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Memorial Gathering honors drug overdose victims



During the ceremony, participants placed 157 purple flags on the City Hall lawn, in honor of the Somerville

By Shira Laucharoen

In commemoration of Somerville residents lost to drug overdoses, the City of Somerville held a Memorial Gathering and Overdose Awareness Ceremony at City Hall on August 30. Attendees placed 156 purple flags on the lawn outside of the building in honor of the 156 Somerville lives ended by addiction since 2000, with one larger flag representing those lost in previous years.

The event was held in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31 and National Recovery Month in September, which was recently declared in Somerville. After the ceremony, City Hall was lit with a purple light and will remain so until September 5, as a reminder that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable. Speakers included Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Pastor Jordan Harris of the church Connexion, who called Continued on page 8

Michael Nesmith's big redo

The First National Band Redux comes to Somerville

By Jim Clark

By the end of the 1960's, former cast/band member of the wildly popular television show The Monkees, Michael Nesmith, was reaching out for new direction in his pursuit of his musical interests.

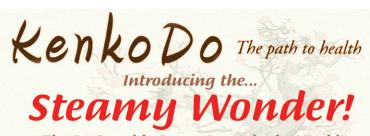
Frustrated by the rejection he faced while trying to get his compositions accepted by the producers of the show, he eventually opted out and began putting together his own band. The result was the First National Band, featuring Nesmith on guitar and vocals, John London playing bass, John Ware on the drums, and pedal steel guitar wizard O.J. "Red" Rhodes.

The resulting three albums produced between 1970 and 1971 - Magnetic South, Loose Salute, and Nevada Fighter - have gained great popularity and are considered by many to be among the progenitors of the country rock genre that emerged during the 70's and beyond.

Unfortunately, in spite of the inspired songwriting and top-notch Continued on page 20



All revamped and road ready, Michael Nesmith and The First National Band Redux is headed to Somerville for a performance at the Somerville Theatre on September 19. — Photo by Ed Heffelfinger



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Thank goodness that the Somerville Chamber of Commerce and its director Steve Mackey saw that the meeting on the closing of the Ball Square Bridge last week was not what the 150 residents and businesses were hoping for. The Chamber is having a Green Line Extension buffet breakfast at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday, September 11, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. It is very important for the businesses from Ball Square and any of the residents as well to attend. Hopefully, the community can work out something else instead of closing out the entire bridge for 12-14 months. Political figures should be answering to the community for what they are allowing to happen. Think about how you vote for these people to represent you to be your voice. That is not happening here. Let's hope the paid help at City Hall won't be up there again lecturing us on the impact and why it's happening. Working out another solution is what they should be doing. What's wrong with our Senator and State Representatives, never mind the local Board of Aldermen, who are busy wasting time banning T-shirts. We thank the Chamber of Commerce and Winter Hill Bank for sponsoring this. Be there and make your voice heard. If Medford and other communities can close half a bridge at a time, then Somerville should be no different.

The public hearing last week on the closing of the Ball Square Bridge was a dog and pony show, run by the City Hall staff. It was clear to many in attendance that as the hour approached, it was just all baloney. In the old days your elected officials would answer legitimate questions, not have City Hall staff there to offer stats and reasons why it's being closed for a year and what will the impact be, etc., etc. It's BS, and they ought to be ashamed of themselves. This decision was made a long time ago, without public input and the city just went along with it. It's our opinion that our elected officials were useless in their defending not just the businesses but the residents that this will have an impact on. It used to be that your elected officials, both local and state, would step in and make sure that minimum damage to the community would be the end results. Alderman Niedergang, Alderman Davis along Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: The Somerville Home to close residential care facility by end of 2018

Michael Grunko says:

In the late 80's, early 90's my father, Sam Grunko, was a resident there. He had suffered a stroke that left him with limited speech. He spend his last five years there, just around the corner from his family. It is a fine place. Too bad it is closing.

So many units... says:

So many units...a developer somewhere just fainted after reading this.

Old Taxpayer says:

Sadly at a time when we need it even more than ever before.

Do says:

Is there any plan to try and raise funds/funding to keep it open or have another non-profit run it with increased state resources from DMH/DPH, etc.?

This facility has provided excellent home-like care for 120 years. To

let this fall into the hands of a private developer and become expensive housing would be a huge failure of civic responsibility.

LindaS says:

It's just disgusting that our government officials in this city allow this kind of thing to happen, while at the same time allowing developers to come in and continue to spread over this city like those invasive weeds we are told to get rid of.

Is this "progress," closing down much-needed places for seniors to live out their lives, while creating more spaces for younger people who have more financial resources to come in? No doubt the Somerville Home will be converted into yet more apartments that we don't need.

Somerville is just as much about its senior community as it is its youth. Everyone will follow this same road throughout their lifetime. It's disheartening to think that those who live in this city today as young people will most likely have to move out of Somerville at some point, even if they do want to stay here, which many don't.

It's the seniors of Somerville who made this City what it was, and could continue to be, were it not for greedy developers and officials who place making money over caring for those that have served as the City's foundation.

If we can be a Sanctuary city to immigrants, why can't we be one to our seniors, too?

Old Taxpayer says:

Linda, looking around Somerville has always lagged behind other places for helping the homeless which include seniors which has increased over the years. Never mind others. We have kids going to school here who are homeless. I had hoped they would have put the Powder House school to use for this. This is probably going to be another missed opportunity to do what is right. I am living here with 4 houses side by side all of us seniors and less able bodied and all of us are looking for where to move to where we can get around and have access to things. Taking this place away is just another nail in the coffin.

Joe Beckmann says:

Why can't anyone match the Tufts' shortfall of PILOT payments with in-kind services to residents of the Somerville Home and save both sides lots of cash, benefiting both seniors and caregiving, credit earning, co-resident students? Harvard Innovation Labs has NeighborGOOD which trains caregivers, and would lust after some housing options for it's best students; MIT has Nesterly, which places trained grad students to care for the same seniors now living at the HOME, in return for low rents. Stop ignoring the huge and immediate resources of our "community."

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Broadway Bridge community meeting

By Jim Clark

A community meeting to discuss the Broadway/Ball Square Bridge closure and detour routes was held last Wednesday, August 29, at Community Baptist Church in Somerville.

The City of Somerville Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Brad Rawson led the meeting, opening with a few remarks concerning the Green Line Extension project construction activities, as well as the present and future impacts that the project will have on the community as time goes on.

Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis and Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang each in turn addressed those present, expressing their desire to create a working dialog between the GLX representatives and members of the community.

Next, Rawson ran through a cal nature of the bridge.



The impacts of the Broadway Bridge closure were discussed at a community meeting last Wednesday. — Photo by Donald Norton

slide presentation that illustrated the complexity of the project in relation to the bridge renovation. He addressed the questions of rebuilding the bridge in two stages and other alternative methods by stating that it would be more effective if the construction was done fully and immediately because of the actual physi-

Questions and comments from members of the community ranged from proposed routing changes for the detours, to alternative methods of bridge reconstruction and how businesses in the Ball Square area can cope.

A video of the full meeting is available for viewing online https://youtu.be/9zWJl_ cJbHA.

Unofficial State Primary Results

Leaders/Winners in bold as of Tuesday evening

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 7TH DISTRICT

(D)Michael E. Capuano – Candidate for Re-nomination

(D) Ayanna S. Pressley (Won)

GOVERNOR

(R) Charles D. Baker- Governor of Massachusetts (Won)

(R) Scott D. Lively

(D)Jay M. Gonzalez (Won)

(D) Bob Massie

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

(R) Geoff Diehl – Current State Representative (Won)

(R) John Kingston

(R) Beth Joyce Lindstrom

DISTRICT ATTORNEY NORTHERN DISTRICT

(D)Marian T. Ryan – Candidate for Re-nomination (leading)

(D) Donna Patalano

SECRETARY OF STATE

(D) William Francis Galvin- Candidate for Re-nomination (Won)

(D) Josh Zakim

ATTORNEY GENERAL

(R) James R. McMahon (Won)

(R)Daniel 1. Shores

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

(D)Quentin Palfrey (Won)

(D) Jimmy Tingle

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1-5085E JD MFWD, open station, 186 hrs., 2015 yr. 1-5075E JD MFWD, open station,

w/553 loader, 366 hrs., 2013 yr. 1-5410 JD, 136 yrs.

1-4610 JD, 600 hrs., loader, 2004 yr. 1-4600 JD, SN 518930

1-3025E JD, loader, 67 hrs., 2017 yr. 1-3203 JD, 4WD, canopy, 820 hrs. 1-3010 JD, 1962 yr.

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1-950 JD, 1000 hrs., 1982 yr. 1-755 JD, 60" deck, 860 hrs., 1986 yr 1-L4330 Kubota, 2000 hrs., 2007 yr. 1-L3430 Kubota, 3950 hrs., w/loader

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deck, 201 hrs., 2014 yr., SN 11347

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1-X500 JD, 54" deck, 645 hrs., 2011 1-X500 JD, 48" deck, 481 hrs., 2013 1-X485 JD, 62" deck, 118 hrs., 2002

1-425 JD, 54" deck, 1545 hrs., 1994 1-X380 JD, 54" deck, 29 hrs., 2017 yr. 1-X340 JD, 54" deck, 261 hrs., 2007

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EWEEK IN CRI By Jim Clark

Feeling safer running the red light

Last week, while on uniformed bicycle duty at the corner of Beacon St. and Somerville Ave., a police officer observed a cyclist, later identified as Seshasayanan Pratap, of Cambridge, ride through a red light at the corner of Somerville Ave. and Mossland St.

The officer stopped Pratap, told him why I had stopped him, and asked him for identification. Pratap reportedly told the officer that he did not have ID with him, so the officer asked him if he possessed a Massachusetts driver's license, and he reportedly said that he did, but that he did not have it with him.

