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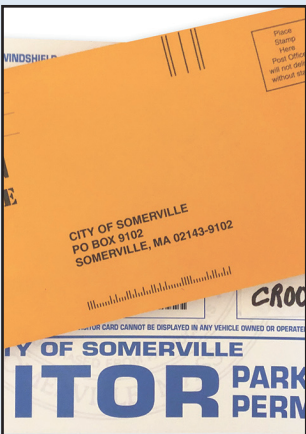


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Karen Shine Nelson, a Somerville resident, testified about her experience with excessive airplane noise in the Ten Hills area of Somerville.
— Photo by Lizzie Heintz

By Lizzie Heintz

Two back-to-back public hearings held by the Public Health and Safety Committee on September 18 addressed airplane noise in Somerville and the presence of Somerville Police Department at Boston's Straight Pride Parade, respectively. The hearings were held at Somerville High School. Members of the public were invited to listen and speak at both hearings.

The first hearing featured a presentation by Wig Zamore, the Somerville representative to the Massport Community Advisory Committee, explaining the effects of recent changes to flight patterns due to GPS navigation.

In the presentation, it was explained that GPS navigation concentrated departures from runway 33L at Logan Airport to follow much tighter flight paths, which in turn centralized airplane noise to only 14

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'What the Fluff?' once again

102nd anniversary celebration held on Saturday in Union Square

The 2019 edition of *What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Invention* was presented last Saturday by Union Square Main Streets as part of the Somerville Arts Council/ArtsUnion.

The the event celebrated the 102nd anniversary of Fluff, invented right here in Somerville's Union Square in 1917 by Archibald Query. The madcap, fun-filled festival drew approximately 20,000 people to Union Square.

The 14th annual *What the Fluff* festival featured musical performances, a cooking contest, Fluff-themed games, activities, antics and fun for every age, and Fluff treats of every sort.

This year's theme, *Fluff Travels: All Roads Lead to Fluff*, celebrated 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.

Among the many diverse and creative vendors at the event, the Somerville High School Music Department sold Fluffer Nutter sandwiches with proceeds going towards helping to fund their program.

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Somerville's one and only celebration of all things Fluff brought lovers of the sweet confection to Union Square over the weekend to partake and enjoy.
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The Committee to Elect Mary Marshall is hosting a fundraiser for her tonight, Wednesday, September 25, at Sally Obrien's, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Please come support Mary in her race to become the next Ward 3 School Committee member.

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.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to one of Somerville's nicest and friendliest ladies, Joan O'Meara. What a nice lady. We wish her a special birthday to celebrate all week long. Happy birthday to the now retired SHC director who is always around the city, Mark Alston-Follansbee. A nice guy and we wish him the very best. Happy birthday to another lifelong resident, great guy Wayne Snow. We wish him the very best as well. Happy birthday to Richard Mangan. We wish him a very happy birthday as well. Happy birthday to Frank Ricardo, an old friend and a good guy. This week we remember our former publisher and friend Bob Publicover, who would have been celebrating. We hope he's doing that up in heaven. Again, happy birthday to all the other locals and former locals who are celebrating this week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday.

Somerville Overcoming Addiction will be holding its 7th Annual Vigil to celebrate the lives of all those who lost their lives to addiction in recognition of Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville to host community meeting, discussion on road safety following recent pedestrian crashes

Old Taxpayer says:
Sure takes a long time after people are killed on our streets before they even just talk about it. Also have the one on Washington Street. Also the area on Broadway on Winter Hill is one waiting to happen since the city made that unsafe as well.

joe says:
I hope the response is measured and thoughtful. Pedestrian hits are tragic, but there is a random element to their occurrence and the proper response is not shoot-from-the-hip installation of anything you can think of at the location of the strike. I also think, whatever the response, that we should keep in mind the highways are an important thru-way and slowing traffic there could cause more traffic on side streets. Is there a solution such as a pedestrian tunnel?

Pedestrian/Motorist/Cyclist/Motorcyclist says:
I have five points of view, if you include porch perspective, and I see everything and at all times of day. In my opinion it is mostly the pedestrians’ fault; they cross when they please, jump in cross walks when a vehicle is clearly coming towards them. Also, what’s the point of the crosswalk lights? It says don’t walk, it also has a red/orange hand stop sign yet they still cross. Geez people! Even blind people can cross the street! Dammit, a service dog has more comprehension of crossing the street than these idiots.
I also blame the city! Look at Broadway now, one lane to drive on. Did a puppet from sesame Street design that?!

Villenous says:
Sure enough, whenever the subject of maniac drivers comes up (killing pedestrians/cyclists or just smashing into each other or other stuff), someone’s sure to come along and start grouching about bicycles. No one on Mystic Ave. or anywhere else in Somerville, has been killed because they got hit by a bicycle.It’s the two-ton vehicles that put lives at danger.

Jean says:
People look before you leap. Thinking if they hit me, I will sue. Guess what people you can’t sue if your dead. If the light is red do not cross even if there is a cross walk, you do not have the right of way. Did we not create a bike path to keep cyclist safe, a place where no vehicles can go! It is time for vehicles to take back the roads. God help us once winter snow comes to Somerville. I have advised everyone I know to avoid Somerville like the plague. Find a different restaurant, shop at a different mall, driving in Somerville is just not worth it.

Response to: Letter to the Editor – September 18

Ernesto Gaxha says:
I respectfully disagree. I love Davis square, but allowing for higher heights would not only allow higher tax revenue for the city, but it could potentially allow for more housing construction, and more amenities, like a hardware store, for nearby neighbors. The character of the neighborhood is more than just the fact that buildings are a certain height.

Villenous says:
I’m with Ernesto. If we’re not willing to build higher in Davis, which is right next to a T station, then why are we pretending to care about housing costs or getting people out of their cars? What even is the argument in this letter? Seems to be Davis has money, so upzone around those with less cash. As a Union resident, who is fine with seeing it upzoned, I have zero sympathy for that kind of elitism.

Resident says:
This is a small city jamming too much into it. Somerville is already overcrowded and cramming more buildings and people into it is a recipe for disaster. Look at the amount of pedestrian involved accidents alone. Somerville is size 8 trying to squeeze into size 2. I don’t know why the board bothers with public hearings. They just ignore what they hear and do whatever they want.

Oh really? says:
I think Alan is suggesting that four stories allows abundant development / growth in Davis while retaining some of the character of the square. But I see in your world taller is better, for the sake of being taller – like that gigantic 20-something story middle finger coming to union square. Any concern about aesthetic, neighborhood character, etc. is relegated to “elitism”. How about we just bulldoze Davis & rebuild it – Somerville’s West End?

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Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

Visitor Pass Abuse



Before you read this outburst I'd like to say that I am usually a very happy and somewhat positive person. Okay, that's a lie. I'm just trying to enjoy my life, my friends and my family for whatever time is left. God knows I try. I know we all complain about too many changes in our city but this one is different.

Most of my stories are about memories of "Yester Ville" (a phrase I created just in case they try to fine me or tax me on it!). In Yester Ville we weren't being hovered over by a GPS-like, Google earth monitored nit picking watchdog, waiting to dole out fines for breaking all sorts of rules.

VIOLATION! OH MY GOD! You must now give up some of your hard earned, much needed, essential to just to scrape by ... money. You bad person! We caught you! You mean ... didn't read the fine print? You're on a budget? Ha-ha! Too bad. Yes, it IS too bad. Our tax dollars aren't enough to run this city so they have to suck every possible dime out of us.

My son and some of his band mates

were performing in a play at Suffolk University Thursday through Sunday. Good kids who rehearsed like crazy for weeks, earning money honestly and diligently. Dan lives in New Hampshire and stayed over our house on the show nights. Although we have a huge driveway, it was out of commission due to sidewalk repairs. So I gave him one of my four visitor passes. Yes. I am entitled to four. Lol! Visitor Pass my _ _ _ ! We didn't read the small sneaky print in the back of the "Visitor Pass!"

Let's start with a \$30 ticket to the musical New Hampshire "visitor" for "parking too far from the curb." Okay, I understand that emergency vehicles have to get by. And the trash trucks have to maneuver streets. This kid is from New Hampshire where they don't have all the rules we have. Welcome to Somerville! But the second fine for \$50 for "Visitor Pass Abuse" really burned my butt.

My family has been paying taxes in this city since 1919. That's a lot of dough! And we got a lot of services. Excellent police, fire, DPW and Highway service. Decent trash and sanitation upkeep. We always had water (which is very expensive) and we were always able to flush like mad! My family always paid our taxes and city bills on time or certainly within the stated grace period.

I complain about detours, congestion



and disappearing landmarks like everyone else but I never complained about the city's services. Hell, I have friends in every city department and they are decent honest people from (almost the top) on down. The fines aren't their fault and this is not about those friends at all. Everyone has to do their jobs. But when Dan from NH got a \$50 fine for visitor pass abuse I was mad.

With four visitor passes should I have rotated them? What's the sense of having visitor passes if the rules are so strict and unfair? I know. I should have read the rules because rules are rules. Too late now. I got my "visitor passes" for free because I'm over 65 but now I've paid for them.

The City of Somerville got \$80 bucks out of me in one fell swoop. Swoop this, money grabbers!

How about a friendly warning for an out of state visitor? A warning like they issue the week before street sweeping resumes. It's like we are saying "Somerville does not care about people, only money." This was certainly not any way to treat a "visitor" and he most definitely did not get a "pass!"

