single story addition that is greater than 25% of the existing structures gross floor area. RB Zone. Ward 5.

385 Broadway (ZBA 2019-102): Applicant, Deep Cuts Deli LLC, and Owner, Somerville Square LLC, seek a special permit with design review under SZO §7.11.10.1.1.a to establish a restaurant and under §7.11.10.1.2.a to conduct a portion of the restaurant operations outdoors. A special permit for parking relief under §9.13 is also being sought, RC Zone, Ward 4.

2019-221 Elm St, a/k/a 387-391 Summer St and 217 Elm St, a/k/a 376 Summer St (ZBA 2019-99): Applicant, Painted Burro, Inc., and Owner, Laverty Family Trust, seeks a Variance under SZO §5.5 and Article 9 for parking relief to expand the number of seats in the restaurant from 110 to 142. CBD

350 Mystic Avenue (ZBA 2019-103): Applicant and Owner, Craig Corporation, proposed a mixed-use residential building and seeks a Special Permit with Design Review (SPD), variances under §5.5, §9.5, & §4.4.1for rear yard setback, special permit for parking under Article 9 of the SZO, and a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to increase the number of dwelling units under §7.11.1c. BB zone. Ward 1

85 Munroe Street (ZBA 2019-45): Applicant, John Murray, and Owners, Raymond & Mary Snow, seek special permits to alter a non-conforming three-family structure. Special permits including but not limited to the upward extension of the non-conforming left side yard setback and the construction of a front dormer within the front and right side yard setbacks. RA zone. Ward 2.

12 Flint Street (ZBA 2019-60): Applicant, Derick Snare, and Owner, Fiorillo Melades, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property. Special permits including but not limited to the upward and linear extension of a non-conforming left side yard setback, constructing rear decks within the right side yard setback. RB zone. Ward 1.

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

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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 9/18/19 & 9/25/19

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Calculus Project helps prepare students for high-level math courses



More than 80 Somerville Public Schools (SPS) students honed their math skills at The Calculus Project (TCP) this past July.

Co-directed by SPS Data Coordinator Kenya Avant and Innovation Project Specialist Jason Behrens, this was the third year Somerville offered the program, which targets underrepresented student populations in the STEM fields.

Students who will attend grades 7 through 10 this fall were welcomed to the three-week camp held at the East Somerville Community School.

Learn more about the TCP experience for students, peer mentors, and teachers in this recent blog www.somerville.k12.ma.us/blog/somerville-public-schools-celebrates-third-year-calculus-project.



CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFA -20-21

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

City of Somerville contracted vendors for Request for Application - SNOW PLOWING (November 2019 - June 2020)

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

RFI packets are available for pick-up or download from Monday September 23rd, 2019.

Vendors must return their completed and sealed RFA packet by Wednesday, October 9th 2019, at 12:00 noon

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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1060 Broadway (PB 2016-79-R1-7/19): Applicant & Owner, Powderhouse 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.

28-44 Broadway (PB 2019-18): Applicant, Lower Broadway Development, LLC, and Owners, Lower Broadway Development, LLC and Fred Boulter, seek a special permit with site plan review (SPSR) under SZO 6.5.D to demolish the existing buildings on the site and construct a five-story mixed use building with 10,463 square feet of ground floor commercial space and 38 residential units. TOD-55 Zone. Ward 1.

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2019 Candidate Climate Forum

The 2019 Candidate Climate Forum is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association of Eastern MA (VNA) 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 02144. This is a community-driven and sponsored event and does not represent any candidate or political party. Questions will be community authored and will be given to all candidates of mayoral and city council candidates regardless of attendance. Sponsored by climate coalition somerville.



Fall 2019 ResiStat meeting schedule

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the City Council invite residents to attend the fall ResiStat Community Meetings of 2019. These meetings are held twice a year in each of Somerville's seven wards to share the latest City news, data, and neighborhood updates with residents, and provide an opportunity for residents, elected officials, and City staff to talk with one another. ResiStat is a great way to get an overview of what's happening in your neighborhood and ask questions about issues that are important to you. A social half hour before the meeting and time after the meeting provide an opportunity for one-on-one chats. Pizza and kid-friendly, healthy snacks will also be served.

Interpretation into Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole will be provided upon request. Please call 311 at 617-666-3311 to request interpretation.