Pratap reportedly pointed out another bicyclist who had run a red light, and asked the officer if he was going to stop him as well. The officer told Pratap that he could not stop every bicyclist.

Pratap explained that the reason he did not stop at the red light was that it was safer for

him to continue through. The officer then pointed out the competing interests of pedestrians in crosswalks.

The officer asked Pratap if he would step up onto the sidewalk, and then proceeded to write out a citation. The officer took down Pratap's information, asking him to spell his name letter-by-letter.

Pratap then reportedly furnished a false name and date of birth. After the officer finished writing the citation, he asked Pratap to look at it to verify that all the information on it was correct. According to reports, Pratap assured the officer that it was, even after he was told that false information was arrestable.

As one final check, the officer asked Pratap how old he was, and he was reportedly not able to answer. The officer called in to dispatch to run Pratap's identify via CJIS, and then called for backup.

The officer asked Pratap again if he had given him correct information, and he reportedly admitted that he had not. The officer asked him to produce identification, and he handed over his driver's license.

At this point, he was placed in handcuffs, and transported to the station to be booked on charges of bicycle violation and bicycle violator refusal to identify self. Pratap's bicycle was transported along with him.

Arrests:

Eric Clark, of 33 Kristin Rd., Plymouth, August 28, 9:22 a.m., arrested at College Ave. on charges of trespassing and shoplifting by asportation.

Seshasayanan Pratap, of 1 Warwick Pk., Cambridge, August 29, 9:17 a.m., arrested at Beacon St. on charges of bicycle violation and bicycle violator refusal to identify self.

Sebastian Lapage, of 23 Christine St., Rockland, August 29, 10:15 a.m., arrested at Holland St. on charges of disorderly conduct and threat to commit a crime.

Stephen Picard, of 2B Oakland Ave., Lynn, August 29, 2:07 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of assault and battery on a person over 60 or disabled, malicious wanton defacement of property, and threat to commit a crime.

Jennifer Lewis, of 75 Myrtle St., August 29, 2:35 p.m., arrested at Pearl Street Pl. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs third offense and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

John Aceto, of 101 Highland Ave., August 29, 5:54 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Romeo Najera, of 444 Harrison Ave., Boston, August 30, 1:33 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of shoplifting by price tag tampering, resisting arrest, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Marco Gonzalez, of 41 Sazton St., Boston, August 30, 1:33 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of shoplifting by price tag tampering and shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and on a warrant charge of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older.

Alan Soto, of 12 Berkshire Rd., Framingham, September 1, 5:21 p.m., arrested at Mt. Pleasant St. on a charge of drug possession to distribute.

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Mayor Curtatone's Central America fact-finding mission

By Shira Laucharoen

Mayor Joseph Curtatone embarked on a trip to Central America as part of a fact-finding mission, with the purpose of learning about living conditions and gathering information that will help protect immigrant rights in the United States.

Curtatone, who traveled with U.S. Congressman Jim McGovern and representatives from human rights groups, aims to combat President Donald Trump's plan to end Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for immigrants from Central America.

The delegation visited the countries of Honduras and El Salvador, while Curtatone only traveled to Honduras, from August 12 to 15. The politicians were accompanied by representation from advocacy and legal organizations Alianza Americas, Centro Presente, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Eco-

In Honduras, stops included the capital city of Tegucigalpa, as well as El Progreso. The visitors hoped to gain firsthand knowledge of the quality of life in Honduras, as TPS is a program that temporarily prevents immigrants from being deported from the U.S. if their countries of origin are determined to be unsafe. Trump announced his intention earlier this year of terminating TPS for immigrants from Honduras and El Salvador, stating that conditions there have improved. Curtatone and the delegation undertook the trip to prove that this assertion contradicts the countries' realities.

"The people were some of the most hardworking, compassionate, warm people I have ever met in my life, but the situation underground is dire," said Curtatone. "Hoduras is a dangerous place. The government is rife with corruption. Violence is prevalent when you walk out into



Mayor Joseph Curtatone traveled with a delegation to Honduras to learn about the country's living - Photos courtesy of Radio Progreso

the street. Poverty is rampant. People are not coming to our country to us, they're fleeing. They're just trying to survive. It's not an immigration problem, it's a humanitarian crisis."

While in Honduras, the delegation spoke with U.S. Ambassador to Honduras Chargé Heide Fulton, director of the radio station Radio Progreso Father Ismael Moreno "Padre Melo," and families that have been affected by immigration laws. Curtatone described the stories as "horrific and heartbreaking," as he met with individuals who had been separated from their loved ones at national borders or whose sons had disappeared during the immigration process.

The delegation asked Continued on page 10

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local senators' roll call attendance records for the 2018 session through August 31.

The Senate has held 261 roll call votes in 2018. We tabulate the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculate that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record. In the 38-member Senate, 20 senators (52.6 percent) have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The three senators who missed the most roll calls are:

Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives (D-Newburyport) who missed 74 roll calls (71.6 percent attendance record).

Sen. Mike Barrett (D-Lexington) who missed 42 roll calls, (83.9 percent attendance record).

Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston) who missed 23 roll calls, (91.1 percent attendance record).

Beacon Hill Roll Call requested a statement from these three senators. Here are their responses.

O'Connor Ives: "I had to leave the Senate early on July 30th and was unable to attend formal session on July 31st on account of a family emergency and because the Senate took up overriding the governor's budget vetoes on those two days, I was not available for the 68 roll calls that took place over that day and a half. The vast majority of those votes were only procedural in nature because I voted on the record for every single one of those budget line items and amendments during the Senate budget debate. Outside of being unable to attend formal session for part of July 30th and July 31st, I missed only 7 roll call votes in 2018."

Barrett: "Almost overnight, or so it seemed, I became gravely ill this past February, was diagnosed with leukemia, and spent 43 days at MGH as an inpatient until my compromised immune system recovered. After that, I missed occasional additional roll calls in order to make outpatient medical appointments."

The response for Chang-Diaz is from her communications director Joshua Wolfsun: "Thanks for reaching out about this! Unfortunately, I don't think we'll be able to get you a comment before your deadline."

2018 SENATORS' ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that he or she missed.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen 97.7 percent (6)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BENEFITS AND SERVICES FOR VETERANS (S 2632) - Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a bill that would expand benefits and increase access to a range of services for veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families. The ceremonial signing took place at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea.

Provisions include reducing from five years to two years the residency period required for some veterans' property tax exemptions; increasing coverage for funeral expenses for indigent veterans from \$2,000 to \$4,000; allowing parents or surviving guardians of veterans who died in service to receive a real estate credit on property beginning January 1, 2019; allowing cities and towns to designate a reserved parking space for veterans at city and town halls; establishing a Massachusetts Veterans and Warriors Agriculture Program to enhance education, training, employment, income, productivity and retention of veterans working in or aspiring to work in the field of agriculture.

Other provisions increase veterans' local property tax work-off program from \$1,000 to \$1,500; require the Department of Veterans' Services to maintain and publish a list of law firms and organizations that provide free legal representation for veterans; establish a special commission to study the cost and feasibility of exempting all costs to veterans of attending public universities in Massachusetts; and establish a study about veterans and military members suffering from mental health or substance abuse issues related to their military service and their needs in the criminal justice system.

Supporters say the state should provide these additional benefits and opportunities to the thousands of Bay State veterans who have served or are still serving our nation. They note that one in three homeless people in the nation are veterans. They point out that one in five Massachusetts veterans suffer post-traumatic stress disorder and 11 percent suffer traumatic brain injuries.

"This omnibus veterans' legislation assists veterans and their families with employment protections, tax exemptions, burial expenses, court programs, medical care, and also continues to recognize those who serve and who have served," said Sen. Mike Rush, (D-Boston), the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. "We want to ensure that Massachusetts remains number one in the nation in providing for our veterans. This legislation goes a long way in accomplishing this goal."

SHORT-TERM RENTALS (H 4841) - Airbnb, a popular short-term rental company, announced that residents of Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket Counties earned \$40 million in extra income this summer — an increase of 38 percent compared to the same time in 2017 — by sharing their home via Airbnb. The state received no tax revenue from this because a bill that extends the state's current 5.7 percent hotel and motel tax to short-term rentals offered by Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO is still stuck in the Legislature.

If the 5.7 percent tax was applied to the \$40 million, the state would have received \$2.28 million in increased tax revenue. And that's just from one company's rentals in one specific geographic location.

Cities and towns also potentially lost money because the bill allows them to impose up to a 6 percent local option room occupancy tax and a local impact fee of up to 3 percent on operators who rent out two or more professionally-managed short-term rental units within a municipality.

The House and Senate approved the bill on July 3 and sent it to Gov. Baker who amended it and sent it back to the Legislature which has yet to act on it.

The measure also leaves the regulation of these rentals including registration, licensing and inspections up to

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

Baker's amendments include exempting operators who rent out their properties for 14 days or less annually from the 5.7 percent room occupancy tax. He said that without that exception, the bill will require many homeowners who rent out their homes for one or two weeks a year to register as an operator with the Department of Revenue and to collect and remit the room occupancy tax.

Baker also had doubts about the proposed central registry. "I am concerned that the bill threatens the privacy of thousands of Massachusetts residents by requiring the publication of personally identifiable information in a short-term rental registry," said the governor. "Therefore I propose that we publish only the street name and the city or town where the property is located, and not include the street number of the property."

Supporters say the bill strikes a balance and levels the playing field of taxes and regulation of these untaxed and unregulated short-term rentals and hotels and motels that are currently regulated and taxed.

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

Estimates are that if the bill is ever signed into law, the state will reap \$34.5 million annually from the new taxes and local communities which impose the optional local tax will receive some \$25.5 million.

RESTRICT IDLING CARS AND BUSES (S 1950)

– Stuck in the Senate Ways and Means Committee since May 3, 2017 is a bill, given a favorable report by the Transportation Committee, that reduces from five minutes to three minutes the time drivers are allowed to idle their engines. Violators would be punished by a fine of up to \$100 for the first offense and \$500 for each additional offense.

