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Suspension of late night service is regarded as necessary by the MBTA.

By Josie Grove

The last late-night trains passed through Somerville's lone subway station at Davis Square shortly after 2 a.m. on March 19. Train and bus service from midnight until 2 a.m. was a year-long pilot program introduced in March of 2014 and extended for another year in March 2015. The service's cost outpaced its revenues. Although all MBTA service runs a deficit, this one was particularly large: revenues covered just 16.5% of the late-night service's costs in 2014.

The MBTA's decision to end late-night service was extremely unpopular: of 270 comments registered in January and February of this year, 260 supported continuing the service. Decreasing the MBTA's operating deficit was a stronger priority, so the late night service has ended.

While the Red Line was the second most-used late night service, accounting for 23% of all late-night riders in 2014, not

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**Cirque Us! community circus gives
benefit show for tour this summer**

By Margaux Maxwell

Cirque Us! announced the theme of their 2016 summer tour at their first fundraiser show this Saturday, March 19 at Aircraft Aerial Arts in Somerville: *One Man's Trash, a Repurposed Circus*.

The Saturday show had all the usual weirdness and aerobatics of the circus act: clowns, tightrope walkers, acrobats, trapeze, music, jugglers and stunts (without the animal cruelty). But with a crew that moves towns every week and can be seen at an affordable price of \$10-15, *Cirque Us!* brings something else to communities.

"We want to bring high level, affordable circus to small towns and local communities. There is something that comes to life in people when they visit the circus, and we want to provide the opportunity for everyone to be part of that," says founder Doug Stewart, 20, of Walpole, MA.

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Cirque Us! entertained an enthusiastic gathering at Aircraft Aerial Arts in Somerville this past Saturday.

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EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! *The Somerville Journal* office has left the city and moved to Danvers. Is that a sign of *The Times*? The long established *Somerville Journal* has been losing readers over the past 10 years or so and the only feature that people bought the paper for was *Speak Out*, but that ended late last year. *The Cambridge Chronicle* and *Somerville Journal* both were longtime local weeklies, many decades as community papers which have become regional papers, but now moved on. *The Cambridge Chronicle* has moved to Lexington, which is two towns away, but the *Somerville Journal* will be run out of the Danvers office. Are they trying to tell us something with that move? Guess this means we are now the only locally owned and operated paper, which by the way has significantly increased its readership in Somerville over the past several months. We are right here at 699 Broadway, in Ball Square, while the other so-called paper is a post office box, or you have to make an appointment to go to their office. We could go on, but our readers know the difference, don't you?

Where in the world is Joe Curtatone this week? He's back from Spain. And where in the world is the Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente?

Happy Birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday a great guy, Ed Bean, who works for the city. A nice guy very dedicated to the city and one of the city's hardest workers. He's certainly underpaid as well. We wish him the best of birthdays. Happy Birthday to Rachael Hart-Adams of the famous Hart family from Berkely Street. Amazing how the years as they fly by. We wish her the very best as well. A good old friend who used to work at the Norton Group years ago, Carolyn Caler, a truly nice and generous lady is having a great time in retirement. We always wish her the very best as well. And a big happy birthday to Quinto Bussolari, a lifelong Somerville resident, Purple Heart recipient and WWII veteran who turns 95 this week.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Updated: The City's snow emergency will be lifted at 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 21*

Genie Geronimo says:

2-5" snow predicted, most of which will turn to slush & be gone (practically speaking) in 2 days. How can we get some accountability for asinine decisions like this?

A Moore says:

We are working our way down to where 0" to 1" will be a snow EMERGENCY.

Joey Creampuff says:

Its official this city along with Boston, but in particular this city has gone to the leftist socialist. Imagine 20 or more years ago calling snow emergency and cancelling snow for 3-6 inches, never mind calling the emergency for 7p.m. the night before to take affect at 11p.m. and no snow on the ground, till 2a.m.. The amount is what we would call in the day a "dusting" inch maybe 2 inches and the world is ending. Plows were out all night, overtime, cars were being towed so the city and tow company can make more money to hire more. This mayor and board of alderman need to go, we have to stop having unopposed politicians. The Mayor and DPW hack Kory need to go! Wake up Somerville, even you newbies have to be sick of this!

Genie Geronimo says:

I don't know that I'd call this the result of "leftist socialism". I think it's the result of one or more "hero complexes", with a dash of nepotism (\$\$\$ for ticket revenue and throwing a bone to independent plow operators). The schools just shut down because they have to when they impose a parking ban. Or maybe they're just as inept.

I agree with a lot of the mayor's general policies, but I think he lacks common sense when it comes to specifics.

Jim says:

This was the most infuriating non-snow snow day ever. Pretty soon they'll be cancelling school if there are threatening clouds in the sky.

Freebie says:

Somerville has a lot of teachers coming in from out of town. Even if the kids can get to schools, sometime the teachers can not. That said, Monday should have been a delayed start and not a cancelled day.

The leftist socialists are the new Somerville parents, we want our kids in school.

Response to: *The wages of sin is...Trump*

Oliver Seppo says:

Well done, Massachusetts. You contributed to a Trump Presidency, since Clinton will go down before November.

JAMES says:

vote for Trump

Dick Tater says:

Oh, for sure. Thanks for the advice. Or was that an order?

Somberbreeze says:

Dumpf Trumpf!

Steve Keenan says:

Great column by Mr. Shelton.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

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Celebrating Over 100 Years of Service

City approves requests for Fire Dept. funding

By Charles Lane

The City of Somerville Board of Aldermen considered and ultimately approved several funding measures brought forward at its latest regular meeting on March 10.

The first, a request by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, asked the Board to approve a grant of \$50,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety for Fire Dept. staffing.

Mayor Curtatone's formal request stated in part: "I respectfully request your acceptance of a Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in the amount of \$50,000. These funds will be used to supplement the fire department's overtime account. In accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53A, which requires a vote of the Board of Alderman for the expenditure of grants, or gifts from the federal government and from charitable foundation, private corporation, or an individual, or from the Commonwealth, a County or Municipality or agency thereof, I request that you accept this grant for final approval. Thank you for your consideration in this matter."

Chief Fire Engineer Patrick Sullivan explained the Depart-

ment's use of overtime. He stated the Fire Department started with 152 Firefighters at the beginning of the Fiscal Year, and average 16 members vacant per month. There have been actions taken to balance out firefighters from group to group with these vacancies.

Alderman McWatters questioned if additional Firefighters would help reduce the overtime. Chief Sullivan stated when everyone is healthy, 152 is manageable. Alderman Heuston questioned the members that are out on extended sick and injury.

Alderman Davis pointed out there may be a need to increase staff due to the sick and long term injuries that have been trending. Chief Sullivan explained it's starting to balance out now, and it's hard to tell at any given time how many will be out. Alderman Ballantyne questioned why the Firefighters have been out. Chief Sullivan explained there have been some surgeries and physical therapy. Alderman Sullivan expressed the need for more than 8 additional Firefighters. Alderman Niedergang recommended some strength and conditioning resources to help prevent some injuries to help the staffing needs.

Chief Sullivan stated there were some

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Record breaking home sale in Somerville

By Ross Blouin

The highest priced single family home listed and sold here in Somerville recently closed last week at 63 College Avenue, just two blocks out of Davis Square, by The Norton Group Real Estate, Donald Norton, Broker/Owner.

Mr. Norton listed the home last fall for \$1,690,000, then it was taken off the market and recently put back on for the same amount and in one day went under agreement, at a selling price of \$1,690,000.

The home was sold at full price to a young family from London, England, who will soon be moving into their newly renovated Somerville residence. The new owner, a well-known movie producer/director, is excited about moving here to Somerville and becoming involved in the community.

Donald Norton, a Real Estate Broker here in Somerville for the past 37 years, along with his wife Patricia, own The Norton Group Real Estate office in Ball Square at 699 Broadway, which has about 20 agents.

Mr. Norton was contracted to assist in marketing and listing the property and assisted in the selling of the property a year ago with the developer, James Douglas of Hall Avenue LLC. Mr. Douglas, a long-time Somerville developer and also a native of Somerville, bought the property and completely rebuilt it throughout from top to bottom; new everything, custom kitchen with three full and two half baths, and beautiful Brazilian maple floors throughout the home.

Originally, the home was built in 1901 in the Queen Anne/Colonial Revival style, which at the time was the end of the Queen Anne style of homes being built here in the area. Douglas not



only sought out to totally renovate the building, but to also restore the exterior to its original design as much as possible.

Douglas has had a vast amount of experiences restoring and building reputable homes throughout Massachusetts as well as here in Somerville for many years. He personally oversaw all the work done over the past 9-10 months and made sure that high quality was maintained from beginning to end.

The home is to date the highest ever single family listed in Somerville, priced and sold at \$1,690,000. The Norton Group did extensive marketing of the home, and this is not the first time that Broker Donald Norton sold the highest listed price home here in Somerville. In 1981 Norton, then a broker with a C21 Office out of East

Somerville, listed and sold the then highest priced single family home in Somerville on Benton Road for \$102,000, thereby breaking two records over a span of 35 years in business.

The Norton Group Real Estate company's Donald and Patricia Norton are proud to have made this accomplishment. Somerville has come a long way from the seventies and before that. The Somerville real estate market today has caught the attention of a lot of newcomers to the area; seeing what everyone else here now sees, the vibrant community of Davis Square and the future of Union Square and what has been developing as well at Assembly Square.

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Applications can be picked up at the following locations: Winn Residential Office (7 Memorial Road #109, Somerville), Somerville Community Corporation (337 Somerville Ave., Somerville), Somerville Housing Authority, Somerville Homeless Coalition, Somerville City Hall and Annex, Somerville Library. Or download application at www.somervillecdc.org.


Submit application to: Winn Residential Office, 7 Memorial Road #109, Somerville, MA 02145 in person no later than 4:00 PM on May 5th or by mail postmarked no later than May 5th.

Information sessions will be held on March 23rd & April 14th at 6:00pm at the Somerville Community Corporation located at 337 Somerville Ave., Somerville.

Call (617) 591-0577 for more details. TDD/TTY: (800) 439-2370

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Maximum Income	\$41,400	\$47,280	\$53,220	\$59,100	\$63,840	\$68,580





THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Vampire has a bad week

On the evening of March 17, police responded to a report of someone damaging a gate at a Stone Ave. location.

Upon arrival, the officers met with the reporting party and were told that a man had been pulling at a wooden gate on the victim's property. When the suspect, later identified as Edward Tarencz, was confronted by the victim he reportedly tore a piece of the gate off and said to the

victim, "I'll burn you alive."

The victim was able to show the officers a cell phone picture of Tarencz, and a short time later he was located in the parking lot of a nearby Dunkin' Donuts.

Tarencz was placed under arrest and charged with threat to commit a crime and destruction of property over \$250.