Again, this has nothing to do with the fine folks on the parking control force. As I said I have longtime friends in that department and they are all excellent people. It's the way the constricting violation guidelines are written. It's like entrapment. I paid these ridiculous fines for my son's talented and hardworking friend. I could re-

quest a hearing but I'm not. I only go near city facilities when I absolutely have to, like the dentist. They can use my \$80 to pay for more annoying mass mailings to keep the same old sorry faces in their comfy seats up at 93 Highland Ave. I rip them up.

The parking control officers have a very difficult job. I've had many friends who did that job and I give them so much respect and credit. I couldn't do it. They have a lot of guts and responsibility.

Winter is around the corner, so we had better all brush up on our snow shoveling and snow emergency restrictions. While we're at it don't put your trash out too early and all extra trash bags must be ... blah-blah-blah!

How about enforcing bicyclists rules? Jaywalking rules? And, oh my God! Don't drive in the designated bus lane! Bring back Yester Ville. Bring back my city. Millennial Ville stinks. Leave an hour early if you're gonna drop your kids off at school. Bring a lunch if you're driving anywhere in this city. Don't trip over the missing bricks in Davis Square. And I'll still defend Somerville every chance I get, but to getting harder and harder.

And if you're concerned about the monstrosity proposed that will obliterate our beloved Davis Square, check this link out. www.davisnow.org and please visit Jack Connolly's Councilor At-Large candidate video on YouTube. If you want the old Somerville back, elect a guy who has been here all along. Jack's not afraid to tell it like it is.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Generous friend rents out a stolen car

While on full uniformed directed patrol of the Healey School last Thursday, a Somerville Police officer noticed a motor vehicle occupied by two individuals.

The officer queried the license plate tag and was notified the car was reported stolen. The officer radioed his location to police dispatch and multiple units responded as back up.

The officer made contact with the man in the driver's seat and explained to him the car was reported stolen. The man was reportedly uncooperative at first and refused to identify himself.

The officer ordered the man out of the vehicle and he was placed into handcuffs. The officer recognized the man as Hamza Warsame from past incidents. The officer ordered

the female passenger from the vehicle as well.

During a search of the vehicle, officers located a passport belonging to Warsame. There was also a credit card in the center console with the same name.

Warsame reportedly told the officers that he paid a friend cash for the rental car. He claimed he only knew his friend by name and had no further information.

According to reports, Warsame stated that all of the property in the car was his, and police allowed the female passenger to take possession of his personal belongings at his request. She reportedly told the officers they had been driving around in the car for about a week. She said he was using it while he visited his family.

Warsame could not provide

any paper work or rental agreement. He said that his friend took all the paper work with him when he took possession of the car.

Warsame was placed under arrest and transported to the Somerville Police Station where he was booked on charges of use of a motor vehicle without authority and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

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Arrests:			
Keith Hill , of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, September 16, 4:44 p.m., arrested at Chester Ave. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.	Bowden St. , Malden, September 17, 11:39 a.m., arrested at Artisan Way on warrant charges of trespassing, possession of a class B drug, municipal bylaw or ordinance violation, and shoplifting by asportation.	Jagger Camilo , of 25 South St., Lynn, September 17, 11:44 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of possession of a class B drug.	a warrant charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.
Michael Ford , of 66		Graziano Mellone , of 67 Jacques St., September 19, 7:48 p.m., arrested at Canal Ln. on	Hamza Warsame , of 255 South Oak Knoll Ave., Pasadena, CA, September 19, 11:41 p.m., arrested at Meacham St. on charges of use of a motor vehicle without au-
			thority and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.
			Thomas Anderson , of 240 Somerset Ave., Taunton, September 21, 1:34 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

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Airplane noise and SPD’s presence at Straight Pride addressed at public hearing

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percent of the Somerville population.

Over 50 residents attending the hearing. According to testimony by citizen Karen Shine Nelson, the impact of the centralization is "...an impediment to [her] enjoyment of [her] property...", and the quality of life in her neighborhood.

Many citizens testified to the hindrance on every-day life due to airplane noise, including concerns about lack of sleep, exhaust fumes, and overall enjoyment of residence in Somerville. The Committee

and citizens also raised concerns about the lack of solutions offered to those at the hearing, instead being offered assurance of further research.

Many residents offered suggestions for possible solutions, including going back to flight patterns prior to GPS navigation and new suggested routes for aircrafts to take to better distribute noise.

The second hearing was held in response to a letter signed by 117 Somerville residents raising concerns about the presence of Somerville Police Department

in the Straight Pride Parade counter protests on August 31. Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Chief of Police David Fallon both offered statements regarding SPD's presence at the counter protests.

"We do stand in solidarity with you. We stand against people who promote white supremacy, who promote hate, who stand against everything that is of value in this community," Curtatone said.

Most attendees of the hearing were those who attended the counter protests in Boston

during the parade. Those who testified detailed fear, anger, and sadness after allegedly witnessing the actions of SPD. Testimonies cited video recordings of police action and the alleged inconsistencies between them and previous statements made by SPD.

Those who testified expressed concern not only about the conduct of the department, but the money used to pay officers to be present. Several of those who testified cited a "pool of civil asset forfeiture money" used to pay officers working overtime

to attend the protest. Those who mentioned such money demanded that the use of these funds be made public.

Deputy Chief of Police Stephen Carrabino was stated to be on personal vacation at the time of the hearing, and therefore unable to attend. The hearing concluded with Chief Fallon's clarification that those who had concerns about specific police action could submit complaints or evidence via the online portal on the SPD website, or call the SPD station to file a verbal complaint.

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Somerville marijuana retail host community agreements announced

Somerville City Council President Katjana Ballantyne, who is serving as Acting Mayor for the Host Community Agreement process for marijuana retail entities, announced last week that she intends to sign Host Community Agreements (HCAs) with three adult-use marijuana retailers. The selected entities and their proposed locations are: Union Leaf, 71 Union Square; New England Select Harvest (NESH), 378-380 Highland Avenue; and East Coast Remedies (ECR) 76-82 Central Street.

Union Leaf is both a Somerville-resident-owned and an immigrant-owned business whose owner, Laxmi Pradhan, has past experience operating businesses in highly regulated industries. The Union Leaf proposal includes redeveloping the 71 Union Square site to include a three-story building for its retail operations, a community space, and offices for its new business. New England Select Harvest (NESH) is majority owned by Robert Gregory, who is a Somerville resident and the owner of Redbones. Minority-owned East Coast Remedies (ECR) is majority owned by Gladys Vega of Chelsea, who is currently the Executive Director of the Chelsea Collaborative. She has dedicated her life's work to combating socioeconomic challenges in her community and has overcome the impacts that marijuana prohibition has had

on her family. The three entities were selected after a robust review process by the Acting Mayor's Marijuana Advisory Committee (MAC). As part of the MAC's first round of applications, they reviewed 14 applications for marijuana retailers in various neighborhoods throughout the city. Of those 14, the MAC interviewed 7 of the applicants that best met review criteria to learn more about their proposals. MAC review criteria included the following: ensuring that proposed locations were compatible with their respective neighborhoods, that the physical space allowed for safe storage and flow of customers, and that operations included a focus on community involvement and education. In keeping with the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's Economic Empowerment Program, it was also a strong priority for the MAC to consider the extent to which the person(s) running the entity has/have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and to prioritize entities where the majority of ownership is made up of individuals of Black, African American, Hispanic, or Latino descent. Preference was also given to entities where the majority of the ownership was by individuals who are Somerville residents.

This is the first local entitlement among many that is required for establishing an



adult-use marijuana retailer in Somerville. The next step is for the entities to seek a license from the Somerville Licensing Commission and a Special Permit from either the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) or the Planning Board (PB) (depending on their underlying zoning district). After receiving all local approvals each entity will need to receive license from the Commonwealth's Cannabis

Control Commission (CCC). Public input will be accepted during the Licensing Commission, ZBA and PB processes. Agendas for these Boards will be posted as they become available on the city website at www.somervillema.gov/MeetingDocuments. For more information about each proposal, visit www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/adult-use-marijuana.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local senators and representatives from the week of September 16-20, 2019.

ALLOW UNIONS TO CHARGE NON-UNION MEMBERS FOR SOME COSTS (H 3854)

House 154-1, Senate 39-1, successfully overrode Gov. Charlie Baker’s veto of a bill that would allow unions to charge non-members for the cost of some services and representation. The measure would also give unions several new rights including access to state workers’ personal contact information with their home addresses, home and cell phone numbers and personal e-mail addresses. The new law will take effect in 90 days.

The bill was filed as a response to a 2018 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees case that public employees cannot be forced to pay fees or dues to a union to which he or she does not belong. Freedom of speech advocates hailed the decision while labor advocates said it was an unjust attack on unions.

“I refuse to sign legislation that compels state and municipal government to turn over the cell phone numbers of private citizens, who happen to be government employees, without their permission, to private organizations,” said Baker said in his veto message to the Legislature.

“Today the state Legislature made a strong statement that unions are in the public interest and will remain a strong force for economic fairness in Massachusetts,” said AFL-CIO President Steve Tolman. “The overwhelming bipartisan votes to override Gov. Baker’s veto by the House and Senate this week demonstrate that unions are not a partisan issue in Massachusetts. This new law represents the most comprehensive response to the Janus ruling of any state in the country by ensuring that unions will have the tools necessary to effectively communicate with their members while protecting their personal contact information from outside interests.”

“My rationale is very simple,” said Rep. Shawn Dooley (R-Norfolk), one of two legislators who voted to sustain the governor’s veto. “I believe an individual’s privacy rights trumps any organization’s wants - no matter who or what that organization is or represents. I tried to amend the legislation which would allow a person to elect not to release their personal information, home address, home phone and personal email if they so choose. Unfortunately, this amendment failed primarily on party lines. I honestly do not understand why the unions are so insistent on having the information of a person who does not want to join the union.”