Supporters say that idling an engine for only fifteen seconds uses more fuel than turning the engine off and restarting it. They argue that idling also increases maintenance costs because it leaves fuel residue that clogs fuel injectors. They note that the proposal would save millions of dollars in fuel costs for individuals and cities and town and would help protect the environment.

Opponents say that the bill goes too far. They argue that the current five-minute ban on idling all vehicles is sufficient and questioned the need to approve a new law and to set up another layer of bureaucracy.

BUSINESS TELEPHONE LISTING (H 184) -

A bill that has been stuck in the House Bills in Third Reading Committee would prohibit a business from listing a local telephone number in a phone directory if calls are routinely forwarded to a non-local number and the listing does not give the true physical address of the business. The measure was given initial approval by the House on July 20, 2017.

Supporters say this would prohibit businesses from misrepresenting their location and fooling people into thinking an out-of-town company is located in their town.

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



HOME LOANS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS (S

733) - A bill that would create a special home loan program for first responders, including police officers, fire-fighters and EMTs, who are working for a city or town that requires them to live within a short distance of the city or town was sent to a study committee. Most measures that are shipped off to a study committee are never actually studied and are essentially defeated

Supporters say the already difficult problem of home buying in this market is compounded by the residency requirement and limits where the first responders can work.

\$2,500 FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS (S

751) - Also sent off to a study committee was legislation that would create a program that would help first-time homebuyers by providing up to \$2,500 to pay closing costs.

The measure also allows consumers to contribute up to \$4,000 to a first-time home-buying account. The money would be tax-free when deposited and when taken out of the account as long as it goes toward the purchase of a home.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"In the coming months, we will be supporting candidates and causes that share [former] Gov. Deval Patrick's view that we accomplish more when we turn to each other, not on each other. [We] will support Democrats' grassroots efforts to take back the Senate and the House of Representatives and promote Patrick's positive vision and policy agenda for the country." — From the website of a new Political Action Committee (PAC) with links to

former Gov. Patrick.

"Massachusetts biopharmas continue to lead the industry in tackling the toughest unmet medical needs, creating a new wave of breakthrough therapies that treat the underlying cause of disease, not just the symptoms, and some that people are even calling cures. Cumulatively, it's creating unbelievable opportunities to change the course of disease and improve the lives of patients, and investors want to be a part of this." — Massachusetts Biotechnology Council President and CEO Bob Coughlin on a study concluding that than one-third of all venture capital money invested in biopharmaceutical companies last year went to Massachusetts companies.

"The federal government, along with the state police and local law enforcement folks, have dramatically upped their games with respect to arrests associated with fentanyl, but there's obviously a lot more that needs to be done here. And I would expect you'll hear more from us on this in September because we've been talking to some of our colleagues in law enforcement about what else we can do to try to stem the amount of fentanyl that's available here in Massachusetts and in New England."

— Gov. Baker reacting to a new state report that revealed that the deadly opioid fentanyl was detected in almost 90 percent of fatal overdoses this year in the Bay State.

"Because of dirty energy, the sports we love are at risk. We need to make sure all of our athletes, from kids to professionals, can keep playing — and that means transitioning from fossil fuels to 100 percent renewable energy as quickly as possible." — Ben Hellerstein, State Director for the Environment Massachusetts Research and Policy Center urging Boston's sports teams to be champions of renewable energy.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of August 27-31, the House and Senate each met for a total of 23 minutes.

Mon. August 27	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.
Tues. August 28	No House session. No Senate session
Wed. August 29	No House session. No Senate session
Thurs. August 30	House 11:07 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.
Fri. August 31	No House session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

No Senate session

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

	Recen	t Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the	Past Month:		
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72336230	228 Willow Ave U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Low-Rise	9	\$899,900	\$1,000,000
72293940	19 Cutter St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	40	\$924,900	\$955,000
72327264	375 Canal Street U:914	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	20	\$947,500	\$947,500
72327362	221 Willow Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	16	\$975,000	\$1,125,000
72311793	8 Spring St U:1	9 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bathTownhouse	40	\$999,000	\$1,005,678
72315410	1 Perkins Place U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bathTownhouse	9	\$999,000	\$985,000
72311788	6 Spring St U:1	9 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	20	\$1,039,000	\$1,040,000
72327995	30 Hawthorne St U:30	9 room, 3 bed, 4f 1h bath Detached	27	\$1,749,000	\$1,700,000

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

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Memorial Gathering honors drug overdose victims CONT. FROM PG 1

for increased awareness about the epidemic.

"I couldn't shake the feeling that we shouldn't be here tonight, that there shouldn't be so many purple flags to place," said Harris. "We are facing a crisis in our communities and in our homes."

> "I was totally devastated. That number one stands for my son"

Director of Health and Human Services Doug Kress said that the city is committed to supporting those in recovery and promoting education around drug abuse, specifically looking at opioids. The Somerville Office of Prevention works with the school system to teach students about healthy lifestyles and alternatives to using substances, offering programs that focus on youth. Screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment, a practice for identifying and preventing drug abuse, is conducted in partnership with Somerville schools. The city also holds training on how to use Narcan, a medication used to treat narcotic overdoses in emergency situations.

"Being educated on every-



Pastor Jordan Harris spoke at the Memorial Gathering and Overdose Awareness Ceremony held at City Hall on August 30. — Photos by Shira Laucharoen

thing and opening ourselves to learning about addiction is important," said Kress. "There's so much stigma tied to this, and it's a challenge for a lot of different people as well. The first thing we can do is eliminate stigma. It can impact anybody. We need to decide how we talk to young people about substance abuse, how do we offer alternatives. We need to show there is a future out there, and it does get better."

JoAnn Rivieccio, co-founder of Somerville Overcoming Addiction, a community action group that participated in the organization of the event, said that in order to help a child or person who is addicted, that individual must be ready. She stated that the only way to aid someone is to talk with them "one on one," adding that, "It's up to them to decide." Rivieccio, who lost a son due to addiction, said that drugs do not discriminate and that any family can be affected.

"I went to a Cambridge Health Alliance meeting, and they have statistics on overdoses for the city. In 2009, there was one person. That was my son who passed away," said Rivieccio. "Looking at that figure, I was lost for words. I was totally devastated. That number one stands for my son."

Treasure Hunting with Bob

BY BOB ADAMS



House flip

Way back when I had more energy, I tried my hand at flipping a house. An auctioneer I was working with was always cleaning out houses prior to them going on the market. He'd be carrying out the big furniture, hiring guys, renting trucks and dumpsters so they could make a few hundred dollars on some old crappy couches, tables and other heavy objects that would rip a tendon out of your arm.

I told him he was missing out on a nice paycheck. I told him to ask the home owner what they wanted for the house, junk and all, and we'd team-up and buy it outright, fix it up a bit and flip it. He told me that he didn't have that kind of money. I told him I did.

So, one day, I get a call from him. He's in Boston emptying out a triple-decker that housed a drug gang. They were terrifying the neighborhood. The city told the owner to get rid of that eyesore or they'd seize it.

My friend asked "How much?" \$125,000 was the answer. I told him we could pay cash and close in a week. Deal, he said. Mind you, this was 20 something years ago. We needed to clean it out to allow the fire department in to ok the place. It was trashed. There wasn't any plumbing in the whole building.

I went through it in a few minutes quickly inspecting the building. The doors all closed and the windows went up and down easily. That told me it wasn't sinking into the ground. The roof didn't leak. We were good to go.

We closed on it a few days later on a Friday. We painted over the inside graffiti and made it as pretty as could be in two days. Sunday, we had the open house. We got two offers. One for \$190,000 cash and one for \$200,000 with a mortgage and an inspection.

I told him we were taking the cash offer. He wasn't happy thinking we were leaving 10 grand on the table. I told him we were leaving a headache, trust me. We closed a few weeks later.

He found it and I came up with the money. We split the profits 50/50 and went on to buy a few more that way. Eventually, things went sour between he and I. Oh well.

Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com. Visit his website at www.Somerville.com.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #161

British Landing

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

It was the end of the summer in 1774. In Boston, tensions between the occupying British Army regulars and the Massachusetts Colonists were at a near boiling point. For years, citizens had suffered intolerable acts and taxation. British Tories, or citizens in favor of English rule, were moving closer to the city for protection, and local town farmers began withdrawing their gunpowder stores from the colony's arsenal at Charlestown's Quarry Hill.



Alerted by this, British General Thomas Gage took measures to stop the removal. He instructed the remaining powder be seized and brought to a secure location at South Boston's Castle William. He ordered two hundred and sixty troops to accomplish this.

On September 1, they left their camp on the Boston Common and marched through what is today's downtown to the harbor at Long Wharf. They then boarded thirteen boats and barges and voyaged up the Mystic River, disembarking at today's Wellington Bridge near Assembly Row.

From this historic site, they went on to raid the Powder House and capture the colonial stores of 250 half-barrels of the King's powder. The attack caused over 20,000 provincials to arm and proceed toward Boston the next day until cooler heads prevailed. The British landing on the Mystic's shore proved to be the dress rehearsal



for the battles of Lexington, Concord and the Revolutionary War eight months later.

This 1774 landing and departing site of the British men at arms had already held an historic lore. It was the exact location of the July 4, 1631, launching of Governor John Winthrop's ship the "Blessing of the Bay." The Blessing was the pioneer of over 500 future ships to be built on the Mystic. Her historic send off on the Fourth of July prophesied the Massachusetts colony and our nation's freedom.