The next afternoon, a police officer patrolling in Ward 2 took notice of Tarencz as he refused

to allow customers entry to an ATM facility at 64 Union Square.

According to reports, Tarencz began swearing at the police officer after being asked to leave the area. Tarencz reportedly threw a full garbage bag at a passing car occupied by three females.

The officer had prior knowledge of Tarencz's potentially violent behavior and he called for backup.

Tarencz next entered the Check Exchange Union Square, but then left again when he noticed the officer following him, police said.

Tarencz then reportedly entered the Juliet restaurant and threw down a large chalkboard sign down to the ground.

When police backup arrived, Tarencz was apprehended and placed into custody. According to police reports, Tarencz

resisted arrest, continued to swear at the officers, and warned, "I am a vampire," as he repeatedly tried to bite one of the officer's fingers.

In the ensuing struggle, Tarencz also kicked one of the officers in the chest.

He was eventually subdued and subsequently charged with resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and assault and battery on a police officer.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210 Help Keep Somerville Safe!

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Tucidides Zabala, of 2 John Elliot St., Roxbury, March 14, 7:18 p.m., arrested at Broadway on multiple charges of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Angela Grassa, of 81/2 Woodman St., Lynn, March 15, 8:42 a.m., arrested at Franklin St. on charges of failure to stop for police and disorderly conduct.

Shpresa Berisha, of 20 Glendale Ave., March 16, 2:37 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Mauricio Ortega, of 28 Otis St., March 16, 3:59 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of threat to commit a crime, assault and battery on a police officer, and shoplifting by asportation.

Edward Tarencz, March 17, 4:14 p.m., arrested at Union Sq. on charges of threat to commit a crime and destruction of property over \$250.

Ryan Lombardi, of 110 Bartlett St., March 18, 1:26 a.m., arrested at Central St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second offense.

Juan Parra, of 63 Kingman

Ave., Revere, March 18, 4:10 p.m., arrested at Flint St. on charges of distribution of a class B drug, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, trafficking in cocaine, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Joao Batista, of 89 Flint St., March 18, 4:10 p.m., arrested at home on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class B drug, and possession of a class B drug.

Elvira Sanchez, of 46 Ripley St., Malden, March 18, 7:41 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of strangulation or suffocation, receiving a stolen motor vehicle, assault

and battery, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Edward Tarencz, March 18, 7:43 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and assault and battery on a police officer.

John Savage, of 55 Wyman Terrace, Arlington, March 19, 4:31 p.m., arrested at Rogers Ave. on charges of larceny under \$250, possession of a class A drug, and possession of a class E drug.

Filipe Caballero-Wrights, of 20 Howard St., Randolph, March 20, 1:42 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a charge

of disorderly conduct.

Charles Gondola, of 101 Highland Ave., March 20, 5:29 p.m., arrested at Laurel St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and marked lanes violation.

Edwin Majano, of 215 Bennington St., East Boston, March 20, 7:02 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Manuel Cordero, of 153 South St., March 20, 9:08 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Late-night train and bus service grinds to a halt

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many took the train out to Somerville: Davis was the 20th most-trafficked station, with just over 300 entries per week-end night.

On Friday night, Jeff Quierasio was working the door at The Burren, a bar on Elm Street near the Red Line station. "I love the idea of the late night T," he said, "but with [car service] Uber and all..." For Quierasio, the cost of Uber and similar services was OK because he views it as being safer and more reliable than the T. "There's the risk of something happening on the T," he explained.

Quierasio said his colleagues at the Burren generally do not use the MBTA to come to work late at night. "Some people carpool, some people ride bikes," he said, saying some travel from as far away as Dorchester. In any case, he said, 2 a.m. is not late enough for bar workers to take advan-

tage of the service. "2 a.m. is not that late, especially since bars close at 2," he said, explaining that many would not leave work until 3 a.m.

"We think it sucks!...You have to plan accordingly now"

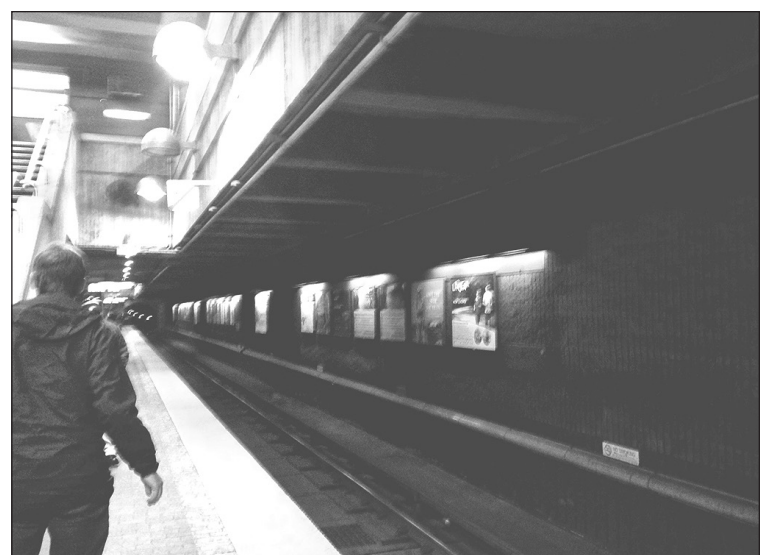
Down Elm Street from the Burren, Greg Torrisi said he has used the late night T service, but did not frequent it. Debbie Jelenkiewicz said has never taken the later trains, since she is simply never out late enough to need the train past midnight.

Tufts University student Ben Corey only occasionally used the late night T service, but said,

"It has definitely saved my butt before." Corey was one of about twenty Tufts students waiting for the university's shuttle bus from Davis, rather than take one of the two MBTA buses that go to the university campus.

"It's ending?" said Michael Ventric, surprised to hear that trains and buses would not run long after midnight. "I hated that when I first moved here!" The Long Island transplant used the late-night service frequently. "I usually take the T instead of Uber," he said, referring to the on-demand car service. "With Uber, you never know, with surge pricing," said Angela Bennett. Uber's fares multiply when cars are in demand, and can considerably increase the cost of a ride.

Keyla and Nathan Crevier recently moved from Louisiana, and say that while they rarely use the late night train service, they appreciated the option.



The scene at a nearly empty Davis Sq. T station last Friday night.

— Photo by Josie Grove

"We think it sucks!" said Nathan Crevier of the end of late night service. Keyla Crevier added, "You have to plan accordingly now." For the couple, this means arranging to be home shortly after midnight, rather than staying out.

Davis Square was almost completely deserted on Fri-

day, and darkened windows of the recently-shuttered Johnny D's restaurant made the area seem even more forlorn. Even though the trains would run for two more hours, the subway station was nearly empty around midnight. It was difficult to imagine who would fill the subway cars at 2 a.m.

Body recovered from Mystic River identified as Kenneth Manning

Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan has confirmed that the body of a deceased adult male recovered last night from the Mystic River has been positively identified as Kenneth Manning, 35, of Malden.

On March 15 at approximately 6:30 p.m. a passerby reported seeing the body of a deceased male in the Mystic River near the intersection of Shore Drive and Ten Hills Road in Somerville. The body appeared to have been in the water for an extended period of time.

District Attorney Ryan and Malden Chief of Police Kevin Molis previously identified Manning as the suspect in the murder of Colleen Russell, 36, of Malden and a larceny of a motor vehicle. An arrest warrant was issued for Manning on February 18, 2016. He was last seen on February 16, 2016 in Somerville.

— Office of Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan



Kenneth Manning

Women's History Month Celebration

The Somerville Health & Human Services Department and the Office of Somerville Commissions will present the Somerville Commission for Women's (SCW) annual review, and celebration Women's History Month, on Tuesday, March 29, at the VNA at 259 Lowell St, beginning at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome, and refreshments will be provided.

Women's History Month is celebrated in March, dating to the first International Women's Day on March 26,

1911. In 1981, Congress passed a resolution making Women's History Week a national holiday, and legally expanded the observance to an entire month in 1987. This year is also the 100th anniversary Woman's Suffrage March in Washington, D.C.

For more information, contact Office of Somerville Commissions Director Sonja Darai at 617-625-6600 ext. 2406, or SDarai@somervillema.gov.

— The City of Somerville

The Somerville Journal office pulls out of city

By Jim Clark

The parent company of *The Somerville Journal*, GateHouse Media, has decided to move its office out of Somerville, opting instead for a new location in Danvers.

The move by GateHouse Media, a subsidiary of New York-based New Media Investment Group, is one of a series of cost-cutting measures recently implemented by the company.

A number of staff layoffs accompanied the decision to close the *Journal's* Somerville office, as well as a decision to move the headquarters of *The Cambridge Chronicle*, another GateHouse publication and the oldest continuously published weekly newspaper, to new offices in Lexington.

New Media is generally regarded as one of the largest print media companies in the country with nearly 500 different publications currently in operation, earn-



GateHouse CEO Kirk Davis has not been reached for comment regarding the *Journal's* relocation.

ing nearly \$70 million in profits last year.

The CEO of GateHouse, Kirk Davis, has declined to comment on the recent cuts in staff and the relocation of the individual publication's offices.

Street Sweeping Resumes April 1

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Traffic and Parking Department remind all residents that regular street sweeping schedules will resume beginning Friday, April 1, and continue through Dec. 31. On designated street sweeping days, vehicles must be moved to one side of the street, as noted on signs posted on each street. The penalty for not complying with street sweeping parking regulations is a \$50 fine. Somerville residents may sign up to receive automatic street sweeping reminders by visiting www.somervillema.gov/sweeping. For more information regarding street sweeping procedures, visit www.parksomerville.com, or call 311 (617-666-3311).

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Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Slumbrew

On a recent visit to Slumbrew, I tried some of their rotating brews, including the Yankee Swap (2015), a barrel-aged Belgian Quad aged in rum barrels and the Super Luma, a triple IPA version of their Luma Luma. If you're thinking of trying a new brew, check out the sampler flights or customize your own.

They also expanded their food menu at their Ward Street location. Along with the charcuterie platter, snacks, salads, sandwiches, grilled flatbread pizzas, they have added a chicken pot pie packed with rich flavor, topped with puff pastry accompanied with the American Fresh salad. Also added is a Barbacoa Beef Bowl, a spicy braised beef served over rice and topped with pico de gallo, jalapeños, cheddar cheese and

topped with a lime crema.

For some great activities, check out trivia night, live bands, comedy night or, take a class on how to use spent grain to make dog treats and bread.

For hours, events, and menus for both locations, please visit slumbrew.com.

If you're looking for a venue to host a special birthday or any number of corporate events, please contact: caitlyn@slumbrew.com.

