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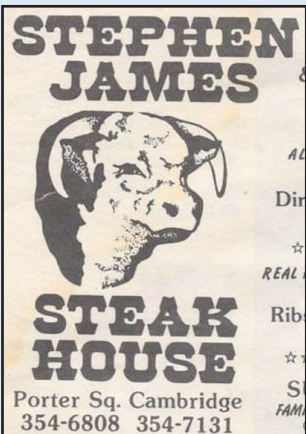


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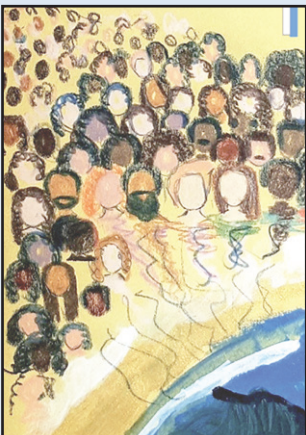
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## City designates September 2019 as Recovery Month in Somerville



Purple flags were placed in remembrance of those in Somerville who have lost their lives to overdose took place last week, following the city's passage of the Recovery Month resolution. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

By Jim Clark

At the latest meeting of the City Council, a resolution was put forward and passed designating September, 2019 as Recovery Month in Somerville.

The official text of the resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, Prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, Preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders is valuable to individuals, families, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Increasing awareness reduces barriers to accessing treatment and support and increases the likelihood of

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## Municipal Preliminary Election, September 10

This fall, Somerville voters will have the opportunity to cast ballots for Mayor, Ward City Councilor, City Councilors-at-Large, and School Committee members. A preliminary election for Mayor and Ward 3 School Committee, similar to a primary election, is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10.

On this date, voters will be voting to narrow down the Mayoral candidates to two candidates and the Ward 3 School Committee candidates to two candidates. This is a nonpartisan preliminary and all voters may vote for any candidate running for either office. The general election will be on Tuesday, November 5.

Please note that because of ongoing construction at Somerville High School, the polling locations for Ward 3 Precincts 1 and 2 have been relocated. Ward 3 Precinct 1 residents will vote at Properzi Manor, 13-25 Warren Ave., and Ward 3 Precinct 2 residents will vote at the Cummings School, using the entrance at 42 Prescott St.



Information about the upcoming election is available at [www.somervillema.gov/elections](http://www.somervillema.gov/elections). For any questions, contact the Elections Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200 or [elections@somervillema.gov](mailto:elections@somervillema.gov).

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The 8th Annual Ryan Harrington Foundation Corn Toss Tournament takes place this Saturday, September 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Trum Field. The Foundation has released the following information: "It is with mixed feelings and emotions that we inform everyone that this year's tournament will be out last. From the outset our family wanted to honor our Ryan's memory and decided what better way than to start a tournament with a game that Ryan loved. Corn hole, or as we called it, "corn toss" was usually played in our son David's backyard. It brought our friends and family together and was a time we all cherished. When Ryan passed we wanted to help local kids in Ryan's memory and so the Ryan Harrington Foundation began. With the help and support of so many family members and friends the tournament grew and we are proud of the work we all have done in Ryan's memory. This is not to say that we are disappearing just looking at different ways to help others in our beloved Ryan's memory. We would love to make our final tournament special. So please join us so we can thank you all for supporting us during the most difficult and often the most bittersweet time in our lives. Let's go out with the best tournament helping the most kids this year! Thank you for your support, love and remembering our Ryan."

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a real local favorite, **Patty Oppedisano**, a good friend of us here at *The Times*. Best waitress around! Happy birthday to the sister of our former publisher, **Marilyn Publicover**, who is celebrating this week. We wish her the very best. Happy birthday to hard working city employee, **Nancy Gaudet Bacci**. We wish her the very best. Happy birthday to local TV celebrity **Daniel Hurley**. We wish him a very happy birthday and wonder why we haven't been invited on his cable show. Finally, we have a big happy birthday for **Judith Medeiros**. We wish her very happy day for herself. To all others here in the city who are celebrating their birthdays this week and we missed you here, we wish a happy birthday to you.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: Letter to the Editor – Powder House Blvd.

WS Resident says:

Agreed. All the city needs to improve the safety of the crosswalks is more/better lighting. What they did to Powder House is ineffective and reactionary.

Ritepride says:

Thank you West Somerville Resident. Your thoughts are in line with many of the West Somerville Residents. I have been told by a person (in response to my inquiry about "NO TRUCKS") at state DOT that the jurisdiction regarding trucks on the blvd. Lies with the city. If it belonged to the state then plowing, sweeping, and other road issues would be done by the state. The money wasted on the road changes put in effect by the city is a disgrace. Some of the changes are done for the pleasing of Tufts, not the residents.

Old Taxpayer says:

What is lost is the use of good ol common sense. Which we seem to have a shortage of these days. Yes, Powder House Blvd WAS the nicest street in the city.

They do it all for the bikes. says:

I agree with everything you've stated here except one. Unfortunately most people in West Somerville now are not life long residents. That was made clear when I watched the meeting in July at the west somerville school regarding the changes being made to the boulevard. The Bike Nazi brigade was out in full force. See the first meeting they had at the school was not that well attended by that group, so if you watched that one you would have been under the impression that many didn't want the bike lane or the loss of parking. Well they couldn't have that so the word went out far and wide and the terrible two wheelers came out in force to tell us how bikes will save the world. I admire what you've put here but I have to say you're fighting a lost war. Joey baloney wants to keep the only good job he has ever had so he will continue to cow tow to the young urbanites and their vegan lifestyle and that means cars=bad, bikes=good. Don't you know that parking for cars is ruining the world?

Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

Bike Nazis? Really? Every single thing in this poisonous comment represents what is wrong with the right wing meat gobbling alternative energy=bad, carbon spewage=good faction that is rotting the core out of our society and the world at large. Fortunately, this is a relatively small faction that will eventually wither away and vanish like to dodo. It's just loud, ever since it stumbled onto the internet and made its fat little fingers learn how to operate a keyboard. My question is what kind of a Nazi are you? Never mind, we all already know.

Ritepride says:

A person who has been a spokeonoperson for the bike group who also works for the U.S. Dept of Transpotatiion, failed to mention that this same agency did a study of bikes in some major cities out westin some major cities in CA, TX, etc., found that after a period of time of operation of bikes in those cities had no major drop in pollution in the cities tested. That in fact the result of heat from the sun on all of the high rise bldgs was the result of pollution readings on those cities. The injection of bike routes on streets built wide enough only for cars resulting in increased traffic congestion will be the only findig in 10 years. The elimination of parking spaces on streets like Powderhouse Blvd. Where are the residents to park their cars. Winter parking, snow storms? Where are residents to go? The city should be requiring Tufts to add parking areas within their areas. A nice parking garage across the street where the tennis courts are by the President's residence, would be a good location.

Gaspar Fomento says:

A person / the bike group / a study. I'll need some specific citations before I believe this alleged "study" is anything real. Thanks in advance for the elucidation.

Old Taxpayer says:

Although bike Nazi is a good description of some of the bikers it certainly does not apply to all. I would prefer not to see this term used at all. I have spent over 50 years biking here and using common sense have yet to have a problem or accident. Now that I am not mobile enough I am watching more aggressive behavior on both sides. I just want to get from point A to B safely and in one piece. I will say I have come very close to taking out some bikers in the last few years which I never had occasion to before. But now that they are running red lights and so forth like motorists it becomes a challenge not to take them out. Ruining the city is not helping it.

Vanta Black says:

Precious, isn't it, how easily the term "Nazi" is projected towards policies and people we disagree with? It's especially ironic when it comes from so-called conservatives while a true Nazi occupies the White House. What a time to be alive.



Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

# Stephen James House



This article was first published in the September 26, 2012 edition.

Here is the third installment of places that no longer exist. I didn't plan on it, but when I did the Woodbridge and Venice stories I also thought of the old Stephen James House. I tossed it out there on the social network, and reeled in some juicy stories about the old function hall/lounge/bowling alley.

The place was on Davenport St. near the Somerville Cambridge line. Many, many Somerville people frequented it during its run. Davenport is the street behind Star Market/Shaws in Porter Square. I personally played in the lounge for a while with one of my bands. You could hear some pretty good country western music there too. The lounge was known for drawing divorced women and I can tell you there

were always lots of well-dressed ladies there. The building is gone and there are apartments and condos there now.

The Stephen James House was a hot spot for weddings and sports banquets. If it was an important event, it was held at the Stephen James. There was a statue of an Indian at the bottom of a stairway (remember?). They had "stage coach" booths as one friend recalls. By the way, my name is James Steven, and one of the most memorable and huge family reunions my mother's side ever had was at the Stephen James House. I have some great pictures of the event and, sadly, many members are no longer with us. It must have been around 1978 or so.

It was a fan favorite for last call also because it was open until 2:00 a.m. One guy tells us that his first job was at Stephen James, washing dishes for \$2.10 an hour in 1976. Someone else worked in the kitchen making \$1.10 an hour. My friend Phil, who was a member of the Amazing Sensations group, put on a show there and sold 450 tickets. That may have been an

overcrowding situation but it was still ... amazing! Somerville High School's class of 1979 had their fifth and tenth reunions there (so we know it was opened until at least 1989).

The prime rib was supposedly pretty good eating and a lot of people commented on the mashed potatoes also. It was a very popular local place to have weddings. Many of my friends were married there. As a matter of fact, one of my friends actually married the owner's daughter (but the place was closed up by then). Did you ever take your kids to see the Easter Bunny there? Me neither, but I know someone who did. The bowling alley downstairs also had pinball machines. I know that the Alewife Brook Parkway Bowling League had two banquets a year there.

Banquet hall, lounge, bowling alley and dancing school? According to one of my contributors, it was called something like Ester's School of Dance. My friends Tom and Mary Ann got married there and tell me that in some of their wedding pictures there is a bull with horns.

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She thought they should have removed it for the wedding and that's no bull. The bride saved the menu and the family style roast beef dinner cost a whopping \$10.95 per person. The wedding package included the cake, pictures, Continued on page 7

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- [www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/inclusionary-housing-program](http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/inclusionary-housing-program)

Information Session – Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00PM  
The Armory at 191 Highland Ave #1C., Somerville, MA 02143

Application Deadline – Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2:00PM  
Complete Applications must be delivered to:  
Housing Division at 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145;  
Faxed to: 617-591-3235; Or  
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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

# Uncooperative complainer gets a thrill after all

A man identified as Reginal Joseph came in to the Somerville Police station last Thursday to dispute a citation that was issued to him the day before.

The officer that issued the citation happened to be inside the station and once again explained the appeal process to Joseph.

After failing to understand the officer's instructions, a different officer explained multiple times and read the instructions on the back of the citation to Joseph, who then requested to talk to a supervisor.

Even after meeting with the supervisor, Joseph still continued to argue the facts of the incident, and the citation.

Officers attempted to explain again to Joseph that this was an argument for his appeal in court, not there at the police station.

Joseph the reportedly reached out and grabbed one of the officers on the shoulder and the officer told him not to touch him.