Fall 2019 ResiStat Meeting Schedule

Meetings run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with refreshments served at 6:00 p.m. Unsure about which ward you live in? Find out with the MySomerville address lookup tool at www.somervillema.gov/mysomerville.

Ward 6 (greater Davis Sq. neighborhood): Wed., October 2, Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.

Ward 2 (S. Union Sq., Perry and Lincoln Park neighborhoods, Beacon St. area): Thurs., October 3, Argenziano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St.

Ward 5 (Magoun Sq., NE Ball Sq., Cedar & Lowell St. areas, NW Porter Sq.): Thurs., October 10, Kennedy School Cafeteria, 5 Cherry St.

Ward 1 (East Somerville, Assembly Sq.): Wed., October 16, East Somerville Community School Auditorium, 50 Cross St.

Ward 3 (N. Union Sq., Prospect Hill, Spring Hill, Central Hill): Thurs., October 17, Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Ave.

Ward 7 (West Somerville, Teele Sq.): Wed., October 23, West Somerville Neighborhood School Cafeteria, 177 Powder House Blvd.

Ward 4 (Winter Hill, Ten Hills): Thurs., October 24, Healey School Cafeteria, 5 Meacham St. For more information about ResiStat, visit www.somervillema.gov/resistat. With any questions, please contact ResiStat Coordinator, Taylor Ko, at tko@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 x2620.

Brick lined well discovered at West Branch Library



During the excavations at the rear if the basement of the West Branch Library a circular well, which had been covered and unused for decades has been discovered. It seems to be in good condition but with town water supply a well was no longer needed.

As the library is being renovated it would seem appropriate to somehow be able to preserve this part of Somerville's history for posterity. Many discoveries of former activity are preserved under glass flooring at archaeological sites. As this is a library, a Carnegie library, it would seem appropriate that this well also be preserved.

Little Sisters of the Poor to withdraw from Jeanne Jugan Residence in Somerville CONT. FROM PG 1

religious and community life, we Little Sisters of the Poor have recognized the need to withdraw from a certain number of homes in the United States, while at the same time dedicating our resources to much needed upgrades and reconstruction projects in several others."

Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Boston said, "As the Little Sisters of the Poor prepare to depart the Archdiocese we express our gratitude for their 150 years of selfless dedicated service to the poor and needy elderly. The Sisters' ministry provides an extraordinary witness to the Church's teaching on the sacredness of human life, with particular attention to the senior years until the time the Lord calls a person home. We will miss the Sisters' presence in our local community but are encouraged to know of their strategic planning for sustaining and building up the

other homes in the U.S. as they go forward with the mission established by Saint Jeanne Jugan."

The Little Sisters of the Poor are actively seeking a missiondriven sponsor to acquire the Somerville home and continue to provide high quality compassionate care for the needy elderly women and men who the Sisters have been privileged to serve. They announced that they will provide periodic updates as the transition process proceeds.

In letters to the residents and their family members, Mother Maureen Weiss, l.s.p., Superior of Jeanne Jugan Residence, also offered the residents the possibility of moving to another home sponsored by the Little Sister of the Poor. "Know that if you wish to go to any of our other homes so that you can continue to be part of the Little Sisters' family, you will be welcomed with open arms."

Mother Alice Marie concluded

the announcement by thanking all those who have supported Jeanne Jugan Residence and the Little Sisters of the Poor for so many years. In a special way she thanked the Archdiocese of Boston for its leadership in promoting and supporting the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor for the last 149 years. She assured everyone affected by this decision of the Sisters' continued prayers and support throughout the transition period.

Somerville City Council affirms federal Green New Deal resolution

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facto and de jure racial discrimination in housing, education, and employment have prevented people of color from benefitting fully from public investments and programs; and

WHEREAS, the greatest and most harmful impacts of climate change are falling disproportionately on lower-income communities and communities of color globally; however, these communities have contributed the least to the cumulative global emissions that are causing climate change and are least equipped to adapt to the im-

WHEREAS, because the United States has emitted more global GHGs since the

other nation, the United States and its cities have a moral obligation to make significant cuts to emissions and invest in building the resilience of vulnerable communities on the frontlines of climate change, locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, doing what is now necessary to adequately address the climate crisis requires a national mobilization of a scope and scale that presents a historic opportunity to address inequities caused and exacerbated by the fossil fuel economy and eliminate energy poverty and disparities in clean energy access in the United States; and