“Despite the best efforts of the governor and two bold lawmakers, the Legislature continues to insist upon a law that blatantly violates the privacy rights of state workers that opt not to enroll in a union,” said Paul Craney, spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. “When this legislation becomes law, it will find itself in the courts and most likely be overturned by an impartial judge. Speaker DeLeo demonstrated that he puts the desires of union bosses ahead of the rights of hard-working state workers. DeLeo runs the House like a dictatorship, squashing any reform efforts or transparency.”

(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

WOMEN’S HISTORY TRAIL (H 4076)

House 156-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill requiring the state’s Office of Travel and Tourism and Department of Transportation to develop and implement a Women’s Rights History Trail program which will designate properties and sites that are historically associated with the struggle for women’s rights and women’s suffrage. The program is designed to promote education and awareness of the struggle for women’s rights in the Bay State. The passage of this bill coincides with preparations for the yearlong centennial celebration of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women full voting rights.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the many notable women who have influenced Massachusetts in important and lasting ways as we prepare for the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage,” said the bill’s co-sponsor Rep. Carolyn Dykema (D-Holliston) ... “The establishment of a trail will allow us to all hear and appreciate the powerful stories of strong women that will expand our understanding of history and shape our expectations for the future.”

“The creation of a women’s rights history trail in our commonwealth is an opportunity to rightfully credit and celebrate the many women who played a pivotal role in our state’s history, our nation’s democracy and the fight for women’s suffrage, and to inspire future generations of young women and men alike,” said Rep. Hannah Kane (D-Shrewsbury), a co-sponsor of the measure. “A boost for our commonwealth’s tourism industry, the trail provides municipalities across the Bay State with a valuable new mechanism to draw visitors and proudly highlight their connection to historical women, sites and properties.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

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

BAN TOXIC FLAME RETARDANTS (S 2338)

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House bill that would ban 11 toxic flame retardants from children’s products, bedding, carpeting and residential upholstered furniture sold or manufactured in Massachusetts, except for inventory already manufactured prior to August 31, 2020. Another provision requires the Department of Environmental Protection to review, at least every three years, chemical flame retardants used in these type of products and include them on the list of prohibited chemical flame retardants that are documented to pose a health risk. Violators would be fined up to \$1,000 for a first offense, and up to \$5,000 for a second and subsequent offense.

Motor vehicles, watercraft, aircraft, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and electronic devices are exempt from this law as are any previously owned products that contain a retardant.

The House and Senate approved the bill at the end of last year’s 2018 legislative session, but Gov. Baker did not sign it. “Massachusetts can be a leader in this area, but the specifics of the bill that emerged during the last hours of the legislative session limit its potential effectiveness,” Baker wrote to legislators. “A deliberative process involving all stakeholders and an implementation schedule that takes into account the realities of manufacturing and distribution practices are key components to any legislation. I look forward to working with the bill sponsors and stakeholders on a revised form of this legislation in the [2019] session.”

Supporters say, that since 1975, manufacturers have added chemical flame retardants to a wide array of household items including products with polyurethane foam, such as sofas, car seats, strollers and nap mats. They are also incorporated into electronic products and building insulation.

They argue that the retardants, while well-intentioned, do more harm than good and have been linked to an increased risk of cancer, fertility problems, neurological disorders and other major health concerns. They note that firefighters are exposed to flame retardants when they go into burning buildings.

“For decades these flame-retardant chemicals have been harming our children and firefighters and we now know that we don’t need them for fire safety,” said the bill’s sponsor Sen. Cynthia Creem (D-Newton). “It’s time we put health first. This is not a choice between fire safety and public health – with this bill, we can have both.”

“The science is clear,” said Rep. Marjorie Decker (D-Cambridge). “Flame retardant chemicals are linked to cancer, developmental problems for young children and negative behavioral health outcomes. We also know that these same chemicals only make fires more deadly.” No senators voted against the bill. But representatives of chemical and electronics companies, makers of children’s products and mattresses testified against the bill when it had a hearing in May.

Ryan Trainer, president of the International Sleep Products Association, said that banning one specific chemical—antimony trioxide—would limit mattress manufacturers’ ability to meet federal flammability standards. He said that if the bill passed, it could force the redesign of many mattress styles, which would raise prices for consumers and businesses.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

\$1.5 BILLION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM – Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley) and Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester), the co-chairs of the Education Committee, unveiled a long-awaited consensus school finance reform bill that will invest \$1.5 billion in its public education system over the next seven years. The bill, named the Student Opportunity Act, is expected to land on the Senate floor for debate and a vote sometime in October.

“The Student Opportunity Act builds on our ongoing efforts to support our neediest students and to close opportunity gaps,” said House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop). “The bill includes significant investments, placing a special emphasis on English learners and districts serving high concentrations of low-income students. In addition, this bill makes investments in school buildings, special education and transportation for districts across the state. Both the House and Senate have taken the noteworthy step of collaborating,

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side-by-side, to craft a bill that reflects a joint approach to support students.”

“I think this session, with the strong support of our leadership and all of the committee members, we have finally come to a consensus on a bill that as the Senate president and the speaker indicated, will fully implement all of the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission,” said Peisch at a briefing for reporters.

“I think it’s fair to say that if this bill passes into law, we will have the strongest and most progressive education funding system in terms of how we reflect the needs of low-income students,” said Lewis. “However, we realize that even with all those changes in the increased Chapter 70 Aid that districts will receive, that there’s more that we can and must do to support the needs of all school districts and all students across the state, whether they are in rural districts, suburban districts, Gateway Cities or others.”

“It is critical that we act upon the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission and take the necessary steps to address some of the historic inequities in our school funding formula so that all students in the commonwealth can access the same educational opportunities to prepare them for college and the workforce,” said GOP House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading.) “I look forward to reviewing the details of the Student Opportunity Act and whatever changes the Senate makes to the bill, with the hope that the House and Senate can reach agreement on a final bill this session.”

“In the past year, thousands of parents marched on Beacon Hill making it clear they wanted additional funding and also a plan for how that funding would immediately begin to address the achievement gap crisis in Massachusetts,” said Keri Rodrigues, Founder of Massachusetts Parents United. “Blank checks are simply not enough. The Student Opportunity Act fulfills our hopes for how the state can better support our children’s education.”

BAN COAL ROLLING (H 3097) – The Transportation Committee’s hearing included a proposal that would prohibit anyone driving a diesel-powered vehicle from releasing significant quantities of soot, smoke or other particular emissions that obstruct or obscure another driver’s view of the roadway. The measure also bans anyone from retrofitting a diesel-powered vehicle with a device, smokestack or other equipment that enhances the vehicle’s capacity to emit these pollutants. Violators would be fined from \$100 to \$1,000.

“Pedestrians, cyclists, and electric vehicles have long been favored targets for drivers of monster trucks “rolling coal” to intentionally spew huge clouds of diesel exhaust at their perceived enemies in the nation’s culture war,” said Paul Rauber in an article in the Sierra Club’s magazine.

“I filed this bill because it was brought to my attention by a constituent as a public safety and environmental issue,” said the measure’s sponsor Rep. Brian Murray (D-Milford). “Coal rolling serves no useful purpose. The exhaust generated consumes extra fuel and can be directed at other vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians which can pose a serious danger to others. And the unnecessary emissions are clearly harmful to the environment.”

RAISE AGE FOR ‘SPEEDY TRIALS’ (H 1398) – The Judiciary held a hearing on a bill that would

raise from 65 years old to 75 years old the age at which a person can take advantage of the state’s Speedy Trial Law.

“Our judicial system here in the commonwealth is equipped with a tool called ‘Speedy Trials’ to allow those considered ‘near death’ to have their matters heard before the court without delay,” said the bill’s sponsor Rep. Shawn Dooley (R-Norfolk). “While this is a sensible policy to make sure our elders do not spend their twilight years in a legal limbo, this statute is in need of a little updating.”

Supporters of the hike to 75 say that 65 is no longer considered “near death.” They argue that according to the Social Security Administration, because of advances in research, technology and medicine that have expanded life expectancy, a man reaching age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 84, and a woman until age 86.

MUST PAY SEXUAL HARASSMENT FINES FROM PERSONAL FUNDS (S 871) - Another bill heard by the Judiciary Committee would prohibit public officials from using taxpayers’ money or campaign contributions to pay fines if he or she is found guilty or reaches a settlement in connection with an accusation of sexual harassment or sexual assault that occurred while serving as a public official. The bill requires that all payments of fines or settlements in those cases be made from the official’s personal funds.

“Taxpayers should not foot the bill for public officials who commit sexual assault or harassment,” said the bill’s chief sponsor Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton). “Those who are found guilty of assault or harassment should not be able to look to the taxpayers to bail them out. Similar bills have passed in other states, and in Washington, D.C., and both Democrats and Republicans passed a federal version of this legislation. It’s time Massachusetts joined them in passing this bill.”

