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Clarendon Hill housing proposal builds on community involvement



The proposed housing complexes at Clarendon Hill were presented to the public and discussed at a meeting last Wednesday held at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

By Clara Hudson

On Wednesday evening at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, roughly 60 locals gathered in the cafeteria to discuss the housing proposal at Clarendon Hill. As the fourth workshop in the series, the meeting covered urban design, as well as updates on traffic and transit.

The proposed housing complexes at Clarendon Hill will revamp the area, with four or five residential buildings interspersed with open spaces. The units will be at market rate, as well as affordable for mixed and low incomes.

A Spanish language translator aided the area's residents, so that they could participate in the meeting. Many of the attendees are following the series of meetings in a display of community involvement.

Nancy Ludwig, a Boston architect, presented on the urban design. Two *Continued on page 4*

Surviving New England's seemingly barren winter on local agriculture

By Margaux Maxwell

Local food movements have become increasingly popular across the country in recent years for a variety of environmental, ethical, nutritional and political reasons. Throughout Boston, varieties of fresh vegetables and fruits can be found at farmers markets from the heart of bustling Copley Square to residential Somerville to diverse communities such as Dorchester. But for many in New England, this type of direct action goes out the window when they hit New England's perceived cold and barren winters.

"There's nothing to eat around here in the winter," says Rose Kary, 31, from Medford, as she strolls around Market Basket in Somerville, looking for some pineapples to roast this evening.

But local farmers beg to differ. A hearty, flavorful diet can be maintained on local vegetables, spices and dairy and meat products even in New England's cold winters. *Continued on page 17*



Winter farm stand at the Boston Public Market in Boston, MA.

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Coming up on **Saturday, April 6**, 7:00-9:00 p.m., a fundraiser hosted by the **Welcome Project**, **YUM a taste of Immigrant City**, at the **Armory**, 191 Highland Avenue. **Ben Echevarria** invites everyone to come and try out foods from different countries. Ben and his family have been very involved for many years here in Somerville. He's a good guy and dedicated to many causes here in Somerville.

The Globe reported that the **Green Line Extension** groundbreaking ceremony will take place shortly since the \$1B has been approved to move forward. The **General Manager** of the Green Line Extension will be interviewed by **Joe Lynch** on his local cable access TV show **Greater Somerville**.

The annual **Somerville High Scholarship Foundation fundraiser** is once again upon us, with the chance to win \$10K CASH, plus up to 24 prizes of \$100 each. **Friday, May 12** at the high school's **Highlander Café**. Tickets for the \$10K drawing are \$100 each and only 250 tickets will be sold. A great cause serving the students from Somerville. Over the years the foundation committee has raised over a million dollars and each year many students from Somerville High benefit from the generosity of the foundation and those that support it. Contact **Eugene Brune** or mail a check for \$100 to SHS Raffle c/o **Joseph Favaloro**, P.O. Box 440275 Somerville 02144.

Our sincere condolences to the family of **John Doncaster**, who passed away this past weekend and was waked at **Doherty's**. John was a nice guy who left a large family and many friends. We extend our sincere sympathies to his family.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: **U.S. AG threatens federal funding cutoff for 'sanctuary city' status**

ovr_taxed says:

You either have laws or you don't. If someone is not here legally, they are breaking the law. No one, not even Mayors can or should pick and choose the laws they want to follow. If only the same passion was shown for the homeless or vets, instead of pandering to illegals. Ask the families of Matthew Denice or Kate Steinle if criminal aliens should be released to harm more Americans?

Vanta Black says:

Proud of our city and its leadership. Those with courage enough to stand up to bullies and exploiters deserve to lead us. Not like the current despicable, self-serving bunch of crooks who currently rule in Washington.

Matt says:

over_taxed by your logic city tax collectors should be doing the job of the IRS and going after tax evaders. Right?

Gaspar Fomento says:

The nooses are tightening and the worst will be over soon. Unfortunately a lot of damage has already been done and more is to be expected until all of the corruption is rooted out with the next election cycles.

In the meantime the City needs to hang tough and stand up to the racist traitors beating at the gates. They can and will be driven back. We are better than this.

As the Mayor pointed out in the article, no laws are being broken – contrary to all the misinformation being thrown around – and the City is well within its rights to follow whatever policy it chooses in this matter.

As an aside, I'd say that anyone who declares that they are "over taxed" is likely to be under-taxed in actuality, inasmuch as they are probably a shameless tax evader and haven't kicked in their rightful share at all. There is a bill due.

Response to: **BOA approves bond for new Somerville High School**

Jay says:

Good to see the process moving along. This should be a world class institution when it's done.

Elizabeth Mac says:

This is exciting. We have waited a long time to get something going on this and it finally looks like we are on the move. Good job Mayor and Board.

Response to: **Letter to the Editor – March 30**

Old Taxpayer says:

Since I have worked with elderly for many years even though I do not know John he is 100% correct. The person in charge of cutting this needs to go out and do this. After a week or less they will change their mind. Looking at a piece of paper on a budget and seeing what it is in person is entirely different. As much as I like to see many programs scrapped to save money this is not one of them. John explained it very well and I hope to meet him one day.

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11th Annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference

By Rebecca Danvers

On Saturday, April 8, more than 300 youth and adults are expected at the 11th Annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. Somerville, from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

The conference, Views from the Ville: Fact v. Fiction, will feature original performances by Somerville teens based on their own lives, mental wellness workshops, and a services fair.

Attendees will share their own experiences in interactive breakout sessions facilitated by youth. The conference, presented by the Center for Teen Empowerment, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Somerville Public Schools, and the City of Somerville, will examine teen violence,

substance abuse, the media and “fake news,” tolerance, immigration, and other issues.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone and other elected officials will join the mostly youth audience to listen to teens’ stories and ideas.

Somerville Speaks breakout sessions will follow the stage presentation and seek to destigmatize depression and other mental health issues, as well as teach coping skills. The campaign includes a youth Mental Wellness Ambassador program and youth-led sessions to increase awareness and conversation around mental wellness and health.

Inspiration for the Conference comes from Teen Empowerment Boston’s annual Youth Peace Conference, which began in 1993 as a way to bring together Boston teens to help solve

the epidemic of gang violence occurring at the time. That first conference produced a lasting truce among five rival gangs and set the stage for a dramatic improvement in the lives of thousands of youth.

The Conference is open to the public. Tickets are \$2 in advance, and \$3 and at the door. More than a dozen groups are partnering with Teen Empowerment and the City to make the event a success.

Founded in 1992, The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc. (TE) empowers youth and adults as agents of positive individual, institutional, and social change. Each year, TE youth conduct over 150 initiatives involving some 6,000 youth and adults. For more information, visit www.teenempowerment.org.



Conference Schedule:

12:30 p.m. Doors Open
 12:45 p.m. Conference Stage Show: Using original theater, dance, rap, speeches and spoken word, the entirely youth performed stage show highlights the lives of Somerville youth: their concerns and struggles with family issues,

depression, substance abuse, social media, bullying, violence, and other issues. The show will be introduced by Mayor Joe Curtatone.
 2:30 p.m. Workshops and breakout sessions
 4:00 p.m. Ice Cream Reception, Service Fair
 5:00 p.m. Close

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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High-Stakes Testing Time in Somerville Public Schools

It’s high-stakes testing season again. On April 25, 2016, the Somerville School

Committee unanimously passed a resolution opposing high-stakes testing. Yet, Somerville students are still being tested. Many students will spend at least five (5) days in testing: two (2) days proving their

math abilities and three (3) days being tested on their English Language Arts capabilities (reading, writing, and analysis of fiction and non-fiction).