Joseph was asked to leave the station, and his behavior escalated. He reportedly became violent and tumultuous, yelling and screaming in officer's faces.

The officers attempted to escort Joseph physically out of the station by grabbing his arm. They walked him outside the first set of double doors, and he began to struggle more with them.

Joseph then unexpectedly turned and punched one of the officers in the face, knocking off his glasses. At this time the officers took Joseph to the ground, attempting to place him in custody, but he actively resisted their commands to put his hands behind his back.

Because he was continuing to be non-compliant, an officer delivered two closed hand strikes to Joseph's face, but he still refused to follow commands. Several officers attempted to put Joseph into handcuffs, but he would not comply.

A burst of OC spray was administered and Joseph immediately complied, allowing the officers to take him into custody. Joseph was then transported to the holding area.

Due to Joseph's uncooperative behavior, he was unable to be booked at that time. Sometime later, officers attempted to book Joseph but he still would not comply and, on orders of their superior, they escorted him back to the cell.

While entering the cell, Joseph reportedly stated, "I hope you have a tight grip on my arm," and reached back towards one of the officer's holster where his firearm would normally be. Police officers are required to lock and secure their firearms inside a lock box located outside of the cell area. After realizing this, the officer pinned both of Joseph's arms on top of his head and he pressed his buttocks against the officer's groin and said, "Oh, yea."

A team was requested to evaluate Joseph's mental state. He was given an opportunity to speak with them and was not very cooperative.

Joseph is being charged with resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, and disorderly conduct.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

<b>Arrests:</b>	5:58 p.m., arrested at Franklin St. on a warrant charge of indecent exposure.	vehicle.	at Highland Ave. on charges of assault and battery on a person over 60 or disabled and resisting arrest.	St., August 31, 7:03 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of failure to wear a seatbelt, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, child
<b>Keyanna Jackson</b> , of 22 Wentsworth St., Boston, August 26, 1:36 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on warrant charges of shoplifting over \$250 by concealing merchandise and credit card fraud over \$1200.	<b>John Nwachukwu</b> , of 30 Margaret Rd., Randolph, August 28, 10:08 a.m., arrested at Bow St. on charges of improper operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, resisting arrest, and negligent operation of a motor	<b>Reginal Joseph</b> , of 18 McCall St., Medford, August 28, 11:29 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, and disorderly conduct.	<b>Carlos De Oliveira</b> , of 145 Ward St., Revere, August 31, 6:35 a.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.	6-12 without a seatbelt, child under 6 without a car seat, number plate violation, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, and fugitive from justice.
<b>Samuel Valera</b> , of 3233 Avalon Dr., Peabody, August 27,		<b>Kevin Rodriguez</b> , of 19 Highland Ave., Roxbury, August 30, 10:54 a.m., arrested	<b>Frank Padilla</b> , of 19 Brooks	

# City designates September 2019 as Recovery Month in Somerville

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seeking assistance for recovery; and

WHEREAS, People in recovery achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways to their communities; and

WHEREAS, We must provide information and resources to support family and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders, addiction impacts the entire family; and

WHEREAS, According to the most recent data in the 2018 National Survey of Drug Use and Health, 31.9 million people aged 12 or older used an illicit drug in the past 30 days, approximately 1 in 10 Americans overall. We recognize the need to continue to implement preventive measures, information to recognize warning signs and symptoms, and resources to guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, From 2014 to 2018, there have been 77 confirmed fatal overdoses of Somerville residents; and

WHEREAS, Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions who need help recovering from addiction to substance use; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for substance use and mental disorders, celebrates people in recovery, and lauds the contributions of treatment and service providers and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible, and

WHEREAS, The City of Somerville's Fire Department and Police Department have continued these efforts by carrying Naloxone (Narcan) as a method to reduce the number of fatal opioid overdoses; and

WHEREAS, The City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department will continue to distribute Naloxone and proactively train community members on how to understand, recognize, and respond to a potential overdose; and

WHEREAS, As of August 22, 2019, the City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department has trained a total of 212 Somerville residents, businesses, and staff while distributing 121 individual doses of Naloxone; and

WHEREAS, The City of Somerville will recognize those Somerville residents who have lost their lives to overdose; and

WHEREAS, The City of Somerville will hold a memorial program on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 5:07 p.m. (reflecting the seven Somerville residents in 2018) to increase awareness of those who have lost their lives to overdose; and

WHEREAS, The City of Somerville will light City Hall purple on Thursday, August 29, 2019 to join other communities across the nation in recognizing International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, in remembrance of those individuals who have lost their lives to overdose; and

WHEREAS, To help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Somerville community groups committed to recovery work, and the City of Somerville invite all residents of Somerville to participation in National Recovery Month; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That we, the Somerville City Council, do hereby resolve that the month of September 2019 shall be Recovery Month in Somerville and call upon the people of Somerville to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies to support this year's National Recovery Month's 30th Anniversary.

The resolution preceded a ceremony Thursday, August 30, to place purple flags in remembrance of those in Somerville who have lost their lives to overdose, to support those left behind, and to reaffirm our community's commitment to ending this epidemic. The event was held outside City Hall.

Attendees were given 156 purple flags to place in memory of the 156 Somerville residents lost to overdose since 2000 and one larger flag for all those lost in previous years.

On behalf of the community, City Hall was also lit after the ceremony with purple light and will remain so until September 5, to remember those lost and to raise awareness that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable.



# Interview with Jasmin Choi on Multicultural Cookbook

By NaBeela Washington

There is power in bringing members of different communities together to uplift each other and exchange ideas that facilitate the exchange of thought-provoking ideas and celebrate cultural diversity.

This very celebration is the core of Jasmin Choi's work on the Multicultural Cookbook *To Eat, To Travel, To Share*, a project, in partnership with The Welcome Project, that engages immigrant youth through storytelling to celebrate cultural diversity. High school students from immigrant communities interviewed their family members to learn more about their own recipes and related cultural significances.

This interview with Choi illustrates the importance of the "Multicultural Cookbook" and invites readers to join the conversation, through recipe or an exploration of their own cultural heritage.

**NaBeela Washington:** Describe how this particular project empowers other work that you're doing in the community.

**Jasmin Choi:** We are happy to partner with the immigrant organization, The Welcome Project, to create this cookbook. The Welcome Project does phenomenal work by focusing on lifting young people from immigrant families to reach their full potential.

One of their prominent programs is called LIPS (Liaison Interpreter Pro-

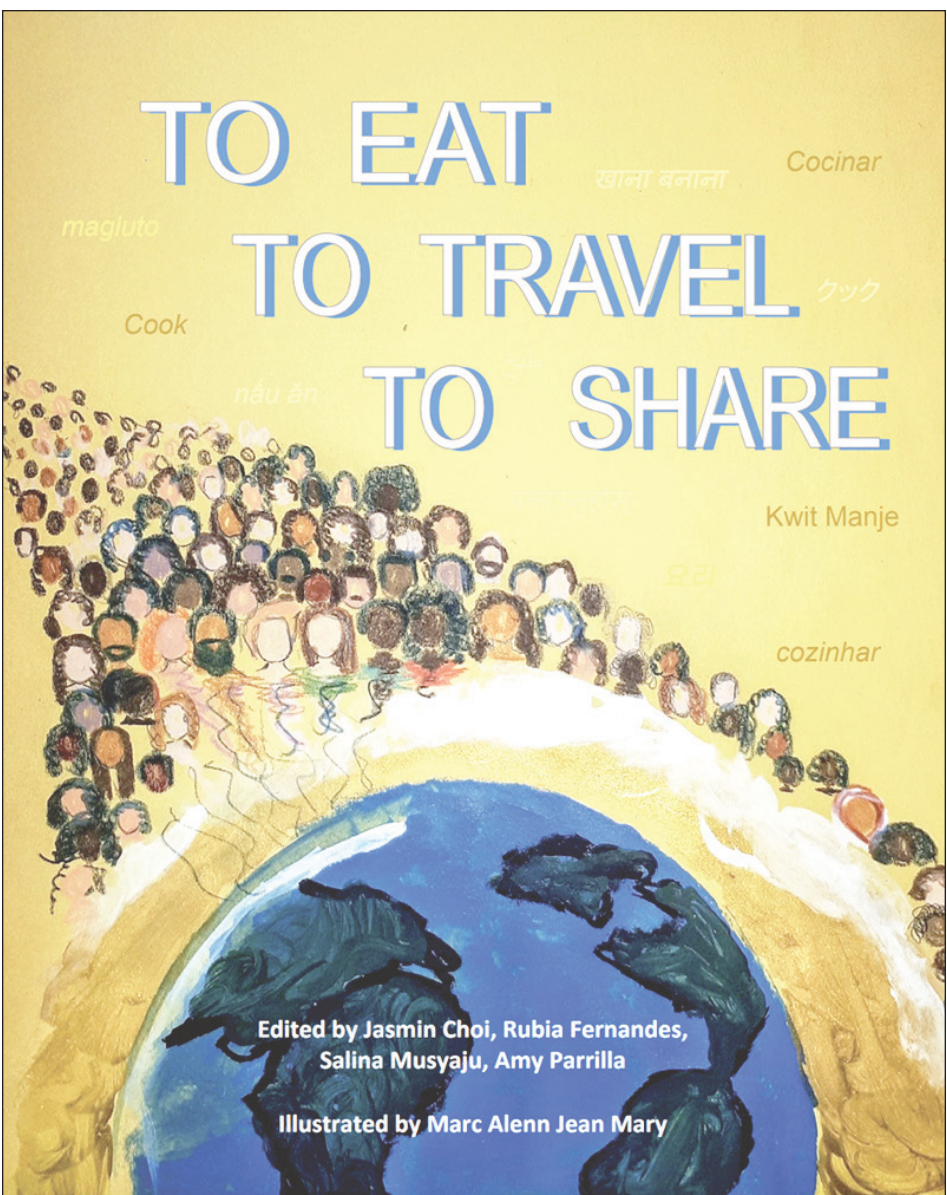
gram of Somerville), and it teaches bilingual high school students to expand their interpreter/translator skills. All of our high school editors for this cookbook project were also a part of the LIPS programs in The Welcome Project.

They mentioned that this cookbook is another great way to bridge the gap between immigrant youth and their families and communities as a cultural communicator and ambassador. One student editor, Amy Parrilla, said, "This program helped me think about what you can share with the community as a bilingual student. Being part of the multicultural cookbook is a great experience because there are so many students' cultures and stories here."

*"This program helped me think about what you can share with the community as a bilingual student"*

**NW:** How do you hope this project will inspire future conversations around culture and unique cultural differences?

**JC:** Adjusting to life in a new country can be isolating for immigrants. For many immigrants, food is a way to pay homage to their cultural roots and connect with



The Multicultural Cookbook *To Eat, To Travel, To Share* is a project that celebrates cultural diversity.

others by sharing meals. We started this cookbook project to do exactly this, by showcasing cultural significances behind a meal. We hope to empower immigrant families through storytelling.