Blessing was first used to deliver men and soldiers westward where they built a garrison to protect English settlers from the Dutch expansion and Indians on the Connecticut River. These communities Continued on page 14

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Life in the Will by Jimmy Del Ponte

New school, old school



My dad graduated from Somerville High School in 1938, my mom in 1944, my sister in 1970, and I was in the class of 1971. My family did 12 years of serious time at SHS. I say that because even though we still managed to have the time of our lives in high school, the teachers were tougher and the rules were stricter.

Looking at the gaping empty space where once there were classrooms, teachers, students and memories is eerie, to say the least. I loved my Somerville High School years. The great music teachers, and theater

programs made up for the few, shall I say, mean (bully) teachers. Don't worry, no names, but some of you can also name a few.

Floods of memories come flowing back starting with my first day of high school in September of 1968. Imagine David Cassidy in his Partridge Family heyday and that was me. The long hair, the crazy shirts and the bellbottom trousers, check, check and check. There were only a very few of us "hippies" at Somerville High School in 1968. There were specific groups or cliques like The Rats and The Studs, (leather jackets, greased back hair) the Hippies, and those referred to as Collegiate. (the preppie look.) I had friends in each group.

I remember my sister Chris-

tine, who was a a year older than me, taking me to Harvard Square to a place called "Truc" to buy my first pair of bellbottoms. Wearing bellbottoms in high school back then was daring to say the least. There was a lot of weird looks, snickers, and bullying that went along with dressing and looking differently. So it was pretty much the same as it is today.

But I had a secret weapon, namely my aforementioned sister. She and her friends, most of whom were former St. Clements girls, kept an eye on me and my cousin Carol up there. After doing eight or more years of hard labor with the nuns, Somerville High was a piece of cake.

The dress code was crazy. The boys' hair couldn't touch their

collar in the back. No dungarees (or jeans as you kids call them now) and the girls couldn't wear slacks, only skirts. Long story short, we protested and walked out of school. Legend has it that I commandeered the school's public address system and announced that we were walking out of class! We made the TV news and all the newspapers. We were quite spunky back then!

There were many great teachers at SHS but also some that were a bit too big for their britches. Some were only a few years older than me. They would never get away with their intimidating tactics today. Thankfully, the dedicated teachers outweighed the bad ones. When I started as a substitute

teacher in the early 80's things had changed for the better.

It will be exciting to see what the new high school looks like but its what's inside the building that's important. New walls, new memories. We are lucky to be living in a city with decent teachers, and great kids.

I'm always extremely proud to say I am a graduate (and former teacher) of Somerville High School. I'm glad they are keeping some of the old buildings while adding the new parts. It's just like the people of Somerville. A nice mixture of the old and the new. And you kids can thank my generation for doing away with the dress code!

From peace signs and long hair to piercings and blue hair. Wave high.

12th Annual Somerville Rock + Roll Yard Sale

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The Somerville Rock And Roll Yard Sale returns on Sunday, September 9 in Union Square. Produced by What Cheer, the Somerville Rock + Roll Yard Sale is part of the Somerville Arts Council's ArtsUnion programming.

The Rock And Roll Yard Sale is a free outdoor event happening from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Union Square Plaza. They have rounded up a large number of great locally sourced independent sellers of records/music stuff, vintage, antiques, and DIY handmade goods. Host DJ Patrick Neil Bryant from WMBR 88.1 FM will be spinning fun vinyl records in between sets of live local music by Sleepyhead, Thea Hopkins + Cotton Candy.

Somerville Rock + Roll Yard Sale Sunday, September 9 (Rain Date is Sunday September 16) Union Square Plaza, 90 Union Square

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Addressing equity in education to give all students opportunities to succeed



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Warm temperatures blazing outside or not, fall is on the horizon, and nothing signifies the impending return of autumn like the excitement surrounding the start of a new school year. Last week my four boys, along with more than 5,000 Somerville students, returned to school, gearing up for another year in the classroom and at sporting events, band concerts, art shows, and more. Most importantly, all of our students returned for another year of preparing for their future.

As a father and as a City leader, I continue to be confident in and incredibly proud of how well prepared they will be no matter the future path they choose. After all, our students returned

to a district that has seen an increase in four-year graduation rates over the past six years. They returned to the state-leading urban district for growth on the MCAS test. They returned to a district that was recognized nationally as the top district in Massachusetts for a 50 percent increase in Advance Placement (AP) class enrollment; a district that is home to a Commendation School in the Brown School and a four-year Level 1 School in Somerville High School; and a district where last year students took home the top prize in the New England Future City Regional Competition and advanced to the Robotics World Championships. And as impressive as all of those accomplishments are, our students ultimately returned to a district that knows our work isn't done because when it comes to our children we can and we must – do more.

At City Hall and across the community, we've been talking a lot lately about equity and how the work we're doing every day can and should contribute to a more equitable and just

society. We've discussed equity as it relates to housing, job opportunities, environmental justice, transportation and mobility options, food access, and even public art. But we know that in order to truly improve equity, we must begin with equity in education.

Somerville students are accomplishing tremendous things, and our schools continue to improve year after year. However, it's not enough to simply raise test score or increase AP enrollment, we must close achievement gaps and ensure that every student in the district is given equal opportunity to succeed. This school year, we've expanded and improved efforts on those fronts and made additional, new strategic advancements with equity in mind.

We've long been committed to STEM education in our schools, and now thanks in large part to a \$10 million investment from the Biogen Foundation over the next four years in Somerville and Cambridge, we will be able to build upon existing partnerships (like those with Citizen Schools, Breakthrough Greater Boston, Enroot, Lesley Uni-

versity, and UAspire, to name a few) and provide more out-of-school time opportunities with increased resources and access in STEM for populations typically underrepresented in the fields. We're also further expanding STEM education this year by introducing an Exploring Computer to science curriculum for sixth graders district-wide.

Every student is different. They learn differently and come with their own unique needs. A large part of advancing equity is ensuring that our schools are able to best meet varying individual needs. This year, we are continuing to focus on student-centered learning. With the help of the Center for Collaborative Education and with grant support from the Barr Foundation, we are working to redesign the current high school model and build a more complete learning ecosystem that connects all students to personalized experiences, more completely preparing them for college, career, and active citizenship upon high school graduation. We are in the second year of this planning work at Somerville High School and just launched the planning at Next Wave/Full Circle.

Along that same line, this year we continue to emphasize the importance of educating the whole child and supporting student wellness through a Cummings Foundation grant that allows us to continue providing high-risk and special education students with adventure programming and leadership development opportunities.

These provide a glimpse at just a few examples of the initiatives we're putting in place or improving upon so that we can better provide equal access and opportunity to classroom and out-ofschool time learning experiences for all students in our care. Education is the fundamental tool of progress and the key to our collective future. And again, if we are to expand equity across our community, it must begin with education. I hope you'll join in and support our efforts this school year - and beyond - as City and School officials, teachers, school staff, community partners, advocates, and more work to open doors and grow the minds of all of our students.

Mayor Curtatone's Central America fact-finding mission

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to speak with the President of Honduras, but the request was denied. Executive director of Centro Presente Patricia Montes said that violence against women and children remains a significant problem in Honduras, stating that gang violence and extreme poverty are the chief reasons why individuals leave the country.

"If people knew the facts of what's happening in Honduras and El Salvador, they would find our policies to be a direct contradiction of our values of being a diverse, tolerant, civil, compassionate, and humane society," said Curtatone.

TPS was established by Congress as part of the Immigration Act of 1990, granting immigrants temporary protection from deportation if their home countries are experiencing armed conflict or natural disasters.

The program, overseen by the Department of Homeland Security, offers people temporary status in 6-18 month intervals, which can be renewed for as long

as the crises persist. Honduras became a designated country in 1999, following a hurricane, while El Salvador became a part of the program in 2001, in the aftermath of two earthquakes. According to the Somerville Mayor's Office, there are approximately 7,000 TPS holders from Honduras and El Salvador living in Massachusetts. Trump announced this year that TPS would terminate for Salvadorans living in the U.S. in September 2019, while he also stated that TPS would end for Hondurans in January 2020.

The Somerville Mayor's Office said that the city has and will continue to take action to protect immigrants from Central America, in the wake of this news. Somerville is one of several Massachusetts communities that has signed onto a lawsuit against the Trump administration, challenging the termination of TPS for immigrants from Haiti, El Salvador, and Honduras. The case, which was initially filed in February 2018, was brought by the



 $Mayor\ Curtatone\ spoke\ as\ part\ of\ a\ panel\ at\ Honduras'\ Radio\ Progreso.$

— Photo courtesy of Radio Progreso

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice and the law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart, LLP.

The City of Somerville has also established a Sanctuary City working group, which will provide legal resources for those "eligible to find a path to adjust their immigration status or apply for citizenship," according to the Somerville Mayor's Office.

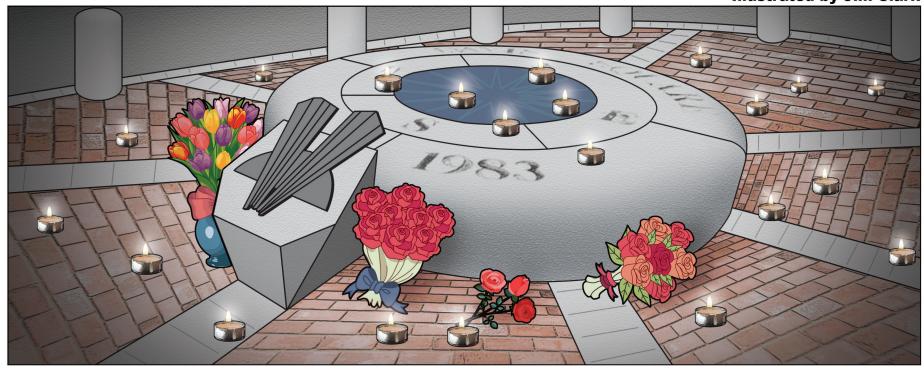
Meanwhile, organizations like Centro Presente, which represents over 1,000 immigrants from Honduras and El Salvador, will educate policy members on the local and state level about the impact the termination will have, said Montes. In Somerville, Centro Presente has organized "legal clinics," where attorneys give their free time to advise immigrants looking for support.