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Assembly Row



Argenziano, Brown School Students Perform at All-State Treble Chorus Concert

Six students represented the Somerville Public Schools at the Massachusetts All-State Treble Chorus concert on Saturday, March 12th. The All-State Treble Chorus is an auditioned chorus of singers in grades 4, 5, and 6 from all over Massachusetts. In preparation for this month's performance, the chorus had the opportunity to work with Dr. Rollo Dilworth, a world-famous conductor and composer.

The Somerville students who earned a spot on this year's All-State Treble Chorus were Marisa Lopez (Argenziano, grade 6), Tatiana Pineda (Argenziano, grade 6), Theresa Romano (Argenziano, grade 5), Katja Szturma (Brown School, grade 5), Elena Davis (Brown School, grade 5), and Susanna Buckley (Brown School, grade 6). Congratulations to these students for their hard work!



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Petty Morals at play in Somerville

By Blake Maddux

“The Rolling Stones are like our spirit animal,” says Lauren Recchia, aka LoWreck, drummer for the Salem, MA-based synth-punk band Petty Morals.

In addition to the musical influence of the Stones, this all-female sextet took its name from a 1967 Keith Richards quote.

Petty Morals received Boston Music Award nominations for New Artist of the Year and Rock Artist of the Year in 2014, and won the award for Video of the Year (*Just a Game*) in 2015. They have released three EPs in the past two years and are currently working on the fourth.

Recchia, a Boston-area native who joined her first band in 2005, spoke to *The Somerville Times* by phone while preparing to perform with Petty Morals at Once Lounge and Ballroom on Friday, March 25.

Somerville Times: How did Petty Morals discover the quote that gave the band its name?

Lauren Recchia: We started the band, we had a couple practices, and were playing for maybe like a month or so before we were like, “Alright, let’s actually come up with a name.” Our bassist Chrissy [Tierney, aka Ivahna Rock] came to practice one night, and she had just watched a documentary on the Stones [*Crossfire Hurricane*]. And there’s one clip from when they got arrested for whatever debauchery they were causing, and the judge was reprimanding them, and Keith Richards goes, “We’re not old men. We’re not worried about your petty morals.” So we were like, “Oh, that’s actually awesome.” It was the easiest, probably, that any band had ever come up with a name and all agreed on it!

ST: How important are music videos in the 2010s?

LR: Now, obviously, MTV and VH-1 are no longer what they were in the ‘80s or the ‘90s. It’s like music video television is not really existing anymore.

It’s all like reality shows and stupid stuff for dumb people to watch and be entertained by all day. The videos that we’ve done, it’s not like we’re thinking deep about them, like they mean anything or they’re super profound. But we like to actually get really creative and have a plot and have something to do with the song and the topics that the song talks about. I think we put more time and effort into making the video and so we have to do fewer. It’s more creating different content than just like doing a photo shoot and releasing an album with pictures. But I don’t know that it’s going to get us any more credibility or any more exposure.

“We feel like it’s better to give people less more frequently than more less frequently”

ST: Is an EP an artistically and financially more advantageous way of releasing music than an LP?

LR: A lot of people need constant gratification, and releasing one album every two years that has, you know, 15 songs on it is harder to do, first of all, and you don’t want to lose their [the fans’] attention. We also write that way. We don’t write a ton of stuff, so we’ll come up with new songs and we’ll batch them together and we try to be efficient, especially because we’re funding everything ourselves. We’ll plan a recording session, and we’ll want to get in and out in like two or three days. We’ll do as many songs as we can, which usually ends up being about three or four. We feel like it’s better to give people less more frequently than more less frequently.

ST: Why do the members of Petty Morals go by stage names, among which are Taiphooon, JC, Chrissy V, Ivahna Rock, and Al-



Petty Morals will be gracing the stage at Once Lounge and Ballroom on Friday, March 25.

lison Wonderland?

LR: In my previous band, Vagiant, which was renamed to Tijuana Sweetheart, the singer was Helen McWilliams. We really were like, we ought to do this whole stage name thing. So we came up with our nicknames then. And I think it just kind of carried over, because she was one of the first singers in Petty Morals, and we just thought, well, when we were online we want to be LoWreck and Hellion. And everyone else just kind of followed suit. Chrissy, our bassist, her stage name has been Ivahna Rock for a while as well. So it was just kind of a fun thing that we didn’t mind keeping.

There’s no super crazy meaning or anything secretive behind it. It’s just, nicknames are fun. I don’t think anyone in the band is, you know, “I can’t have my real name on Facebook because I’m a teacher or a CIA agent.” We don’t have any reasons that

we’re hiding our identities but, you know, it’s just more for fun.

ST: Is there a desert island album that the whole band could agree on?

LR: We actually have very, very similar tastes in music. Since we are named after and we all do have a shared love for The Rolling Stones, that would definitely be something that we would all agree on. That’s a really hard one. There are so many different bands and different albums that we would all be able to listen to front to back.

ST: So if it were up to you, which Rolling Stones album would you choose?

LR: I would pick, let’s just say *Exile on Main St.*

Sidewalk Driver, Jenny Dee & The Deelinquents, Muck and The Mires, and Petty Morals. Friday, March 25, doors at 8 p.m. Once Lounge and Ballroom, 156 Highland Avenue, Somerville.

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Rep. Denise Provost

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-seventh Middlesex. - Consisting of precinct 3 of ward 2, all precincts of ward 3, precinct 3 of ward 4, and all precincts of wards 5 and 6, of the city of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Timothy Toomey

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11, inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county of Middlesex.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local senators on roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

HELP CITIES AND TOWNS (S 2120)

Senate 35-0, approved an amendment to the bill designed to ensure that the state and local municipalities comply in a timely way with requests for public records. The amendment would create a Public Records Assistance Fund to help cities and towns meet the costs of complying with the proposed new law. Funds would come from fines paid by cities and towns which violate the new law, the state budget and any private contributions.

Amendment supporters said this will help municipalities buy the equipment and train and pay the staff necessary to follow the new law. They noted the costs are particularly challenging and burdensome for smaller towns.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Didn't Vote

CHANGE LARCENY LAWS (S 2156)

The Senate, on a voice vote without a roll call, approved a bill that raises from the current \$250 to \$1,500 the threshold at which larceny becomes a felony instead of a misdemeanor.

Supporters said the bill still holds thieves accountable but will make "smaller" thieves guilty of a misdemeanor instead of a felony. They noted a misdemeanor takes only five years to be removed from a criminal record while a felony takes ten years. They said raising the threshold to \$1,500 would result in fewer people with a felony record and make it easier for them to get jobs, find housing and go on to college.

The next two roll call are on amendments to the larceny bill.

CREDIT CARDS (S 2156)

Senate 35-0, approved an amendment that would update laws on credit card misuse. The amendment would require that the penalties for misusing a debit card be treated the same as the penalty for misusing a credit card. It also requires that the penalties be the same if the accused has the stolen card in his or her possession or if he or she stole the number on the phone or any other way.

Amendment supporters said that current law does not technically address these issues. They argue it is time to bring these laws into the 21st century.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

SLIDING SCALE FOR LARCENY (S 2156)

Senate 35-0, approved an amendment that would replace the current static fine of \$300 for a misdemeanor felony, regardless of how much is stolen, with a sliding scale of fines based on the value of the stolen property. For property worth \$250 to \$500, the maximum fine would be \$300 while the maximum fine for goods valued from \$1,000 to \$1,500 would be \$2,000.

Supporters said this will ensure that the fines are appropriate and noted the cookie-cutter, one size fits all system doesn't work well.

(A "Yes" vote is for the sliding scale.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

DRUG OFFENSES AND DRIVER'S LICENSES (S 1812) - A House-Senate conference committee has finally agreed on a new version of a bill that would repeal a 1989 law that requires anyone convicted of a non-violent drug crime to have his or her license suspended, regardless of whether the crime itself involved driving a vehicle. The House and Senate had approved conflicting versions of the measure. The new version also allows automatic license suspension for anyone convicted of trafficking in illegal drugs, except for marijuana. It also repeals the current law that requires offenders to pay a \$500 fee to get their license back.

Supporters said the current archaic law does not make sense and is counterproductive because it prevents many offenders from having the mobility to find and/or retain a job, drive their children to school, travel to a doctor and do many other things necessary to help them rebuild their lives. They noted the bill is retroactive and also applies to people who currently are without a license because of this law.

The measure now goes to the House and Senate for consideration.

EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR LOCKED OUT WORKERS' BILL (S 2172)

- The Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development Committee held a hearing on legislation that would extend unemployment benefits for 26 weeks to workers whose employers have locked them out of their workplace. The proposal was filed in response to Allegheny Technologies' decision to lock its workers out of some of its nationwide facilities including a six-month lockout for 120 workers at its New Bedford plant.

Supporters said without this law, employees are at a disadvantage because the company just drags on with the lockout, knowing that eventually the workers will run out of money and perhaps concede.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE APPROVES BILLS

- The Education Committee has approved bills that would require the Departments of Education and Public Health to develop regulations to allow for training of school employees in the emergency administration of glucagon for students with diabetes when a nurse is not present (S 245); add an additional five points to the test score of any veteran who takes a test to become a provisional teacher (H 365); ensure that students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in mainstream physical education programs, and try out for and, if selected, participate in mainstream athletic programs (H 404); require the state to develop and allow cities and towns to institute a program to teach students financial literacy including understanding banking and financial services, loans, interest, credit card debt, renting or buying a home, saving, investing and planning for retirement, balancing a checkbook, state and federal taxes and charitable giving (s 279); and investigate the possibility of raising from 16 to 18 the age at which a student may choose to drop out of school (H 317).

EDUCATION BILLS SHIPPED OFF TO THE GRAVEYARD - The Education Committee shipped dozens of bills off to a study committee. Most measures that are shipped off to a study committee are never actually studied and are essentially defeated.

Last week's batch included several bills that attempted



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to require high schools to teach specific courses to their students. Included were civics (H 3017), the history of working people and the labor movement (H 373), acts of genocide around the world (H 473), recycling (S 276) and methods of resolving interpersonal disputes in productive and effective ways and discourage the use of violence and/or other forms of abuse in the resolution of such disputes (S 341).

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“This special unit will help bend the trend on addiction and give military veterans who have gone astray of the law due to PTSD and similar afflictions, a road to recovery, employment and successful re-entry into society.” — Gov. Charlie Baker on the opening of the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office Housing Unit for Military Veterans - the state’s first correctional unit specifically designed for incarcerated veterans.

“This is about young people and their families feeling safe when they go to our hospitals, our restaurants, our movie theaters and other public places. We need a law on the books that will make sure everyone is welcome regardless of their gender identity.” — Attorney General Maura Healey on kicking off a social media campaign in support of legislation to protect transgender people from discrimination in public places.

“No one should be faced with having to pay outrageous out-of-pocket costs for much needed medication.” — Sen. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) on legislation that would limit the out of pocket costs insurance companies can impose on patients for their prescription medications, including limiting the cost insurers charge patients for A 30-day supply of medication to \$100.