Many Massachusetts parents and teachers have joined the “Less Testing More Learning” movement which, as you might suspect, favors less testing and more learning. While Massachusetts state law specifies schools are required to give the tests, it does not state that every student must take the tests.

Some Somerville parents have chosen to take matters into their own hands and refuse to have their children participate in this round of MCAS. Here is an anonymized draft of one letter:

<Name of School Principal>
 <School Address>
 <Date>

Dear <Name of School Principal>,
 We are writing to let you know that our children will not take part in any of the

sessions of MCAS 2.0, Math and ELA for the 2016/17 school year: <Name/s of Student/s and Grade Level/s>.

We ask that you make arrangements for these children to have a productive educational experience during the testing period(s). We do not want our children to be logged into the test by themselves or anyone else, nor sat in front of a computer on which the test will be given. We request that they be marked as Not Tested for each and every MCAS test this school year. As per Mitchell Chester’s suggestion, we encourage the test administrator to document the refusals and keep them on record at <Name of School> in case questions arise about the school’s participation rate.

Thank you for all that you and the teachers at <Name of School> do to educate our children. Our decision to opt out is not a negative judgment on anyone at <Name of School>. On the contrary, it is our intention to

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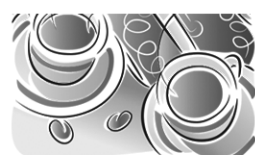
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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Trolling for rocks and sand...and...

Police responded to a Pearl St. residence last Thursday on reports of a larceny from a building. Somerville Police control advised the responding units that the suspect was a male in his twenties, small in size, wearing a blue hoodie with a black jacket over it, blue jeans and sneakers. The suspect was pushing a wheelbarrow, walking away from the victim's house towards Pinckney Street then turned left onto Pinckney Place.

Upon arrival, officers observed several tools in the driveway and backyard of the Pearl Street residence, and three hinges were removed from a shed door.

Officers spoke with the reporting party, who stated that she saw the man exit the backyard of the residence in question.

Cunha was reportedly seen carrying several items and ran towards Pinckney Street, then

came back again and left with more items.

Police then spoke with the victim, who stated that as he was leaving his house to go to work, he saw a man pushing a wheelbarrow full of tools out of his driveway. He confronted the man, and he took off running towards Pinckney Street. The witness said that he recognized the man from the neighborhood and stated that he had seen him before. At this time reporting party called Somerville Police and reported the incident.

The reporting party stated that the man the victim confronted outside his house is the same person she saw leave the victim's house twice. She also observed that a second man was walking his dog – a German Shepherd – along Pinckney Place around the same time.

The victim believed that the suspect and the person walking the dog were brothers and were known to him.

Officers then went to a Pinckney Place residence where a German shepherd was found in the backyard. We made contact with the dog's owner and asked him if other people were in the house. He reportedly stated that he lives in the basement and his brother, Daniel Cunha, lives on the second floor apartment with his mother.

Officers then made contact with Daniel Cunha and read both men their Miranda rights, after which both agreed to talk to them.

Daniel Cunha's brother stated that he walked his dog around the victim's house, and Daniel Cunha stated he walked by the house, pushing a dolly as he was trying to get

some rocks and sand from one of the side streets.

Officers conducted a show-up identification but the victim was unable to identify the suspect, stating he was not sure.

At approximately 8:20 a.m., Somerville Police control received a call from the victim, stating that Daniel Cunha's brother came to his house and reportedly told him that his brother Daniel stole tools from his shed and he would like to return them.

Police then returned to the Pinckney Place residence and was advised of his Miranda rights. Daniel Cunha stated he understood his rights and decided to waive them, according to police.

Cunha reportedly said that around 3:30 a.m. he went to the victim's house. Using a screwdriver he removed the hinges off

the shed door, and then loaded a wheelbarrow he found in the victim's yard and transported the stolen items to his house.

Cunha also reportedly stated that he returned a second time using a dolly he retrieved from his back yard and removed several tools from the victim's property.

Police also located a green Schwinn bicycle in the victim's backyard. The victim was asked if the bicycle belonged to him and he stated that it did not. Officers asked Cunha about the bicycle and he reportedly stated that he took it from a different Pearl Street residence.

The tools, valued at approximately \$1700, were recovered and returned to the victim.

Daniel Cunha was subsequently placed under arrest for breaking and entering and larceny over \$250.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Weldon Tucker, of 66 Vernon St., March 27, 5:23 p.m., arrested at School St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Eric Dalton, of 15 Ainsley St., Boston, March 27, 9:17 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of shoplifting

over \$100 by asportation.

Samantha Cali, of 20 Putnam St., March 28, 1:56 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise and possession of a class A drug.

Daniel Cunha, of 9 Pinckney Place, March 30, 8:19 a.m., arrested at Pinckney Place on charges of felony daytime

breaking and entering and larceny over \$250.

Keith Francey, of 18 Broadway, March 31, 1:48 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of possession of a class C drug, possession of a class B drug, receiving a stolen motor vehicle, miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Janet Jefferson, of 2 Mt. Ver-

non St., April 1, 5:33 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and distribution of a class A drug.

Steve Nunziato, of 2 Mt. Vernon St., April 1, 5:33 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Michael Carney, of 57 Bailey Rd., April 1, 5:33 p.m., arrested at 2 Mt. Vernon St. on charges of

conspiracy to violate drug law and drug possession to distribute, and on warrant charges of possession of a class A drug and being present where heroin is kept.

Jordan Kert, of 24 Thorndike St., April 3, 12:41 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of extortion by threat of injury, criminal harassment, and violation of criminal harassment prevention order.

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Clarendon Hill housing proposal builds on community involvement

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master plans are being proposed in response to the last meeting, where groups designed their own plans out of Lego pieces.

"They might look like the Legos that you trip over on the floor, but trust me, this was very serious Lego work," said Ludwig, referring to the building blocks they had supplied.

The architects' master plans presented four larger buildings with multiple open spac-

es, or five smaller buildings with central and interconnected open spaces.

The varied options were in response to the community's desire to avoid a "fortress feel," as well as maximizing green space, improving pedestrian connections, and minimizing traffic.

When it came to parking vs. green spaces, one attendee said, "I like having my cake and eating

it too."

With Clarendon Hill's proximity to Dilboy Field, some residents thought that open spaces weren't as important, while others strongly pushed for them as an alternative.

"We're trying to come up with a balance," said Ludwig.

Pictures of the two master plans were presented on boards, and the attendees were encouraged to provide feedback with

stickers and markers.

Gregory Bialecki spoke about traffic data, based on how many cars enter and exit Clarendon Hill, and from which entrances. Last week, the team met with Somerville's traffic engineer, Terry Smith, for his advice.

The proposed parking plan is to have 349 spaces for residents in garages underneath the buildings, as well as 40 spaces for street parking.

When it came to transit, Bialecki said that there will be approximately 43 more bus riders in the morning and evening from the complexes. Talks with the MBTA could result in increasing bus services.

"We're continuing to advance ideas, this is not the last word," said Bialecki in response to feedback from locals.

Construction is projected to begin in early 2018.

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New Kingdom Rock Children's Village showcases indoor playground

By Stacie J. Clayton

The new Kingdom Rock Children's Village (KRCV) in Davis Square will be added to the list of quality group-care providers in the Somerville area for infants through pre-kindergartners.