"It is extremely important to educate policy makers and society in general about what are the main factors pushing people to come without documents to the United States, especially from Central America," said Montes. "Most families being separated are from Honduras, Guatemala, or El Salvador. It is important for people to understand that the situation is very complex."

COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

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



Although 17 years will have passed since the terrible and tragic events of September 11, 2001, took place, for many of us the shock and horror remains fresh in our memories. And since we, as New Englanders, were relatively close to the sites of destruction and loss of life, we can perhaps feel those sensations of sadness and even anger a little deeper than some oth-

ers might, especially since our own Logan Airport played a role in the perpetrator's deadly scheme.

It all felt so close. The Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and then the anthrax threats. It seemed like the world had gone mad and we wondered where we could go to be safer. More than a few spoke of heading for remote locations until things calmed down. Yes, the whole country was shocked and angered, but we here also felt so close to the eye of this storm.

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

the ordeal are also remembered and honored on this occasion.

Consider joining in Tuesday evening, September 11, at 6:00 p.m. as we gather in Davis Square to share our thoughts and feelings, and show solidarity in our support for those who have passed and those who remain, doing everything in their power to help keep us safe.

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with the At-Large Aldermen and the state delegation should have been more vocal in not letting one of the busiest bridges in the city get closed for over a year. There will be great impact to businesses that will never recoup, residents that will have cars up and down their streets night and day being detoured. The spokesman for the Mayor's Office spoke of painting the curbs to help divert traffic. You're not supposed to run over the painted corners.

On Sunday, September 9, starting at

11:00 a.m., the 2018 Somerville Dog Festival takes place at Trum Field. The Festival is organized by the **Somerville** Foundation for Animals, which works to make sure no one ever has to choose between feeding themselves and their pets. Through your donations and their sponsors' generosity, the Festival raises money for the Foundation's Somerville Pet Food Bank, providing pet food to food banks and outreach programs throughout Eastern Massachusetts. The Foundation also purchases one K9 protective vest for local law enforcement

K9 officers each year through Massa-

chusetts Vest-a-Dog. SomDogFest is a

day full of fun activities to do with your

family (including your dog!), contests,

demonstrations, vendors and food for people and pets alike.

Congratulations and a job well done to Janet Ciccariello, who retired as Administrative Assistant at the Somerville Fire Department. She has worked hard over these past 20 years and the Department appreciates her. A nice lady who enjoyed a great send off on her retirement party!

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. We found out recently she's back in Ball Square on Sundays at Sound Bites, so stop in and wish her a happy birthday. 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! Happy birthday to local realtor and successful developer, Stephen Bremis, of the famous Bremis Real Estate. Happy birthday to another local realtor, Pat Roberto, originally from Somerville, who owns the ERA Real Estate office in Everett. 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.

On Saturday, September 15, it's the 7th Annual Ryan Harrington Corn Toss at Trum Field. Registration starts at 10:00 a.m. Games will start at 11:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$50 per team. 2 players per team. There is a men's and a women's division. A cash prize goes to the winners of each division. They will be selling T-shirts, hoodies, food and drinks at the field as well as having raffle items and a 50/50. There will also be kids' activities. All monies raised will go to youth organizations in the city. It will be a great day for the whole family, as it is a great event every year to benefit the Ryan Harrington Foundation. For information on the foundation and what it does, go to their web site: www.ryanharringtonfoundation.org. ******

Coming in September on Sunday, the 30th, the very first "A Ball for Squares" block party in Ball Square. Join all the merchants of Ball Square in celebrating Somerville's bounciest square for a beer garden from The Pub, food from all of Ball Square's wonderful restaurants, crafts, activities, bands, and more. Sponsored by the Ball Square Business Association and Mayor Joe Curtatone. More information to come as time goes by. It's going to be a great day here in the square and city.

The Somerville Garden Club is having their yearly plant sale on Saturday, Sept 15, in Davis Square, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. Discover the perfect plant to enliven your garden or windowsill at this popular yearly sale. High quality perennials, house plants, herbs, shrubs, and groundcovers will be available for sale. Choose from hundreds of plants donated by both Somerville Garden Club members and community friends of the Club. Visit the Connoisseur Table for that unique specimen, or find a tried-and-true favorite among the many sun and shade perennials. Experienced gardeners will be available to answer questions and assist with plant selections. Proceeds benefit the educational programs and public plantings of the all-volunteer, non-profit Somerville Garden Club.

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East Somerville mural parade

On Thursday, August 30, a parade and celebration took place offering a chance to see the two new East Somerville murals. Participants gathered at Taco Loco at 64 Broadway to view the first mural on the wall of its new building and hear from the mayor and both artists.

From there the parade traveled to the second mural located at Ola Café at 112 Broadway, led by local Brazilian band and activist group Grooversity. The gathering ended up at the East branch library to talk with fellow residents and the artists.



































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SPORTS

Tufts University makes athletic fields and facilities available to Somerville

Somerville's youth sports programs with daily access to its athletic fields and facilities for over 450 hours this year in an effort to help address a shortage of city space. The arrangement – which benefitted sports like basketball, softball, tennis, soccer, lacrosse and baseball continues Tufts' commitment to supporting the university's host communities.

Athletic fields and large indoor spaces can be difficult to find in the City of Somerville, the most densely populated municipality in New England. Ones that are available are often only available at a premium.

An agreement between Tufts and Somerville allowed the city's young athletes to hold daily practices and games indoors in

University provided Carzo Cage and Cousens Gymnasium and outdoors on the Fletcher Tennis Courts, Field C, Triangle Field and Ounjian Field, a state-of-the-art Astro-Turf playing surface.

> By opening up its fields and facilities to the community, the university is able to save the city money on facility fees, and relieve the congestion at Somerville's other spaces.

> In addition to athletic events and practices, Tufts hosted Somerville's Scrapheap Showdown in the Gantcher Family Sports and Convocation Center and the Higgins Foundation annual fundraiser in Carzo Cage. Somerville High School also held graduation exercises for the Highlander Class of 2018 in Tufts' Gantcher Center in June.

"We are delighted to welcome



Triangle Field near Somerville's Powderhouse Circle is one of the fields available to Somerville's recreational athletes. — Tufts University Photo

campus and encourage their athletic participation," said Tufts University President Anthony P. Monaco. "Tufts is devoted to supporting our host communities as an extension of our educational mission, and we look forward to continuing to work with the City of Somerville."

> "It is an absolute pleasure and joy working with Tufts to alleviate pressures on our current fields, and helping to address field shortages," said Jill Lathan, director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Somerville. "The city has more recreational and athlet-

> our young neighbors to the Tufts

ic needs than ever, and, given current availability in Somerville, we could not provide space for everyone without Tufts. The university staff is very friendly, helpful and accommodating. We look forward to a continued partnership between Somerville and Tufts."

Tufts supports its local communities through a variety of programs, resources and volunteer efforts, a number of which involve Tufts' student-athletes. For example:

· In January, Tufts' Cousens Gymnasium hosted the 2nd annual Tufts Classic, boys' and girls' high school basketball games between rival teams the Medford Mustangs and Somerville Highlanders. At this year's Classic, winter clothing items were collected and given to the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

· Tufts invites college-bound Somerville High School students to campus every year for the "Let's Get Ready" SAT prep program.

+ And 13 Somerville community-based nonprofit organizations received grants from the Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund, funded by donations from university faculty and staff.

— Tufts University

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- 1. Who was the first black man to win at the U.S. Open and Wimbledon?
- 2. Who is the youngest inductee of all time at the International Tennis Hall of Fame?
- 3. What did Freddie Mercury, the lead singer of Queen, die from?
- 4. What is the largest moon in the Solar System?
- 5. What is Clinophobia?
- 6. Audrey Faith Perry is what country singer's

- birth name?
- 7. What kind of joint is the hip?
- 8. What 80's band had the hit song West End Girls?
- 9. What does a barometer measure?
- 10. Who was Friends star Jennifer Anniston's godfather?
- 11. What is the largest hot desert?
- 12. Who invented the safety pin?

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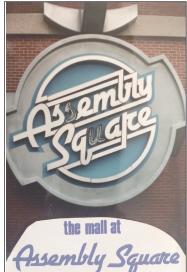
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included what would become Chicopee, Holyoke, Springfield, and other towns.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on MONDAY, September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

Please note that this meeting is being held on a Monday

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

54 Dane Street (ZBA 2018-85): Applicants/Owners, Ronald and Emily Axelrod, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing an addition greater than 25% of the existing gross floor area to create an additional dwelling unit that will make it a two-family dwelling. RB Zone. Ward 2.

595 Broadway (ZBA 2018-94): Applicant, 595 Broadway, LLC, and Owner, Wolff E. Berrouet, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review per SZO §7.11.1.c to construct a new building with seven dwelling units (a portion of which will be located in the City of Medford) and a Special Permit per SZO §9.13 for parking relief. NB Zone. Ward 5.

28 Fitchburg Street (ZBA 2018-99): Owner/Applicant Sherman and Goldman Realty Trust, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO \$5.2 to change a warehousing use to an office/R&D use of more than 10,000sf and a Variance under \$5.5 for 16 parking spaces. IA zone. Ward 2.

28 Chestnut Street (ZBA 2018-100): Owner/Applicant Lawrence Realty 28 Chestnut LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §5.2 to change a warehousing use to an office/R&D use of more than 10,000sf and a Variance under §5.5 for 16 parking spaces. IA zone. Ward 2.