“We need not take actions that could increase availability to, and use of drugs among, young people. If this referendum were to pass, Massachusetts would surely see an increase in the amount of marijuana use and addiction.” — Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins in opposition to a possible 2016 ballot question that would legalize and tax marijuana sales in Massachusetts.

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 legisla-

tion 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 March 14-18, the House met for a total of 11 hours and 31 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 10 hours and 29 minutes.

Mon. March 14	House 11:02 a.m. to 4:02 p.m. Senate 11:17 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.
Tues. March 15	No House session No Senate session
Wed. March 16	House 10:05 a.m. to 4:28 p.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 4:24 p.m.
Thurs. March 17	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 4:07 p.m.
Fri. March 18	No House session No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
16 Partridge Ave	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Cottage	20	\$549,900	\$642,000
27 Shore Dr	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	115	\$589,900	\$570,000
9 Berkeley St	9 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	82	\$679,900	\$662,000
50 East Albion St	8 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Multi-Level	19	\$689,000	\$701,000
40 Adrian St	8 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	116	\$799,900	\$736,000
152 Summer Street	10 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	17	\$1,298,000	\$1,350,000
30 Conwell Ave	8 room, 4 bed, 4f 0h bath Victorian	380	\$1,399,900	\$1,330,000
63 College Ave	9 room, 4 bed, 3f 2h bath Victorian	1	\$1,690,000	\$1,690,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
6 Bedford U:2R	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	6	\$295,000	\$325,000
63 Waterhouse St U:3	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	27	\$315,000	\$315,000
36 Moreland Street U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	42	\$419,000	\$425,001
6 Century St U:A	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	142	\$424,900	\$412,500
27 Electric Ave U:3	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$475,000	\$485,000
73 Prichard Ave U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	25	\$495,000	\$547,000
32 Dartmouth U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Other	39	\$495,000	\$510,000
15 Wheatland St U:3	3 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	14	\$529,000	\$550,000
32 Warwick Street U:32A	5 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Townhouse	7	\$529,000	\$636,551
18 Belmont St. U:6	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Low-Rise	202	\$529,900	\$520,000
26 Cherry St U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	43	\$575,000	\$590,000
15 Wheatland St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	19	\$599,000	\$599,000
50 Pinckney St U:50	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Duplex	33	\$599,900	\$650,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
14-16 Gordon Street	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	27	\$667,000	\$657,000
31 Grant St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	176	\$669,000	\$610,000
42 PURITAN RD	3 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	34	\$749,900	\$675,000
46 Church St	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	5	\$829,000	\$876,000
9 Parkdale Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$850,000	\$910,000
44 Spencer Ave	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	62	\$1,100,000	\$1,000,000
98 Highland Rd	3 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	126	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

COMMENTARY

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Challenge yourself to be more active this spring...and always



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Even though we got snow earlier this week, it is springtime here in Somerville. That means the Mayor's Wellness Challenge is right around the corner. The official kickoff is April 24 at the Somerville High School concourse, but I always try to emphasize that this shouldn't be like a New Year's resolution where you buy a gym membership you forget to use or where you eat a few more vegetables for a couple of weeks. We're trying to take advantage of the return of pleasant weather to get people living more active, healthier lives. Not for nothing, we've built a city that ranks 7th in the nation in walkability and 4th in bike commuting. We've got farmers' markets running year round and urban agriculture initiatives designed to put more produce on your table. We've expanded rec programs for kids and adults, and built or upgraded parks and playgrounds all around the city. We're doing everything we can to make Somerville a place where you can live a healthy, active life.

The Wellness Challenge builds on that by helping you develop an activity routine you can stick with. Run more of your errands on foot. Eat a little bit healthier. Plan to get out and do something active on the weekend. You don't have to run a marathon, just figure out what works for you. We actually have some selfish reasons for wanting a healthier, more active population. People who get out to do something active spend more time, and eventually money, in their local business community. You're more likely to try that restaurant you bike past every day or to stop into the store you always see on your walks, and that's money that cycles through our local economy. On top of that, a city where people are out and about is safer. Better health has been shown to increase your success in your job, which means maybe you're more likely to do a home improvement project or donate to a local cause. Healthier kids do better in school, which sets them up for more successful lives in which they hopefully give back to the community where they got such a great start. Healthy communities come loaded with beneficial side effects.

In our city we also have the benefit of Shape Up Somerville, which focuses on our community health all year round. I highly recommend giving Shape Up a Facebook follow. They're con-

stantly putting out information about local events and giving healthy living tips. It's information you can actually use. Of particular use connected with the Wellness Challenge is what they call the 95210 daily checklist. The numbers stand for things that, if you do them every day, you'll find yourself in a healthier place.

The 9 is for getting 7-9 hours of sleep a night. I know people feel like there's never enough time in the day and sometimes they're right, but people who get a good night's sleep generally get more done because they're not battling exhaustion. This is especially true for kids. My boys don't like hearing that they need to get to bed at a decent hour, but active, growing kids need sleep.

The 5 is for five servings of fruits and vegetables per day. A lot of people don't come close to that. One of the keys is making sure you're eating produce with each meal and trying to work it in as a snack. Some fruit with your breakfast, maybe a side salad instead of fries at lunch, some carrots or celery sticks for a snack, that all adds up. Another tip from Shape Up is that kids eat more fruits and vegetables if they have more family meals. The meal you eat when everybody gathers around the table together tends to be healthier than what people consume when everybody grabs something separate. Turns out sitting down

for a family dinner comes with some health benefits. It's a better planned meal. The same logic applies to those of you out there with roommates or for empty nesters. You don't skimp on the veggies so much when you sit down with others.

The 2 stands for no more than two hours or recreational screen time per day. That means television, gaming and generally Internet surfing, I know that's a tough one. There's a limitless electronic fix out there, but that's passive time as opposed to active time. This feeds into the 1, which is getting one hour or more of physical activity. It could be something as simple as walking. If you can build physical activity into your work commute or daily errands, that's great. Maybe you wake up early and run. Maybe you swim at lunch time. Maybe you take yoga in the evenings. You can mix and match in whatever way works for you, but make sure you get that hour of active time before you watch that show you recorded or before you clear the next level of the latest video game.

Finally, the 0 is for zero sugary drinks. Sugar water—this includes a lot products that call themselves juice drinks—is responsible for a lot of the empty calories we put into our bodies. The average American consumes 130 pounds of sugar per year. The American Heart Association recommends eating no

more than 9.5 teaspoons of sugar a day. That's less than one can of soda. The average adult ingests 22 teaspoons of sugar per day. The average kid takes in 32 teaspoons of sugar per day. Sugary drinks are the leading culprit in that. The average American drinks 53 gallons of soft drinks per year. Refined sugar is linked to obesity, hypertension, diabetes, acne, depression, fatigue and stiffening of the arteries. It's a good habit to break if you've got it and one to make sure your kids don't start.

You don't need to wait for the Wellness Challenge to do that daily 95210 checklist, though make sure to do the Wellness Challenge too because it's fun. You don't have to be a taskmaster about it or beat yourself up for a 61503 day. It happens. The idea is to build healthier routines into your life so that healthy is your norm. We take the old saying, "if you don't have your health you don't have anything," to heart. We've tried to make Somerville a place where it's easier to live healthy so that you can enjoy all the other things in life that come after you've got your health.

The 2016 Mayor's Wellness Challenge starts April 24th with the annual 5k Walk/Run Road Race. For more information on the race, visit www.somerville-ma.gov. For more details on the Challenge, watch for updates later this spring on www.facebook.com/shapeupsomerville.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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An open letter to the Somerville Police Department

To: The Somerville Police Department
Chief David Fallon
Deputy Chief Paul R. Trant
Officer Sean Sylvester

On February 29, my wife of 52 years lost her battle. For the past 15 years she fought and beat numerous illnesses. On that day she had nothing left to fight with.

She was home with her children and me, comfortable and at peace. She just seemed to slip away surrounded by her family. No more pain, no more trips to MGH. That day we all lost someone so giving, so caring, so welcoming and a person who worried about everybody and how she could help them.

On March 5 at 10:00 a.m., a Mass was held to praise and say goodbye to Gail (mother, wife and best friend). Father Tom Stegman

from Western Jesuit School did a wonderful Mass explaining Gail's life and what it meant to all the people she came in contact with throughout her life.

I was still on medical watch and rode in an ambulance. The ride to Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Peabody was lead by the hearse, followed by the limo and my ambulance. Then there were a long line of personal cars.

As we were leaving the church I noticed police cars, motorcy-

cles and unmarked cars with lights flashing, leading the way for us.

Tears of joy, pain, and heartache rolled down my face. To see the respect that was given to my wife in her journey to her resting place.

The Somerville Police lead the way, clearing the path for us. There were not one or two cars; it seemed to be a squad protecting us on our journey to Puritan Lawn. On Rte. 93, on Rte. 128

and on Rte. 1, never letting any vehicles hinder our journey.

This was something that I and many others will never forget. What you did showed to everyone how important Gail's life was. Somerville Police showed their class for all to see "Beyond The Call of Duty."

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Gail's husband,
Philip H. Chisholm

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COMMENTARY

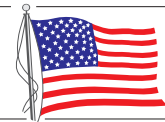
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So, it snowed a little on the first day of spring – this is an emergency?

Our View Of The Times



Erring on the side of caution is all fine and good, but it can be taken a bit too far from time to time.

Case in point: the curious matter of calling “snow emergencies” whenever the slightest hint of a flurry makes the evening news weather forecast.

Schools are closed and parking restrictions are put into effect. Unnecessarily so,

as many would argue.

To be fair, this better safe than sorry approach may serve us well on occasion – if rare those occasions may be. Still, when it comes to the safety of our kids, there are few who wouldn’t make reasonable sacrifices to ensure their security and wellbeing. It’s just terribly frustrating when the dire “emergencies” are de-

clared and little more comes of it than a wisp of powdery topping.

It’s as difficult a situation for our civic leaders as it is for us, in many ways. They have to take the heat whenever nature threatens a disaster that doesn’t actually materialize. Everybody ends up with egg on their faces, when you stop to think about it.

Predicting the weather is just about as voodoo-like now as it has ever been. An imperfect science at best, a fool’s chore at its worst.

The revenues generated from parking fines and the profits seen by towing companies are just about the only positives realized in all this. Hardly fair for the majority of us, though. That’s the worst part.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

This week President Obama visited Cuba and opened up relations even more so. What an event. It reminds us of President Nixon when he went to China back in the 70’s. We hope the people of Cuba are free to travel and enjoy more freedoms in the near future. Some of us remember when many Cubans settled down in Somerville back in the late 50’s and early 60’s. Great people.

There’s a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com.