WHEREAS, spurred by the advocacy of climate justice ac-

WHEREAS, decades of de Industrial Revolution than any tivists and other community Deal will help to demonstrate to make the necessary changes to organizers, New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez sponsored House Resolution 109 calling for a federal Green New Deal, with 94 United States Congress members cosponsoring; and

WHEREAS, the federal Green New Deal resolution directs the federal government to create a detailed mobilization plan to eliminate GHG emissions by 2030, invest in communities on the frontlines of poverty and pollution, and guarantee a good job to anyone ready and willing to embrace a clean and equitable energy transition; and

WHEREAS, local governments calling for the federal government to pass a Green New

widespread popular support for necessary and just climate action; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

Section 1. The Somerville City Council supports policies that promote strong families and communities, including paid family and sick leave, affordable child care, universal health care, and high-quality, free educational opportunities for all as laid out by the federal Green New Deal resolution and urges the United States Congress to pass the Green New Deal.

Section 2. The Somerville City Council recognizes that, while it has made some progress towards reducing its dependence on fossil fuels, that progress is insufficient

shift Somerville's economy to be more equitable and ecologically sustainable.

Section 3. The Somerville City Council envisions a future where Somerville residents can live healthy, prosperous lives, free of toxic chemicals and fossil fuels, and the social and ecological well-being of all people is prioritized over the profits of private corporations."

The remainder of the resolution specifies how the resolution is to be implemented. The full text of the resolution is available for review on the city's website at http://somervillecityma. iqm2.com/Citizens/SplitView. aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=2976&Format=Minutes.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | September 18

East Branch Library

Music with Matt! PreK Sing-Along with Matt Heaton

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**

Thursday | **September 19**

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-yearolds

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

Friday | September 20

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Teen Empowerment Library Leaders

3:30 p.m.- 6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Somerville Community Baptist Church Garden Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|31 College Ave.

Saturday | September 21

Central Library

Paper Circuits drop-in workshop 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday | September 23

Central Library

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

Tuesday | September 24

Somerville Community Baptist Church

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

Wednesday | September 25

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

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

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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

Arts at the Armory

William and the Wildflowers w/ Feels Like Autumn, Sam Diedrich, and Hannah Bates 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|September 19

Sally O'Brien's

The Ways and Means Committee, Rusted Bucket

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

The Burren

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

Back Room: WUMB Presents, Hank Wonder 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

The Q-Tip Bandits with special guests Whale Tail and The Group Activity 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Orville Peck w/Le Ren 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Adam Janjigian Quartet 8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Macbeth 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Castle of Comedy

12 - 10:30 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Friday | September 20

Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders | 6 p.m. Ringtail, The Modifiers and Officer|9

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Backroom: Bees Deluxe|7 p.m. Closing Time | 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville

Jerry Paper w/ Bong Wish 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

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

Joshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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Thunder Road

Toussaint the Liberator with special guests The A-Beez, Jonathan Gramling, and DJ Basi 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Cindy Latin

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Macbeth|7 Good Luck Comedy9:30 p.m.

255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Richard Cambridge's Poetry Theatre 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday | September 21

Sally O'Brien's

Zagnutt 20th Anniversary 9 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m.

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Back Room:

David Wilcox - 2 Nights 7 p.m. Scattershots 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

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

The Knot live in Union Square, Somerville!

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Lyres, Glider at ONCE Lounge 6:30

Speak Low If You Speak Love / Elder Brother

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

Evan Goodrow 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Rick and Friends 10 a.m.lCafé

LadiesCon 2019 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

Highland Ave The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Macbeth 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Sunday | September 22

Sally O'Brien's Bar

African Night, SambaLolo and guests|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m.

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

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse

David Wilcox - 2 Nights 7:30 p.m.