76-78 Rogers Avenue (ZBA 2018-95): Applicants and Owners, Colin & Jessica Macdonald, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO for the following: upward and linear extension of the non-conforming right side yard setback by adding a second-story rear deck; the enlargement of an existing, non-conforming right elevation dormer within the right side yard setback, the enclosure of a non-conforming second-story front porch within front and right side vard setbacks, and increase the non-conforming FAR, RA zone, Ward 5.

11 Bay State Ave (ZBA 2018-101): Applicant, Derick Snare, and Owner, Mirza Yasser, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the non-conforming FAR, and for the linear extension of the non-conforming right side yard setback by constructing a two-story rear addition and

24 Crescent Street (ZBA 2018-102): Applicants and Owners, Oscar & Robert de Tuya, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to construct a first story rear addition and a second story rear deck, but within the right side yard setback. RZ zone. Ward 1.

107 School Street (ZBA 218-111): Applicant, Todd Denman, and Owner, the Estate of Alfred A & Elizabeth M LaValley, seek Special Permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO for the upward extension of the non-conforming left side yard setback, an increase in Gross Floor Area (GFA) by more than 25%, and to construct a dormer within the left side yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RA zone. Ward 3.

1252 Broadway (ZBA 2018-38): Applicant & Owner, Eric J. Silva, sees Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by increasing the Gross Floor Area (GFA) by more than 25%, increase the number of dwelling units from three to 5, construct a dormer within the right side yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RC zone. Ward 7.

54 Dane Street: http://eepurl.com/dFodQb 595 Broadway: http://eepurl.com/dFocND 28 Fitchburg Street: http://eepurl.com/dFoY7P 28 Chestnut Street: http://eepurl.com/dFoZwn 76-68 Rogers Ave: http://eepurl.com/dFpK55

11 Bay State Ave: http://eepurl.com/dFpLyv 24 Crescent St.: http://eepurl.com/dFpLVn

107 School St.: http://eepurl.com/dFpMcn

1252 Broadway: http://eepurl.com/dFpNIL

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Attest: George Proakis, Planning Director

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI17P0858EA

Estate of: Antonietta Saporito

Also known as: Antoinetta Saporito

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by

Graziella E. Snaith

Medford MA

requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you

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

Tara E. De Cristofaro

Date: August 16, 2018 9/5/18 The Somerville Times **Register of Probate**



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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by Scott Zink to demolish 1) the circa 1874 wood-frame double house at 3 Hawkins Street and 2) the circa 1924 brick service station at 71 Bow Street.

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

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Section 00.11.13 **ADVERTISEMENT TO BID**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Mystic View EIFS Recoating and Associated Repairs in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by CBI Consulting LLC.

The Project consists of: At locations noted on project drawings: A. Surface preparation and re-coating of existing EIFS with hydrophobic finish. B. Remove and replace sealants in joints noted on drawings, including perimeter sealants of louvers, expansion joints, and EIFS-to-masonry joints. C. Remove existing paint from metal louvers, repaint louvers. D. Remove existing lead coated copper cap flashing and replace with pre-finished aluminum cap flashing and associated

The work is estimated to cost \$180,000.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, Painting, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, 19 September 2018 and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

SUBTRADES

NONE

All Bids should be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General hids and sub-hids shall be accompanied by a hid denosit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA

There is a plan deposit of \$25.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc.

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for \$25.00.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$ 40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), nonrefundable, payable to the BidDocs ONLINE Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:

Date and Time: Wednesday, 12 September 2018 at 10:00 AM Address: 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA

Instructions: Bidders will gather at the office of the SHA's Modernization Department. Questions must be submitted in writing to the de-

signer no later than Friday September 14, 2018, by 5:00pm. The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:

Somerville Housing Authority 30 Memorial Road Somerville, MA 02145 617-625-1152

Nashoha Blue Inc 433 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749 978-568-1167

A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, September 17, 2018 in the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Earl's Restaurant (Somerville, MA) Inc. d/b/a Earl's Kitchen & Bar, 698 Assembly Row #102, Somerville, MA for an Alteration of Premises

> For the Commission Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek **Administrative Assistant**

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, September 17, 2018 in the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Mark Food Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Oliveira's Steak House, 120 Washington St., Somerville, MA for an Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Patio Seating

> For the Commission Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek Administrative Assistant

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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY 30 Memorial Road Somerville, MA 02145 PROJECT# 1821

Invitation for Bids for the Mystic View Concrete Sidewalk Panel Replacement Project at the Mystic View Apartments, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for SHA Job No. 1821 in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The project consists of labor, materials, equipment and supervision necessary to complete the replacement of concrete sidewalk panels.

The estimated project cost is \$105,000.00

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30, 39M and minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L., c. 149, section 26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis / Bacon Wage Rates, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

General Bids will be received until 09/20/2018 @2:00 PM where bids will be publicly opened and read at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Bid requests shall be emailed to: anthonyd@sha-web.org

There will be a mandatory pre-bid site meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at precisely 9:00AM. Contractors should meet at the Modernization office at 30 Memorial Road at the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville, MA

Any questions or concerns shall be emailed five days before the bid opening to anthonyd@sha-web.org.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive minor informalities and/or to reject any and all bids, if it is to be determined to be in the best interest of the Somerville Housing Authority.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

A proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance regarding slope protection, to require a Special Permit for developments on steeply sloped parcels.

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

More information about the adult-use marijuana amendment is avail-

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

Attest: Michael A. Capuano, Chair, Somerville Planning Board Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, Land Use Committee of the

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 18P3841EA

Estate of:

Gelsomina **Formicola** Middle Name First Name **Last Name**

Also Known As: <u>Jessie N. Formicola</u>

Date of Death: February 16, 2018

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner Robert M. **Letty** of First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Robert Letty of Lynn MA First Name M.I. (City/Town) (State)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [] with [x] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, September 17, 2018 in the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at <u>6:00PM</u> on the application of a Transfer of an All Forms Package Store License from Contan Discount Liquors Inc. d/b/a Contan Discount Liquors, 115 Alefwife Brook Parkway to Shri Pramukhdrashti Corporation d/b/a Contan Discount Liquors, 115 Alewife Brook Pkwy, Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek Administrative Assistant

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Neville Place announced as Cambridge Memory Café sponsor



Neville Place Executive Director Angela DeAngelis (right) recently met with Cambridge Connections Memory Café organizers Nancy Quigg-Gonsolves (left) and Maryellen McEleney. Neville Place recently became Grand Sponsor for the café, helping Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services and the Cambridge Council on Aging Photo courtesy of Neville Place defray costs of the free event.

Neville Place Assisted Living is now grand sponsor for a free monthly social gathering geared toward people with dementia or forgetfulness.

Neville Place is sponsoring the Cambridge Connections Memory Café, which is a joint effort of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) and the Cambridge Council on Aging.

Open to people with memory loss and their care partners, the café is a welcoming space that features activities everyone can enjoy, explained SCES Director of Outreach and Community Relations Nathan Lamb.

"We launched this program last year to help make our communities more dementia friendly, and we are deeply grateful to have Neville Place working with us toward that goal," said Lamb.

Proceeds from the sponsorship will be used to offset event

expenses, such as refreshments and monthly entertainment, added Lamb.

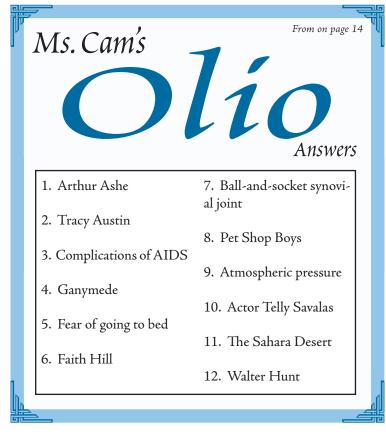
Located at 650 Concord Ave in Cambridge, Neville Place offers personalized assisted living and a residential Compass Memory Support Neighborhood, which caters to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Neville Place Executive Director Angela DeAngelis described the sponsorship as a natural fit.

"The Cambridge Connections Memory Cafe is a much needed resource for local families and one that aligns directly with our values at Neville Place," said DeAngelis. "It's so important to provide safe, inclusive spaces for our elders living with Alzheimer's diseases or related dementias."

Cambridge Council on Aging Director Susan Pacheco thanked Neville for supporting the café.

"This sponsorship reflects the commitment that Neville Place and their parent organization, Senior Living Residences, have to advancing awareness of dementia and creating Dementia Friendly Communities," said Pacheco. "Their support offers a community resource for individuals with cognitive impairment."

Cambridge Connections is hosted at the Cambridge Citywide Senior Center on the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information about Cambridge Connections or to register, call 617-628-2614, ext. 3607 or email the SCES Aging Information Center at info@ eldercare.org. Registration is requested, but not required. Anyone who requires personal care assistance must be accompanied by a care partner.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | September 5

East Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Thursday | September 6

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting

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

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Lego Club! 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday | September 7

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds

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

Saturday | September 8

Riverfest

12 p.m.-9 p.m.| Sylvester Baxter Riverfront Park

Monday | September 10

Central Library

Sing Along 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Teen Room Voter Registration 6 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday | September 11

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

Teen Room Voter Registration 6 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday | September 12

East Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Teen Game Day 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Wednesday | September 5

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

The Outside Track|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville 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 Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday | September 6

Sally O'Brien's

BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Farewell, Alligator Man:A Tribute to the music of Jimmy C. Newman|7 p.m. Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

All For A Cause, A Benefit For Partners In Health Featuring Joia Mukherjee & Scott Garrepy – NO COVER, Donations Encouraged! 6 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Dylan Jack Trio 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Friday | September 7

Sally O'Brien's

Busted Jug |6 p.m.

Nocturnal Adoration Society, Los
Goutos, Bean Pickers Union \$10
cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-6663589

The Burren

Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi SheFolks|7 p.m. Spike the Punch|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

Ali McGuirk First Fridays|9:30 p.m.