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“After three years of shredding federal environmental rules, the Trump Administration is now attacking state policies that we need to protect public health and address the climate crisis. This is an illegal assault on states’ rights and clean air that will damage the environment and put the health of our children, seniors and all communities at risk. We are suing to challenge this destructive proposal.” — *Attorney General Maura Healey joining a coalition of 24 attorneys general and cities in suing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration over its illegal and environmentally destructive new regulation seeking to preempt California’s stringent greenhouse gas emissions standards for new cars and trucks.*

“I’ve been on the floor maybe 50 times in 15 years talking about hands-free [cell phones] and the only thing that has changed is the families I have worked with no longer want to hear any excuses, even from someone who has been one of their longest-time champions. I don’t blame them. It’s 2019. It’s okay to have legitimate policy disputes, but when a bill has been heard over and over and over and negotiated over and over and over, at some point, no matter what we have to do, we have to say enough is enough. — *Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) on the delay in the passing of the bill that would prohibit drivers from using a hand-held cellphone or other electronic device to make a call or access social media.*

“Motorists don’t pass school buses because they fail to see the big yellow bus with all the flashing red lights and the stop sign sticking out of it. They pass the school bus-

es because they don’t think they will get caught.” — *David Poirier, president of the Bus Patrol America company that contracts with public entities to install safety technology on buses, on proposed legislation allowing communities to install video cameras on buses to catch vehicles illegally driving past school buses that are displaying stop signs.*

“We are considering plans for a major expansion on land that we own, but we can’t commit to constructing a multi-million-dollar complex of new buildings that could be mothballed two years from now. [The year] 2022 might seem far away, but film and series productions are making decisions now about investing and filming over the upcoming years. Without the preservation of the Production Incentive, major productions will increasingly have second thoughts about investing here. The Massachusetts film industry is ready to keep growing, investing, and creating good-paying jobs, but every day we wait to extend the Production Incentive hurts our ability to succeed.” — *Gary Crossen, General Manager of New England Studios, a film studio in Devens, urging lawmakers to extend the tax credit, scheduled to end on 2022, for filmmakers who make films in the Bay State.*

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 16-20, the House met for a total of three hours and 51 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 49 minutes.

Mon. Sept. 16	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:53 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.
Tues. Sept. 17	No House session No Senate session.
Wed. Sept. 18	House 1:00 p.m. to 3:13 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. Sept. 19	House 11:17 a.m. to 12:02 p.m. Senate 1:02 p.m. to 3:34 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 20	No House session No Senate session

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Ball Square Festival

The Ball Square Business Association and the City of Somerville presented the second annual Ball Square Festival on Sunday, September 22. There was music, activities, food, and a beer garden on Broadway, right in the heart of Ball Square. The event included live musical performances from Rachel Raven, Tokyo Tramps, Sweet Wednesday, and others. Participants enjoyed beer at The Pub's beer garden and food from participating restaurants. Century 21 celebrated their new office, and the Ball Square Festival Scavenger Hunt encouraged participants to visit a variety of businesses in order to enter a raffle with wonderful Ball Square prizes. — *Photos by Claudia Ferro*



The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

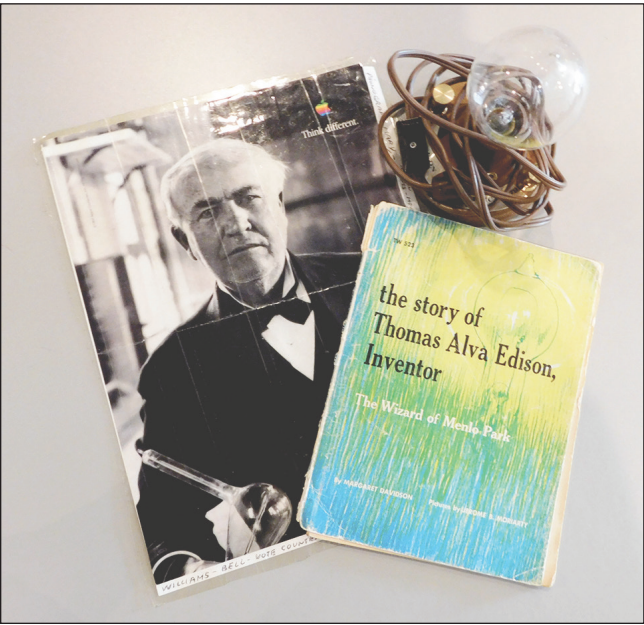


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The Inventors

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Throughout history, millions of people have had an inventive spark or idea that was never developed. It takes time, ability and will to bring an invention to fruition, and most people lack one of the three.



Thomas Alva Edison, the father of over one thousand creations, gadgets, and devices was said to have been a genius. His own description of that word was “Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.” His first two inventions came to life in the electrical shop of Somerville’s Charles Williams. Another discovery born in the Williams shop was the Bell Telephone with its telephone #1 awarded to the Williams home on Arlington Street.

Through the years, many Somerville residents have had their ideas and inventions brought to fruition.

♦ James Sanborn – He lived on Winter Hill’s Broadway and established the Chase and Sanborn Coffee Company at the beginning of the Civil War in 1862. His was the first company to seal coffee in cans, selling it coast to coast. It still thrives today.



♦ Daniel Stillson – He was the creator of the famous pipe wrench that bears his name. He was a Naval Civil War veteran, a Somerville Alderman and sat on the Somerville Library Committee.



♦ Assembly Square – It owes its name to inventor Henry Ford. In 1926 his Model “T” began the parade. In 1958, 400 distinctive Edsels, named after his son, rolled off the production line to end the parade and the plant’s auto history. During its lifetime, 1,338,652 automobiles were produced there. *Continued on page 20*



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Five easy ways to reduce the risk of falls

By Jeanne Leyden

Falls are perennially the leading cause of injury for older adults, but they are not an inevitable outcome of aging. Fortunately, there are several easy ways to reduce the risk of falls.

A good first step is to acknowledge the risk. One in four Americans over the age of 65 is affected by a fall each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). That averages out to an emergency room visit every 11 seconds. While it's easy to think it will never happen to you, it's better to be aware of potential risk and be proactive about reducing it.

The CDC cautions that most falls are caused by combination of the following factors:

- Lower body weakness
- Vitamin D deficiency
- Difficulties with walking and balance
- Use of medicines
- Vision problems
- Foot pain

• In-home hazards

As director of a program that helps families provide care at home, this issue is very near to my heart. I firmly believe the best care is at home and helping family caregivers reduce the risk of falls is a big part of our safety assessments and ongoing trainings for caregivers.

Here are some tips for reducing the most common risk factors for falls:

Keep your home safe Evaluate your home for fall hazards. Remove obstacles, such as rugs or clutter that might cause you to trip. Make sure areas like entryways are well-lit. Install grab bars where needed, such as in the bathroom or near the front door. You might also consider consulting an occupational therapist to assess your home and make recommendations.

Talk to your doctor Don't be afraid to mention that you've had a fall or are afraid of falling. Your doctor will be able to assess your risk of future falls and rec-

ommend strategies to help.

Review medications Your doctor or pharmacist can determine whether any of your prescriptions or over-the-counter medications increase fall risk. They may also be able to recommend alternatives with less risk. It's important to review your medications regularly, and to verify that you are taking them only as prescribed.

Check vision and hearing Don't skip those annual appointments! Your ability to hear and see can greatly impact your balance and your ability to avoid obstacles.

Find a balance or exercise program Evidence-based in-home programs such as Stay Strong have been proven to reduce fall risk by increasing strength and stability. Your local senior center or elder services agency probably offers that or something similar, often at no charge.

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MONDAY September 30
Comedy Night! The Up n Coming Open Mic 7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

TUESDAY October 1
Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY October 2
Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

THURSDAY October 3
BYOBluegrass with David Rizzuti 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY October 4
Hayride! 6 p.m.
Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present - \$10 cover 9 p.m.

SATURDAY October 5
Stan Martin Band 6 p.m.
Nashville's The Medium, Bong Wish, Headband
\$10 cover 9 p.m.

SUNDAY October 6
The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m.
African Night, SambaLolo and guests
9:30 p.m.



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Business Loyalty Program for Ball and Magoun Squares

The City of Somerville, in partnership with local businesses in Ball and Magoun Squares, launched the Somerville Business Loyalty Program on Sunday, September 22. Loyalty cards were available at the Ball Square Festival at participating businesses in both squares, and at the City Hall Welcome desk, 93 Highland Ave.

After collecting six stamps, program participants can place their complete card into a collection box at any of the participating for a chance to win a prize each month. No purchase is necessary to receive a stamp. Winners will be contacted directly with the information provided on the loyalty card. Winners will also be announced on the first of each month on the City website at www.somervillema.gov/LoyaltyProgram and on Instagram @SomervilleBusinesses.

For more information on rules, monthly prizes, and a complete list of participating businesses in Ball Square and Magoun Square, visit www.SomervilleMA.gov/LoyaltyProgram.

This program will run from September 2019 to March 2020 and is open to all community members with the exception of City of Somerville employees, owners of participating business, and employees of participating businesses.

Please join in supporting local businesses! You can also support any local Somerville business by using #Loyal2Local on social media.

For more information, contact Nick Schonberger at 617-625-6600, ext. 2537 or nschonberger@somervillema.gov.

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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

A monthly look at ways to get involved with your city: Don't just live in Somerville, be Somerville!

Fall ResiStat Meetings

This fall join elected officials, City staff, and neighbors at your ward's ResiStat meeting. During the meeting you can get updates on what's going on both around the city, like efforts to support small businesses, and in your neighborhood, like construction and road improvements. There's also plenty of time before, during, and after the meeting to ask questions and share ideas. All ResiStat meetings run from 6:30 to 8 p.m., but if you come at 6 you can enjoy pizza and other refreshments. The first fall ResiStat meeting is on Wednesday,

October 2, in Ward 6. You can find the full schedule and more information at www.somervillema.gov/resistat.