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**

Winkler with special guests The Cotones, and Lip Service 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Ritt Momney, Bowling Shoes, Shane T, Raavi & The Houseplants. 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

YOP: Hillbilly Holiday

2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Cafe Rags

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday | September 23

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

Meg & Dia w/ The Press War + Shallow Pools

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Board Game Bonanza

6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory **Oueer Tango**

6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **Tuesday | September 24**

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: Songwriter Roundup with Katie Dobbins and Various Special Guests 7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band

10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-**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

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Pub Ouiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Scream Along with Billy: I Know What You Did Last Summer

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co

Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Ensemble

The Rockwell 'Global Arts Live Presents: Yuval Ron

7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Wednesday | September 25

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:COIG|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

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

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night

Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Olivia Gatwood & Special Guests: "Life of the Party" US Tour with Ari Chi|6 p.m. Patrick Sweany + GA - 20

Highland Kitchen

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Last Wednesday Residency: Grant Bloom Trio

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday | September 18

Central Library

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Davis Square Farmers Market**

Part-time Founders Thinking Session

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

Thursday | September 19 **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

Health First Aid 9 a.m..-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Citizen Schools Friday Forum Mental

Friday | September 20

Saturday | September 21

Central Library

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

Union Square Farmers Market

Bagel Bards Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work

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

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

Holland St

Sunday | September 22 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

Monday | September 23

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

Peter Zheutlin - The Dog Went Over The Mountain

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Tuesday|September 25

Central Library

Central Library Digital Literacy 101 Classes: Protecting Your Digital Identity with James

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Company**

Books & Brews Book Club

12 p.m.- 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

6:15 p.m.- 7:15 p.m.|14 Tyler St Wednesday | September 25

Central Library

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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

CENTER HAPPENINGS: SENIOR

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 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.

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,

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.

Caregivers Support Series - at our Holland Street Center from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays for six weeks. Oct. 17 - Tips on Bathing and Dressing, Oct. 24 - Nutrition, Oct. 31 - Self Care, homecare resources and when is it unsafe to remain at home, Nov. 7 - Activities you can do together, Nov. 14 - Attend a Memory Café and Nov. 21 – Coping with the holidays and having honest discussions with family and friends. To reserve your spot please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

Dollar Days at the Movies - Tuesday, October 22 movie starts at 12:00 p.m. door open at 11:30 a.m. This month's movie is POMS. \$1 per person for the movie paid to the theatre. They will have the refreshment stand open to make purchases on your own. For more information or to RSVP call Josie 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 SCHED-**ULE (PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)**

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

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

Adventure Group - Please call for details

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

Celebrate local business districts around planned GLX stations with series of events in September

Construction for Green Line Extension Project (GLX) is in full force, and the City of Somerville has partnered with local organizations to host events at locations for several of the future GLX stations. Please join us



for the following events this month, and stay tuned for additional events as GLX construction continues.

Ball Square Festival September 22

Join the Ball Square Business Association and the City of Somerville in the second annual Ball Square Festival on Sunday, September 22. From noon to 5:00 p.m. there will be music, activities, food, and a beer garden on Broadway, right in the heart of Ball Square.

The event will include live musical performances from Rachel Raven, Tokyo Tramps, Sweet Wednesday, and others. Participants can grab a beer at The Pub's beer garden and food from participating restaurants like House of Kebab, Taco Party, and True Grounds, do arts and crafts with artists at Paperworks, taste some new wines and beers at Ball Square Fine Wines & Liquors, meet kittens up for adoption at Stinky's Pet Emporium, take fun family photos in the photo booth, welcome Century 21 as they celebrate their new office, and meet many other business owners in the square. New this year will be the Ball Square Festival Scavenger Hunt, which will encourage participants to visit a variety of businesses in order to enter a raffle with wonderful Ball Square prizes. A rain date has been scheduled for September 29.

Join in to support the Ball Square businesses. Because the Broadway Bridge is currently closed, the Bridge Hopper will be providing free shuttle service between Ball Square and Magoun Square during the event. Representatives from Bluebikes will also be available to answer any questions about this bike share service and new stations in the area.

To learn more about the construction in Ball Square and throughout the City, visit somervillema.gov/construction.

Gilman Square Block Party September 28

Join the Gilman Square Neighborhood Association and the City of Somerville for the second annual Gilman Square Block Party on Saturday, September 28 from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Attendees will enjoy games provided by Peter Rose + Partners, live music from The Spicy Condiments, art from Mad Oyster Studios, a beer garden by Winter Hill Brewing Company, a watermelon-eating contest sponsored by Neighborhood Produce, and a touch-a-truck opportunity featuring City and GLX Constructors equipment. Food and treats will be provided by Tipping Cow Ice Cream and Farm Girl. A rain date has been scheduled for September 29.