Food is the great connector, and we hope that the conversation around a multiplicity of cultures can start by sharing a meal and a story. One student editor, Salina Musyaju, shared that "Nepali food has helped me acknowledge and remember my values and ideologies, coming to a new country."

**NW:** Were there any challenges making this project happen?

**JC:** The project came together without any major hiccups thanks to the organizational support from The Welcome Project (our community partner) and Boston University School of Public Health (our sponsor). One challenge that we did face was putting together the actual cookbook. None of us had any experience with creating a cookbook, so it was a great learning experience for all of us. All in all, we are very pleased with the final product.

**NW:** Do you have a favorite recipe that's included in the cookbook?

**JC:** I love all the recipes that the students submitted for this cookbook! I was especially moved by the stories that accompanied these recipes. I appreciated the immigration stories and cultural history that these high school students shared in this book.

**NW:** What do you hope others can learn from this cookbook?

**JC:** We hope that this cookbook will increase cultural acceptance and empathy among the readers through the recipes

and stories shared by immigrant youth and their families.

**NW:** What were some of the highlights that came out of putting together this cookbook?

**JC:** Some of the youth who have participated in this Multicultural Cookbook project shared with us that, "participating in this multicultural cookbook means that I will respect and understand different cultures and make space for them." Another student shared that "multicultural means that being open to all these unique and diverse cultures and making them come together in a unifying way."

Our student illustrator, Marc Alenn Jean Mary, shared with us this when asked why he decided to join this cookbook project: "Growing up in another country, Haiti, allowed me to gain a different perspective on the world. I see the world with the hope that my ancestors placed in the future and acknowledge the sacrifices that they invested. I try to transcribe my ideas and feelings through my artworks, I look at them as an extension of myself. I love hearing more about what the world has to offer, to me each culture, person, is a unique art piece adding more to the great art show, life. If we all share part of ourselves, the world would be one step closer to fulfill the dream that many before us had."

Jasmin Choi holds a Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) and in Public Health (MPH) from Boston University and is available for more questions at [jasminc@bu.edu](mailto:jasminc@bu.edu). Learn more about The Multicultural Cookbook at [www.welcomeproject.org/immigrant-cookbook](http://www.welcomeproject.org/immigrant-cookbook).

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** There were no roll calls in the House and Senate last week. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports on how often local representatives voted with their party leadership.

The votes of 126 Democratic representatives were compared to House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop). The votes of 31 Republicans were compared with those of GOP Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading). *Beacon Hill Roll Call* uses 81 votes from the 2019 House session as the basis for this report. This includes all roll calls that were not on local issues.

Eighty-six of the 126 Democratic representatives (68 percent) voted with DeLeo 100 percent of the time.

Another 18 Democratic representatives voted with DeLeo on all but one of the roll calls

The Democratic representative who voted the lowest percentage of times with DeLeo was Rep. Angelo Scaccia (D-Boston) who voted with him 82.7 percent of the time.

Eleven of the 31 GOP members voted with Jones 100 percent of the time. Seven members came close and voted with Jones on all but one of the roll calls.

The GOP representative who voted with Jones the lowest percentage of times is Rep. Peter Durant (R-Spencer) who voted with Jones 90.1 percent of the time.

PERCENTAGE OF TIMES REPRESENTATIVES VOTED WITH THEIR PARTY'S LEADERSHIP IN 2019

The percentage next to the representative's name represents the percentage of times the representative supported his or her party's leadership.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times the representative opposed his or her party's leadership.

Some representatives voted on all 81 roll call votes. Others missed one or more roll call. The percentage for each representative is calculated based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted and does not count the roll calls for which he or she was absent.

Rep. Christine Barber	100 percent (0)
Rep. Mike Connolly	81.4 percent (15)
Rep. Denise Provost	79.4 perecent (16)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**ADOPTEE'S MEDICAL HISTORY (H 3468)** – The Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing on September 10th between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Room B-1 at the statehouse. One of the bills on the agenda is a measure known as “Patricia and Francesca’s Law.” The proposal requires biological parents, prior to an adoption, to provide the adopters with an anonymous family medical history of the child. The bill was filed by Rep. RoseLee Vincent (D-Revere) on behalf of her constituent Patricia who was adopted and years later gave birth to her daughter Francesca who was diagnosed with Fragile X, a developmental disability caused through genetic disposition.

"After hearing Patricia's story about how having access to her family medical history could have helped adequately prepare her for the pregnancy of her daughter, I felt the

idea of providing an anonymous family medical history had merit," said Vincent, "I am proud to sponsor this bill because I believe this would help adoptees know and understand their medical predispositions, which is information that I feel each individual is entitled to."

**BUY DRUGS FROM CANADA (H 1972)** – Legislation that would allow Massachusetts residents to purchase drugs from Canada will have a hearing in front of the Public Health Committee on September 9th between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. in room B-1 at the statehouse.

Under the provisions of the bill, Bay Staters would not actually go to Canada or buy from Canadian pharmacies online. Instead, the state would create and run a wholesale importation program in which the state is the licensed wholesaler importing drugs from a licensed, regulated Canadian supplier and selling them to Massachusetts pharmacies at a much lower cost.

"For far too long Massachusetts consumers have paid way too much for prescription medications and that has raised our healthcare costs," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Lenny Mirra (R-West Newbury). "The only way to reign in drug company greed is to increase competition by opening up our markets to allow us to buy these products from other countries where they cost a lot less."

State approval of the proposed law is only the first of many steps. The law cannot go into effect until it gets approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Federal officials have not been supportive of these laws in the past. However, President Trump has directed HHS Secretary Alex Azar to work with states that approve these laws. Whether HHS will ultimately approve the state laws is still a big question.

Recently Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) took a dozen Americans to Canada to buy cheaper insulin at one-tenth the price it is sold for in the United States.

At one point, Sanders held up a vial of insulin that would cost around \$340 in the U.S. but costs only \$38 in Canada. He decried greed, corruption and excessive profits of the drug companies.

"Over last 20 years, the pharmaceutical industry has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on campaign contributions," said Sanders. "They buy and sell politicians – Republicans and Democrats. In the last 20 years, they have spent billions of dollars on lobbying Congress to make sure they can continue to charge the America people any price they want."

Kathy Sego who rode up on the bus is an Indiana mother whose 22-year-old son has Type 1 diabetes. "\$1,000 today got me six months of insulin for my son," Sego said, tears flowing down her face. "That's [way] less than what we pay for one month in the United States."

**ACCESS TO PRESCRIPTIONS DURING AN EMERGENCY (H 1931)** – The Public Health Committee's September 9th hearing will also hear testimony on a measure requiring the state to develop and publicize a statewide plan for ensuring the availability of prescription medications during a state of emergency.

The plan would include allowing early refills of prescriptions; ensuring that vehicles delivering medications to pharmacies and hospitals be treated as emergency vehicles; and establishing a toll-free telephone number and a

website for citizens to get assistance in locating prescription medication if none are available to them locally.

"After Hurricane Sandy hit in 2012, a constituent brought to my attention that we narrowly escaped a disaster," said Rep. Lou Kafka (D-Sharon), the sponsor of the proposal. "His concern was that anyone who was at the end of their prescription medication would have run out before the pharmacies were once again accessible. The '100-year storm,' is now a yearly event. We need to be better equipped to deal with hurricanes, blizzards, or now even tornadoes, and this legislation is an important part of that preparation."

**FREE ONLINE COLLEGE COURSES FOR VETERANS (H 3229)** – The Veterans and Federal Affairs Committee will hear testimony on a bill that would require state colleges to offer online courses free of charge to any veteran in Massachusetts. Rep. Hank Naughton (D-Worcester) the bill's sponsor, says that currently, members of the National Guard are eligible for full fee and tuition waivers, while veterans are eligible for at least partial tuition waivers at public colleges in the commonwealth.

"I think that it is essential that we make every possible educational opportunity available to our veterans in the commonwealth," said Naughton. "By reducing costs for higher education for veterans, we can better enable our veterans to further their military or civilian careers."

QUOTABLE QUOTES – *The Lighter Side.*

**2019 MASSACHUSETTS TOMATO CONTEST** – The state's annual Tomato Contest was held last week and the winners were: Slicing Category - MacArthur Farm, Holliston; Cherry Category - Freedom Food Farm, Raynham; Heirloom Category - Sienna Farms, Sudbury; and Heaviest Category - Kimball Fruit Farm, Pepperell.

"The annual Massachusetts Tomato Contest is a highlight of the summer growing season and provides growers across the commonwealth the opportunity to showcase the delicious tomato varieties grown in Massachusetts," said Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner John Lebeaux. "I encourage all residents to visit their local farmers' market or farm stand to find local, high-quality tomatoes and other fruits and vegetables at their peak."

The 2019 Tomato Contest by the numbers:

7,241 — *The number of farms in Massachusetts.*

517 — *The number of farms that produce tomatoes.*

569 — *The number of acres used by these farms.*

\$7.3 million — *The weight of all the tomatoes produced annually by these farms.*

\$13.6 million. — *The "street value" of the tomatoes.*

**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



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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 August 26-30, the House met for a total of one hour and 16 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 13 minutes.

Mon. Aug. 26      House 11:01 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.      *Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com*

	Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.
Tues. Aug. 27	No House session
No Senate session	
Wed. Aug. 28	No House session
	No Senate session
Thurs. Aug. 29	House 11:00 a.m. to 12:08 p.m.
	Senate 11:02 a.m. to 12:11 p.m.
Fri. Aug. 30.	No House session
	No Senate session

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# Public Hearing on final land transfer needed for D2 parcel development in Union Square

The Somerville City Council Finance Committee of the Whole invites all interested community members to attend and speak at a Public Hearing on the Transfer of City-Owned Parcel, 82-D-1 in the North Prospect Block to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (City Council Agenda Item #204755).

The transfer would mark one of the final steps before the start of development of the first parcel in the Union Square Neighborhood Plan by master developer Union Square Station Associates (US2). The Hearing will take place on Tuesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

The Finance Committee of the Whole will hear testimony on the proposed transfer. Written public comment will also be accepted as noted below. The hearing is an opportunity for the community to offer input now that the Union Square Neighborhood Council and US2 have ratified a term sheet for their Union Square Community Benefits Agreement.



The 82-D-1 parcel is a City-owned 7,474 square foot\* property on the corner of Somerville Ave. and Prospect St. that formerly served as a parking lot and currently is in use for construction material storage. It is part of the nearly 4-acre D2 parcel (169,427 square feet\*), which is slated for redevelopment that will include two residential buildings with a combined total of 450 housing units including 90 affordable units, a 175,000 square foot Skanska USA lab building, the Civic Plaza on Prospect St., and other features.

The start of work on D2 by US2 will also facilitate progress on the construction of the Union Square MBTA Green Line stop and for planning to be finalized to ensure continuous pedestrian access during D2 construction to the T-stop once completed. \*Dimensions are as recorded in City Assessing records.