One-Stop Shop for Small Businesses, September 26

Are you a new business owner or are you thinking about opening a business in Somerville? Join staff members from the City's Planning and Zoning Division, Clerk's Office, Economic Development, and Health and Human Services to talk about your business ideas on Thursday, September 26, at 81 Broadway. At this event you can learn more about programs and resources your business might qualify for and get insight into the licensing and permitting process. Questions will be taken on a first come, first served basis from 5 to 7 p.m.

Discussion on State Route 38 Road Safety, October 1

A community meeting has been scheduled with the City's Mobility Division to discuss two fatal crashes along State Route 38 (Mystic Avenue) in Somerville and efforts underway to improve

safety for all road users. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, in the auditorium of the East Somerville Community School at 50 Cross Street beginning at 7 p.m. Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) officials have been working in partnership with City officials on planning and engineering for the complex series of intersections and highway ramps where Interstate 93, Route 38 and Route 28 (McGrath Highway/Fellsway) all meet. MassDOT staff will also be in attendance.

SomerVision 2040 Open House, October 10

Come review the topic chapters the SomerVision Committee has been working on at an open house on Thursday, October 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Winter Hill Community School, 115 Sycamore St. The final SomerVision 2040 plan will help identify Somerville's strengths, challenges, and goals for the next 20 years and builds on the work the community did in writing SomerVision 2030. You can learn more at www.somervillevision2040.com.

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Voter Registration Deadline, October 16

Wednesday, October 16, is the deadline to register to vote or to update your address before the November 5 municipal election. In Massachusetts you can mail in your voter registration, do it in-person at the Elections Department office, or register online. Find more information on registering to vote at www.somervillema.gov/elections.

Join the Community Preservation Commission

There is an opening on the Community Preservation Commission (CPC), which recommends projects to be funded by the Community Preservation Act (CPA), and applications are being accepted through noon on Friday, October 25. CPA funds can be used for affordable housing, historic preservation, and parks and open space. Since the CPA was adopted by voters in 2012, 66 projects have received a total of \$3.8 million in funding. CPC members review proposals and make fund-

ing recommendations based on Somerville's needs. The person selected for this open position would serve on the CPC from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022, and would have the option to renew for a second three-year term. To learn more about the CPC and how to apply, visit www.somervillema.gov/cpc.

City Alerts

Get important City notifications for snow emergencies, construction, detours, and other public safety matters delivered to your phone (voice and text) and/or your email. Sign up for alerts at www.somervillema.gov/alerts.

City Newsletter

For weekly updates on city cultural and civic events, City services, job openings, and more, sign up for the City e-newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/newsletter.

City Calendar

Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov.

The driver's licenses for illegal aliens debate

By John Thompson

The present debate over a bill (H.3012/S.2061) authorizing driver's licenses for illegal aliens¹ reveals that progressive politicians and opinion leaders have disowned the recommendations concerning workplace enforcement and border security of the Commission chaired by civil rights leader and Democratic Congresswoman Barbara Jordan in 1997.

Many politicians, particularly those of a progressive bent, lament the stagnating incomes, lack of social mobility, income inequality and the decline of the middle class plaguing the country. It is hard to take this posturing seriously, though, so long as politicians are unwilling to acknowledge the role of immigration in this undesirable social outcome. In the debate over drivers' licenses, all pretense of preventing employers from hiring unauthorized workers has been dropped. The bill is titled "An Act relative to work..."

Observing that the country had lost control over its border,

President Clinton appointed the Jordan Commission which concluded that future policy should be guided by "a simple yardstick: people who should get in do get in; people who should not get in are kept out; and people who are judged deportable are required to leave.... Pres. Clinton and virtually every other major politician of both parties endorsed the report. The New York Times produced editorials stressing the urgency of ending illegal immigration.

The Commission understood that the root of the problem was employers hiring unlawful workers at substandard wages and working conditions. It therefore proposed measures to eliminate the "jobs magnet", including a mandatory computerized system to verify eligibility and penalties on employers. In the same spirit, the Massachusetts legislature enacted legislation [Chapter 149 Section 19C of the General Law] imposing fines for hiring unauthorized aliens. That law is still in effect.

As everybody knows, efforts to secure the border have failed.

Some 11-12 million persons are illegally in the country, 300,000 in the Commonwealth. The reason why is quite simple: many American businesses have recruited an army of lobbyists to block enforcement. The technology to prevent hiring of unauthorized workers is cheap and reliable, but employers are not required to use it.

An indispensable art of the illegal labor infrastructure consists of gangs that transport would-be border crossers, paying off government officials and the drug cartels that control the territory where they pass. Once in the United States, these gangs link up with employers seeking cheap workers and provide fake documents. As enforcement expert Jerry Kammer said, "A counterfeit-documents industry arose, enabling workers to pretend to be legal and employers to pretend to believe them."

The cheap labor lobby has found a convenient ally in a coalition of liberal politicians and media, self-styled ethnic advocacy groups, religious groups and civil rights organizations,

which frame illegal immigration as a moral issue, dividing the enlightened part of humanity (themselves) from the primitives and deplorables. The "immigrant advocates" may not see it that way, but objectively they provide a respectable face for a multi-billion-dollar business based upon the exploitation of very vulnerable people – unlawful workers and low-paid natives.

Defenders of the bill say that unauthorized workers somehow "contribute to the economy" and/or pay lots in taxes. The assertion about taxes is patently false. The pro-immigration media present a picture of persons with low education, menial jobs and inadequate social insurance. Data from the Pew Center show this picture to be accurate: among illegal aliens age 25-64, 47% had less than a high school education – compared to 8% of natives. The median household income of unlawful migrants was about 40% below that of natives. One third of the children of illegal aliens, and one fifth of adult unlawful migrants, live in poverty

(against 10% of natives.) Owing to their low-paying jobs, illegal aliens pay little in taxes and are heavy net users of welfare. Expenditures attributable to illegal immigration cost U.S. taxpayers about \$113 billion a year at the federal, state, and local levels. At the federal level, only 1/3 of outlays for illegal aliens are matched by tax collections

Most of the costs (\$84 billion) fall on state and local governments, mainly for education. At the state and local level, an average of less than 5% of the public costs associated with illegal immigration is recouped through taxes. The average illegal alien in Massachusetts costs the taxpayers of the state \$4,500 and each taxpaying household pays an additional \$1,500 on average due to illegal immigration.

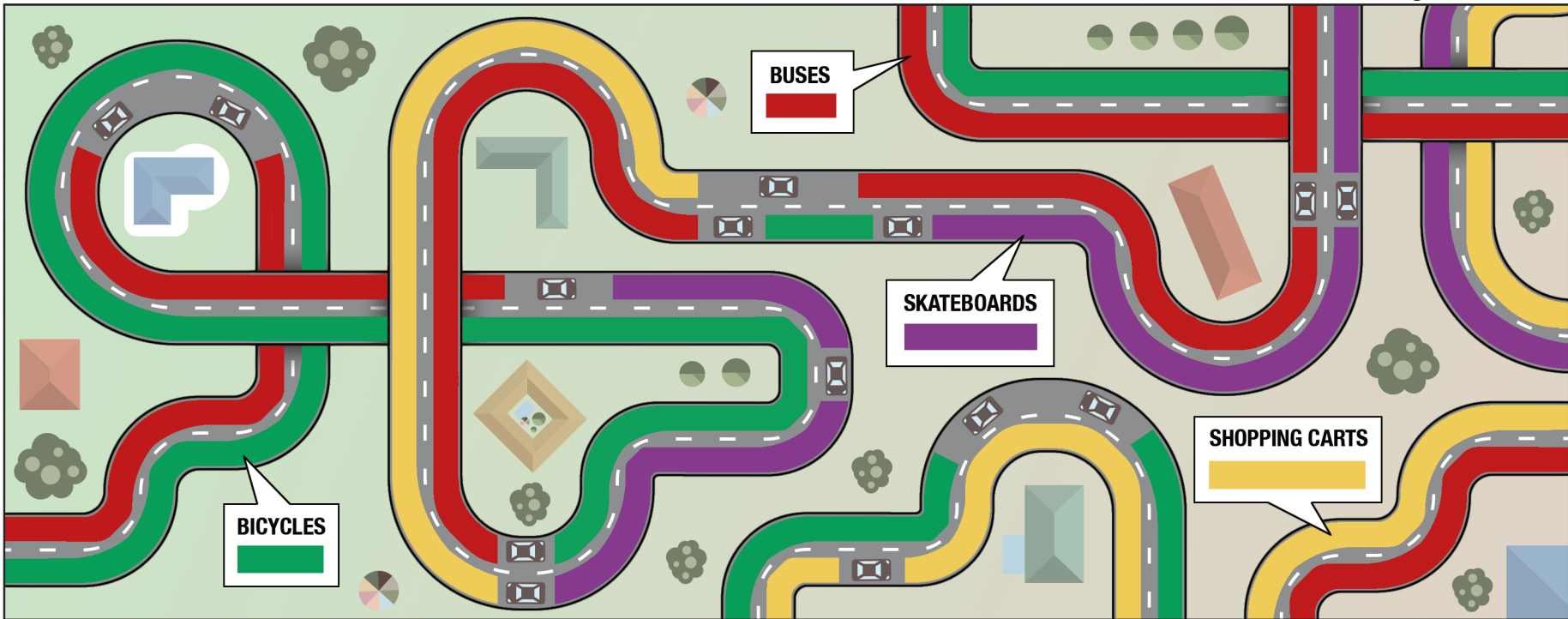
Do illegal aliens benefit the economy? Business owners who employ them certainly think so. Conversely, the group most adversely affected by their presence are the group that compete most directly with them, low-paid natives. Which side deserves our sympathy?