If you have questions about either event, please contact Lauren Drago at 617-625-6600 ext. 2515 or ldrago@somervillema.gov.

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Upcoming VOX POP events

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=f666d-0ca2473e6d81ef0dc44f&id=6448202265&e=a6639670d7

The greater Somerville community is invited to learn more about Somerville Media Center's robust and popular youth media education programs during our Open House. There will be various hands-on media production activities happening throughout the afternoon. Light refreshments will be provided.



VOX POP Closing Party with LIVE DJs, Food & Closing Podcasts

Thursday, September 26 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

(5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at VOX POP and 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Riverbar)



You are invited to celebrate the success of VOX POP with Somerville Media Center and our friends at our special VOX POP Closing Party at 431 Artisan Way, Assembly Row.

This will feature a Podcast Takeover of "The Brightside with Jen and Terri" at VOX POP from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with music by DJ Blaire, light refreshments and socializing.

Why come? We want to say thank you to everyone who has helped make VOX POP an entertaining, engaging and innovative space at Assembly Row. We brought hundreds of hours of unique community programming from May thru September in this pop-up community, arts and media space. This special closing party offers you light refreshments, LIVE music with DJ Blaire, our closing Art Exhibition of Meagan O'Brien's "Iconic Boston Landmarks" and a Closing Podcast featuring special guests & community partners. Join the live studio audience.

River Bar is sponsoring the VOX POP Closing Afterparty event and complimentary appetizers will be provided while supplies last.

RSVP at: bit.ly/voxpopclosingparty.

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Hard Frost

A hank of vines, clematis and morning glory, hangs from the courtyard arch.

Long stems of dahlias blacken the fence and bend, petals the bloody rough of gems.

We used to talk for hours, didn't we, quick air scouring the ground?

And then, behind the hollow's gold, where the pond's still blue accumulates

like filigree on leaves in rimy grass, the whuff and rattle of a companion

heron, harvesting its image, as it lifts out of a watery skin of ice

— Janet Sylvester

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Aleef Mahmud:

A resident of the Asylum brings artificial intelligence and poetry to Somerville



Aleef Mahmud, a 30ish young man, met me in the lobby of the Artisan's Asylum, a hotbed for technology and the arts in Union Square in Somerville.

Mahmud is the founder of PROTYO, a concern that develops artificial intelligence for things like automated cars, robots, thermostats, medical devices, etc. Although he is located in Somerville, in the Asylum he has employees working all over the world.

Mahmud, who was previously located in Brooklyn, NY, said Somerville is well-positioned for technology. Many of his customers happen to be in Cambridge. "Somerville is fantastic for business, the arts and technology. People here have the skill-sets and the background for innovative work, and we are surrounded by major corporations," he said. "I plan to always have a space in the Artisan's Asylum.

I asked Mahmud about his view of gentrification in our burg. "It is a double-edged sword. There is a lot of displacement. Some of the artists at the Artisan's Asylum had to move from Somerville because of the high rents. They now commute. On the other hand, I feel it has brought a new vibrancy to the city."

Mahmud told me he is the recipient of the Maritime Hero Award. This was presented to him by the U.S. Olympic Committee. It seems that Mahmud developed the technology that makes it possible for the disabled to enjoy sailing. He told me, "I developed an exoskeleton, so a disabled sailor Richard Ramos was able to compete in races. The technology is available for anyone to use for free. I want technologies to help people. I want it to make things more inclusive."

Now, many people may have issues with artificial intelligence, but for the most part Mahmud does not. I asked him if all this technology will lead us to be at the mercy of robots. He said, "No, I don't think it is going to be what we see in the movies. AI will relieve us from monotonous duties. It will be used for jobs that no one else wants, like bomb detecting, for instance. I told him that I know people with lower level jobs like cashiers have been losing their jobs because machines have replaced them. Mahmud said, "Humans will always be in the loop. AI will make it more convenient to do what you want to do."

Mahmud came to this country from Bangladesh. His family lived in a cramped apartment in Queens, NY, and relied on food stamps." So it stands to reason that Mahmud, who describes himself as an amateur poet, would pen work that is socially aware. It seems that this young entrepreneur in the Paris of New England is going to continue making technology and poetry that will be inclusive and with the good for broader society in mind.