Written Testimony: Public testimony at public hearings is generally limited to two minutes per person, but may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. Written testimony for the public record may be submitted via email to [cityclerk@somervillema.gov](mailto:cityclerk@somervillema.gov) through Tuesday, September 9 at 5 p.m. or submitted by mail to City Clerk, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

Stephen James House

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and the first night's stay at a hotel. P.S. they are still happily married!

Star Market also had a lot of Christmas parties at the Stephen James. Here's a blast from the past: My friend worked at Zayre in Cambridge and had his Christmas party there, also with hypnotist Sam Levine as the entertainment.


I don't think there is anyone in Somerville or Cambridge over the age of 40 who didn't go to a banquet, wedding reception, or some kind of function at the Stephen James House. As I think back now, I can't remember if the family reunion we had was actually at Stephen James, or Igo's on Mass Ave. I'll have to get back to you on that one.

*Note: Relatives have informed me that our family reunion was at Igo's.*

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OBITUARY

Mark Rais

**Rais, Mark** Age 56, of Orlando, FL, formerly of Somerville, passed away on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. Mark was born in Somerville, MA to the late Charlotte and Anthony Rais and brother of the late Ronald Rais. Mark is survived by his brother Michael Rais, sister Charlene and her husband Bob Stevens, nephews Robert Stevens, Craig Stevens, Christopher Rais, Nicholas Rais, and sis-

ter-in-law Cindie Rais Asaro. Mark was also close to his uncle and aunt, David and Susan Rugoletti and many other family members that loved him. Mark loved his family and friends and held them close in his heart. He had a big heart, personality and love of life, he posted inspirational and uplifting messages to his family and friends every day. Services held at a later date.

Annual 9/11 vigil walk



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

Happy anniversary cake



Juscelia LoRusso, of Juscelia's Cakes, and her husband Elio LoRusso recently presented one of her cakes to Donald and Patricia Norton on the occasion of their anniversary, having celebrated 52 years together in wedded bliss. The Nortons were delighted by the kind and loving gesture. Visit Juscelia LoRusso's facebook page to see more of her beautiful cakes: <https://www.facebook.com/juscelia.lorusso>

Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Coconut Curry Mussels

Last year I invested in an electric pressure cooker, otherwise referred to as an Instant Pot. I have used the traditional stovetop pressure cooker in the past and let me just say, this is a game changer! Extremely safe and easy to use.

There are so many different things to make in the pressure cooker from stews to cheesecakes, regular cakes and even yogurt. A new piece of equipment now available, is a crisper lid that can be placed on top of your pressure cooker and essentially turn it into an air fryer. With the fall coming I usually make multiple soups and stews ahead for freezing and use for a later date. And for those of you who love mussels, this is a foolproof method that cooks these sweet little nuggets perfectly every time.

1 Tablespoon Safflower Oil, or other light oil  
2 Tablespoons Fresh Ginger, Grated  
1/2 Sweet Onion, Sliced  
4 Garlic Cloves, Sliced

- 1/4 Cup Red Curry Paste
- 1 Can Full Fat Coconut Milk
- 1/2 Teaspoon Kosher Salt
- 2 lbs Mussels
- 1 Loaf Crusty Bread, Grilled (optional)
- 1 Lime, cut into wedges
- Cilantro for garnish

Rinse and debeard the mussels. Discard ones that aren't closed, or don't close when tapped. On the sauté mode of the pressure cooker, add the oil and onions, sauté for 5 minutes. Add the ginger and garlic cloves, stir in for about 30 seconds. Add the curry paste, coconut milk, and salt. Stir well. Add the mussels and set on low pressure for 1 minute.

It will take a few minutes to come to pressure. Once the timer is up, do a quick release. Transfer mussels to individual bowls or one large bowl. Taste the curry mixture and adjust seasoning if needed. Pour over the mussels and enjoy. Serve with a side of crusty, grilled bread, lime wedges, and garnish with fresh cilantro. Serves 2-3 people.

Visit Dorothy's website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix>.





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# New spouse-as-caregiver bill gives families more options

By Jeanne Leyden

Caring for a loved one who requires daily assistance can be challenging. Medicaid recognizes this by providing great programs designed to support family caregivers. Unfortunately, some of those programs are not available for caregiver spouses here in Massachusetts.

A proposal known as S28 seeks to change that. Properly titled an Act Allowing Spouses to Serve as Caregivers, S28 would allow spouses to receive support from home and community-based services funded by MassHealth, the Commonwealth's Medicaid program. Fifteen other states already allow similar measures, and we would like Massachusetts to join that list.

Passage of this bill would allow spouses to participate in wonderful programs such as Adult Foster Care and Personal Care Attendant. It would give families that want to provide in-home care more options. For that rea-

son, we very much hope it passes through the legislative process and becomes law.

There is some cause for optimism: The senate Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities recently gave the bill a favorable report, recommending its passage. It is a nice first step, but in order to become law, it must pass the House, Senate, and be approved by the governor.

I would like to thank Senator Jo Comerford, of Northampton, for sponsoring this bill. Another supporter is Mass Home Care, which works with elder service agencies across the state to promote the quality of life for older adults in Massachusetts. Making the case for S28 in front of the senate committee earlier this year, Mass Home Care Director Lisa Gurgone said the state is "facing a significant crisis in our ability to recruit and retain enough home care workers to meet the needs of older adults and per-

sons with disabilities." She also noted that 10,000 Americans reach age 65 every day, saying it's vital we provide the safety net and services that Massachusetts residents need.

We wholeheartedly agree.

Adult Foster Care is an important component of that safety net, providing compensation, training, and paid time off for caregivers assisting eligible family members who cannot live alone. It's a great program that recognizes and addresses the key challenges of caregiving. Being a spouse doesn't make you an expert on caregiving. Nor does it release you from financial obligations or make you immune to caregiver burnout. For those reasons and more, I would very much like to see this and other programs become an option for caregiver spouses.

If you agree, please consider contacting your senator or state representative, to respectfully ask that they consider supporting S28. The need is real.



Jeanne Leyden is an RN and director of Adult Family Care, a non-profit program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services that helps people receive in-home care across the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit [adultfamilycare.org](http://adultfamilycare.org) or call 617-628-2601.

Together we can provide more options for families that want to provide the best care at home.

## Victim in Somerville hit-and-run has died, investigation ongoing

The Massachusetts State Police continue to investigate a hit-and-run crash involving a pedestrian that occurred in Somerville early Sunday morning. The victim was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital with serious injuries and died a result of those injuries a day later. The victim is identified as Kevin Demont, 68. At this time information suggests he was homeless. Demont was struck by an unknown motor vehicle at approximately 3:00 a.m. on Aug. 25 at the intersection of Route 38 and Shore Drive. Preliminary investigation indicates that the collision occurred within the area of a marked crosswalk. The crash remains under investigation by Troop A of the Massachusetts State Police with the assistance of the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section and the State Police Crime Scene Services Section. Anyone who may have seen this crash, or anyone who has any information about the driver or vehicle involved, is urged to contact State Police-Medford at 781-396-0100.

— Massachusetts State Police

## Joint Public Hearing on proposed Zoning Ordinance

The Somerville City Council Committee on Land Use, and the Somerville Planning Board, invite all interested community members to attend and speak at a joint Public Hearing on the adoption of a Somerville Zoning Ordinance. The Hearing will take place on Thursday, September 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. The Land Use Committee of the Whole and the Planning Board will hear testimony on the proposed new ordinance. Written public comment will also be accepted as noted below.

The proposed zoning overhaul is the first major review of the rules for development and land use since 1990 and incorporates a review of many regulatory provisions and mapping decisions that were first put in place in the 1920s. The new zoning ordinance was first formally introduced by the Administration to the City Council in January 2014 and has undergone extensive legislative review and community-driven revision since. To learn more about the ordinance and the process, please visit [www.somervillezoning.com](http://www.somervillezoning.com).

Copies of the proposed ordinance (now in Version 4) and maps are available online at [www.somervillezoning.com](http://www.somervillezoning.com). Copies of the ordinance and maps are also available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue.

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone  
Taking a closer look at notable city data – and interesting numbers.

**97%:** The Somerville Fire Department responds to 97% of calls – including fires, medical calls, and other emergencies – in fewer than five minutes. The National Fire Protection Association has set a guideline of five-minute response times, which include both travel to

the location of the call and the time it takes fire fighters to respond and prepare to go to the call.

**3 minutes and 28 seconds:** With a large amount of construction happening this year, and some major road closures and detours in effect, the Fire Department has been carefully watching response times. From April through July of this year, the average response time has been 3:28, which is one second up from the average response time over the same period last year. But it’s also a significant decrease from prior years – 3:38 in 2016 and 3:40 in 2017. The fact that average response times have remained low despite construction speaks to the amount

of planning our first responders were doing well before the first shovels hit the ground. They looked at how to best deploy equipment to make sure all sectors of the city have coverage, worked out mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities, and continue to look at the data to see if any changes are needed.

**1,002:** In July of this year, the Somerville Fire Department responded to 1,002 emergency incidents. Those include fires, medical emergencies, and other emergency calls. The number of calls the fire department responds to varies from month to month, but over the past few years it’s ranged from just shy of 800 calls in February 2019 to

close to 1,100 calls in January and March of 2018.

**3 time periods:** The fire department doesn’t just look at citywide figures. They drill down into neighborhoods and, because traffic fluctuates, look at response times from different times during the day. Union Square is home to an ongoing infrastructure project that has caused some road closures and detours this spring and summer, but Engine 3, which covers the area, has kept average response times well under five minutes. Depending on the time of day, though, there have been both increases and decreases in average response time as compared to last year. During the peak morning

commute, response times have stayed steady at 3:37; midday, the average is 3:30 compared to 3:19 last year; and during the peak evening commute, average response times are 3:12, down two seconds from last year.

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

Long-time Somerville Librarian honored with donation

The legacy of long-time Somerville librarian Thelma Donovan was honored at the Somerville Public Library on July 18. During the gathering, a donation of \$10,000 was made in Thelma’s memory to the Friends of the Somerville Public Library.

Donovan enjoyed serving the Somerville community as a librarian for over fifty-five years, beginning her career in 1954 as a junior assistant, and working her way up to Assistant Director, a position she held for many years before retiring in 2006.

Donovan was also an accomplished painter. Two of her paintings, one of Prospect Hill Monument and the other of the Old Powder House, were donated to the Library.

Pictured here (L to R): Lilly Sundell-Thomas, Deputy Director of Libraries  
Claire Catalogna, sister; Wendy Wood, librarian; Nancy Champlin, sister; Cathy Piantigini, Director of Libraries; Elaine Czesniuk, sister; Maureen Donovan sister-in-law; Vice President of Library Trustees Maren Chiu; President of Library Trustees, Kate Van Sleet and her daughter, Charlotte.



Community Meeting to Discuss Central Hill Campus Plan

Please join the Somerville Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen on Monday evening, September 23, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a community meeting to discuss the plan for the Central Hill Campus (Phase I).

The meeting will be held in the Somerville High School cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave. Phase I of the Central Hill Campus Master Plan includes the renovation of Central Hill Playground and the installation of Memorial Walk East, a celebratory walk for the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials, and a new Service Memorial.