 For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We’ve been told that the course has seen a major

increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it’s a great course and quite thorough.

The East Somerville Reunion is being planned for this coming June 25 at the Somerville City Club, across from Holiday Inn. They have a Facebook page set up to take reservations: East Somerville Reunion 2016. The first reunion was very successful, with well over a 100 people attending, and lots of old friendships were restarted. If you grew up in East Somerville in the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s you should set aside the date and make your plans to attend. You won’t be disappointed. The reunion people are looking for financial support, so go to their Facebook page and help if you can. This is an exciting event, sort of like a High School reunion, but different age groups are coming together with one purpose: to celebrate their youth growing up in East Somerville. Many thanks to the committee for doing this, the second reunion.

 The Somerville Democratic Ward and City committee will be meeting at the Cafeteria at Somerville High School

on Sunday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m. for our 2016 Caucus to Elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention, and for our reorganizational meeting of our seven Ward Committees. All Democrats are invited to attend and run as delegates. All recently elected members of the Ward Committee are invited to participate and vote in the reorganization. All interested parties may attend.

The Highland Masonic Building Association is once again hosting their annual “Giggles Comedy Nite” on Wednesday, April 20 at the Prince of Pizza on Rte. 1 in Saugus. The public is welcome. A private room with some of Boston’s finest comedians, great pizza and – best of all – a silent auction is being held afterwards. Everyone wins. Contact Donald Norton at 617-623-6600 x 11 for information. Tickets at the door or reserved are a \$25 donation to the HMTA insurance fund (not a tax deduction).

 It seems that Senator Pat Jehlen has one opponent so far this election year. He is presently a city councilor from Cambridge, Leland Cheung (he ran for Lt. Governor last state election). We hear another person, this time from

Medford, might be considering a run as well. Sen. Patricia Jehlen has over these many years been an elected official on the Somerville School Board, then a State Representative and now Senator since early 1970’s. We wonder if the leftist progressives are scurrying around to make sure that the line of succession is not in danger. After all, Councilor Cheung was a very popular vote getter over there in Cambridge last election. We hear he might have at one time been a Republican, but converted once he moved to progressive Cambridge. We think it’s going to be hard to beat Sen. Jehlen in Somerville, never mind in Medford.

The Police vs. Firefighters Benefit Hockey Game takes place on Saturday, March 26. Enjoy a great game of hockey between the Somerville Police and Somerville Firefighters at the Somerville Veterans Memorial Rink, and help raise funds for Somerville Youth Hockey.

 The 3rd annual Christ The King Somerville Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt takes place this Saturday, March 26, 11:00 a.m. at Nathan Tufts Park, Powder House Square.

Cirque Us!

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students at the *New England Center for Circus Arts*, *École Nationale de Cirque* and *École de Cirque de Quebec* all make up the troupe that will be returning to nearby Arlington, MA this July 29 and 30. The show will feature “junkyard adventures, trash turned into treasure, and will reinvent and refurbish a circus extravaganza.”

For more information about their upcoming tour and Arlington tickets, visit <http://www.thecirqueus.com/>.



Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos

Photos by Mariya Manzhos

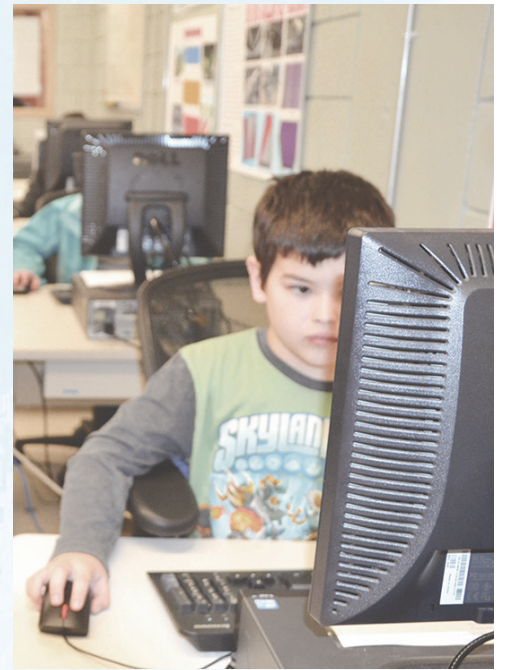


SHS CTE Fair

The 2016 Career & Technical Education (CTE) Vocational Fair took place at the Somerville High atrium on Saturday, March 19.

Guests were invited to stop by the Career & Technical Education center at SHS to learn more about the CTE programs available to all Somerville High School students.

This has become one of the most anticipated events of the year. Guests had an opportunity to learn directly from students and teachers about each program, and also have a chance to participate in some hands-on activities at each program.



Go to www.the-somerville-times.com for more photos

Photos by Claudia Ferro



SPORTS

Third Annual Full Hearts 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament



6th–8th grade students were encouraged to form teams of three and come play basketball with other students in the district at the ESCS Gymnasium on Friday, March 18. There were many games and surprises at this night of fun and basketball. — Photos by Claudia Ferro

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What is the world's deepest ocean? | sions from cars are acidic? |
| 2. What are the three main greenhouse gases? | 8. What is the maximum height allowed for a fence in equestrian horse jumping competitions? |
| 3. Barnaby Jones's usual tippie was what beverage? | 9. What infamous person once said "Public service is my motto"? |
| 4. Which part of the brain controls the heart rate? | 10. What is the name of Kate Winslet's character in <i>Titanic</i> ? |
| 5. Which actor and musician is lead vocalist of rock band Tenacious D? | 11. Who came up with the saying "Read my lips - no new taxes"? |
| 6. In what 60s kids show is "The Hood" the super villain? | 12. What is the pigment that colors skin? |
| 7. Which of the emis- | |

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Showcase your wellness business at the Mayor's Kick-Off event

Calling all wellness-related businesses to participate! Mayor Curtatone invites you to participate in The Seventh Annual Mayor's Wellness Challenge.

The Mayor's Wellness Challenge is designed to encourage community members of all ages to try out new wellness behaviors. One of their goals during the Challenge is to connect Somerville residents to local activities and businesses that support wellness.

This year they are focusing on behaviors that incorporate their 9-5-2-1-0 messaging: 9 hours of sleep (8-10 for children, 7-9 for adults), 5 servings of fruits and vegetables, 2 hours or less of recreational screen time, 1 hour of physical activity, 0 sugary drinks and tobacco products.

The Mayor's Wellness Challenge is a great opportunity to showcase how your business promotes wellness. They're engaging more residents, students and families to participate and anticipate a large audience for your business.

How your Business or Organization can participate:

Participate in the Kick-Off event on Sunday, April 24th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Somerville High School Field House by:

- Hosting an interactive or informational table
- Leading a 15-minute demonstration (you can do both!)

Showcase your business during the challenge by:

Appearing on the Mayor's Wellness Bucks by offering a discounted class or item at your business. Participants can redeem your offer using the Wellness Bucks.

- Hosting a discounted event at your business. Pick a day that works for you!
- Donating a prize for the challenge winners

In addition to the above, as space allows, the city would like to inform residents of your business's wellness offerings during the Challenge on their social media sites. Please provide them with some details about your business and how it supports wellness. For additional exposure, we are offering the opportunity for businesses to highlight their expertise and contribute a wellness-related informational post on their website.

If you would like to participate in this event or for more information about the Wellness Challenge please feel free to contact Lisa Robinson, Shape Up Somerville Director at lrobinson@somervillema.gov, 617-625-6600 x4312

SHAPE UP, SOMERVILLE!



Funded by a U.S. Department of Education Carol M. White Physical Education Program grant

SHS student wins Science Fair



Tufts University President Anthony P. Monaco stands with Charlotte Kafka-Gibbons, the highest-scoring Somerville High School student at the Region IV Science Fair, in front of her winning project. Monaco presented Kafka-Gibbons with a \$250 award from Tufts University for her work on bacterial growth in pickles. — Photo courtesy of Scott Tingley/Tufts University

'Opa!' at City Hall



A special gathering took place at City Hall last Saturday celebrating Greek Independence Day and honoring George Dilbo, the first Greek American to receive a Medal of Honor during WWI.

The Leonard Carmichael Society (LCS) is Tufts' largest student-run organization and umbrella organization for all community service groups on this campus. Each spring LCS runs a fundraiser to benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition. This year in addition to their usual Red Sox Game fundraiser on April 16, LCS is putting on a Food Truck Week, where 10% of the proceeds from the food trucks will benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

Every day during the week of March 28-April 1, there will be a different food truck parked outside the upper campus center on Professors Row from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The student leaders of LCS have worked very hard to bring the best food trucks to campus and would love to see support from community members. Please consider running this notice in your paper to support the Somerville Homeless Coalition and LCS's mission to champion local non-profits.

City approves requests for Fire Dept. funding

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resources in place to help with nutrition and dieting, which has helped over the last couple years. Alderman Heuston made suggestion to help with missed shifts, especially on trends like the summer vacations. Currently there is no staff to fill in for the day to day absences. President White recommended adding staff to help fill in as floaters.

In addition to these measures, the mayor requested that a transfer in the amount of \$119,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Fire Department Overtime Account be made to mitigate a projected budget overrun in the Fire Department Overtime Account.

All three requests were approved by the Board.

5th Hyperlocal News & Media Meetup

Somerville Community Access Television is happy to host the 5th Hyperlocal News & Media Meetup on Thursday, April 14th at 7pm. This quarterly meetup will be followed by a tour of SCATV. Our featured guests are the founders of Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism – find out more about who BINJ is and how you can get involved in their local news efforts!

Hyperlocal News & Media Meetup

Knowledge exchange, networking & community building



organized by SCATV | SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION CHANNEL 3

In addition to the special talk from BINJ, you will meet people doing work in the hyperlocal journalism field and learn more about what is happening in and around the greater Boston area in terms of community journalism and alternative media. We will explore best practices in the local news/media, collaborations/partnership ideas, marketing tips and have a chance to build a stronger community media field! Please come to also show support for the hyperlocal news efforts.

The agenda for the night:

1. Hear from our guests from BINJ
2. Show examples of work people are doing – people should come with questions if they are seeking any feedback re: production, story quality, etc
3. Go around and share biggest hurdles and biggest successes from doing a local news or TV show
4. Get a tour of SCATV
5. Mingle!

Additional questions please contact Erica Jones at ejones@scatvsomerville.org

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, April 6, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

290 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-01-E1-0316) Applicant & Owner, 290 Highland Ave LLC, seek a time extension (SZO \$5.3.10) for Special Permit ZBA 2015-01 to alter a nonconforming structure, a Special Permit with Site Review to establish 7 units and Variances for dimensional requirements such as lot area per dwelling unit, building story height, and setbacks. A Variance is required for parking relief. RC Zone. Ward 5.