Dreams of tomorrow:

dreams I hope will come tomorrow dreams I hold close shattered by a plane in September dark days and sleepless nights that followed

dreams of my mother who struggled to stand dreams of my father who begged for a hand dreams become fears seeing my sister harassed dreams become fears watching my brother's arrest

these dreams keep me steady keep me ready against the night these dreams of my mother, my father, guiding lights of my life

dreams I hope will come tomorrow dreams I hold close for brighter days and safer nights a better tomorrow for those who follow

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

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72487335	16 Fellsway	WU:3 4 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	16	\$665,000	\$685,000
72492185	102 Conwell Ave	U:3 6 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	47	\$669,000	\$655,000
72475493	108 Belmont	U:2 8 room, 5 bed, 2f bath	24	\$669,000	\$690,000
72415191	390 Washington Street	U:3 5 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	217	\$669,900	\$669,000
72500341	58 Conwell Ave	U:3 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	10	\$674,900	\$695,000
72500364	4 Putnam St	U:2 5 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	7	\$679,000	\$715,000
72484871	21 Park Street	U:4 4 room, 1 bed, 1f 1h bath	37	\$689,000	\$690,000
72491732	52 Dimick Street	U:1 6 room, 3 bed, 1f bath	14	\$710,000	\$740,000
72490433	3 Banks Street	U:1 4 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	3	\$729,000	\$808,000
72500690	33 Mason St	U:1 6 room, 3 bed, 1fbath	14	\$729,900	\$800,000
72479043	49 Putnam Street	U:1 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	10	\$749,000	\$800,000
72500118	22 Beacon Place	U:B 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	17	\$765,000	\$786,250
72462754	43 Electric Avenue	U:2 7 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	26	\$769,900	\$774,900
72487091	56 Fremont Street	U:56 11 room, 4 bed, 2f 1hbath	8	\$795,000	\$885,000
72487322	24 Marshall Street	U:24 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	33	\$799,000	\$785,000
72498451	7 Westminster St	U:1 6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath	8	\$799,000	\$820,000
72442412	69 Rush	U:2 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1hbath	104	\$839,000	\$820,000
72493041	21 Park St	U:2 6 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	5	\$839,900	\$850,000
72458342	40 Harvard St	U:1 6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	82	\$899,900	\$865,000
72513213	9 Medford Street	U:501 4 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	15	\$915,000	\$915,000
72491955	30 Bromfield Road	U: 2 6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1hbath	20	\$939,000	\$940,000
72483678	12 Spencer Avenue	U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	14	\$949,000	\$980,000
72455659	42 Bow St	U:3 5 room, 3 bed, 2f 1hbath	96	\$949,900	\$940,000
72475446	163 Central St	U:2 7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	46	\$1,049,000	\$990,000
72484101	9 Monmouth Street	U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	6	\$1,085,000	\$1,100,000
72480180	7 Webster St	U:2 10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	37	\$1,095,000	\$1,095,000
72487570	27 Murdock Street	U: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
72489507	14Trull St	2 unit, 10 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	19	\$849,973	\$827,775
72486931	31 Alpine St	2 unit, 9 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	21	\$939,000	\$939,000
72495963	21 Bradley St	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	69	AUCTION	\$970,000
72499734	67 Thurston St	3 unit, 13 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	9	\$975,000	\$1,042,000
72452780	17 Princeton Street	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	140	\$995,000	\$1,000,000
72472766	38	10 Hills 2 unit, 13 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	82	\$999,000	\$975,000
72480267	12 Conwell Ave	2 unit, 9 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	35	\$1,099,900	\$1,055,000
72484756	8 West Street	2 unit, 10 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	7	\$1,150,000	\$1,280,000
72475400	62 Hudson St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	2	\$1,239,000	\$1,200,000
72394426	315 Washington St	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	60	\$1,250,000	\$1,200,000
72479573	3 Preston Road	2 unit, 17 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	23	\$1,350,000	\$1,320,000
72382267	13 Quincy St.	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	6	\$1,399,000	\$1,300,000
72470834	26-28 Adrian Street	unit, 18 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	44	\$1,599,999	\$1,560,000
72471115	124 Perkins St	3 unit, 18 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	15	\$1,699,000	\$1,465,950
72459227	42 Greenville St	6 unit, 28 total rooms, 10 total bedrooms	47	\$2,599,000	\$2,050,000