The location at 10 Winslow Avenue, behind the Baptist Church on College Avenue, is about 7,000 sq. ft. of attractive, sun-lit, spacious classrooms with a fully equipped indoor playground that is

worth a look.

KRCV is a faith-based option with love and community as their priority. They welcome the international community, second language learners, and children of varied interests and needs.

KRCV offers several enrichment activities for the community. Upcoming events include a painting session with local artist Jane Murphy on Saturday, April 8, and the upcoming Children's Author read-alouds and signings, and Date Night



Birds eye view of the indoor playground.



Alderman Jack Connolly visited Kingdom Rock and his favorite sun-lit spacious classroom, the Pre-K Room.

playgroups for families.

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Duhamel Education Initiative Pancake Breakfast

The Duhamel Education Initiative held its 21st Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 1 at First Church Somerville. The Somerville School Committee cooked and served the breakfast again this year. Funds raised from this and other DEI events help support special programs that benefit Somerville Public School students.

— By Donald Norton



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Rep. Christine Barber

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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. Mike Connolly

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 representatives on the only roll call from the week of March 27-31. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

\$200 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 2783)

House 154-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The \$200 million would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds. The funding would be allocated using the same formula that is used for distributing Chapter 90 transportation money annually.

Supporters said this would help cities and towns keep their roads and bridges safe. They noted that the money will be delivered early in the construction season and allow many vital municipal road projects to move forward.

Although no one voted against the proposal, the Massachusetts Municipal Association had urged legislators to increase the funding to \$300 million per year and have it in effect for several years to allow communities to plan ahead and use the funds more efficiently.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$200 million.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

\$16 MILLION FOR SMALL BRIDGE REPAIRS -

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation has awarded 36 cities and towns grants to fund the repair of bridges that are 20 or fewer feet in length. This 5-year, \$50 million program was approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker last August. It will reimburse communities up to \$500,000 per year to repair these small bridges, which are not eligible for federal aid. The funds can be used for the design, construction and administrative costs for the preservation, rehabilitation or replacement of these bridges.

Supporters, noting there are some 1,300 small bridges across the state, say that many of these are in desperate need of repair or replacement and are at high risk for full or partial closure in the near future if action is not taken.

The next deadline for filing an application is June 3. There are three deadlines during the year - Oct. 31, Feb. 28, and June 3. An application for an emergency can be submitted for consideration at any time.

An application form is on-line at: <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/highway/DoingBusinessWithUs/LocalAidPrograms/MunicipalSmallBridgeProgram.aspx>

TAX BILLS ON THE AGENDA - The Revenue Committee has scheduled a public hearing on several bills on April 10 at 1 p.m. in Room B-2 at the Statehouse including:

IMPOSE SALES TAX ON ITEMS BOUGHT ONLINE (H 1524) -

Requires the state to plan and prepare to collect the state's 6.25 percent sales taxes on all items purchased online if and when the federal government authorizes states to mandate that Internet sellers collect sales taxes. Federal law currently only requires the sales tax to be collected by sellers who have a physical presence like a store or warehouse in the state. Amazon has a presence in the Bay State and since 2013 has charged Massachusetts residents the sales tax for its online sales.

Under current state law, a Massachusetts resident who buys a taxable item online is required to take the initiative and pay the 6.25 percent sales tax upon filing of his or her state tax return. But few ever do so.

Supporters of the tax say brick-and-mortar retailers in the state are losing millions of dollars in annual sales and the state is missing out on millions in tax revenue. They note consumers often go to brick-and-mortar retail stores to look at items and then buy them on the Internet to get a lower price and save the sales tax.

Opponents say this is nothing more than a backdoor tax hike that will cost consumers millions of dollars. They note it would also discourage other online retailers from bringing a facility and jobs to Massachusetts and argue that the last thing the state's taxpayers need is a tax increase during this recovering economy.

The Revenue Committee last year recommended approval of the same bill but it was sent to a study committee where it died.

REDUCE THE TAX ON HARD CIDER (S 1565)

- Reduces the tax on hard cider. Under current law, the tax on cider and other beverages that contain between 3 percent and 6 percent alcohol is 3 cents per gallon. The tax on anything that contains more than 6 percent per gallon is 70 cents per gallon, the same rate as champagne.

The bill would apply the 70 cents per gallon tax only to drinks that contain more than 8.5 percent alcohol. Most hard ciders contain only up to 8 percent alcohol and would be taxed at the lower rate of 3 cents per gallon.

Supporters say current law unfairly treats and taxes hard cider at the same rate as champagne. They noted the reduction will help the Bay State compete with neighboring states which have lowered the tax. They argue that the change would also put Massachusetts in line with the federal tax on hard cider which was reduced effective January 1.

The Revenue Committee gave the same proposal a favorable report last year but the Legislature took no further action.

\$500 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (S 1583) -

Also on the Revenue Committee's agenda is a proposal providing up to a \$500 property tax exemption for deaf homeowners. The bill was approved by both the Senate and House last year but never received final approval in either branch.

TASK FORCE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT (H 2998)

- The Higher Education Committee has scheduled a public hearing on several bills on April 13 at 10 p.m. in Room A-1 at the Statehouse. One of the proposals would create a task force to develop a model sexual assault climate survey to be issued to private and public college students in order to determine the prevalence and perception of sexual assault on college campuses.

The survey would include the number of reported incidences of sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking on campuses; student knowledge of institutional policies and procedures; the involvement of force; incapacitation or coercion; and demographic factors that could be used to identify at-risk groups.

The Senate approved the bill in 2016 but the House never acted on it.



Beacon Hill Roll Call continued

STATE WORKERS' SAFETY (H 3149) - Expands health and safety protections to cover state employees. The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) covers private employees but 26 states have exercised the act's option of extending the OSHA protections to public workers.

Supporters say this would cover an estimated 150,000 state workers who perform jobs that are sometimes just as dangerous as private sector ones.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - *Special Rep. Michelle DuBois Edition*

Last week, Rep. Michelle DuBois (D-Brockton) made national headlines when she warned illegal immigrants in Brockton in an online posting that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was going to be in Brockton for a raid on March 29.

"I have a message for the immigrant community of Brockton. Please be careful on Wednesday [March] 29. ICE will be in Brockton on that day. If you are undocumented don't go out on the street. If there is a knock on the door of your house and you don't know who it is, don't open the door. I ask you to be careful." — *Rep. Michelle DuBois (D-Brockton) posting on Facebook information she said she received from a friend in the Latino community.*

"If these sanctuary cities are going to harbor and conceal criminal, illegal aliens from ICE, which is

a direct violation of Title 8 of the US code, federal arrest warrants should be issued for their elected officials." — *Bristol County Sheriff Thomas Hodgson testifying before Congress.*

"Oh no, MA's Joe Arpaio wannabe is spouting nonsense again." — *Sanctuary City of Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone on Twitter comparing Hodgson to the outspoken and controversial former law and order sheriff of Arizona's Maricopa County.*

"Left wing whack job who tries 2B so open-minded his brains fell out." — *WEEI Radio talk show host John Dennis' tweet describing Curtatone.*

"We have laws & we have to be guided by them, but we shouldn't have armed federal officers breaking up hard-working families." — *Facebook posting of Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton)*

"Any person who actively incites panic or fear of law enforcement is doing a disservice to the community, endangering public safety and the very people they claim to support and represent." — *Shawn Neudauer, spokesperson for the ICE New England office.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They

note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of March 27-31, the House met for a total of five hours and 3 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 23 minutes.