This will be the second in a series of meetings to discuss the plan; a meeting was previously held on July 22, 2019.



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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Kids are heading back to school, so let's be careful out there.

Our View Of The Times



Once again it is time to shift gears and power down a bit as we roll out of the high-octane frenzy of summer time and into the laid back breezy days of autumn and on into the winter months ahead.

We all need to become a bit more aware of what lies ahead of us on the road, and to be especially alert to activities near our schools and playgrounds as the kids are now back to their normal schedules.

Naturally, we hope that everyone drives responsibly at all times, but we also like to put out a reminder at this time of year, just to try to help everyone to become a little more conscious of the fact that the kids are out there and that we should be looking out for them, rather than being a hazard for them to look out for.

Please observe and obey all traffic signals, stop signs, and especially the crossing guards who are out there providing an essential service in helping to protect our little ones.

Many of you have kids of your own and would wish for this, too, no doubt. Let us all take a little time to spread the word whenever we can. Just a bit of friendly persuasion can make a large impact and help to make the streets a bit safer for everyone.

This is good advice in general too, considering the recent spate of tragic and unnecessary traffic related deaths and injuries on our streets.

The kids, especially, will benefit from the extra care taken in caring for them.

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**The Evolution of Hip Hop Festival** takes place on **Saturday, September 7**, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at **90 Union Square**. The rain date is September 14. This **ArtsUnion** event is produced in partnership with **Wat's Da Wurd & Mass Movements**. The Evolution of Hip Hop Festival will feature rappers, singers, spoken word poets, dancers, and visual artists from the Somerville community and surrounding cities. This showcase of hip hop music, dance and culture displays the immense creativity throughout the region. There will also be live art, interactive activities and local community groups. Come support your local hip hop artists. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/2298951190429253> for event updates.

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**The 13th Annual Somerville Rock And Roll Yard Sale** is happening on **Sunday, September 8**, in **Union Square Plaza** from 11:00 a.m.to 5 p.m. Live music by **Ava Callery**, **Kate Mick**, **The Weisstronauts** and their host **DJ Patrick Neil Bryant** of **WMBR** will be spinning wacky, wild and awesome vinyl records all afternoon while shoppers peruse the eclectic mix of **Records/Vintage/DIY HandmadeGoods**, and more than 40 locally sourced independent vendors will be on hand. RSVP and share the Somerville Rock And Roll Yard Sale event page. This event is organized and promoted by **What Cheer Records + Vintage** and the **Providence Rock And Roll Yard Sale** with help from the **Somerville Arts Council**. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2285399088169919/>.

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This **Sunday, September 8**, from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., the **Somerville Dog Festival 2019** takes place at Trum Field. The 10th Annual Somerville Dog Festival is a community-wide event to celebrate dogs and the families who love them. This year, the **Somerville Foundation for Animals**, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is partnering with **Mass Vet Referral Hospital** to proudly host the festival with 100% of the proceeds benefiting local animal-related charities.

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

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**Tufts University**, in cooperation with the cities of **Medford** and **Somerville**, will host the **17th annual Community Day festival** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, September 22**. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held rain or shine on the **Tufts University Academic Green** in the center of the Medford/Somerville campus. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for neighbors, residents and families of the cities to explore the work and accomplishments of community organizations and city departments. Live performances include dance, song and music groups. A free BBQ lunch and refreshments will be served.

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Join the **City of Somerville** and **Somerville Arts Council** for **Strike up the Bands**, the September installment of the city's **SomerStreets** festival, on **Sunday, September 15**, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on **Highland Ave. between Central St. and Lowell St.** This event is free and open to the public. **SomerStreets** is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally renowned **Open Streets** concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity. Save the date: **October SomerStreets Monster Mashed-Up** is on **October 20 on Somerville Ave.**

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

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# Somerville Garden Club Greening Somerville Garden Contest

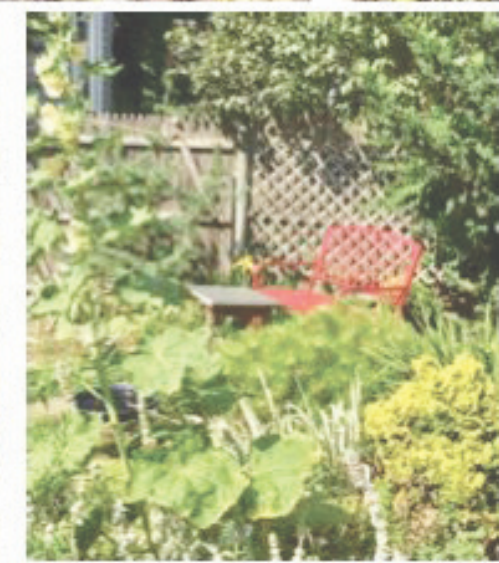
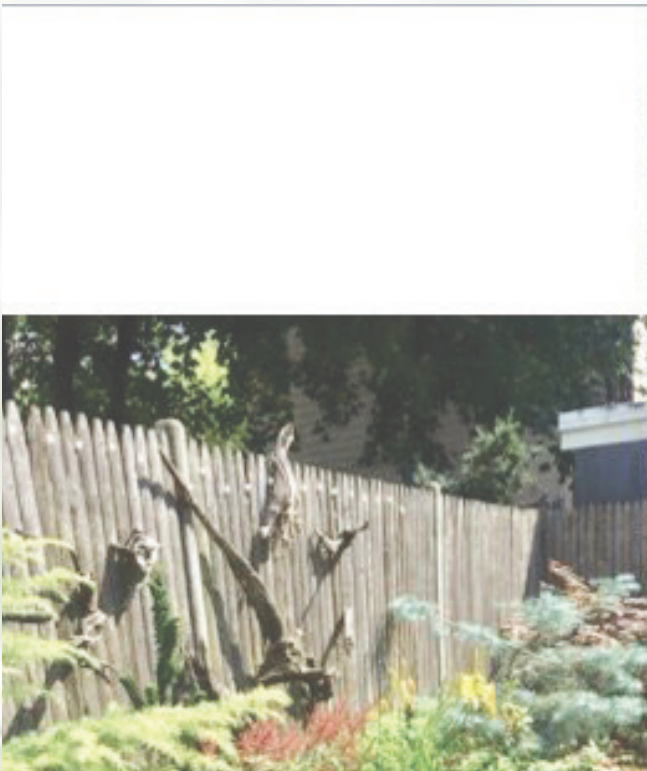
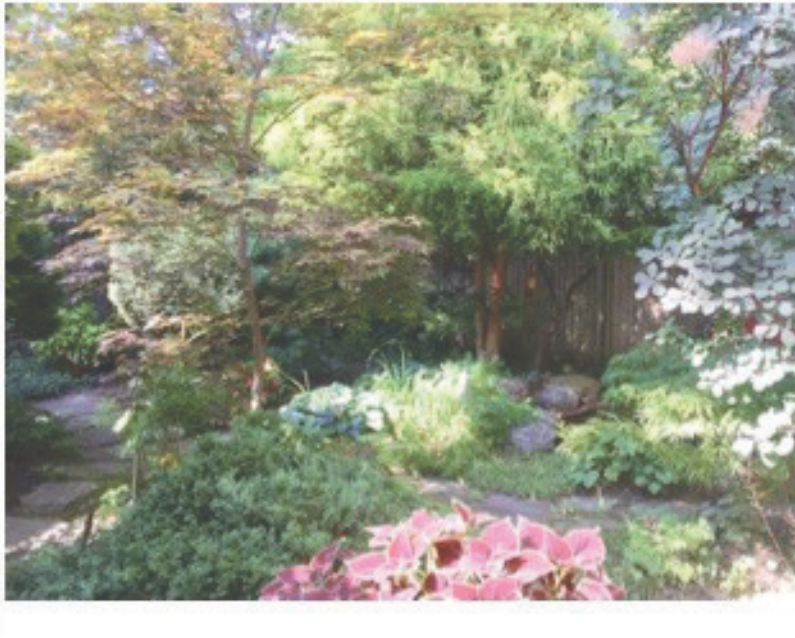
Congratulations to the winners of the Somerville Garden Club's Greening Somerville Garden Contest. On Wednesday, August 14, Mayor Joseph Curtatone presented the prizes for each category at Tufts Administration Building, Tufts University.



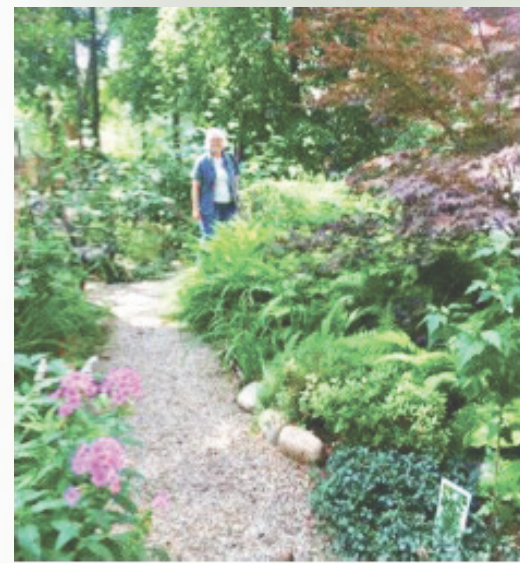
Storefront: 1st Prize Thalia Tringo Real Estate, 128 Willow Ave.



General: 1st Prize Lucy Borodkin, 27 Milton St.



Garden: 2nd Prize (Tie) Kathe Gregory, 76 Berkeley St.



Garden: 2nd Prize (Tie) Kristin Bumiller, 44 Porter St.



Patio, Balcony, or Deck: 1st Prize Rob Page, 150 Hudson St. #2



Vegetables: 1st Prize Leanne Darrigo, Glen Park Community Garden; 24 Oliver St.



# Task Force releases recommendations for creating more open space in Somerville

The City of Somerville Open Space Creation Task Force recently released a strategy memo with recommendations on new and innovative approaches for the creation of more open space in Somerville, the most densely populated city in New England. The 4.1 square mile city has been working to achieve its goal to create an additional 125 new acres of open space by 2030,

with 105.1 acres left to go. Convened by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, the Task Force established six goals for open space creation along with recommendations for achieving these goals and measures to track progress. The goals include:

- Increase new publicly accessible open space
- Increase the number of athletic fields to meet the demand



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1. What U.S. President co-owned the Texas Rangers baseball team before taking office?

2. What primetime TV show's finale was viewed by approx. 52.5 million American viewers?

3. Which NBA star has the record for highest career regular season scoring?

4. What is considered the world's most expensive spice by weight?

5. What is a male whale called?

6. What animal has the highest blood pressure of any animal?

7. What is the world's largest four-faced chiming clock?

8. Who was the first female solo artist to have 6 number 1 hits?

9. What R&B duo was the first to be stripped of a Grammy Award?

10. What is the award winning song from the movie *Breakfast at Tiffany's*?

11. What English punk rock band inductee refused to attend the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame ceremony?