18-20 Kent Ct: (Case #ZBA 2015-110) Applicant and Owner, Krypton, LLC with Keith Glover, Manager, seeks a Special Permit per SZO \$9.13 for relief for 3 parking spaces. RC Zone. Ward 2.

12 Columbus Ave: (Case #ZBA 2016-08) Applicants and Owners, Randall & Iris Creel seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by enclosing an existing porch that is within the front, right, and left side yard setbacks. RA zone. Ward 3.

49 Chetywnd Rd: (Case #ZBA 2016-09) Applicant and Owner, Timothy Colman seeks a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to alter an existing, non-conforming structure by finishing the basement, replacing windows and installing a spiral stairway off the existing second floor back porch. RA Zone. Ward 7.

18 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2016-12) Applicant and Owner, 18 Highland Avenue, LLC, seeks a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to substantially alter an existing, non-conforming 3-unit structure to create a 4-unit residence at 18 Highland Avenue. Applicant also seeks a Special Permit per SZO \$9.13 for relief for one parking space. RC Zone. Ward 3.

31 Hancock St: (Case #ZBA 2016-22) Applicant Charles Zammuto, and Owner CZWROX LLC, seek a special permit to modify a nonconforming three family structure by adding rear decks. RB Zone, Ward 2.

80-82 Yorktown St: (Case #ZBA 2016-23) Applicant & Owner 80 Yorktown LLC seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming two family house to add a dormer and living space in the basement. RB zone. Ward 7.

98 Central St: (Case #ZBA 2016-24) Applicants and Owners Aaron Drasner and Alison Pruchansky, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding a dormer. RA Zone, Ward 2.

120 Central St: (Case #ZBA 2016-28) Applicant, John Murphy, and Owner, 120 Central Street, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by changing the existing hip roof at the rear of the property to a Mansard, add a bedroom and bath to one of the units and add rear decks to the second and third floor. RA zone. Ward 5.

10 Aberdeen Rd: (Case #ZBA 2016-29) Applicant, Daniel Chong, & owners, Daniel Chong & Jessica Bodner seek a Special Permit to alter the 3-family dwelling to add living space in the basement of the nonconforming dwelling. RB zone. Ward 5.

69 Concord Ave: (Case #ZBA 2016-27) Applicant and Owner Rebecca Kusko seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming three family structure by adding a roof deck. RB Zone, Ward 2.

25 Albion St: (Case #ZBA 2016-30) Applicant and Owner, Maria Jose DaCosta, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming three family structure by adding rear decks. RA Zone, Ward 5.

23 Cleveland St: (Case #ZBA 2016-34) Applicant and Owner, 23 Cleveland Street, LLC, seeks a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to substantially alter an existing, non-conforming single-family structure to construct a two-family residence. Applicant also seeks a Special Permit per SZO \$9.13 for relief for 2 parking spaces. RB Zone. Ward 6.

Copies of these applications are available for review 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; and at www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals 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 dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, April 7, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

654 Mystic Ave: (Case #PB 2016-05) Applicants Anthony Fava and Ryan Hunt and Owner Fieldcom Realty Trust, seek A Special Permit for a Subdivision to divide the .22-acre property into 3 lots of approximately 3,200sf each. BB zone. Ward 4.

Copies of these applications and amendments are available for review 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; and at www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board 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: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 16P1038

Estate of: Edward S. Reed
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Also Known As: _____

Date of Death: September 18, 2014

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Elaine McPhail of Orlando FL
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

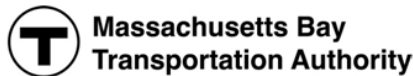
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[x] Elaine McPhail of Orlando FL
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

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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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Charlestown Bus Facility – Shoreline Stabilization and Yard Improvements Project

LOCATION: 80 Alford Street, Boston, MA 02116

PROponent: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before March 15, 2016.

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-62I). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

Epsilon Associates, Inc.
3 Clock Tower Place, Suite 250
Maynard, MA 01754
(978) 897-7100

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Boston and Somerville where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB #16-74

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

Medford Street at Pearl Street Sewer Replacement

The City of Somerville is seeking a qualified vendor remove and replace approximately 80 linear feet of brick gravity sewer and two brick manholes.

Bid packages for may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Wednesday March 23rd, 2016**. Sealed bids must be submitted no later than **11:00 A.M. Wednesday April 20th 2016**.

Please contact Michael Richards, Procurement Analyst, 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and to register for the bid package.

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1. The Pacific	6. Thunderbirds
2. Carbon dioxide, methane, chlorofluorocarbons	7. Nitrogen oxides
3. Milk	8. 5.6 feet
4. Medulla oblongata	9. Al Capone
5. Jack Black	10. Rose
	11. George Bush
	12. Melanin

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.

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

*Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors – Starting April 1 – The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to request an application. This program is on a first come / first serve basis. This is a Federally funded grant and services will be provided until the grant is exhausted.

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 on food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. 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.

Bereavement Support Group – Monday, February 1st and running for 12 weeks from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at our Holland Street Center. Have you recently experienced the loss of a loved one and are in need of support? Contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional info or to register.

Berklee College of Music Series – 2 dates – This is a free event. Outings to see the country's next big vocal, instrumental and theatre stars! Pre-registration is required. Very limited seating. Please call 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 P.M.: Eighth Annual Guitar Night: R&B / Funk Showcase; Monday, March 21 at 7:30 P.M.: Maggie Scott: Vocal Jazz Series

New Berklee College of Music & Tufts University - See the country's next big vocal, instrumental and theatre Stars! These are free events. Pre-registration is required. Very limited seating. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register for the following events: Monday, April 4th at 2:00 P.M. – Anglo Celtic Vocal Ensemble: The Flowers of the Forest at The Berklee College of Music. Wednesday, April 13th at 8:00 P.M. – Songs & Dances of Eternal Beauty featuring the works of Mozart, Ravel, Andre Previn and Bach at the Granoff Music Center at Tufts University. Wednesday, April 20th at 8:00 P.M. – Tufts Chamber Music – Students present works for strings, winds, brass and piano at the Granoff Music Center at Tufts University. Thursday, April 28th at 8:00 P.M. – Tufts Opera Ensemble – a two one-act operas on the follies of young and old love: Haydn's La Canterina and Menotti's The Old Maid and the Thief at Granoff Music Center at Tufts University. Monday, May 2nd at 1:00 P.M. – Italian Classical Art Songs & Arias: Students from Berklee "Introduction to Italian Diction and Art

Songs" will present a selection of songs and arias at the Berklee College of Music. Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 P.M. – Vocal Jazz Festival: Concerts of vocal jazz ensembles under the direction of Ned Rosenblatt, associate professor in Berklee's Voice Department at The Berklee College of Music.

Senior Health Insurance 101 – Will meet the last Monday of each month until June 27th – 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – Are you covered? Are you looking for affordable insurance? Come and learn about Medicare, Medicaid and much more. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for additional info.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted.

The day trip to Twin Rivers scheduled for Tuesday, March 29th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Foxwoods scheduled for Monday, April 11th is SOLD OUT.

The Older American's Month Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Thursday, May 5th is SOLD OUT.

The Pine Grove Dude Ranch trip scheduled for May 15th through May 20th is BOOKED SOLID. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to have your name put on the waiting list. This trip, costing \$449 pp/dbl and \$499 pp/single includes round trip motor coach transportation, 5 nights deluxe accommodations, 3 great meals each day and a wide variety of entertainment and programs.

The Lowell Spinners outing scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th is SOLD OUT.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. We are looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and 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. 2300

STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

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Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

Mondays:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H)
8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)
12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)
1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)
10:30 Fit-4-Life Cross Street* (C)
1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics - \$2.00 (H)
6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A (H)
9:00 Fit 4 Life* Group B (H)
12:00 Fit 4 Life* Group C (H)
5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H)
9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ)
10:30 Fit 4 Life (C)
6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life*

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A
9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration**If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

Upcoming Schedule

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

Wednesday|March 23

10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
1:00 Forget Me Knot Group (H)
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Thursday|March 24

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 Knitting for Babies (RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:30 Food Bag Program (RJ)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Reminiscing Group (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday|March 25

No Regular Programming
Office will be open

Monday|March 28

10:00 Senior Health Insurance 101 (H)
10:00 Activities & Movie (RJ)
10:30 Moonlighters (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ)
1:00 Bereavement Group (H)

Tuesday|March 29

9:00 Living Frugally (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Housing 101 (H)
11:30 Lunch (C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)
Twin Rivers

Wednesday|March 30

10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
1:00 Forget Me Knot Group (H)
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads
Dinner & Bingo – Mt. Vernon

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|March 23

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

Central Library
Teen Empowerment
3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Thursday|March 24

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Puppet Workshop with Faye Dupras
4 p.m.- 5 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Friday|March 25

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

Sunday|March 27

Central Library
Art Cards with Rob Logan
2 p.m.-4 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Monday|March 28

Central Library
Sing Along with Matt Heaton
11 a.m.- 12 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Central Library
SHS teen group
2:45 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|March 29

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | 40 College Ave

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 12-14
Tammy McKanan-617-591-0216
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Somerville High School Anime Club
2:45p.m.-4:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Wednesday |March 30

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

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|March 23

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

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Backroom Series Irish Dance Celebration & DVD Release with Michael Tubridy & James Keane, the Vox Hunters, & Kieran Jordan Dance | 7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night With Steve Macone | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Something Civil
Violet Kairos
Think of England
DB Rouse
Perfect Mark
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
The A-Beez – Funk & Soul
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

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia
8:30 p.m. | 256 Elm Street | (617) 623-9910

Davis Square Theatre
Warm-Up Wednesdays
8 p.m. | 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
OctoPladd
7:30 p.m. | Café | 191 Highland Ave

Thursday | March 24

Sally O'Brien's
Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays | 7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Lunchtime Concert Series | 1-2pm
Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Rednecks | 9:30 pm
Back Room:
Noah Maltzberger Trio | 7 p.m.
Scattershot! | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

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The Galactic Perimeter
The Rizzos
At Least We Tried
345 Somerville Ave

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Live DJ Music
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's
Dub Down Reggae
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

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

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night
8 p.m. | 55 Davis Square

Thunder Road
Bob Woodruff (Folk / Rock) | 6 p.m.
The Furniture (Indie Rock) | 9 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory

The Loop
7 p.m. | Café | 191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Strange Behavior
8:30 p.m. | 255 Elm St

Friday | March 25

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band | 6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents Sidestep Complex presents ElectroAwesomeSauce \$10
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series | The Social No11 | 7:30 p.m.
Ripcord | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Captain Martini & The Keystoners
The Syphlroids
Replacement Friends
GASH
Disipline
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m. | 65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

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

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TBA
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

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

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Live music
9 p.m. | 608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Shit-faced Shakespeare | 7 p.m.