Mon. March 27	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.
Tues. March 28	No House session No Senate session
Wed. March 29	House 11:02 a.m. to 3:46 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. March 30	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Fri. March 31	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
96 Putnam Rd	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	22	\$519,000	\$553,000
36 Bond St	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Cottage	23	\$549,900	\$562,000
26 Hinckley St	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Other	14	\$619,000	\$701,000
81 Yorktown St	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	20	\$700,000	\$760,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
18-20 Arlington St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	20	\$699,900	\$725,000
292 Summer St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	86	\$699,900	\$680,000
51 Pitman U:3B	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	130	\$699,900	\$685,000
45 Endicott Ave U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	6	\$719,000	\$785,000
935 Broadway U:# 1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	260	\$719,900	\$700,000
18-20 Arlington St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	40	\$724,900	\$724,900
31 Hancock U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	194	\$725,000	\$720,000
42-44 Puritan Road U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Townhouse	27	\$739,900	\$733,000
42 Myrtle Street U:B4	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	8	\$749,000	\$782,000
17 Banks U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$769,900	\$777,000
35 Victoria St U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 3f 1h bath Mid-Rise	22	\$799,900	\$810,000
53 Kent Street U:2	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	21	\$899,900	\$890,000

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

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
29 Jackson Rd	2 unit, 15 total room, 9 total bedroom 2 Family	17	\$625,000	\$625,000
57 Franklin St	3 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	67	\$749,000	\$680,000
51-53 Woods Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	19	\$799,995	\$852,000
158 Walnut St	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	10	\$874,900	\$874,900
195 School Street	3 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	58	\$925,000	\$900,000
108 Cross Street	3 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	41	\$1,200,000	\$1,225,000
8 Hardan Rd	2 unit, 13 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	134	\$1,275,000	\$1,145,000
55 Bonair St	4 unit, 22 total room, 10 total bedroom 4 Family	20	\$1,499,999	\$1,550,000

Just desserts for SHS Culinary Arts

The Somerville High School Culinary Arts students recently won Best Dessert in the 6th Annual Tech Cook-Off for the second year in a row. — Photos courtesy of SHS Culinary Department



Pasta Night Fundraiser for Skills USA

A fundraiser for Skills USA was held in the Somerville High School Highlander Café on Wednesday, March 29. The Culinary Department made a chicken parm dinner with salad and dessert. All the vocational departments donated their services for the raffles. All members of the Skills USA program helped by setting up, serving food and selling tickets. Skills USA program is lead by SHS carpentry teacher, Mario Sousa. — Photos by Bobbie Toner



The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #126

The Mariners

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

At the outbreak of the American Revolution, Lieutenant Colonel John Glover already had twenty-one years under his belt as the commander of Marblehead's militia. Late in the afternoon of the battle of Lexington, his militia narrowly missed a chance to intercept the re-treating British column.



It was close. The English barely escaped through the shallow waters of Charlestown Neck, the site of today's Schrafft's City Center, when hundreds of Marblehead mariners and Salem militia surged over Winter Hill. These Minutemen were unique because they were all sailors and fishermen.

For the next year, they joined in the blockade of Boston on land and sea. The men were already disciplined in receiving and carrying out orders. They were drilled, well armed, and hardened by life on and near the ocean. Because of this, General Washington made some of them his personal bodyguards. They were America's first amphibious regiment, known as Glover's Guard.

At the beginning of the Siege of Boston, Washington had to create a naval blockade. Because of Glover's nautical experience, he was chosen to encircle the city from the sea. Colonel Glover enlisted aid from private donors by asking for the use of their ships to be armed for the cause. This became Washington's Navy with the first ship being christened the Hannah, after Glover's wife. It was the first vessel of the United States Navy.



The most successful of Washington's schooners, the Lee, was commanded by Captain Daniel Waters of Somerville and named after General Charles Lee, second in command of the newborn Colonial Army. His headquarters were at Winter Hill on today's Sycamore Street. During the blockade, the Lee captured 27 enemy vessels.

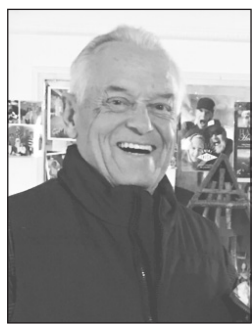
After the Siege of Boston, the Americans moved south to protect New York and Long Island. General Glover and his troops saved 9,000 Continental

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OBITUARY

John R. Doncaster

September 25, 1940 - April 1, 2017



John R. Doncaster, a lifelong resident of Somerville, passed away surrounded by his devoted family at home on Saturday, April 01, 2017, he was 76. Born in Cambridge, he was the son

of the late John R. and Doris (Johnston) Doncaster-Walsh. A graduate of Somerville High School with the Class of 1958, John proudly served in the US Army and was a research specialist with the Polaroid Corp, retiring with over 30 years of service.

John was especially devoted to Somerville Athletics. He was a founding member of Somerville Youth Hockey, first elected as Vice President and then serving as President. For many years, he also served as coach of the Somerville High School Hockey and Girls Softball teams. He was elected to the Mass State Hockey Coaches Association and inducted into their Hall of Fame. John was also an associate member of the Logan Post and for 40 years enjoyed time spent on the links as a member of the Polaroid Golf League. His commitment and dedication to the youth of Somerville is remembered by the many athletes that benefited from his 45 years of service as not only a coach, but a mentor as well.

John was the beloved husband of 53 years to Dorothy (MacElhiney) Doncaster. He was a devoted father of Paul Doncaster of Weymouth, Jill DiMare and her husband Dan of Reading and Lynne Doncaster and her husband Noah Sheola of Somerville. Cherished "Gramp" of Michael, David, John and Daniel DiMare, Eleanor and Margaret Doncaster and Eli Sheola. Dear brother of Fran Doncaster and his wife Margaret, Maureen Cronin and her husband Stephen all of Somerville, MaryEllen Harding and her husband Glen of Medford, Thomas Walsh and his wife Kathleen of Beverly, Joan Shea and her husband Patrick of Arlington. Many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins and friends also survive him.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his memory to a Scholarship Fund in his name, c/o Middlesex Federal Bank, 1 College Ave, Somerville, MA 02144 or to Good Shepherd Hospice, 90 Wells Ave, Newton, MA 02459.

COMMENTARY

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'Villens United by Chris Haskell

Sanctuary brings Curtatone and Somerville celebrity



Whether you live in Somerville, Boston, or another major city where immigration is a hot button issue, you're likely to have seen our Mayor Joseph Curtatone in the newspapers or cable news networks standing up to Trump's immigration policies and unwarranted deportations. The Somerville Mayor has drawn a firm line in the sand over the city's Sanctuary status and isn't backing down from his critics on the right, including law enforcement.

Curtatone recently appeared on conservative news network Fox News to address comments made by a state sheriff that he should be imprisoned for "harboring" illegal immigrants. During the interview, the mayor scoffed at the comments made by Bristol County Sheriff Thomas Hodgson calling them "ridiculous and disturbing, really parroting the misinformation and lies about undocumented immigration and sanctuary cities"; pointing out that he has

a much better grasp of the constitution and immigration law than a MA sheriff who's main purpose in our state has been reduced to prisoner transport with no involvement with local police action.

The Fox News Network also took some not-so-subtle shots from Curtatone as he had suggested that host Neil Cavuto and the network could help our American values and our economy by "putting the right facts out there."