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COMMENTARY

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Where do I drive my car?

Our View Of The Times



A lot of frustration has been building up over the big slowdowns happening on streets throughout the city over the past year or so.

What with bridge closures due to GLX development, general road repair and ongoing restructuring, and now the designation of dedicated bus lanes, separated bike lanes, and various other mobility upgrades, it seems to some that getting across the city in a reasonable amount of time is a thing of the past. A fond memory from a distant age.

Work is underway to install bright red “Bus Only” lanes along both sides of Broadway between McGrath Highway and Main Street, one of the city’s most congested commuting corridors. These dedicated travel lanes are meant to enable the MBTA to provide more efficient, reliable bus service.

Such “upgrades” are fine and good, but many are bemoaning the price to be paid by the average motorist when confronted with fewer regular traffic lanes in an already barely tolerable traffic grid.

Some are blaming recent vehicular accidents on the changes made to the roadways. Common sense and a sense of civility informs us that impatience and frustration does not grant anyone a license to drive recklessly, no matter how irritating the conditions may be.

All one can do is let the planners know how they feel about it and hope for the best. These are, after all, our streets.

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International Overdose Awareness Day and National Recovery Month. The event will be held **Sunday, September 29, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**, at **Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Ct., Somerville.**

The Special Planning Board Meeting previously scheduled for Thursday, September 5, has been rescheduled for **Thursday, September 26.** The meeting will be held in the **Somerville High School auditorium, 81 Highland Ave.,** beginning with a presentation at 6:00 p.m. Please visit the city’s **Somerville by Design** website for more information and to review the plan at www.SomervilleByDesign.com.

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, in partnership with **Historic Somerville,** announces their **Fall 2019 events.** All are free of charge and open to residents of all ages. The first of two events will take place **Sunday, September 29, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.,** the **Ball Square Walking Tour** with Historian Ed Gordon. The tour starts at the **Field House in Nathan Tufts Park** (at Powder House Square); and then on **Sunday, October 6, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.,** **Tracking the T: A Historic Bike Ride** in concert with the **Somerville Bike Committee.**

The ride starts at **City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.** Rain date: **Sunday, October 13.** For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation or www.historicsomerville.org.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, the Somerville Commission for Women and RESPOND Inc. announce the annual **Candlelight Vigil** in support of **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** on **Wednesday, October 2,** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at **Statue Park in Davis Square.** The vigil is an annual event bringing the community together in remembrance of those who have lost their lives over the last year to domestic violence. In addition to the vigil, attendees will be invited to view the **Clothesline Project,** a visual display that honors survivors as well as victims of intimate partner violence.

The Candidate Climate Forum will be held on **Saturday, October 5, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the **VNA community room, 259 Lowell St.** Door opens at 10:45 a.m. All candidates have been invited. Community members will be asking questions relating to climate change. They will publish a summary of the answers afterwards but will not be endorsing anyone. To RSVP, go to the Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/somerville-2019-candidate-climate-forum-tickets-73041602399> and/or the FB event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1220362254833407/>.

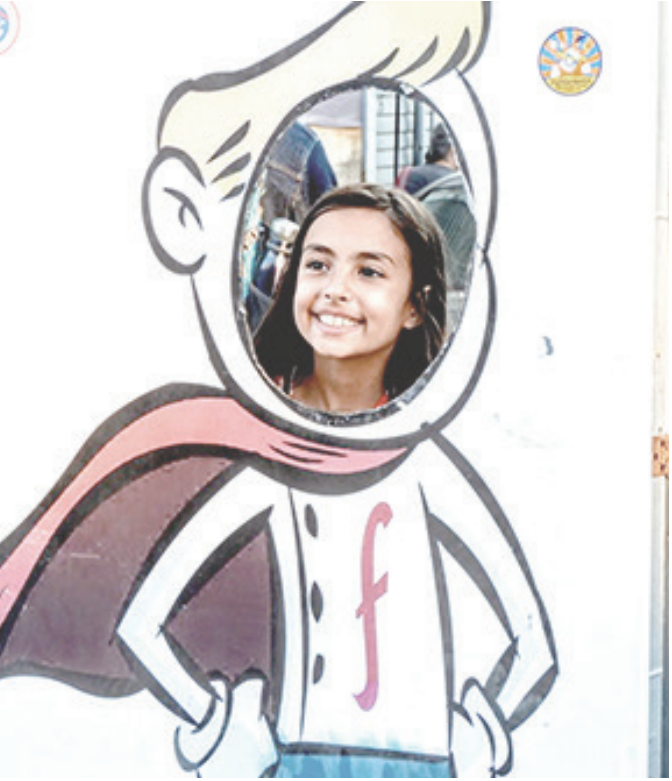
The Somerville Community Growing Center welcomes you to join in for **A Gathering of Fairies on Saturday, September 28, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.,** 22 Vinal Ave. Build a fairy house, create a fairy wand, listen to a fairy story, and search the garden for signs of fairies. Everyone is invited to come dressed up as a fairy or their favorite magical being. A fairy fun time is guaranteed for all. Before the event, find time to go outside and collect natural materials such as feathers, stones, shells, twigs, bark, pods, pinecones and other plant material and bring them with you so you can build a fairy house as your very own gift to the fairies. A limited supply of materials will also be available at the event. Donations are encouraged to support the Growing Center and future Gatherings of Fairies. This event is rain or shine.

Coming soon for **all Somerville pet lovers:** join **East Somerville Main Streets** on **Saturday, October 19** (rain date of October 20) in East Somerville for the brand new **Howl-o-ween Pet Parade and Costume Contest.** Dress up your pet and parade around **New Washington Street** then walk the red carpet in front of a panel of judges. Prizes are awarded for Best of Show, Best Owner and Pet Combo, Most Creative, Spookiest, Best Group and Best Local Representation. The parade starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. and continues right into the costume contest. Prize baskets featuring gift cards and goodies will be provided. There is a registration fee \$5 for each participant who would like to bring a pet to join. It’s free for everyone who wants to come and all are very welcome. This event is supported by **Stinky’s Kittens & Doggies Too, Zen Dog Training, Compass Real Estate, Last Hope K9 Rescue, Somerville Dog Festival, and Somerville Media Center.** Event Schedule: 1:00 p.m. Contest Registration and Social Time; 1:30 p.m. Dog Training 101: Training Advice and Leash walking; 2:00 p.m. Parade and Judging; 3:00 p.m. -Contest Winners Announced.

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'What the Fluff?' once again

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Photos by Adam Parise



SPORTS

SHS Highlanders win first game of the season

By Adam Parise

The Somerville High School Highlanders won their first game of the season this past Friday with a final score of 27–15 vs. the Malden Golden Tornadoes. Somerville started off slow, scoring no points in the first quarter, but came back in the second quarter to score 7 before the first half ended.

Somerville also added another two touchdowns in the third quarter and one more in the fourth. Malden chalked up two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, but the Highlanders pulled off with a victory. The next game for Somerville is on Friday, September 27, at Glatz Field at Cronin Stadium in Danvers at 7:00 p.m. vs. St. John's Prep, who is off to a 2–0 start to their season.



The SHS Highlanders scored a big win against the Malden Golden Tornadoes Last Friday with a 27–15 victory. — Photos by Adam Parise



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

1. What month is National Bullying Prevention Month?

2. What state is the top apple-producing state?

3. What Canadian Castle is seen in the film *X-Men* and TV series *Smallville*?

4. How long is the Ninety Mile Beach in New Zealand?

5. What are you when you are capernoited?

6. Who is the patron saint of bricklayers?

7. What Great Lake has enough water to flood all of North and South
- America to a depth of one foot?

8. What U.S. State has reduced the number of people living on the streets since 2005 by giving them access to permanent housing?

9. Who is the youngest female tennis player to win the U.S. Open?

10. What is the main flavor of aioli?

11. Who played Sid Vicious in the film *Sid and Nancy*?

12. What type of fruit is a Jargonelle?

Answers on page 23

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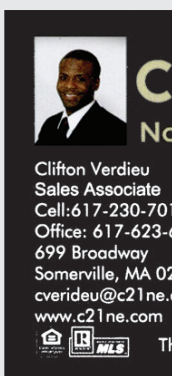


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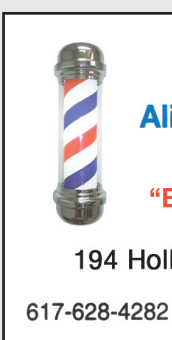
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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP # 19-87-3**

**Acquisition of Commercial Office Space by Lease
for Inspectional Services Department**


The City of Somerville, acting through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids to relocate the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) offices in an effort to improve operations and the constituent experience. The proposal may offer an entire facility or a portion of a facility. The City is seeking a minimum of 7,000 square foot space in order to accommodate the Inspectional Services Department offices.

A request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after **Wednesday September 25th**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until **Friday October 25th at 11:00am**, at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The City will only consider facilities that provide a minimum of 35 off street spaces for 35 vehicles within the City of Somerville. The desired lease term is three years plus options to extend the lease for up to two additional years. Lease start date shall be December 1st, 2019 and end on November 30th, 2029.

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

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
8 BONARI STREET, FINANCE OFFICE
SOMERVILLE, MA 02145
RFP# S2020-04**

The School Committee of the City of Somerville invites sealed Proposals for a Consultant to Oversee the Human Capital Strategic Support for the Somerville (MA) Public Schools for the period October 3, 2019 – June 30, 2020.