255 Elm Street
Arts at the Armory
A-Wa Concert
8 p.m. | Performance Hall | 191 Highland Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Sidewalk Driver | 11:30-12:30
Jenny Dee & The Deelinquents | 10:45-11:15
Muck and the Mires | 10:00-10:30
Petty Morals | 9:15-9:45
156 Highland Ave

Saturday | March 26

Sally O'Brien's
Patsy Hamel Band | 6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents True Monks, Buxton Cliff, Princess Problems \$10 cover | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room:
Bluegrass Session | 2 p.m.
The BagBoys | 5 p.m.
Irish Session | 9:30 p.m.
Back Room
The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast
8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Backroom Series - Evan Goodrow Band | 7 p.m.
Red Square | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

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Pun
Operation Mayhem
Beautiful Tuesday
Approaching Troy
Goodbye to Dave Cupps Show
345 Somerville Ave

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65 Holland St

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TBA
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DJ El Sid!
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Samba Bar & Grille
Live Band & DJ
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173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road
Love Canon – A Bluegrass Celebration Of The 80's!|6 p.m.
Lazer Lloyd (Blues Rock)|9 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory
Floyds Row
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Old School Game Show
8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
SOLD OUT-Framtid (Osaka Japan Damaging Ear Massacre)
Aspects of War
Green Beret
Savageheads
Sadist
Sunshine Ward
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Sunday| March 27

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Jan Marie & The Mean Reds|6 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m.
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.
Back Room
The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast
8am - 2:30pm
Another Fiddler of Inishbofin|5 p.m.
Burren Acoustic Music Series|8 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

Samba Bar & Grille
Live Band & DJ
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Monday|March 28

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Bur-Run
Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Americana Mondays
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump! Team Trivia
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Residency
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Tuesday|March 29

Sally O'Brien's Bar
TBA
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge
Open Mic Night
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub
The Ghetto People Band
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Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night
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Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Heavy Metal and Pizza in the Lounge|8 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
We Need to Talk
7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Wednesday|March 30

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

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm

Back Room
Backroom Series The Charlie Lennon Trio|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night With Steve Maccone|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Pub Trivia
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Davis Square Theatre
We Need to Talk
7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|March 23

Central Library
Drop In Coloring for Adults
6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|March 24

West Branch Library
Memoir Writing Workshop with Judah Leblang
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|40 College Ave

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!

(Session 1) 6 p.m.- 7 p.m.
(Session 2) 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
40 College Avenue

First Church Somerville
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Saturday|March 26

Central Library
Family Yoga with Erin Carte
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Winter Farmers' Market
9:30 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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|March 27

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

Monday|March 28

East Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
(Session 2)7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
115 Broadway

Tuesday|March 29

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

Wednesday|March 30

Central Library
Mystery Book Group
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

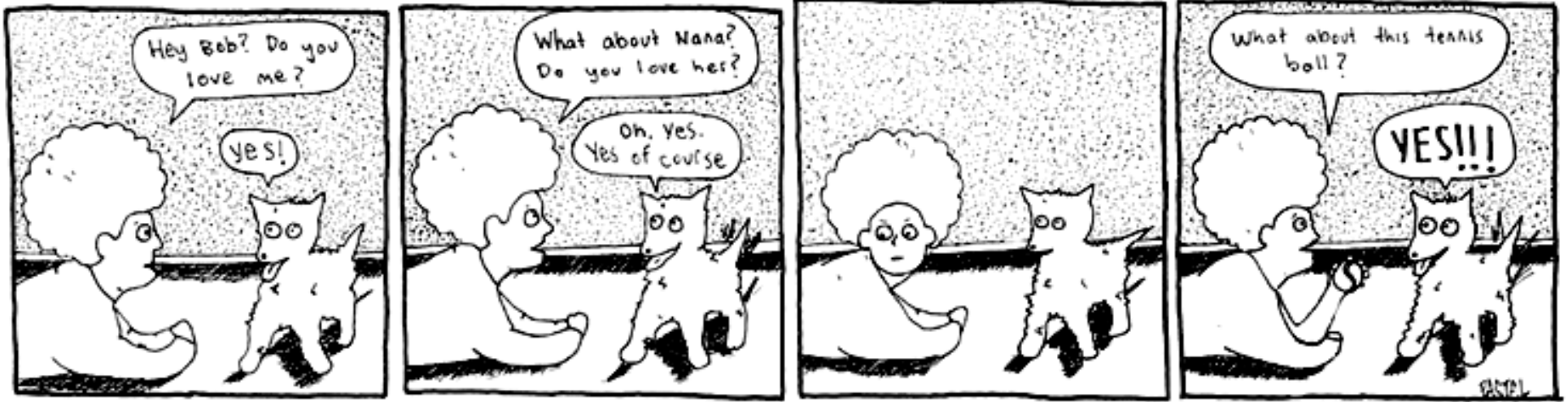


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6:00am	Life Matters	6:00am	JuPrey Promotions	6:00am	Fakkahar Speaks	6:00am	Life matters	6:00am	Faith Show	6:00am	Health is Wealth	6:00am	Art at SCAT
6:30am	Exercise with Robyn	7:00am	The Struggle	6:30pm	Life Matters	6:30am	Eat well be Happy	6:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	6:30am	Fallon's Daily Toast	6:30am	Esoteric Science
7:00am	Poet to Poet	7:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	7:00am	Poet to Poet / Writer to Writer	7:00am	Sci-Fi Journal	6:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	6:30am	The Struggle	6:30pm	JuPrey Promotions
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30am	Hollywood Makeover Show	7:30am	Physicians Focus	7:00pm	Nossa Gente's e Costumes	6:30am	Let's talk Real Estate!	6:30pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:30am	The Folklorist	7:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	6:30pm	Let's talk Real Estate!	7:00am	Chefs table Series
9:00am	Legacies	9:00am	Esoteric Science	8:00pm	Cinema Somerville Presents	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Show Song	7:30am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30pm	Legacies	7:30am	Hollywood makeover show
9:30am	A Taste of Theater	9:30am	Somerville Pundits	9:00am	Start Up TV	9:30am	Start Up TV	7:30am	Fakkahar Speaks	6:30pm	Dead Air Live	7:30pm	Exercise with Robyn
10:00am	Color in Your Life	10:00am	Dead Air Live	9:30am	Tele Galaxie	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	7:30am	International Church of God	6:30pm	Abugida TV	7:30pm	MAPS
10:30am	Rare Groove Revolution	11:00am	Hollywood Makeover Show	10:00am	Haitian Poetry	10:00am	Taste of the theater	7:30am	International Church of God	6:30pm	Blokesworld	7:30pm	Free Speech Television
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12:00pm	Chef's Table Series							8:30am	Let's talk Real Estate!	7:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	1:00pm	Infinite Momentum
12:30pm	Free Speech TV							8:30pm	Taking back your health	7:00pm	Color in your life	1:00pm	The Literati Scene
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2:00pm	Health is Wealth							9:00am	Creative Somerville Series	7:00pm	Exercise with Robyn	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn
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3:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board							9:00am	Dead Air Live	7:00pm	Taking back your health	3:00pm	Free Speech Television
4:00pm	Free Speech Television							9:00am	Abugida TV	7:00pm	Cooking with Georgia and Dez	3:00pm	MAPS
5:00pm	SCATV Sessions: Tongue in Cheek							9:00am	African Television Network	7:00pm	The Somerville Line	3:00pm	MAPS
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10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage									9:00am	Start Up TV	3:30pm	MAPS
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8:00am	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program #8	12:32am	Union Square Civic Meeting 2/16/16	12:00am	Union Square Civic Meeting 2/16/16	12:00am	Union Square Civic Meeting 2/16/16	12:00am	Union Square Civic Meeting 2/16/16
9:00am	Know Your Rights	3:05am	SomerViva em Português	2:33am	SomerViva em Português	12:33am	SomerViva em Português	2:33am	SomerViva em Português
3:00pm	SomerViva en Español	3:37am	Inside Market Basket	3:04am	Voices of Somerville	3:04am	Voices of Somerville	3:04am	Voices of Somerville
6:30pm	Know Your Rights	8:00am	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program #8	9:00am	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis	9:00am	SomerViva em Português	9:00am	SomerViva em Português
7:40pm	City Hall Mural	9:30am	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis	9:31am	City Hall Mural	9:31am	City Hall Mural	9:31am	City Hall Mural
7:48pm	A Poetry Reading at the Cross St. Center	12:00pm	Senior Circuit 3-17-16 "Fire Safety"	12:00pm	Connecting Communities	12:00pm	Connecting Communities	12:00pm	Connecting Communities
8:14pm	Mayor Joseph Curtatone's Press Conference	12:30pm	A Poetry Reading at the Cross St. Center	12:30pm	Union Sq. Benefits Strategy Session #3	12:30pm	Union Sq. Benefits Strategy Session #3	12:30pm	Union Sq. Benefits Strategy Session #3
8:37pm	SomerViva en Español	1:00pm	Mass DOT Public GLX Meeting - 3.2.16	3:42pm	City Hall Mural	3:42pm	City Hall Mural	3:42pm	City Hall Mural
9:04pm	Connecting Communities	3:00pm	Voices of Somerville	3:50pm	Raising Families	3:50pm	Raising Families	3:50pm	Raising Families
9:32pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	3:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis	6:00pm	Mass DOT Public GLX Meeting - 3.2.16	6:00pm	Mass DOT Public GLX Meeting - 3.2.16	6:00pm	Mass DOT Public GLX Meeting - 3.2.16
		4:15pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	8:00pm	Connecting Communities	8:00pm	Connecting Communities	8:00pm	Connecting Communities
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				9:00pm	Multicultural Union Sq Meeting - Espanol	9:00pm	Multicultural Union Sq Meeting - Espanol	9:00pm	Multicultural Union Sq Meeting - Espanol
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Educational TV 15 Schedule

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9:00am	SHS Building Committee Mtg 3/14	12:00am	Somerville Youth-Police Basketball Game	12:00am	SHS Boys Basketball v S. Boston	12:00am	Somerville Youth-Police Basketball Game
10:00am	Our Schools, Our City	1:00am	Argenziano School Malian Drum Concert	2:00am	Argenziano School Malian Drum Concert	2:00am	Somerville Youth-Police Basketball Game
11:00am	2016 Girls' Middle School Soccer Finals	9:00am	SHS Boys' Basketball Playoff vs Andover	2:30am	Public Domain Theater	3:00pm	SomerViva em Português
12:00pm	2016 Boys' Middle School Soccer Finals	11:00am	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester	9:00am	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS	4:30pm	Our Schools, Our City
1:00pm	SHS Building Committee Mtg 3/14	1:00pm	SHS Hockey v Cambridge	9:30am	Student of the Qtr. - Brown School	5:00pm	2016 Girls' Middle School Soccer Finals
2:00pm	Argenziano School Malian Drum Concert	2:30pm	SHS Building Committee Tour	10:00am	Student of the Qtr. - Healey School	6:00pm	2016 Boys' Middle School Soccer Finals
3:00pm	Summer Camps and Activities Fair	3:00pm	Our Schools, Our City	11:00am	Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School	7:30pm	SHS Building Committee Mtg 3/14
4:00pm	SHS Building Committee Mtg 3/14	4:00pm	SHS Building Committee Mtg 3/14	12:00pm	Argenziano School Malian Drum Concert	8:00pm	SHS Building Committee Mtg 3/14
5:00pm	2016 Girls' Middle School Soccer Finals	4:30pm	SHS Building Committee Tour	1:00pm	2016 Girls' Middle School Soccer Finals	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City
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						2:00am	Somerville Youth-Police Basketball Game