Fox News' credibility has been under heavy media scrutiny over the last year after airing multiple false, misleading, and even some racist news segments (and a wide array of workplace sexual misconduct lawsuits against Bill O'Reilly and Roger Ailes).

Mayor Curtatone had made comments throughout the interview about how the facts about illegal immigrant crime and sanctuary city status being misrepresented in the media are part of the problem. Many of those misrepresented facts come are aired daily on Fox News.

(*Kudo's to you Mayor Joseph Curtatone! On behalf of journalists, writers, and citizens who believe in the importance of factual news, I personally thank you!)

Sanctuary status has recently brought both the mayor and the city a bit of celebrity status. Mayor Curtatone's outspoken views of civil rights for all citizens, including the undocumented, has had the mayor making many appearances in national news and media outlets defending sanctuary in Massachusetts cities. Somerville itself has become the perfect example of sanctuary status improving a city.

Do you remember Somerville before its sanctuary status in 1987? I do. The city is vastly improved and there is very little crime anymore. While Sanctuary status may not be the direct correlation to Somerville's success and turnaround, it certainly hasn't hurt it either. Somerville has been rated amongst the top 10 places to live and raise a family in this country in several national publications over the last few years.

Make no mistake, Mayor Curtatone isn't out to shield any violent criminals or serious offenders who may be here illegally. As in many Sanctuary cities, those individuals are arrested, prosecuted, and deported. Like many of us, the mayor doesn't want to see families disrupted and hard working individuals who help make our communities what they

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Ask not what local businesses can do for you, ask what you can do for your local businesses



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Last week, I met with Somerville business leaders at the 12th annual Business Town Meeting, hosted by the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, to discuss a number of topics on the minds of our business owners. We gathered in the Rockwell Theater under Foundry on Elm as we always do and had an open discussion about what small businesses in our city find hopeful or challenging about the economic climate locally and nationally. We talked about what we as a city can do to ensure we continue to support and expand our local business base. As always, the Town Meeting was informative for me, and I want to share with you some of the things I presented as well as things I heard from the owners that serve you daily.

First, it bears repeating: Somerville's economic base continues to grow and thrive despite some of the financial setbacks our sur-

rounding communities have seen following the most recent recession. This is in large part due to our long-term strategic planning and the goals that our community set forth in SomerVision. Whether it's pursuing more walkable neighborhoods, more open space, or more job creation, we're creating an environment that draws both local businesses and their customers.

On a daily basis, our planners are seeing sustained interest in bringing new businesses and new development to Somerville. We're hearing from people who want to build residential, from people who want to build commercial, and from entrepreneurs who want to repurpose existing spaces into creative new uses. Just as important, we're hearing from people who don't just want to take advantage of what's already here, they want to work with the City and community to enhance our business districts.

It's no surprise that in 2016 we saw 108 new businesses open in Somerville. That's a 5.9 percent increase in our business base in just one year. That's 108 new restaurants, tech companies, a fresh produce market, health-care organizations, retailers, and many other sectors all choosing to invest in Somerville. I'd submit that interest in Somerville

has never been higher. And the benefits of an expanding business base goes far beyond the programs and services they offer directly to consumers. These businesses are committed to supporting streetscape improvements, infrastructure projects, and bringing jobs back into our city. They are committed, in other words, to the things that make our community stronger, safer, and more vibrant.

The positive impacts brought by new business in the city can be felt across the community. That's why it's crucial that we work just as hard to support businesses once they are open, as we do to attract them in the first place. We as a city do this via a number of programs and services. Our economic development team offers a storefront improvement program, business technical assistance, how to open a business workshops and more so that our businesses can. At the same time, we've streamlined online processes, and are now able to offer quicker permit processing times and, at long last, liquor license application and renewals online.

As residents, you can do your part by spending your dollars locally. I won't name names, but some of our neighboring towns are struggling to fill vacant store-

fronts because their residents drive by their town centers rather than stopping to shop, dine, and run errands. Somerville doesn't have that problem. We live in our squares and business corridors. But small businesses and restaurants in particular often maintain a razor thin profit margin. So even if they look busy, remember that your dollars matter not just for our local entrepreneurs but to the liveliness of our neighborhoods and streets.

In fact, what I've seen myself and what I heard from our business owners is that rather than vacant spaces, we have the reverse issue. More businesses are looking to come to Somerville than we currently have space for. Once construction starts in Union Square, and as Assembly Row continues to grow, we should be able to accommodate new employers and small businesses while taking some pressure off existing retail spaces. Getting Union Square zoning and the citywide zoning overhaul is critical to that.

Another way we support both our businesses and our residents is by focusing on workforce development. Along with the City of Cambridge, Somerville has the lowest unemployment rate in the Commonwealth, but underemployment and wage sup-

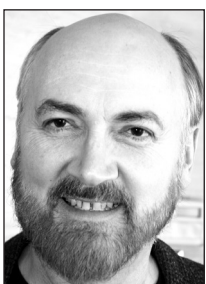
pression present a different set of challenges for some of our residents. We're bringing more jobs and more opportunities to Somerville. But we must make sure that our residents are positioned to take full advantage of those opportunities.

Finally, one thing I heard at the meeting was that it was the best one ever: because we "didn't have to talk about rodents and trash." I'll take that as a compliment to city staff. We've made huge strides here in trash management and enforcement as well as comprehensive rodent control. These core city functions may be less interesting than finding out what new restaurant or tech firm is opening up, but when going well they too make running a business here easier. So we'll stay on that.

From our early history as a manufacturing and industrial center to the hub for innovation, dining, and independent businesses we've become today, Somerville has always had a rich business culture. It's important that it stays that way. Our shops, salons, offices, and eateries thread our community together. Along with our people, our businesses help define who we are. So as we do our part to support them, I hope you will do yours too.

A world without jobs

Part 2: How will we live?



By William C. Shelton

History doesn't move at an even pace. Consider England in the 7th Century, for example. Then revisit it 700 years later. The names of the leaders and political divisions will have changed, but people are pretty much living the same way, wearing the same clothes, and doing the same work.

Come back in another 700 years, and you've arrived at the present day – a completely different world. As V.I. Lenin once

remarked, "There are decades when nothing happens; and there are weeks when decades happen."

When I was 22, Alvin Toffler observed that people were suffering "stress and disorientation" from "too much change in too short a period of time." He called it "Future Shock." But technological change has only accelerated since then. And its continued acceleration ensures that children in school today will live to see a world without jobs for half or more of the population.

Some experts say that will happen within the next twenty years. Others set that benchmark at 2055, "plus or minus twenty years." Whether sooner or later, technological displacement of workers across skill levels will transform how we live.

Even though 68% of us do not feel engaged in our jobs, we are much less happy when we don't have them. In addition to providing a livelihood, work provides us with conditions essential to our wellbeing, such as independence, purpose, a sense of competence, and participation in a shared enterprise.

When we don't have work, we suffer. Princeton economists Anne Case and Andrew Deaton have shown that declining life expectancy among middle-aged white Americans who experience growing "economic insecurity" results from what they call "deaths of despair," including suicides, overdoses, and alcohol-related liver diseases. They also point to "declines in health, mental health, ability to conduct activities of daily living, and in-

creases in chronic pain and inability to work..."

People in locales that experience high and prolonged unemployment suffer as well, whether they are working or not. Civic spirit declines and social cohesion erodes. Depression, spousal abuse, and violent crime increase. Local jurisdictions lose the capacity to provide basic services and maintain infrastructure.