Each Proposal shall be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes clearly marked “Price Proposal for Consultant Services for Human Capital Strategic Support” and a “Non-Price Proposal for Consultant Services for Human Capital Strategic Support” in accordance with the Request for Proposal and Contract Documents which may be obtained at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145 on or after September 16, 2019 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All Proposals shall be filed no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2020 at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145. There will be a Proposal review including possible interview with the finalists.

Please contact Leah Arredondo (larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us) or call 617-629-5218 to receive the proposal and register as a proposal vendor.

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB#20-22**

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

Vactor Truck Repair, Service and Parts

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **09/25/2019**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **10/09/2019 2:00PM EST**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 10/14/2019 to 10/13/2020.

Please contact Prajкта Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information.

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The driver's licenses
for illegal aliens
debate

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Throughout the country, medium-skilled workers have been experiencing stagnation of real wages for a generation while low-skilled workers experienced actual declines. Massachusetts and its politicians pride themselves on their progressivism. Yet, data from the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), a left-of-center think tank, show that in the last 10 years, Massachusetts has had the largest increase in the number of illegal aliens – and not coincidentally the sharpest decline in wages for unskilled workers – in the nation.


Inevitably, any country will have a certain member of persons with low skills and low earning capability. Our society has developed a consensus spanning more than a century that we should have a “social safety net” and programs to enable low skilled persons to improve their earning potential. This system cannot function, however, if the country creates incentives for large numbers of unskilled and badly paid individuals to overwhelm the system of social benefits and devastate the labor market for unskilled workers.

A fitting way to conclude is with another quote from the Jordan Commission: “We disagree with those who would label efforts to control immigration as being inherently anti-immigrant. Rather, it is both a right and a responsibility of a democratic society to manage immigration so that it serves the national interest.”

¹ Illegal alien” is the official term used by the US Department of Justice to refer to a person who is in this country illegally. [United States Code, Title 8, §1365(b).]

Annual Corn Shucking Event

In celebration of National Farm to School Month, Somerville Food & Nutrition Services will be hosting the district’s annual Corn Shucking Day on Thursday, October 3, 7:30-8:00am. Students are invited to shuck local corn alongside school staff, community partners, and volunteers. Corn shucking will take place at all elementary schools and Capuano, and farm-fresh corn will be served with school lunch at every school in the district.



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB#20-24**

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

Water Main Pipe Fitting


An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **09/26/2019**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **10/15/2019 2:00PM EST**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year with 2 optional renewals from 11/15/2019 to 11/14/2020.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:40 p.m.** in the 3rd floor Conference Room opposite the Community Room at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street regarding proposals to demolish: 1) the c. 1895 wood-frame house at **15 Woodbine Street** and 2) the c. 1890 wood-frame barn at **15 MacArthur Street** by Sal Querusio; 3) the c. 1874 wood-frame house at **7 Central Street** by the Hellenic Association of Somerville; 4) the c. 1906 brick automotive building at **297 Medford Street** by Frala Realty Trust; 5) the c. 1890 wood-frame barn at **59 Linden Avenue** by Fan Wang & Marc Wagner; and 6) the c. 1895 wood-frame barn at **59 Albion Street** by Daryl P. & Katherine E. St. Laurent.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structures are considered “Significant”. Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be “Preferably Preserved”. For further information, please contact Commission Staff Kristi Chase at (617) 625-6600 x 2525 (kchase@somervillema.gov), or Sarah White at (617) 625-6600 x 2534 (swwhite@somervillema.gov).

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Somerville Prevention to conduct
annual 'compliance checks'

Somerville Prevention Services, a division of the Somerville Health and Human Services Department, announces its annual compliance checks for 2019-2020. The compliance checks, to be completed at all licensed Somerville liquor outlets, will take place from October 2019 through October 2020, conducted by the Somerville Police Department and Somerville Prevention Services. Compliance checks are part of the program’s ongoing effort to assess how Somerville establishments do in regards to preventing underage sales to minors, and an education about the risks associated with substance use at an early age.

As part of the compliance checks, Somerville youth employed by Somerville Prevention Services will receive training by the Somerville Police Department, and will be accompanied by Somerville Police officers for the checks. Somerville Prevention and Police Department teams will focus on package stores, bars, and restaurants that have “all-forms” liquor licenses.

“Limiting youth access to alcohol begins at the point of sale,” said Matthew Mitchell, the City of Somerville’s Prevention Services Manager. “We will continue to look into how we can best ensure compliance is maintained and sustained each year. In conjunction with the community, we hope to continue our successful campaigns against youth drug and alcohol use as mindfully as possible; ensuring youth don’t have easy access to alcohol.”

Somerville Prevention Services is a community-based coalition supported by the City of Somerville’s Health and Human Services Department. Somerville Prevention’s mission is to reduce substance abuse among the residents of Somerville, as well as the harms associated with such use. To learn more about Somerville Prevention or to become involved, please contact Matthew Mitchell at mmitchell@somervillema.gov, or (617) 625-6600 ext. 2570.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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.
Harvest Storytime
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|September 26

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

Friday|September 27

Central Library
Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.
Teen Empowerment Library Leaders meeting
3:30 p.m.- 6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|September 30

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

Tuesday|October 1

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

Central Library
Girls Who Code club
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|October 2

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.
Magic the Gathering
2 p.m.- 5 p.m.
Teen Game Day
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC|ARTS

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
Wednesday Funk w/ NEPHROK
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
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Last Wednesday Residency: Grant Bloom Trio

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Thursday|September 26

Sally O'Brien's
BT/ALC Big Band - \$10 cover
8 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: Jack & The Vox, Amy Kucharik|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
Red Sky Mary with special guests Black Dagger, Cruel Miracle, and Victim Of Circumstance
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Sir Babygirl w/ Nyssa + Prior Panic
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Seba Molnar Quartet
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Macbeth
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday|September 27

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band|6 p.m.
Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present - \$10 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Backroom: Ariel Strasser, Bridges & Tunnels|7 p.m.
Ripcord| 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville
The Rocket Summer w/ Royal Teeth @ ONCE
7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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Thunder Road
Afterlife Goth Night with DJ Outsider and DJ Static
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Emma Cook & Questionable Company
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Macbeth|7 p.m.
B.U.M.P.|9:15 p.m.
Dirty Disney|10:30 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Ensemble/Parallax Multimedia Concert Featuring Sciarrino and Alessandrini
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|September 28

Sally O'Brien's
Patsy Hamel Band|6 p.m.
Foo Fighters, No Doubt Cover Night - \$10 cover|9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.
Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m.
Back Room: Kids Open Mic|12 p.m.
Jeff Jam Family Dance Party!|4 p.m.
An Evening With Bill Janovitz and Friends|7 p.m.
Pop Disaster|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's
Kong Thunderfunk
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Thunder Road
Smooth Monsoon with special guests The One and Onlys, and Soular Eclipse
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
The Faim + Stand Atlantic
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
The Rachel Sumner + Chris Hersch Trio
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Rick and Friends
10 a.m.|Café
Open Ring Circus Presents Coated: 1944 Circus Fire Project
2 p.m.\11 p.m.|Performance Hall
Sfânta: Hell Bent on Heaven - Saturday Show!
8:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Macbeth|7 p.m.
Dreamland Silent Disco|10 p.m.
255 Elm St

Sunday|September 29

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

The Burren
Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9 p.m.
Classical Music Brunch|11:30 a.m.
Miscast|4 p.m.
Billow Wood|7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Aesthetic Perfection, Empathy Test, Lazerpunk
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Last Sunday BYOP Residency: The Late Risers
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Sfânta: Hell Bent on Heaven
8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|September 30
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
Greyhounds, Andrea Gillis Duo
7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

Tuesday|October 1

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: Side Street|7 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub
Ghetto People Band
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
KEY! w/ Swoosh God, OG Swaggerdick, Donald Grunge
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|October 2

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

The Burren
Front Room:Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.
Backroom: The Jeremiahs|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
Wednesday Funk w/ NEPHROK
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Just Friends w/ Save Face, The Sonder Bombs and Hotline TNT
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Open Mic with Mike Morrissey
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Wiretap Wednesday

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|September 25

Central Library
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Mystery Book Group
7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|September 26

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

Central Library
City of Somerville Fair Housing Commission
4 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
Housing Search Workshop
5:15 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
Family Game Night
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Somerville Commission for Women Feminist Book Club
6:45 p.m.- 8 p.m.
The Knights of Labor Lecture
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

First Church Somerville
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).
For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday|September 28

Central Library
Citizenship Class
9:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m.
Meditation for Beginners
12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Sunday|September 29

Central Library
The Initiation Path of the School of the Rosycross: from Ego to Soul
2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave
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 30

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

Central Library
2020 Census Hiring Event
3 p.m.-6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|October 1

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

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

Wednesday|October 2

Central Library
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Heading For Extinction and What To Do About It: a lecture by Mass Peace Action
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

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 represen-

tatives 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.

Finances 50+ Workshop – Thursday, October 24 – 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Finances 50+ Workshop was designed to help you make and keep smart money habits. To register please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Paint Day – Monday, November 4 – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$15 per person Seats are very limited. Payment due a time of reservation. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319 to make your reservation.