12. What year was the Eiffel Tower completed?

Answers on page 17

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To work toward these goals, the Task Force recommended the City create a plan for the acquisition of parcels for new open space. They provided key questions to guide the prioritization of parcel purchases, such as filling current open space access gaps.

Nationally, on average 54% of residents live within a 10-minute walking distance (0.5 miles) of an open space. In Somerville, currently 100% of residents live within a 10-minute walking distance of an open space and 94.4% of Somerville residents live within a 5-minute walking distance (0.25 miles). The Task Force would like to move the 5-minute number in Somerville to 100% as well, noting that equitable access to open space is an essential component of any plan for open space creation. To that end, they proposed

considering an equity lens when planning new or renovating existing open space as well as when establishing safe pedestrian and bicycle routes to open spaces.

Novel strategies for increasing open space were also identified such as converting excess street surface to open space or integrating open space into affordable housing and community organization site planning. The need for open spaces to support native pollinators was also noted.

To fund the creation of the remaining 105.1 acres needed to reach the SomerVision 2030 goal, the Task Force found that the City of Somerville would need to spend \$651 million in today's dollars. Recognizing that traditional municipal revenues such as property tax will not be sufficient to reach the community's goal, the Task Force calls for exploring options for generating new funding sources such as increasing the Community Preservation Act surcharge or using new taxes created by development to fund open space. Partnering with developers to create privately owned public spaces, known as POPS, was cited as an important tool.

Another financing approach highlighted was the District Improvement Financing mechanism to commit all or a portion

of the tax increment for new developments to fund improvements in the established district, which could include open space acquisition. The Task Force also recommended supporting new community partners to become engaged in open space creation, including working with the emerging Community Land Trust, supporting the creation of a community foundation, and encouraging 'friends' groups that could help support fundraising for the creation of new open space as well as its maintenance. They also noted that residents should also be made aware that they can support the creation of open space by gifting land to the City of Somerville, or to the Community Land Trust once it is fully established.

The Task Force has actively shared its work with the SomerVision 2040 Public Space and Natural Environment Working Group to help ensure a strong connection between the work of the Task Force and the SomerVision 2040 update. Persons interested in learning more about the report are invited to attend the City Council Housing and Community Development Committee's meeting on Wednesday, September 4, at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. The memo is also available at [www.somervillema.gov/publicspaceplanning](http://www.somervillema.gov/publicspaceplanning).




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OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Plan-ning Board** and the **City Council Land Use Committee** on **Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:00pm**, in the Council Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to receive public comments concerning the following:

**ADOPTION OF A NEW SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 23, 1990.**

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Copies of the ordinance and maps are available on-line at the Zoning Overhaul Website at: [www.somervillezoning.com](http://www.somervillezoning.com)

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

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**Michael Richards**  
Assistant Purchasing Director

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CITY COUNCIL

There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council’s Committee on Finance on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 6:00 PM**, in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Finance Committee Chairman William White, Jr., for public input on the proposed transfer of a city-owned parcel of land in the D-2 Block of Union Square to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (#204755), along with any related matters.

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

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.**

**JOHN J. LONG**  
CITY CLERK

9/4/19 The Somerville Times

A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, September 16, 2019** in the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the Application of an All Forms 7 Day Alcohol License for the Enhancement Area, for Gorakhali LLC d/b/a Darbar Grill, a Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices License, an Entertainment by Patrons and Sunday Hours Licenses for 236 Elm St., Somerville, MA

For the Commission  
Christopher Allen  
Joseph P. Lynch Jr.  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
Administrative Assistant

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Somerville resident to participate as a Hope Rider

On September 15, Somerville resident Lexi Beckwith (EF Educational Tours Production Coordinator) and many others will enjoy a bike ride down car-free Storrow Drive and across the Emerald Necklace, exploring Boston’s vibrant neighborhoods by bike, and all for a good cause in Boston’s 15th Annual Hub on Wheels Citywide Ride.

Put on in conjunction with EF Education First, the City of Boston and Boston Children’s Hospital, this is Mayor Walsh’s annual citywide bike ride. Fundraising supports pediatric and adult cancer research at Boston Children’s Hospital, the world’s largest research center at a pediatric institute, that we’re so lucky to have in our own backyard.

Lexi provided responses to a few Q’s:

**Why are you riding Hub on Wheels? Did you ride with EF last year?**

I want to give back in some small way, ride with lots of other passionate individuals, and bring some POSITIVE energy to Storrow Drive! This is my first time riding, and I can’t wait.

**Do you have a personal connection to cancer or Boston Children’s Hospital?**

My cousin has special needs and during his first year of life

was in and out of Boston Children’s, my aunt credits them greatly for being able to help him through, and he is now 28 years old and living life to the fullest. My grammie is currently in remission from a tricky bout of breast cancer, and we are so proud of her bravery and spitfire spirit – at 4’10” she displayed superhuman force in staying positive and pushing through her treatments, and we are so thankful for all the care she received at various facilities around the country.

**How would you describe yourself as a cyclist (e.g., competitive, recreational)?**

Recreational, but I love a few races a year! I do the Tour de Cure with a few colleagues each year.

**Is there anything else about your story that you’d want folks to know?**

I want to make sure people don’t forget their roots, and remember to take time to thank those nurses, doctors, and all other staff not only for the care BCH provides to their patients, but the support and caring approach they offer to their families, as it takes away so much of the additional stress they are feeling as their child is experiencing what could have been a scary.

There’s something for everyone

with two route options:

**Emerald Necklace Route:** A 45-mile journey exploring scenic views of Boston’s vibrant neighborhoods and landmarks. Registration is \$55 and riders must be 16+ to participate. College students (with a valid school ID) can register for \$25.

**Downtown Route:** 12 Miles... 0 Cars! Explore the heart of the city by bike. Registration is just \$15 for adults and kids 8-17 ride FREE with an accompanying adult or guardian.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://hubonwheels.com/>. The event will be capped at 5K riders.

\$5 from every registration automatically benefits Boston Children’s Hospital. People can also choose to register as a Hope Rider (individual or team) with special ride-day perks. Hope Rider info here: [bostonchildrens.org/ride](http://bostonchildrens.org/ride).

Enjoy the post-ride community festival on City Hall Plaza that will feature the New Belgium Beer Garden, free Boloco burritos for all riders, live music and fun for the whole family.

Your Hub On Wheels registration will enter you for a chance to win an incredible trip to the 2020 Tour de France pro cycling race, courtesy of our friends at EF Education First.



Ms. Cam’s

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Answers

1. George W. Bush

2. Friends

3. Michael Jordan

4. Saffron

5. A bull

6. The giraffe

7. Big Ben

8. Diana Ross

9. Milli Vanilli

10. Moon River

11. The Sex Pistols

12. 1889



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday|September 4

East Branch Library  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broad-  
way

Thursday|September 5  
Central Library

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

Friday|September 6  
Central Library

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

Monday|September 9  
Central Library

Sing Along with Matt!  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 High-  
land Ave

Tuesday|September 10  
Somerville Community Baptist  
Church

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

Wednesday|September 11

East Branch Library  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broad-  
way

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

MUSIC|ARTS  
Wednesday|September 4

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: Connla|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10  
p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub  
The A-Beez  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville  
Ave|617-440-6045

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

Once Somerville  
As Cities Burn, All Get Out, Many  
Rooms  
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

Thursday|September 5  
Sally O’Brien’s  
BYOBluegrass Jam with David

Rizzuti  
7:30 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: Kate Redgate, Young  
Frontier|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  
Pixie and the Partygrass Boys  
with special guests The Night-  
Blinders, and Dylan Cima & The  
Soviet Jesus Choir  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville  
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.  
Underground Trio  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory  
Paint N’ Praise  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell  
Cherry Docs  
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday|September 6

Sally O’Brien’s  
Hayride!|6 p.m.  
Muck & The Mires, Jittery Jack  
& Amy Griffin, Bad Larrys - \$10  
cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
3589

The Burren  
Front Room: Irish Session|9:30  
p.m.  
Backroom: Porch Party Mamas|7  
p.m.  
Spike the Punch| 10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville  
Neil Hamburger with Major  
Entertainer  
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Bull McCabe’s  
Ali McGuirk  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville  
Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Thunder Road  
Streetlights EP Release Show with  
special guests Shallow Pools,  
Everway, and Sweetie  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.  
Kong  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Saturday|September 7

Sally O’Brien’s  
Al Otro Lado fundraiser - music  
merriment & raffles til 5!|1 p.m.  
Tom Hagerty Band|6 p.m.  
Barbara’s 50th! with Parlour Bells,  
Abbie Barrett, Lockette - \$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:  
Atlas Soul|7 p.m.  
Jimmy’s Down|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St

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

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

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

Once Somerville  
So Long Summer Buzz Mar-  
ket!|10 a.m.  
Meyhem Lauren`s Vegetarian  
Cookout|7 p.m.  
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.  
Sonic Avionics  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory  
Rick and Friends  
10 a.m.|Café  
Somerville Songwriter Sessions  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|September 8

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.  
Back Room: Triton|4 p.m.  
Banded Starling, Visiting Wine,  
The Missouri Pacific|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  
Black Widow Yoga|11a.m.  
Bay Faction, Queen Of Jeans,  
Carol|8 p.m.  
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.  
BYOP: Possum with Randy Black  
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Monday|September 9

Sally O’Brien’s Bar  
Comedy Night! The Up n Com-  
ing 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  
Subhumans w/ Fea + Savage-  
heads  
9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

Tuesday|September 10

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: Silver Arrow Band|8  
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|Spell-  
ing Bee Night  
hosted by Victor and Nicole of  
Egoart.  
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

Once Somerville  
Wovenhand, Jaye Jayle  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|September 11

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

The Burren  
Front Room:Americana Session  
with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.  
Backroom: The Fretless|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10  
p.m.  
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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10 p.m.|366A Somerville  
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Thunder Road  
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night  
Residency  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville  
Joe Hertler & The Rainbow Seek-  
ers w/ Los Elk  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS  
Wednesday|September 4

Central Library  
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft  
12 p.m.-2 p.m.  
Fairy Garden in a Book Workshop  
5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland  
Ave

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

Thursday|September 5

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

Friday|September 6

Central Library  
Gallery@SPL Reception: SPL Staff  
Art Show!  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday|September 7

Central Library  
Citizenship Class  
9:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 High-  
land 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 8

Central Library  
September Critique Group  
2 p.m.-4 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 9

Central Library  
Creative Drama Workshop with  
Laurie!  
4 p.m.- 5 p.m.  
Chess Night  
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland  
Ave

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

Tuesday|September 10

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

Wednesday|September 11

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

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



SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

**Arts & Crafts with Judy** – Wednesday, August 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Bingo and lunch will follow. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to sign up.

**The Diabetes Support Group** – Penne for Your Thoughts – a six week group starting on Wednesday, September 4 from 2:30 p.m. 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.