Throughout our history, many Americans have treated the chronically unemployed contemptuously and attributed their poverty to moral failings. Conservative politicians have exploited this contempt. And condescending liberals have offered a "culture of poverty" theory as an explanation for poverty's persistence.

But more and more Americans are finding out that if there are 100 workers and only 80 jobs, it doesn't matter how virtuous or diligent 20 unemployed workers are. And culture always adapts to circumstances.

So the prospect of massive and permanent structural unemployment poses some compelling questions. How will most people pay for the necessities of life? How will they engage in meaningful activity that keeps them and their communities healthy?

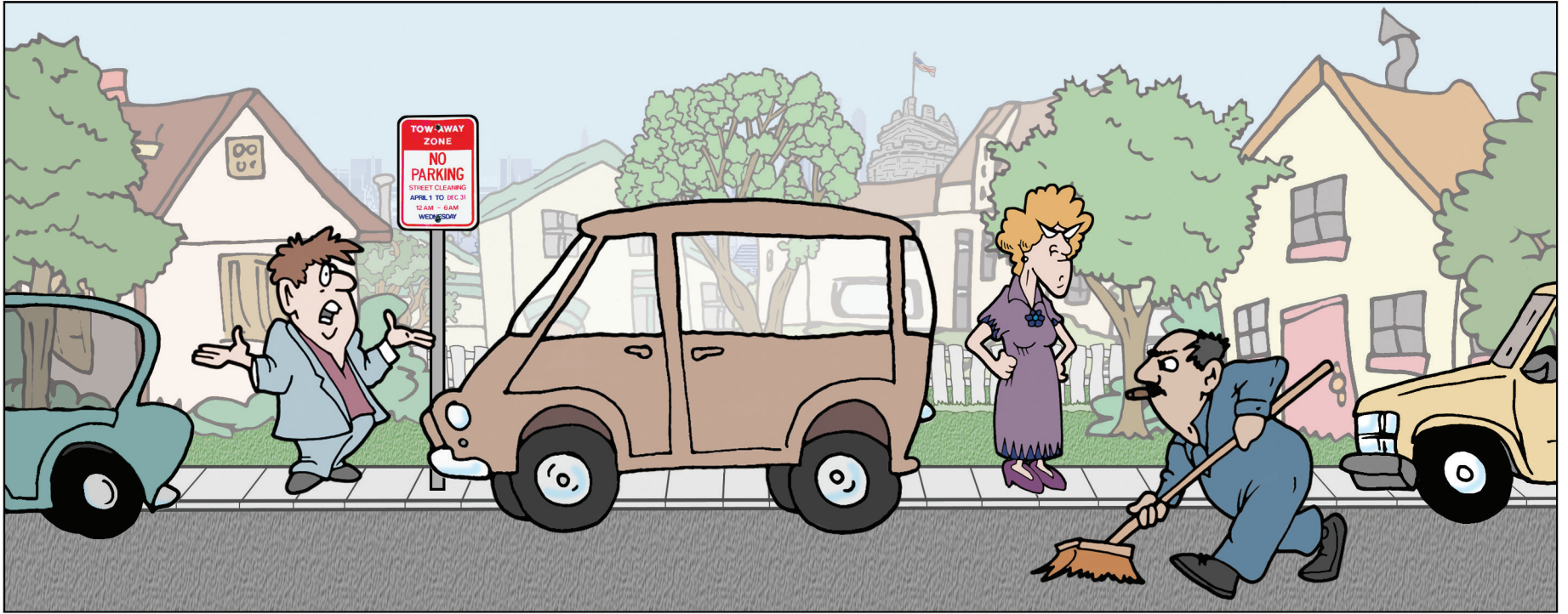
Writing in *The Atlantic*, Derek Thompson suggests "three overlapping possibilities as formal employment opportunities decline." They are what he calls "consumption, communal creativity, and contingency."

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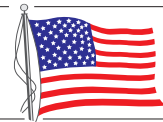
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Make way for the street sweepers.

Our View Of The Times



A sure fact of life in our city is that our cars just aren't allowed to stay put. Whether due to snow emergencies in the winter or street cleaning and maintenance in the balmy seasons, we are so often called upon to do the city's bidding when it comes to getting our vehicles – and our wallets – out of harm's way. It's a relatively small price to pay, how-

ever, when one considers the alternatives. We wouldn't want our residential and commercial areas to be littered with road refuse. Let's not even think what that might do to help boost rodent populations in our already challenged neighborhoods. It's just a matter of keeping up with the schedule and being there to move the vehicles when we need to. The

city will do their part.

So, just as a reminder for those whose memories may be a bit fuzzy on the official procedures, or for those who may be new to the area, here is how it goes, according to the city:

"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. Community members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the street sweeping schedule in areas where they park."

Not so hard, really, and an easy way to contribute to the beauty and health of our beloved city.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Big time happy birthday to **Jeff Lewis** from East Somerville. We hope he has a great birthday. Happy birthday to **Sue Pye**, a nice lady who is known by many here in the city. We hope she has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to **Tyler Hart**, who grew up on Berkeley Street, was recently married and is now living in Medford. Happy birthday to another past Berkeley Street local, **Bruce Rollins Jr.**, who now lives in Woburn but is seen in Somerville all the time. We hope he has a great birthday with his family. Happy birthday to **Joe Cassaro**, who raised his family here behind City Hall on Madison St. We hope he has a great birthday. Great guy and well-known **Pat Scrima** is celebrating his birthday this week as well. We hope he has a great one. Happy birthday to **Steve Mac**, one of the bosses at DPW here in the city. We hope he has a great birthday as well. Finally, to **Sissy McWatters Ankenbauer**, who is celebrating her birthday this week, we hope she also has a great birthday. To all the others celebrating this week, we extend our birthday greetings to you as well.

The so-called snow/no snow storm last week (Friday) turned into a mess with

the ice and rain after a brief fall. We were kind of surprised there was no emergency called, knowing how freely **Stan the DPW Commissioner** is in calling them. But don't worry, **Tomas Barry** is the man behind the scenes and knows his job. Maybe thanks to him, the streets were being salted over the weekend.

The Highland Masonic Building Association will be holding its annual (now 5 years) **Giggles Comedy Night** on **Wednesday, April 28**, at **Prince of Pizza** on Rte. 1. Come join in and have a night of laughs and a chance to win any one of over 25 gift baskets. Every year over 100 locals gather and have a great night of comedy with 3-4 professional comedians, plus a few surprises again this year. Contact **Donald Norton** at donaldfnorton@gmail.com or **Bobby Potaris** at potarisconstruction@yahoo.com.

Some fundraisers are coming up soon for **Ward Two Alderman Maryann Heuston** and **Ward Three Alderman Bob McWatters**. If you know of something going on in the city, let us know and we'll post it.

Congratulations to the **City Demo-**

cratic Ward Committee. We hear that they gathered what is the largest city-wide crowd at the causes up at the High School last week. We hear about 400 were in attendance, and a lot of them young **Bernie** supporters.