9:30 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

Skull & Roses – A Tribute To the Grateful Dead 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Aeronaut Brewing Co. HONK! Fest Fundraiser feat. The Party Band, Second Line Brass Band

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m. Let Me Break You Up: An Anti-Dating Game Show|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Saturday | September 8

• • • • VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Lily Black, The Knock Ups, Nate Cozzolino & The Lost Arts \$10 |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

3589

TBD|7 p.m. Spitting Vinnies|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke 65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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Thunder Road

Luther "Guitar Jr" Johnson (Blues/Rock)|6 p.m.

Neal & The Vipers (Roots/Rock)|9 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave

The Rockwell

Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m. The Boston Sketch Company|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Gentle Temper 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Sunday|September 9

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.

Connla |4 p.m. Rod Picott, Emily Haviland Baker|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 Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma Band

7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.BYOP: Troll 2 with As the Sparrow

2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Monday|September 10

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.

Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

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

Live Music 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

379 Somerville 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 11**

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers
Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.
Open Mic Night with Aaron
Yang|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band

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

ing Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

First Tuesday of the Month|Spell-

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Pub Quiz

Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

625-8200 Thunder Road

Whistlebot, Resin Ed 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co

Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Wednesday | September 12

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

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Hannah Bates 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Thursday|September 6West Branch Library

Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
West Branch Craft Club
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College

East Branch Library

Drop In Craft Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Drop In Craft Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Kellian Adams

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

First Church SomervilleDebtors 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

Saturday | September 8

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12 p.m.-9 p.m.| Sylvester Baxter Riverfront Park

Union Square Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Sq 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 9Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups

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

Sunday|September 9

Central Library

Nuestro Arte Opening Reception 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Monday|September 10

Creative Drama Workshop with

Central Library

Laurie! 4 p.m.- 5 p.m. Somerville Stands Together 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland

East Branch Library

West Branch Library

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

Evening Storytime

6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday | September 11

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

Wednesday | September 12

Central Library

Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

GO4LIFE Family Fun Walk – Tuesday, September 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Hodgkins-Curtin Park located at 113 Holland Street. Join us for a gentle walk around the neighborhood at 9:45 a.m. Lunch will be served after the walk at 11:00 a.m. Prizes to be given to participants that complete the walk. Sponsored by MCOA and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts. RSVP a must. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Dollar Days at the Movies – Tuesday, September 18 – doors open at 11:30 a.m. movie starts at noontime. \$1 per person – Mamma Mia - For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Peace Breakfast – Friday, September 21 at our Holland Street Center from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Join

us for a continental breakfast to celebrate Peace Day. RSVP a must. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Dollar Days at the Movies – Tuesday, October 16 – doors open at 11:30 a.m. movie starts at noontime. \$1 per person – The Great Gatsby - - For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Christmas Gift Glass Art with Linda Cohen – Tuesdays, October 16, 23 and 30 is sold out. Wait list only.

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

Wrentham Outlets – Sunday, November 11 - \$10 per person – Check-in time is 10:00 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. Get your holiday shopping done early. Lunch is on your own. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

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

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-ULE (Please cut out and save)

Monday:

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

Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H)

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

Tuesday:

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

\$3 per class (H)

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

Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

Wednesdays:

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

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

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

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

Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H) Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

Thursdays:

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

Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C)

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

Fridays:

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

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

De-cluttering support group: - If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group meets both in 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

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

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

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

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. and running for an hour most times. Principal Master Gardener, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive greenhouses. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. This group does not meet in January and February.

Golden Gals: a.k.a. Women's Group - Meets the last Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilities this group. A fun, safe, social group to discuss women's issues and growing older. Next date: December 26th - For more information, please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Michael Nesmith's big redo

musicianship, the records failed to sell well, and the band soon broke up.

But over the years the albums have sustained and grown an ever larger and loyal fan base. Tracks like the hauntingly beautiful Joanne and the mercurial Silver Moon, among other fan favorites, have kept the band's legacy alive and well for all these many years.

And now, nearly fifty years later, Nesmith - or Nez, as he is popularly known - is striking out on the road with a revamped, renewed, and recast version of the band that he has dubbed The First National Band Redux, scheduled to play a date at the Somerville Theatre on September 19.

While the other members of the original band have either passed on or are retired, Nez has put together a group that truly serves the music well, and he is very happy about taking it on the road.

"I love this music so much, and I love playing it so much," Nez enthuses. "It's such a joy, that when an opportunity comes along to play it - especially with players this good - I just jump at it."

The players in the Redux edition of the band include Nesmith's two sons, Christian and Jonathan, each on guitars. "It's not necessarily a family affair," according to Nez. "But once all the kids realized I was heading back out on the road they said, 'Could we go too?' Of course, they're all highly accomplished musicians, so I said, 'Sure, let's go have a good time."

The band also includes Christopher Allis on drums, Jason Chesney on bass, Jim Cox on the piano, Pete Finney on pedal steel guitar, and Circe Link and Amy Spear on backing vocals.

"They're great players, and this is material I wrote years and years ago that I didn't think would ever see the light of day," says Nez. "But sure enough, these shows are selling out, so I'm really happy about that."

Prior to the current 12 date tour that will run through the month of September, the band warmed up with a pair of performances in January of this year. One of the shows, recorded at the legendary Troubadour club in L.A., Michael Nesmith & First National Band Redux: Live at The Troubadour, is available on vinyl and CD through various outlets, including Nez's own website: www.videoranch3d.com.

Unfortunately, Nez was stricken with heart trouble while on tour with former Monkees bandmate Micky Dolenz back in

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June. They were doing their The Monkees Present: The Mike & Micky Tour when, during one of the shows, Nez experienced short of breath and later collapsed. He was rushed to the hospital and in due course underwent quadruple bypass surgery.

The remaining dates of the Mike & Micky Tour were subsequently postponed until January of next year.

Incredibly, Nez is already feeling mostly recovered and ready to go on with the First National Band Redux tour as scheduled.

"I'm OK. I bounced back, which I'm happy to report," Nez asserts. "The first things are always a

shocker, so you don't really expect anything, you don't know what to expect. They suddenly just bring everything to a stop."

As fans breathe a collective sigh of relief, Nez is confident that all is well with his health. "The doctor's been great. Everybody's been very optimistic and I feel very good about going on and doing the rest of the tours. And so, I'm getting myself back in shape."

As for what fans can expect in the way of songs played at the shows, Nez says, "The songs fit together in a certain way. If you put it together where you bring the music out as people are getting used to it, understanding it and so forth, it's like a really good meal, where the perfect thing follows the perfect thing."

And so, for those who appreciate the musical legacy of a man who has accomplished so much, he in turn expresses his appreciation for us. "I'm looking forward to playing the Somerville Theatre," he says. "I've got family back there."

More family than he's even aware of, as a matter of fact.

Michael Nesmith and The First National Band Redux, Wednesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., at The Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, Somerville.

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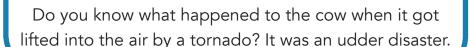
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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
7:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM Arts
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone
9:00am	DW Global 3000	Friday, S	eptember 7	5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech T\
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	1:00pm	The Kamla Show
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Literati Scene	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
11:00am	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast	2:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:00pm	Special SCATV Programming	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:30pm	Legacies
1:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm	TeleGalaxie
2:00pm	Science 360	9:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	Going Postal
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Last Sip
	Speak Up! Somerville	10:00am	NASA TV	11:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
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11:00pm	Flotilla	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	10:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
Thursday	, September 6	6:00pm	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	SOM ARTS	12:00pm	Gentle Belly Dancing	10:00am	Road to Recovery
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1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	The Grandstanders	1:30pm	DW Conflict Zone	11:30am	DW In Good Shape
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	2:00pm	Startup TV Boston	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
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11:30am	Somerville Heroes' Salute 2018
1:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 8.27.18
2:30pm	"Keep Families Together" Rally at City Hall
6:30pm	Portuguese Language Youth Book Fair
7:21pm	Family Fun Day '18
7:30pm	Overdose Awareness Ceremony
8:00pm	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer '18
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10:00pm Middlesex County Update 10:30pm Taste of Somerville '18

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Board of Aldermen Meeting - 8.23.18

Hoyt Sullivan Playground Ribboncutting

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Saturday, September 8 "Keep Families Together" Rally at City Hall 12:04am 12:33am Connecting Communities Board of Aldermen Meeting - 7.12.18 1:01am Docent Tour of Prospect Hill Tower 8:30am 9:00am Haitian United 2018 Gala 10:00am Connecting Communities: LGBTO 10:30am Taste of Somerville '18 Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest 12:00pm 1:00pm Community Preservation Act Overview School Committee Meeting - 8.27.18 1:30pm 3:00pm SomerViva em Português - Julho de 2018 6:30pm Overdose Awareness Ceremony Mayor's Senior Picnic 7:00pm

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2:00pm	SHS Football vs Watertown
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5:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony
6:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington
8:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Beverly
9:30pm	Family Fun Day
10:00pm	SHS Girls Lacrosse vs Matignon
11:00pm	SHS Football vs Watertown
Thursday,	September 6
1:00am	String Camp Final Concert
9:00am	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Peabody - Playoff

Wednesday, September 5

8:00pm

10:00pm

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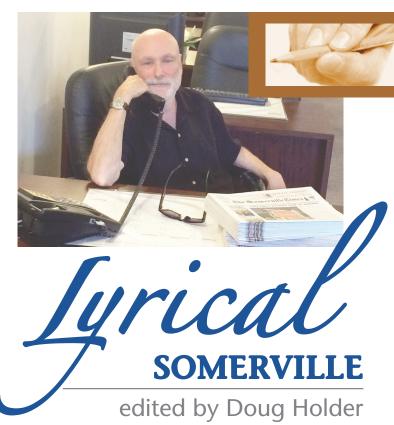
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Sing Somerville Concert

SHS Girls' Volleyball v Revere



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We Could Be Anywhere

Walnut meat crushed on the sidewalk. Brown-sugar donuts with black coffee. A mid-day's nap under our willow tree. The nation's cloth flutters on a white line.