**Mohegan by Day and Foxwoods Overnight** – Thursday, September 5 and Friday, September 6. \$209 per person single or \$149 per person double. Trip includes roundtrip motorcoach transporation, Mohegan bonus package and Foxwoods bonus package. Check-in time is 7:30 on the 5 at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. on Friday the 6. For more information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Finger Lakes Region** – Sunday, September 8 to Thursday, September 12. 5 days/4 nights \$859 per person triple, \$999 per person double and \$1199 per person

single. Trip includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfast, 3 lunches and 3 dinners and so much more. For more info or to reserve please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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 you 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.

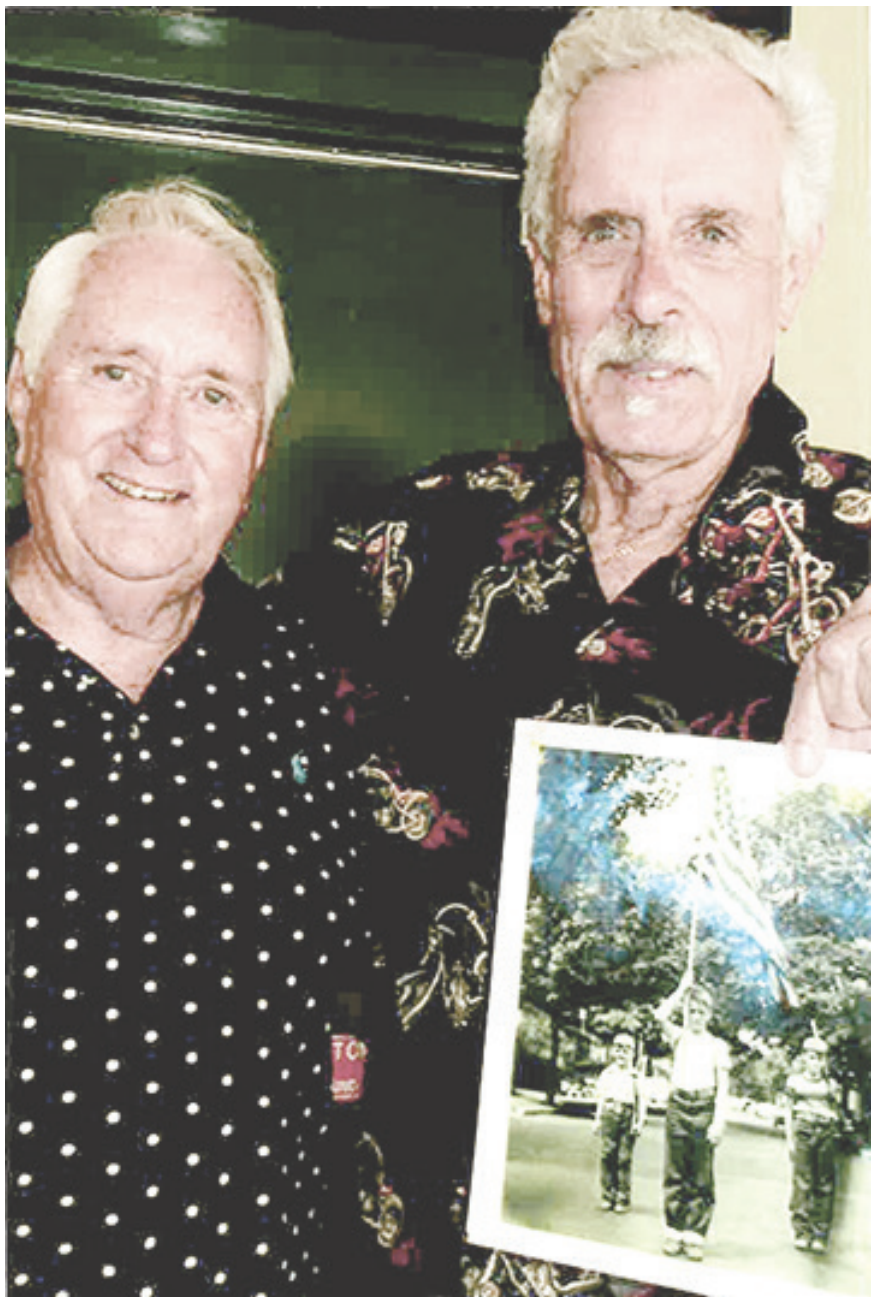
**Coffee & Conversation** – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. Come meet people from all over the world and join in the discussion of a different 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.



A grand reunion



Two former high school chums, Rich Keane (L) and Wayne Daley (R), met up for the first time in 59 years at the monthly reunion luncheon for the Somerville High School class of 1960 at Bickford's Grille in Woburn on July 23. A good time was had by all who attended.

Chamber of Commerce networking night

The next Somerville Chamber of Commerce networking night is Thursday, September 5, at Bow Market's Remnant Brewery. The evening will feature Bow Market co-owner and developer Matthew Boyes-Watson and greetings from Union Square Main Street's Jessica Eshleman. Sponsored by Great Hill Dental who will be bringing excellent swag and Hosted by Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil. Register now: <https://business.somervillechamber.org/events/details/after-hours-bow-market-1290>.

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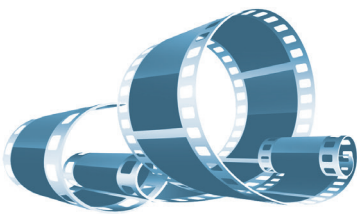
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International Film Festival  
Movie Nights at Chuckie Harris

East Somerville Main Streets, The Welcome Project, Connexion, Cambridge Health Alliance, and Somerville Media Center are excited to turn the Chuckie Harris Park into an outdoor movie theater. This year's films cover many genres and are from filmmakers representing a wide variety of countries.



New Immigrant and Refugee Visions  
Produced by Community Supported Film  
September 6, 2019 –Rain date September 7

Community Supported Film (CSFilm) trains women and men in underrepresented communities to use documentary filmmaking to reveal their economic and social realities. Their films are used to stimulate dialogue informed by local perspectives. During the last four months of 2017 CSFilm trained new immigrants and refugees in character-driven, scene-based documentary filmmaking. The subjects they chose, and stories produced came out of this training and production process.

New Immigrant and Refugee Visions (NIRV) is a collection of documentary films by and about new immigrants from 13 countries of origin. The films were made during a 2017-18 CSFilm training and production project. The stories produced provide a unique insider perspective on the integration challenges faced by immigrants and the contributions they make to our culture, economy and social fabric. The filmmakers made these short films to engage communities in dialogue about immigrants and immigration.

- The Films:
- Borrowing Fire, by Kebrewosen Densamo : (13 mins 10s)
  - Campaign for a New American, by Qin Li: (10 mins 5s)
  - Lift with Your Heart, by Braulio Tellez-Vilches : (7 mins 47s)
  - Navigating Hope, by Sayed Najib Hashimi : (8 mins 12s)
  - Rhythms of Respect, by Katsyris Rivera-Kientz : (9 mins 20s)
  - Seeking Settled Ground, by Mohammad Arifuzzaman : (14 mins 11s)
  - She's an American Child, by Rafael DeLeon : (10 mins 45s)
  - Worlds Apart at Home, by Abdirahman Abdi : (9 mins 57s)

More information on at <https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/movie-nights-in-the-park>.

2019 Candidate Profile Series  
for the Preliminary Election



Somerville Media Center presents the 2019 Somerville Candidate Profile Series for the Preliminary Election held on September 10. SMC brings you the opportunity to get to know more about your local candidates running for political office. You can find the full playlist at: <http://bit.ly/SomCandidateProfiles>