The Somerville Garden Club will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 12** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The meeting will be featuring **Shona (Zimbabwean) Stone Sculptures in the Garden**. The Shona people of Zimbabwe are well known for the originality and beauty of their stone carvings. Many of these sculptures have been featured in botanical gardens and sculpture parks throughout the world. **Rosemary Chimbanga** of Zimbabwe, an expert on and importer and retailer of Shona sculpture, and **Susan Miller**, a Somerville gardener whose garden highlights Shona sculpture, will share their knowledge of Shona sculpture as well as present photos and video(s) of Shona garden sculpture and the sculpting process. The meeting will be held at the **Tufts Administration Building**, 167 Holland Street, Somerville. Meetings are on the second floor, wheelchair accessible. Parking is available on site and the building is a short walk from the Davis Square T station and is on the

#87 bus route. All Somerville Garden Club meetings are free and the public is invited to attend. For additional information please visit www.somervillegardencub.org.

The Capuano PTA is partnering with **Salon 22** just outside of Union Square, on a fundraiser to benefit the **Capuano Early Childhood Center: Hair Cut-a-Thon**. Kids' haircuts are just \$14. Stop by Salon 22, 62 Summer St., on **Tuesday, April 11** for a haircut between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m., and the Capuano Center will receive 50% of proceeds.

Student Poetry Wanted ... because April is **National Poetry Month**. In preparation for National Poetry Month, **KidZine** invites students to write poetry, or gather poems together that you have written this year. Email them directly to kid@12zine.com or give them to your teacher, making sure your name, school, and teacher's name are on your submissions. They will post your poetry to their annual **Poetry Wall** online for all to read, and their poetry editors will make selections from them for possible further publication (in print). Visit www.12zine.com. Sponsored by **Writer's Den, The ESCS**

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Happy birthday to us!

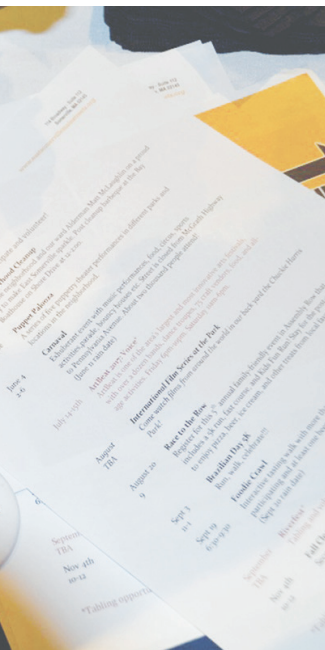
The month of March officially marks 175 years since Somerville separated from Charlestown (in 1842), and on Wednesday, March 29 the city threw a birthday party that was “very Somerville.”

Revelers gathered at the Somerville-Charlestown city limits on East Broadway for live music, a toast to our City’s birthday, and to help sing the Happy Birthday song in true Somerville style.

Following the outdoor ceremony, everyone headed over to the Mount Vernon for some light refreshments, birthday cake, and the official launch of a special “Municipal Freedom Gives National Strength” (our City motto) gluten free beer, brewed specially by Somerville’s own Aeronaut Brewing Company.

We’ll all be celebrating our 175 years all year long, so be sure to visit www.somervillema.gov/somerville175 for news and updates, and to submit your favorite Somerville story, photo, or memory from past or present. They’ll collect all stories for displaying in a gallery at the end of the year.





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Photos by Claudia Ferro



SPORTS

Rashida Ellis from Somerville Boxing Club wins big at 'Friday Night at the Fights'

By Donald Norton

The 10th Annual Burlington Rotary Club Friday Night at the Fights was held at the Billerica Elks Hall this past Friday evening, March 31.

A sellout crowd with over 500 in attendance enjoyed a sit down dinner and a series of

amateur boxing matches from various clubs in and around Massachusetts.

Rashida Ellis of the Somerville Boxing Club fought Fernando Araujo of the Firicano Boxing Club, with Rashida winning a unanimous decision by the judges. Hers was one of the most exciting fights of the evening.



Rashida Ellis poses for a picture with two of Billerica's finest, Officer Bandouveres and Sgt. William West.

— Photos by Donald Norton



Ms. Cam's *Olío*

Olío - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What was the Paramount Film Company originally called? | 7. What's a polygon with four unequal sides called? |
| 2. Who had a 60s No. 1 hit with <i>Duke of Earl</i> ? | 8. Who did Michael Jackson marry in 1994? |
| 3. How much honey does a single worker honey-bee manufacture in its lifetime? | 9. What's the other name for the tranquilizer Valium? |
| 4. How long does it take a whole fingernail to replace itself? | 10. Where did the pineapple plant come from originally? |
| 5. How many toes does an ostrich have? | 11. What group's motto is "Blood and Fire"? |
| 6. The wine-growing Barossa Valley is in what country? | 12. What was the first word that the blind Helen Keller learned in sign language? |

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Bad Marriage at Thunder Road

By Daniel Sullivan

I was no fool walking into Thunder Road Saturday night, April 1. Thunder Road is a Rock and Roll club on Somerville Avenue near Union Square. With its stage and acoustics, this is as good a venue as the old and revered Johnny D's. Bad Marriage was playing. They are metal influenced band but they still did a bit of rhythm and blues. I say a bit because I walked in about midnight and they can only play until 12:45. What I did hear was electric.

The band, basic rock and roll – three guitars, a drummer and a lead singer – offered up a 15 minute rendition Jailbreak, which was enough to get me to write about them here.

I caught a lucky break seeing them. No foolin'.



— photo by timrice/photo

SCATV rebranded as Somerville Media Center

After over 30+ years of operation, SCATV has created an umbrella brand for their three main programs: SCATV, Boston Free Radio, and Somerville Neighborhood News. The Somerville Media Center launch party will take place on April 28th from 12pm – 4pm at 90 Union Square. All are welcome to come and check out the new signage, have a tour, meet more of your community media neighbors and enjoy some snacks.



This is not to say that SCATV is going away. Nor is BFR or SNN, the other marquee activities at Somerville Media Center. In fact, the logo, designed by Annie Smidt of Somerville-based Durable Creative, a brand, design and web consultancy, specifically includes the SCATV, BFR & SNN initials in the design. Says Zipp, "After more than 30 years of building goodwill in the community under the name SCATV, the last thing we want to do is 'throw the baby out with the bathwater.'" Zipp was quick to point out that cable TV content on SCATV channel 3 in Somerville, remains a core activity. However, "We want the expectation that comes to mind when referring to this organization to go beyond TV. We are Boston Free Radio. We are Somerville Neighborhood News. We have a vibrant youth media program, workshops in the media arts, and audio and video content shared not only on our web site, but via social media, youtube and beyond."

Zipp also revealed that this planning predates his arrival in April 2016 as Executive Director. The SCATV board under Jesse Moos began the process more than a year ago with a committee comprised of board members and SCATV staff.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

soldiers and equipment during a rainy, nighttime evacuation. Later, during the New York campaign, his regiment held fast against five-to-one odds during a British attack.

During the Christmas blizzard in 1776, Glover and his Marblehead mariners again proved their resilience and determination. They twice transported Washington's Army with their horses, cannons, and gear across the Delaware River in the attack on Trenton, New Jersey.

The Marblehead Militia distinguished itself in the Battle of Saratoga, where 5,763 prisoners were taken. They were appointed to escort the captives to Massachusetts. Forty-two hundred of these prisoners were taken to Prospect and Winter Hills in Somerville where they would spend the next year.

Glover's Guard then spent the terrible winter of 1778 with Washington and his troops at Valley Forge. During the remainder of the war, his intrepid troops fought and carried out numerous amphibious operations.

The United States Navy named a modern ship after Glover, and his Marblehead home is a National Historic Landmark. The General Glover statue on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston honors him and his men for their accomplishments from the waters of Charlestown Neck to the waters of Yorktown, Virginia.