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

Dollar Days at the Movies – Tuesday, November 19 - movie starts at 12:00 p.m. door open at 11:30 a.m. This month’s movie is A Dog’s Journey. \$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 SCHEDULE (PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

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

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

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

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

Healthy Steps – 12:30 p.m. (H)
Nutrition Class – 3:00 p.m. (H)
LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)
Fridays:
Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)

Adventure Group – Please call for details
All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



- ♦ U.S. Navy Admiral Alfred Pride – He grew up on Hudson Street. He was the second man to land an airplane and the first to land a helicopter on the deck of an aircraft carrier. He designed airplane catapults and tail hooks to catch them.
- ♦ Past Somerville Fire Chief James Hopkins – He invented the first Chemical and Hose Reel with ladders. It was a vanguard of today's fire truck design, and one of the many inventions he created to help enhance firefighting. The Hopkins Metal Helmet bears his name.
- ♦ Statesman Ben Franklin – He was

a prolific inventor. The first American flag that flew over Prospect Hill was designed and delivered by him. Somerville's historic Powder House supports its flag on one of his early inventions, the Lightning Rod.

♦ William "Willie" Nickerson – He was from Somerville and a Massachusetts Institute of Technology trained engineer and co-inventor of the Gillette shaving blade. His work produced the blades and the honing machinery to sharpen them. King C. Gillette was the idea man, one percent inspiration, and Nickerson was the metallurgist, ninety-nine percent perspiration. When naming the company, Gillette won. The name Nickerson for a safety blade would obviously not be appropriate. All these inventors showed genius!



Community meeting, discussion on road safety following recent pedestrian crashes

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the city's Mobility Division announce that a community meeting has been scheduled to discuss two fatal crashes along State Route 38 (Mystic Avenue) in Somerville and efforts underway to improve safety for all road users.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, in the auditorium of the East Somerville Community School at 50 Cross Street beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) officials have been working in partnership with city officials on planning and engineering for the complex series of intersections and highway ramps where Interstate 93, Route 38 and Route 28 (McGrath Highway/Fellsway) all meet. MassDOT staff will also be in attendance at the meeting.

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



"What do you call an old person with really good hearing? Deaf defying.

Community Media Week



Somerville Media Center is celebrating all aspects of community media locally with Community Media Week, October 20 through October 27. Community Media Week is a new fundraising endeavor where SMC television, radio and podcast producers will include special messaging in their programs (some even doing special episodes) in an effort to raise awareness and encourage donating funds toward media education activities at Somerville Media Center.

Community Media Day is an annual celebration of voices that bring awareness to the importance of free speech and accessible media for all individuals to have their voices heard.

In 2017, the Somerville City Council passed a proclamation to designate October 20 officially as Community Media Day and is meant to ensure that the media landscape remains inclusive for all artists, across all forms of media.

Traditionally, SMC receives the majority of its funding from the city through contributions from cable franchise fees. The past several years have reflected a decline in cable viewership, and consequently SMC's funding. In addition to the cord cutting phenomenon, SMC (and all Public, Education and Government Media) funding is further threatened by a new FCC rule. This weeklong fundraising endeavor aims to increase the amount that we receive from donors made up of people who know the benefits of community media in Somerville.

The full schedule of events for the community to participate:

Sunday, 10/20 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.: Video Launch with members and supporters at City of Somerville Monster Mashed Up event

Monday, 10/21 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.: SMC go LIVE from Somerville Public Library with special guests

Tuesday, 10/22 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.: SMC in partnership with The Somerville Line a panel on "The Importance of Community Media with Communities of Color" and Underserved Voices". The public is welcome to be part of the studio audience.

Wednesday, 10/23 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.: Come enjoy a stroll down memory lane with the special throwback SCATV screening, *Way Back Wednesday: The Wonderful World of Public Access TV* hosted at the Armory Cafe.

Sunday, 10/27 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.: Comedy Benefit Show at Comedy Studio at Bow Market

The finale event will bring together Boston-area comedians for a Comedy Benefit Show at The Comedy Studio in Bow Market on Sunday, October 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This fundraiser is to help raise funds for youth programs, digital literacy workshops and community journalism programs at SMC. Get tickets online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-comedy-benefit-show-tickets-73370827119>.

Contact Erica Jones at ejones@somervillemedia.org with any questions.

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Review by Lawrence Kessenich

No doubt inspired by the 2018 death of well-loved New England poet Donald Hall, this anthology pays tribute to Hall through poems about him and his beloved wife, Jane Kenyon, poems dedicated to him (or them), and poems responding to Hall's work. At least half-a-dozen of the poems are inspired by specific poems Hall wrote, such as Scott T. Hutchinson's *Wild Honey*, after Hall's *Self-Portrait as a Bear*; Tricia Knoll's *Obsessed Haiku*, after Hall's *Distressed Haiku*; and Kyle Potvin's *Waiting for the Results*, after Hall's *Her Long Illness*.

Some of the poets here seem to have known Hall and Kenyon, their poems providing specific images from their life together, while others admired the poets' work from afar. Kenyon is secondary in this anthology, of course, it being dedicated to Hall, but the two poets, married to each other for decades, were so intertwined, that it would be nearly impossible to put together a book about Hall without including something about Kenyon's significance in his life. For example, Steven Rattner's poem *All the Time in the World*, dedicated to "Don and Jane," appears to be written from Hall's point-of-view, saying things about their life together such as:

One morning we taste salvation
in a swallow of milk.
There is frost scaling the bedroom window
and we take it for heaven.

These beautiful lines give a taste of the imagistic treasures to be found in this anthology. Here are a few others.

From *Lunatics* by Sherry Barker Abaldo:

You gather me again
and again in your arms
like kindling,
our moonlit skin blue as India gods.

From *Seapoint Beach* by Mary Anker:

The last winter storm
split
our apple tree
in half

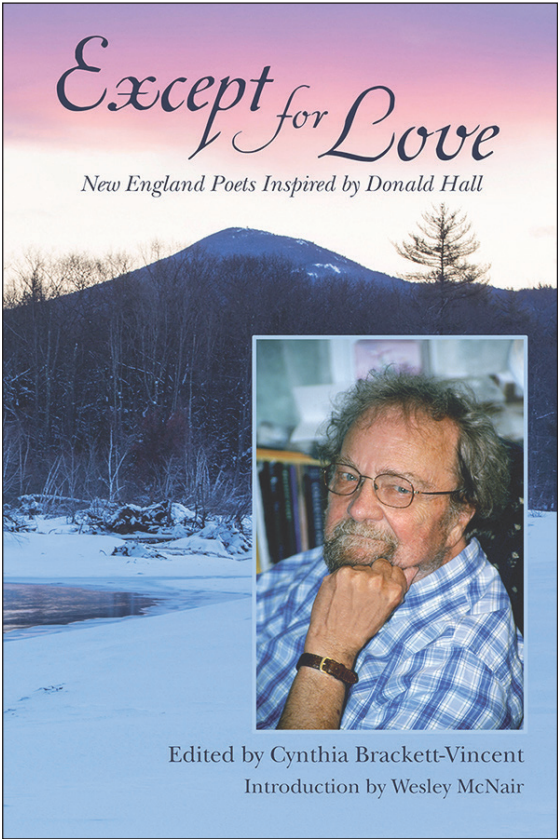
the wound
orange and raw
against her dark bark
points to the sky
hands in prayer...

From *Whisper* by Andrew Periale:

I want to hear the soft explosions
of humpbacks surfacing; cold, salt spray
soaking our clothes; dark men poised,
their great harpoons held high, waiting.

But there are more abstract poems as well – a place where Hall, for all of his New Hampshire country concreteness, would also sometimes venture, such as in his poem *Advent*:

When I know that the grave is empty,
Absence eviscerates me,



And I dwell in a cavernous, constant
Horror vacui.

Wally Swist's *A Wild Beauty* speaks of how a scent:

nurtures us through what
are calculated avaricious
rants, vortices of disorder,
with what serves us
as an uncanny sustenance
its own inexplicable elixir.

The abstract is never far from the concrete in any of these poems, though (even Hall's and Swist's above begin with concrete images, an empty grave and a scent, before they delve into the abstract) so all of the poems feel grounded and vital. There is a lot about loss and decline, but even more about love, bounty, and the uplifting qualities of natural life.

In *Ancient History*, Dawn Potter's character Baby tries to forget the loss and decline around her mother, but finds it difficult:

Forgets her skinny fingers
their skinny sharp nails,

her stare like a chain
yanking him under
Forgets how bad she smelled.

But in *Over Breakfast* Tricia Knoll imagines Hall and Kenyon talking to each other about creativity in language peppered with uplifting natural images:

Did you hibernate last night? Is now when your nut
breaks open? Does your wild aster seed fall
on cracked silt? Your fruited branch bend
under pears?
...

Maybe a murmur in green waters
lapping ashore as one
or going separately. If we must.

This is a book of powerful, varied, vivid poems that don't shrink from the darker side of life, but which, on the whole, come down on the side of love, creativity, and a deep appreciation for the beauty and richness of nature. Hall and Kenyon would both appreciate it and be proud to have their names associated with it.

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IN HIS WHEELCHAIR THIS NAPKIN POET

hands Linda his occasional sonnets
while she dances. She inserts
them into her bra hooked
over her shy breasts
that gaze like
soft brown
eyes

into dark cups until their future
public unveiling when poems
on napkins will fly into
beery barroom air
in this injured
soldier's
eyes

where Linda visits his table when
her number is done and she's
wrapped in a warm gown
smiling friendly down
at the rhymes in
his dancing
eyes.

— R. Steve Benson

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Answers

From on page 14

1. October

2. Washington

3. Hatley Castle

4. 55 miles

5. A little tipsy

6. St. Stephen

7. Lake Superior

8. Utah

9. Tracey Austin

10. Garlic

11. Gary Oldman

12. Pear

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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

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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

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MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72489507	14 Trull 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