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Ibbetson Street #38

Ibbetson Street literary magazine has been based in Somerville, Mass since 1998. It was founded by Doug Holder, Richard Wilhelm and Dianne Robitaille—all Somerville residents. The name comes from 33 Ibbetson Street in Somerville where the magazine was birthed. Since then the magazine has moved to School St. in Union Square. This is a review of our latest issue:

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Reviewed by David P. Miller

The November 2015 issue of *Ibbetson Street* offers poetry and prose featuring a wide variety of styles, approaches, subject matters, and moods. (Disclaimer: two of my own poems have appeared in past issues, but nothing of mine appears here.) It would require a most lengthy, and patience-testing, review to cover everything. In addition to those discussed here, notable contributions include poems by Marge Piercy and Ted Kooser, an elegy for Hugh Fox by Eric Grenke and Glenna Luschei, and a review by Lawrence Kessenich of Charlotte Gordon's study, *Romantic Outlaws: The Extraordinary Lives of Mary Wollstonecraft and Her Daughter Mary Shelley*. We are also fortunate to have *Douceur*, a poem by Haitian poet Ida Faubert, with a translation by Boston Poet Laureate Danielle Legros Georges. This is part of an ongoing project (see <http://www.friendsofsouthendlibrary.org/2013/09/danielle-legros-georges-reading-of-her-recent-work-ranged-far-and-wide-including-translations-from-the-french-of-haitian-poet-ida-faubert/>).

I was interested in *Aglets* by Gary Metras even before I knew what aglets were. It turns out that an aglet is altogether commonplace: it's the "small plastic or metal sheath typically used on each end of a shoelace, cord, or drawstring," according to some website or other. So most everyone I know handles them every day. Metras begins with two references to aglets, which spark a series of free associations: from a quoted "inelegant" pun, to a trout's leap scattering water droplets in the sun, to jewels atop a pool table, somehow landing us with a turtle in a tree.

Tomas O'Leary's *Dining Out With Our Zombie* is a hilarious kind-of-shaggy-dog story. It's premised on a highly open-minded family who not only takes a zombie into their home, but even takes him out to eat in a very liberal-minded neighborhood indeed: "But with ribs and pasta smothered in sauce / and a cheering family circled around, our zombie / assumes a transcendent grace, which gives / added charm to the famously tolerant eatery." Of course, this is also a ploy in the service of training their house guest away from human brains: "down to cauliflower, which had the right look." And by the end (the shaggy dog moment), this might only be a way of marking time: "We know the climate's changing as he eats. / Why skimp on raw gestures, bereft of good will, / while the world grows warm enough to toast us all?"

The Teacher's Prayer by Afaa Michael Weaver is, for me, one of the standout selections in this *Ibbetson Street* issue. Weaver, who teaches at Simmons College, testifies movingly to the depth of responsibility and self-questioning felt by anyone who takes seriously the complexity and ambiguity of the teacher's challenge. Here is the incessant circling of the mind and its sometimes painful leaps to doubt and memory, even in the middle of one instant of intended purpose. One brief selection may suggest the extent of this work:

& they are all so young, and something hurts in all
of where my joints connect, where the memories and dreams
of my life
are connected with locking tubes and cylinders filled with jelly,
and it is another day without a Motrin, because I take pain
over side effects whenever possible, so I begin the questioning,
ask myself how I came to be a man who teaches women how
to make
the world something they can trust will given them what they
need
on their own terms, and I see my mother in her old slippers
and blue house dress, the one my father and I put in the trash

In *Casa de la Luz*, Krikor Der Hohannesian provides a sharply recalled vigil at the death of a family member, after an apparent period of separation. It begins with the abrupt declaration, "Nothing more could be done, so / on a bright desert morning they came," although as things develop the "they" might be hospice personnel, loved ones, or anyone outside the skin of the dying. The speaker feels like a stranger in the environment, musing on the feral cats, marijuana plants, and four vintage Volkswagens. The moment of death is given an image that take the deceased's final breath, suggests his passage outside the body, and ends ambiguously, without punctuation: "Sun-up, three loud breaths, then / silence, a settled hush, a wisp of a breeze / flutters the curtains. You, unfettered, / a fresh memory stripped of its flesh"

The Fukushima, Japan, nuclear disaster may seem geographically remote to most of us on the U.S. East Coast, but it is closer than we're willing to acknowledge, as evidenced by Teisha Dawn Twomey's *They're Not That Unusual*. An unsettled vagueness pervades the poem, beginning with its "Meanwhile, mutant daisies grow" and compounded in "Or so I read that day I had the nightmare for the first time" and later "... or so I read or heard somewhere // about the two-headed daisies or daughter / or was it just a single girl, one only stem // to the flowers I continue to string / individually in my nightmares." An always-almost-present disaster, however much out of sight, will link the reality of mutant daisies and a dream of mutant daughters. The

poem's title might refer to two-headed daisies, but given that there is no "away" from radiation, might it not come in time to refer to two-headed girls?

Kathleen Agueró's *Night Beckons* reads to me like a curiously detailed set of images of inner stasis. Although "Night beckons like an empty staircase / promising to lead where you didn't know / you wanted to go," the speaker doesn't seem to move. She stays with a whole set of blockages, perhaps preferring some kind of collapse: "Maybe you want the house in flames." There is day as well as night, but it seems no better: "Day, the familiar hazard. / Night, the vacant dream."

Charles Coe spins a whole series of meditations from a single sound in a historic jazz recording in *A Woman Laughs*. The title sound was captured in 1961, during a performance by the Bill Evans Trio. It's likely that most listeners either barely notice this laugh, or let it go without thought, but Coe takes it further. He first puts the "jarring, even sacrilegious" sound in its context: "But then again, a jazz club's not a concert hall, / listeners in polite rows, knees together, / waiting to cough in the space between movements." He then imagines many of the possible "worlds within worlds" that might also have been associated with the moment:

In one world,
A man who follows Evans from gig to gig
sits at the bar alone, transfixed,
ice melting in the forgotten drink.

In one world,
The bartender counts his cash
while dreaming of the waitress' embrace.
What would we also learn from our infinite number of daily
moments, if we could reflect on them in this way?

The story of a family finding itself in sudden danger is at the heart of *Lost on the Little Island* by Alexander Levering Kern. A father and two children are threatened with stranding on an island far from the mainland after the son cuts his foot. Kern brings the reader to the heart of the story by structuring it entirely as a set of rhetorical questions, mostly beginning with "If I told you" and concluding with an appeal to the reader to enter the situation, for example:

If I told you that invading species curl their tongues
that chokeberry and poison oak lie in wait
would you walk this path with me?

Although the story is told "as if," as the poem unfolds its actuality becomes clear. We don't know the extent of actual danger the family faced, but we do understand their perception, which is reality enough.

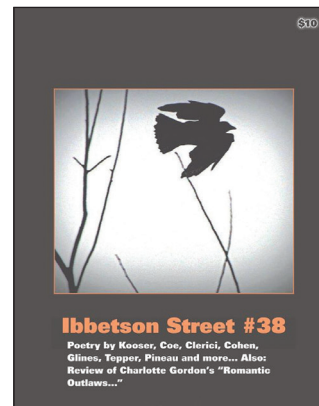
In *I Just Called to Say I Love You*, Lyn Lifshin unfolds a complex series of memories, framed by a single moment in a ballroom dance studio that ricochets back to her mother's final days. The song (by Stevie Wonder) was both played in the studio and a favorite of the mother, linked too to the daughter's phone-home or the lack of one:

waiting for another call
from me, already becoming
a balloon pulling away, getting
smaller and not the girl in college
with curls and still white teeth
getting so many calls and dates
the other women wrote,
wrote, "Frieda, give us a chance,
No one can get to us."

And the memory of the studio moment "in a tall dark stranger's / beautiful arms, will soon become / a half remembered mirage," as has every other association with the same song. (Or with anything.)

The overwhelming barrage of bad movies swallows everything, like a black hole or "the ganged living dead," as Michael Todd Steffen tells us in *Bad Movies*. Even the sensible ones in these productions "cannot escape their roles," and neither apparently can we, as bad movies are warped images of "our tilted lives" or perhaps vice versa. The world of the bad movie invades the holiday weekend and makes it an overstuffed thing: "torpid, overfed, / Indulging the star-studded team of special / Forces, another dirty dozen of them." There's not even relief in "wholly accidental glimpses" of naked actors in these films, as they are of course "bad actors."

Pui Ying Wong's *The Wind Takes Off* speaks of an understanding of the intricate relation between the living and the dead. Or rather, of one living person's conflicted relationship with her dead, "my dead." Is she solicitous enough, she wonders? "I cause them worries. / I know because I worried for them / when they were living." Does she bear enough responsibility for them, even past grief? "Some days go by / and I wonder if I miss them enough." Somehow, she hears her dead "chuckle" and say no: "like the wind they have gone far and do not need my grief." This brief meditation exemplifies the potential for poetry to express much with comparatively little, allowing us unexpected breadth for our own reflections.



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Somerville poet Steve Jordan writes: "I grew up in the Chicagoland area, and received my degree in English education from the University of Illinois, my masters in creative writing from Northwestern University and my second Masters at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. I studied poetry at Harvard University with Joanna Klink. I currently teach high school English in Cambridge, Ma. and was the recipient of a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching."



Alexander

Anesthetic leaking away,
my heavy eyelids
blinking apart
the dark and the pain,
and my father sits next to me
for years
and doesn't leave. His mother
pulled bread
from her coat as they
huddled underground,
wondering which buildings
would be left in the morning.
They leaned over
an endless ocean,
their stomachs always
tugging for more. I used to
carelessly eat through
a pear's sweet flesh,
leaving misshapen cores
on my plate.
But my father
always ate straight into
the unyielding center
where it turns sour and sinewy,
seeds crushed into mash,
and he left only
the stem. Now as we float
in the Galapagos
he tires and drifts,
and the undertow begins to
pull him away.
I reach for his arm,
startle him awake,
and swim him back to the boat.

— Steve Jordan

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