Brown sugar donuts with black coffee. This city feeds off the ocean's breeze. The nation's cloth flutters on a white line. Main Street taut as a bowstring.

This city feeds off the ocean's breeze, loud freight cars, and the scent of dog parks. Main Street taut as a bowstring. Urban sprawl spreads out to sea.

Loud freight cars and the scent of dog parks. Farm trucks at the Saturday market. Urban sprawl spreads out to sea. Baby strollers racing fixed gear bicycles.

Farm trucks at the Saturday market. Artisanal pesto sauces, baby strollers, and fixed gear bicycles. Flower boxes on every triple-decker.

Artisanal pesto sauces. A slew of new neighbors. Flower boxes on every triple-decker. That stray cat with its bent tail.

A slew of new neighbors. A mid-day's nap under our willow tree. That stray cat with its bent tail. Walnut meat crushed on the sidewalk.

— Filip Jucewicz

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

A Memoir of Murder and Redemption:

'Notice of Release' by Stephanie Cassalty

I am always looking to use different memoirs for my creative writing seminars at Endicott College in Beverly, MA. In the past I have used Alan Kaufman's Jew Boy, Nick Flynn's Another Bullshit Night in Suck City, Patti Smith's Just Kids, Richard Hoffman's Half the House, Michael C. Keith's The Next Better Place, and others. So when I had memoirist Stephanie Cassatly as a guest at the Ibbetson Street Press/Endicott College Visiting Author Series, I was very open to her new work, Notice of Release: A Daughter's Journey to Forgive her Mother's Killer.

It seems that Cassatly, who will be teaching at Endicott this fall, has written a memoir that deals with her mother's brutal death. When Cassatly was eighteen her mother was killed in a convenience store robbery in New Orleans. After twenty years she forgave the murderer, just before he passed in the notorious Angola

Cassatly eventually comes out of this tragedy as a whole person. The reader witnesses her trauma-ridden journey and her redemption in this evocative book.

Recently I had the pleasure to interview the author:

Doug Holder: You wrote that it took over 20 years for you to forgive your mother's killer. How long did the memoir percolate

Stephanie Cassatly: It took seventeen years, with many fits and starts and long hiatus periods. Writing the book was emotionally intense, so I had to take breaks. I needed time to process events of the story, almost as if they were happening to me for the first time. The story kept unfolding even as I wrote it; it was a process that could not be rushed. I did not originally set out to write a book. I simply wanted to record the experience of forgiving my mother's killer for my daughters, as I had not shared very much with them. I wanted them to have a record of the story, incase anything ever happened to me. Mothers can die young, right? I was not a writer at the time. Once I started, I realized how much I enjoyed the process and began taking writing classes at a community college to become better at it. Then, I started writing for the newspaper and eventually found my way to an MFA program. For a long time, I wrote about everything else, until a very wise instructor challenged me to write the story I was meant to write. I began writing shorter essays that circled around my mother's life and death, which were published in different anthologies and journals. Essays were easier, because the idea of writing a book was daunting. Eventually, I wove them into my memoir as chapters or parts of chapters. Each essay that was published felt like validation for the larger work.

DH: You move back and forth in your memoir, from your childhood, to the time you were investigating your mother's death, her killer, and the final resolution of forgiveness. Why did you choose this route instead of a straight chronology?

SC: I realized in my MFA program the many possible structures for a story, chronological being the most obvious. I wanted to try something different and not be bound by time. Writing this story was a deep exploration for me ... in every respect. I allowed it to flow like my mind, which often moves from one thing to the next in no particular order. That being said, I think it's essential to maintain enough of a thread between time periods in order to give readers a linear picture. I definitely worked to accomplish this and hope I did.

DH: You use dreams often in this memoir. Why do you find them an effective vehicle to tell your story?

SC: I wrote much of this book in the early morning hours before my children woke for school (4:00 - 6:00 a.m.). Because the house was still dark and quiet, and my mind was a clean slate from sleeping, it felt like I was writing in a dream state. Additionally, I abide by the rule of consulting my pillow. Whenever I have something to $\,$ figure out in my writing – or life – I pose a question or problem before sleep. More often than not, I wake with a solution, having worked it out in my dreams. The best example I can think of was the chapter in my book called *Turbulence*, about my husband and I buying a new home after the owner died in a plane crash. I knew I had to connect the dots between his story and mine. I was unclear on the relevancy, so before I went to sleep one night, I asked myself why I was so obsessed with him. The next morning, I realized that he represented a combination of both of my parents - my father's life and my mother's death - and that his surviving daughter reminded me of younger self. I worked all this out in my sleep and the next morning the writing flowed like honey. I believe dreams are powerful, telling and helpful. Used as a device, they deepen stories and offer insight into inner landscapes of characters and authors.

DH: Primary sources play a big role in the memoir as well: court transcripts, letters, etc. What does this add to the work?

SC: In my MFA program, I read several books written in epistolary style and realized how much can be revealed through letters, photographs and documents. I think these add an interesting dimension and texture to an otherwise more traditional style of storytelling.

DH: The old writing adage is "show don't tell." In your memoir you certainly "show," but you also tell how things connect, for the reader. When do you decide it's time to go into the didactic mode?

SC: I struggled with this. I once had an editor tell me to "trust the reader more." I think it's a balance that requires finessing, because sometimes readers need a little help connecting the dots, but they shouldn't feel like they're being hit over the head. Dialogue, for instance, is a great device to "show," because it puts readers in the moment or scene. It only works, however, to the degree that it serves the plot or theme. Like anything else, it can be overdone. I think this is where revision comes in. After I wrote large chunks of my manuscript, I went back to see what needed to be handled more "in the moment" of showing, versus telling. I did a lot of shifting



L to R: Doug Holder, Stephanie Cassatly, Dr. Mark Herlihy.

between these two modes in the latter stages.

DH: Was it hard to decide what to leave in and what to leave out? SC: Yes. At different points I felt like I was throwing in everything, plus the kitchen sink. That's where a good editor comes in. I read a book called Tell it Slant, by Brenda Miller and Suzanne Paola, which essentially teaches writers that everything needs to slant toward theme. The question we need to ask ourselves is how does this serve the story? If it doesn't, that's usually an indication that it needs to be cut, as painful as that can be. It's called "killing our darlings." I try to recycle them, my darlings, into other works, instead of burying them.

DH: Memoir is part of the genre of creative non-fiction. Tell me how your writing differs from standard non-fiction?

SC: I once had a historian writer friend turn his nose up at me when I told him I was writing creative non-fiction. I think standard non-fiction is a more historical and factual account of someone or something, where as creative non-fiction and memoir is also fact, but the boundaries are slightly blurred. My writing differs from standard non-fiction in that it is fact mixed with creative extrapolation, and a narrower focus and theme. Unfortunately, in the wake of James Frey's A Million Little Pieces, memoirists - and publishers - are much more cautious about blurring the line.

DH: Tell us about your revision process?

SC: It's endless. I'm a bit of a perfectionist, so it's hard to stop editing and revising until it's printed. Even now, I still think of things I'd revise. I don't have a set process, but I think it's important to have a large enough body of work before revising too much. In the case of my memoir, there were many incarnations of it, with different structures, endings, etc. I made large and small changes all along the way. Mostly, I went chapter by chapter (multiple times) thinking both globally (how things fit within the whole story) and line by line (making sure every sentence was as good as it could be). My biggest challenge was to stay open to change, even if it meant giving up favorite passages. A sense of willingness and a trusted editor helped tremendously. A good editor is almost always right. There are never any guarantees when revising, but if we don't try things, we will never know. That's why it's good to save drafts.

DH: Hurricane Katrina was a major prop in your story. The storm seemed to be a metaphor for a good deal of your life. Can you expand on this a bit?

SC: Sure. I'll group Katrina and the Mississippi River, both powerful forces of nature, together in answering this question. Much of my story takes place in an around the Mississippi River, where I set scenes of my grandfather's serene farm, a cleansing baptism, a chilling maximum security prison and Katrina, the mother of all storms. The contrast of peace and violence and how storms destroy and people rebuild felt relevant. I wanted to juxtapose opposites in order to show how things such as joy and sorrow, peace and violence, hope and hopelessness, life and death coexist. Katrina took my family down, but it also provided a rich opportunity to care for my aunt in a way that I could not care for my mother. Katrina and the Mississippi symbolized death and destruction, yet resilience and rebirth.

DH: Do you think writing this book was necessary for full closure for your mother's death?

 $SC\mbox{:}\ Y\mbox{es}$, absolutely. It turned the tide for me. I think writing this book forced me to face her death (and life) head-on. Digging so deeply and for so long provided some kind of desensitization, maybe like they use for PTSD? That being said, it was also an excellent and fulfilling creative endeavor in and of itself. As I went along, I started to see myself more as a character outside of myself. I think writing this memoir wrote me as much as I wrote it. I am a different person because of it and so grateful for having endeavored it.

DH: Give us the five top elements of memoir writing.

SC: 1 - First and foremost, let go of fear. Telling our stories can feel like standing naked in front of a room of people, but we can't underestimate the power and benefit of sharing them. If we censor too much or worry about who will be hurt, we'll never write it. Write first, edit or apologize later.

- 2 Narrow the focus. Memoir is not autobiography. It's a slice of life, so stick to a theme or particular aspect of your life.
- 3 Elevate life to art. Writing memoir is a cocktail of memory and imagination. Be creative without lying. There is plenty of
- 4 Use elements of fiction: plot, characters, theme, setting, narrative arc, etc. While it is a history of sorts, it's not just that. It has to captivate readers like a novel.
- 5 It's an internal narrative, so use inner mind workings: flashbacks, dreamscapes, memories, ruminations, letters, songs, poems, thoughts, etc.



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