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<b>Wednesday, September 4</b> 7:30am Talking Business "Bow Market" 8:00am Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19 8:54am ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 9:00am SHS Topping Off Ceremony 9:18am Capuano Field Ribbon Cutting 9:30am Connecting Communities 11:00am Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy 2019 12:30pm Capuano Field Ribbon Cutting 12:40pm SPD Ride Along 1:00pm National Night Out 2019 2:00pm SomerStreets: Seize the Summer 2019 2:19pm ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 2:30pm Powder House Blvd Community Update 6:00pm CC - Public Utilities & Public Works - 9.4.19 11:00pm SomerViva em Português - August 2019  <b>Thursday, September 5</b> 12:00am Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19 1:00am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging 2:13am SPD Ride Along 2:30am Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy 2019 7:30am Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout 8:00am SomerStreets: Seize the Summer 2019 8:30am Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 9:00am SomerVision 2040: Parameters - 4.5.19 11:00am SomerViva em Português - August 2019 11:30am SomerViva en Espanol - Sept. 2019 12:00pm Senior Circuit "Cooking w/ Caitlin II" 12:30pm Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19 1:30pm Celling Your Soul 6:00pm Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 6:30pm Connecting Communities 7:00pm Central Hill Parking Update Meeting  <b>Friday, September 6</b> 12:00am Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19 1:00am POW Veterans' Cemetery Ceremony 1:30am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging 2:43am SPD Ride Along 7:30am Celling Your Soul 9:30am SomerViva en Espanol - Sept. 2019 11:00am POW Veterans' Cemetery Ceremony 11:30am Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy 2019 1:00pm East Somerville Walking Tour - 6.16.19 2:30pm Somerville Ave. Construction Public Meeting 6:00pm Raising Families "Special Needs Education" 6:30pm National Night Out 2019 7:09pm Talking Business "Bow Market" 7:30pm Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy 2019 9:00pm SPD Ride Along 9:15pm Celling Your Soul 11:07pm SHS Topping Off Ceremony 11:25pm ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 11:30pm Art Beat 2019  <b>Saturday, September 7</b> 12:30am Powder House Blvd Community Update 2:11am SPD Ride Along 2:30am City Council Meeting - 8.22.19 8:00am CC - Public Utilities & Public Works - 9.4.19 11:30am SomerViva en Espanol - Sept. 2019 12:00pm Haiti in the 'Ville 12:43pm SPD Ride Along 1:00pm Union Sq. Walking Tour  2:32pm CC - Public Utilities & Public Works - 9.4.19 6:00pm SomerVision 2040 - Development 101 7:08pm Talking Business "Bow Market" 7:30pm POW Veterans' Cemetery Ceremony 8:00pm Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19 9:00pm SomerViva em Português - August 2019 9:30pm Capuano Field Ribbon Cutting 9:40pm SPD Ride Along 9:55pm ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 10:00pm Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy 2019 11:30pm Overdose Awareness Vigil  <b>Sunday, September 8</b> 12:00am SomerVision 2040: Values & Equity 2019 12:30am Proposed Sewer & Water Rates Hearing 1:12am SPD Ride Along 1:30am CC-Finance Committee - FY20 Budget 8:00am Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 8:30am Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy 2019 11:00am SHS Topping Off Ceremony 11:30am Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19 12:30pm Senior Circuit "Cooking w/ Caitlin" 1:00pm Overdose Awareness Vigil 1:30pm Connecting Communities 2:00pm School Committee Meeting - 8.26.19 6:00pm SomerViva en Espanol - Sept. 2019 6:30pm Overdose Awareness Vigil 7:00pm Senior Circuit "Cooking w/ Caitlin II" 7:25pm ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 7:30pm SomerViva em Português - August 2019 8:00pm CC - Public Utilities & Public Works - 9.4.19  <b>Monday, September 9</b> 12:00am Senior Circuit "Cooking w/ Caitlin II" 12:30am Overdose Awareness Vigil  12:55am ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 1:00am Union Sq. Walking Tour 3:00am Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 7:30am SomerStreets: Seize the Summer 2019 8:00am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan 8:30am Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 9:00am Overdose Awareness Vigil 9:30am SomerViva en Espanol - Sept. 2019 11:30am School Committee Meeting - 8.26.19 1:30pm SPD Ride Along 1:45pm Haiti in the 'Ville 2:30pm SomerViva em Português - August 2019 3:00pm Overdose Awareness Vigil 3:30pm East Somerville Walking Tour - 6.16.19 7:00pm School Committee Meeting - 9.9.19  <b>Tuesday, September 10</b> 12:00am Senior Picnic 2019 - 8.7.19 1:00am City Council Meeting - 8.22.19 8:00am Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout 8:30am Senior Circuit "Cooking w/ Caitlin II" 9:00am SomerViva en Espanol - Sept. 2019 9:30am White Nationalism Community Response 12:00pm Senior Circuit "Cooking w/ Caitlin II" 12:30pm Celling Your Soul 2:30pm SPD Ride Along 3:00pm Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy 2019 6:00pm CC Finance Committee - Public Meeting  <b>Wednesday, September 11</b> 12:00am Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy 2019 1:30am National Night Out 2019 2:09am Talking Business "Bow Market" 2:30am Overdose Awareness Vigil 3:00am SomerViva en Espanol - Sept. 2019	
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<b>Wednesday, September 4</b> 9:00am SHS CTE Awards Night 2019 11:00am SHS Football vs CRLS 1:30pm SHS Football vs Medford 4:00pm Sunsetters 2019! 5:00pm SHS CTE Awards Night 2019 7:00pm SHS Football vs CRLS 9:30pm SHS Football vs Medford  <b>Thursday, September 5</b> 12:00am Sunsetters 2019! 12:35am SHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica 9:00am Sunsetters 2019! 10:00am String Fest & Summer HONK Concert 11:00am SHS 'Topping Off' Ceremony 12:00pm SING! Somerville 1:00pm WSNS Science Fair Winners 2:00pm Rec All City Track Meet 3:25pm Sunsetters 2019! 4:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 6:00pm Sunsetters 2019! 7:00pm String Fest & Summer HONK Concert 8:00pm SHS 'Topping Off' Ceremony 9:00pm SING! Somerville 10:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott  <b>Friday, September 6</b> 12:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 1:30am Sunsetters 2019! 9:00am SING! Somerville 10:00am SHS Football vs Medford 12:05pm SHS Girls Soccer v Waltham 2:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 4:00pm Sunsetters 2019! 5:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus 7:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 9:00pm Sunsetters 2019! 10:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus  <b>Saturday, September 7</b> 12:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 1:30am SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus 3:00am Public Domain Theater 9:00am SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus 11:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 1:00pm Sunsetters 2019! 1:35pm SHS 'Topping Off' Ceremony 2:00pm String Fest & Summer HONK Concert 3:00pm SING! Somerville 4:00pm WSNS Science Fair Winners 5:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus 7:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 9:00pm Sunsetters 2019!  9:35pm SHS 'Topping Off' Ceremony 10:00pm String Fest & Summer HONK Concert 11:00pm SING! Somerville  <b>Sunday, September 8</b> 12:00am Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer 1:00am Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer 2:00am Public Domain Theater 9:00am Sunsetters 2019! 9:35am ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 10:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 12:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus 2:00pm SHS Football vs N. Reading 4:30pm ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 5:00pm Sunsetters 2019! 5:35pm ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 6:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 8:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus 9/5 10:00pm SHS Football vs N. Reading  <b>Monday, September 9</b> 12:10am ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 12:30am SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 9:00am String Fest & Summer HONK Concert 10:00am Sunsetters 2019! 10:35am ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 11:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott  1:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus 9/5 3:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Int'l 5:00pm String Fest & Summer HONK Concert 6:00pm Sunsetters 2019! 6:35pm ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 7:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 9:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus 10:30pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Int'l  <b>Tuesday, September 10</b> 12:00am SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus 1:30am SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Int'l 9:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Int'l 11:00am Sunsetters 2019! 11:35am ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 12:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 2:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus 4:00pm SHS 'Topping Off' Ceremony 4:30pm ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 5:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Int'l 7:00pm Sunsetters 2019! 7:35pm ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 8:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Swampscott 10:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Saugus 12:00am SHS 'Topping Off' Ceremony 12:30am ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting	
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SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Somerville poet Michael Steffen writes: "This poem makes a nod to the 50th anniversary of the first moonwalk which took place on July 20, 1969."



The Astronaut

Buzz Aldrin  
the second human  
to walk on the moon—

his mother's maiden name  
was Moon, if that doesn't stop you.

This registered enthusiastically  
in the hype leading up to the voyage

of the first moonwalk in 1969  
which was so unthinkable  
it took buildings full of scientists  
in white shirts and red ties  
in front of monitors to think it through.

There were even jokes about  
how many of these NASA scientists  
it took to screw a light bulb in.

But Marion Moon coughed  
one evening a year or so before the voyage  
and nobody mentioned her name much again

until sometime after  
the boys were brought home

not that anything about this mission  
could have been left to superstition,

not a hand's breadth left to chance  
in the whole world.

— Michael Steffen

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

From an abandoned storefront window:

Art sprouts in East Somerville



L to R: Stan Eichner, June Lee, Abigail Coyle, and Doug Holder.

Every once in a while I leave the environs of Union Square to get a taste of the buffet of creativity we have in our city. In this case it was East Somerville. After all, the Poet Laureate of Somerville Lloyd Schwartz resides there, as well as the renowned Mudflat Studios.

On a warm June day I ventured East to meet with Jen Atwood, Director of East Somerville Main Streets and her band of artists and artisans at the innovative space called Mudflat.

According to their website, "Mudflat is a clay studio for students and artists of all ages and levels in metro Boston. We offer a dynamic artistic community, featuring classes, workshops, outreach programming and events, plus a mix of studio rentals for 38 professional clay artists."

The Mudflat Studios is an impressive place with a huge cavernous studio and many smaller work spaces on several floors. Atwood introduced me to three of the artists who contributed to the Windows Project, part of the East Somerville Carnaval celebration. Each artist explores the meaning of "Carnaval," which is inspired by a traditional Brazilian street fair. For some of the artists, Carnaval is a specific cultural celebration, for others it is a general street celebration.

The artists whose work adorns the windows of the abandoned East End Grill (right down the block from the studios), include Katherine Martin Widmer, Abigail Coyle, Stan Eichner, June Lee, and Gary Duehr. Since Widmer and Duehr weren't available, I interviewed the three remaining artists.

June Lee, a refugee from the banking world, found her bliss in pottery at the Mudflat Stu-

dios. She is now on their faculty. In addition, she works in a technical capacity at Somerville High School. Her ceramic plaques are hung with the other artists' works on the storefront window. About her pottery, she told me, "I think my pieces are fun to look at. On my pottery I inscribe inspirational quotes, while some quotes are just for fun. We need some Zen and giggle sometimes. It is a crazy world." Much of her pottery pieces that I saw were expertly crafted with vivid imagery and color.

Abigail Coyle, is a long time resident of East Somerville. She makes her daily nut in book production at the Algonquin Club in Boston. Coyle is a lover of plants, and she uses the leaf of a Monstera plant, a flowering plant native to many tropical places, as an inspiration for her window display. Coyle told me, "My leaf piece is made from basic retail craft, glued with a remarkable craft adhesive called Mod Podge." This glossy leaf has been the subject of many conversations from local folks passing by.

Stan Eichner, who is a former civil rights lawyer includes a photographic image from Somerville's Honk Festival. This musical festival expresses the same sense of joy and celebration of the Carnaval. Eichner told me, "My photography is pretty broad, from landscape to street photography. When I was at the Honk Festival my camera was drawn to the energy and excitement of the scene."

Yes, even an abandoned storefront window can sprout art, here, in The Paris of New England.

To view these artists' work, go to <https://www.east-somervillemainstreets.org/window-s-art-project>.

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

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72487335	16 Fellsway	WU:3 4 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	16	\$665,000	\$685,000
72492185	102 Conwell Ave	U:3 6 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	47	\$669,000	\$655,000
72475493	108 Belmont	U:2 8 room, 5 bed, 2f bath	24	\$669,000	\$690,000
72415191	390 Washington Street	U:3 5 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	217	\$669,900	\$669,000
72500341	58 Conwell Ave	U:3 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	10	\$674,900	\$695,000
72500364	4 Putnam St	U:2 5 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	7	\$679,000	\$715,000
72484871	21 Park Street	U:4 4 room, 1 bed, 1f 1h bath	37	\$689,000	\$690,000
72491732	52 Dimick Street	U:1 6 room, 3 bed, 1f bath	14	\$710,000	\$740,000
72490433	3 Banks Street	U:1 4 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	3	\$729,000	\$808,000
72500690	33 Mason St	U:1 6 room, 3 bed, 1fbath	14	\$729,900	\$800,000
72479043	49 Putnam Street	U:1 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	10	\$749,000	\$800,000
72500118	22 Beacon Place	U:B 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	17	\$765,000	\$786,250
72462754	43 Electric Avenue	U:2 7 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	26	\$769,900	\$774,900
72487091	56 Fremont Street	U:56 11 room, 4 bed, 2f 1hbath	8	\$795,000	\$885,000
72487322	24 Marshall Street	U:24 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	33	\$799,000	\$785,000
72498451	7 Westminster St	U:1 6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath	8	\$799,000	\$820,000
72442412	69 Rush	U:2 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1hbath	104	\$839,000	\$820,000
72493041	21 Park St	U:2 6 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	5	\$839,900	\$850,000
72458342	40 Harvard St	U:1 6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	82	\$899,900	\$865,000
72513213	9 Medford Street	U:501 4 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	15	\$915,000	\$915,000
72491955	30 Bromfield Road	U: 2 6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1hbath	20	\$939,000	\$940,000
72483678	12 Spencer Avenue	U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	14	\$949,000	\$980,000
72455659	42 Bow St	U:3 5 room, 3 bed, 2f 1hbath	96	\$949,900	\$940,000
72475446	163 Central St	U:2 7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	46	\$1,049,000	\$990,000
72484101	9 Monmouth Street	U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	6	\$1,085,000	\$1,100,000
72480180	7 Webster St	U:2 10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	37	\$1,095,000	\$1,095,000
72487570	27 Murdock Street	U:3 7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	34	\$1,150,000	\$1,070,000
72486729	261 Willow Avenue	U:2 7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath	17	\$1,178,000	\$1,200,021
72447165	65-67 Victoria Street	U:67 9 room, 3 bed, 3f bath	132	\$1,195,000	\$1,125,000
72495805	70 Howard	U:PH 3 room, 1 bed, 1fbath	18	\$1,599,000	\$1,599,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72489507	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