Part of Marblehead's sacrifice was 448 widows and 968 orphans. Through the years, their militia was described as the Army regiment that gave birth to the United States Marines ... the "soldiers of the sea."

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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 19, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

7 Montgomery Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-98) Applicant/Owner, Charles Zammuto & James Langley, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to demolish a non-conforming 3-car garage and replace with a new 2-story 3-bedroom single-family home with parking relief for 1 vehicle under SZO §9.13. RB zone. Ward 4.

337 Somerville Ave: (Case #ZBA 2016-116-R1-0317) Applicant BwB – Square & Owner GNJ Real Estate Holdings, LLC seek revision to special permit 2016-116 by making minor structural changes and changing the originally approved use provisions. Changes include increased square footages for arts, retail, and food related services in the following manor: 9,999sf will be retail, 7,500sf will be restaurant with alcohol, fast food uses, and outdoor seating accessory to all food establishments, 3,300sf will be catering, 3,000-4,999sf will be dedicated arts and maker space. The courtyards will be used for varies types of programming. NB & CCD 55 zones. Ward 2.

15 College Hill Road: (Case: #ZBA 2017-21) Applicant, Charles Casassa, and Applicant, Laurel Street, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure by raising the roof and increasing the FAR, and a Special Permit under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. RA zone. Ward 7.

12 College Hill Road: (Case: # ZBA 2017-22) Applicant, Charles Casassa, and Applicant, Laurel Street, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure by raising the roof and increasing the FAR, and a Special Permit under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. RA zone. Ward 7.

59 Berkeley Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-83-R1-0317) Applicant and Owner, Jon M. DeMartinis, seeks a revision to a Special Permit under §5.3.8 of the SZO in order to add a shed dormer, finish basement space for Unit 1 (therefore increasing the FAR (SZO §4.4.1), and modifying a condition of the previous Special Permit. RA zone. Ward 3.

Applications are not posted online. Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 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. Reports, plans and decisions, when completed, are posted online 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 a meeting. 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

As published in The Somerville Times on 4/5/17 & 4/12/17.

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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 20, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. at the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

118-124 College Avenue (Case # PB2016-51). Lacourt Realty, LLC c/o Mouhab Rizkallah) seeks Design and Site Plan Review under Section 5.4 of the SZO for the purpose of merging 8 Kenwood Street, 14 Kenwood Street, 16 Kenwood Street, 18 Kenwood Street, 116 College Avenue and 118-124 College Avenue into one lot. RB zone. Ward 6.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the SHA Job No. 1707, Multi Year Service Contract for Shower Surround Installation at Various Developments for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The Project consists of: Complete installation of new one piece heavy duty acrylic shower wall systems with free standing shower bases , plumbing and all associated work upon unit turnovers or upon a Reasonable Accommodation Request.

The service contract is estimated to cost **\$140,000.00**

Bids are subject to M.G.L c.149, § 44A-J & minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L c.149, § 26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an equal Opportunity Employer.

General Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 20, 2017** at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened forthwith. General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the bid amount, and made payable to the SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Bids can also be obtained electronically by contacting Gabriel Ciccariello at gabec@sha-web.org

A prebid meeting will be held at The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA on **Thursday April 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Gabriel Ciccariello at (617) 625-1152 Ext 330 or Email at Gabec@sha-web.org

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday April 10, 2017** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Sabroso Assembly, Inc. d/b/a Sabroso Taqueria for a New Wine and Malt Alcohol Restaurant License and a Cordials and Liqueurs License – Chapter 142 Acts of 2016 – Assembly Row Area, a Common Victualler's License, an Entertainment by Devices License and an Outdoor Seating License at 475 Revolution Dr.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Lori Jean Batzek**
Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday April 10, 2017** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Zo Assembly, Inc. d/b/a Zo Greek for a New All Forms Alcohol Restaurant License – Chapter 142 Acts of 2016 – Assembly Row Area, a Common Victualler's License, an Entertainment by Devices License and an Outdoor Seating License at 355 Revolution Dr.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Lori Jean Batzek**
Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Lori Jean Batzek**
Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Lori Jean Batzek**
Administrative Assistant

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High-Stakes Testing Time in Somerville Public Schools CONT. FROM PG 3

show support for our teachers and staff and to protest the state's over-emphasis on high stakes standardized testing in public schools and its far-reaching detrimental effects on our children's education. It is not fair to the students, teachers, or administrators. We hope this small protest can be the start of wider recognition of the problems with high stakes testing and a move towards addressing its inherent problems.

The decision to opt our children out of MCAS this year is ours alone. Should you have concerns or

questions, please address them to the parents signing this letter, not to our children. As per Mitchell Chester's instructions, we do not want our children to be pressured into taking the test nor punished for not taking it.

We continue to be grateful to be a part of the <Name of School> community.

Respectfully,
<Parent/s Name/s>
Parent of <Name of Student>
<Contact Information>
cc: <teacher/s of student/s>

Additional information on opting-out of high-stakes testing:

<https://sittingonthebaby.com/2016/04/18/resources-for-opting-out-of-standardized-tests/>
<http://www.citizensforpublicschools.org/the-facts-on-opting-out-of-mcas-or-parcc/>

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bullard, Nancy Clougherty, Brian Duplisea, Gina Garro, Jamal Halawa, Renée Scott, and David Scott

A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday April 10, 2017** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Somerville Café Inc. for an Entertainment License by Devices at 376 Mystic Ave., Somerville, MA

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Lori Jean Batzek**
Administrative Assistant

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Surviving New England's seemingly barren winter on local agriculture

CONT. FROM PG 1

"Proof of that is that people were eating locally up until the 1950s. Of course, you have to make certain sacrifices for things that don't grow in, say, January, but those are sacrifices you should make if you want to solve the water, labor and land management problems we have in this country," says Kate Stillman, 35, of Stillman Farms in Lunenburg, MA.

One of her employees, Kat Lange, 22 from St. Paul, Massachusetts displays rows of winter baskets overflowing with macoun apples, watermelon radish, fingerling potatoes, red onions, golden beets, ruby red turnips, sweet potatoes, winter squash, and parsnips.

"While the harvesting season ends in September or October, roots like potatoes and beets can be kept in a cold root cellar, which is a dark, dry place where these veggies are stored to be eaten in winter. This is an old way to eat that can be built even

in your basement. You can have food all winter long," says Lange.

Lange says she makes mostly soups, stews and roasted veggies in the winter. Supplementary grains like wheat or legumes like beans can be sourced locally as well.

"Beans, like any seed, are easy to harvest in summer and left out to dry. No fancy equipment required, they don't need to be dehydrated. Just leave them out and they will dry," she says as she points to bags of dried black eyed peas, great northern beans, kidney beans and cranberry beans. Canned tomato sauce and pickles from August harvesting can also be found amongst the dried goods.

"We have technology on our side too in these days, and in local greenhouses you can supplement roots and beans with greens such as arugula, kale or spinach, but it is cost intensive because of what goes into maintaining a greenhouse. Arugula

will be more expensive in the winter and people just have to accept the reality of that," says Lange.

Casey Diedrich, 27, of Soluna Garden Farms, an herb farm in Winchester, MA, says there are many local fresh and dried herbs as well as oils and vinegars to be made and had in the wintertime.

"Hardy herbs like rosemary will last fresh indoors and then of course you can always dry herbs from the summer and use them all winter. Apple cider vinegar and things like that can easily be made and kept too from local apples, or sunflower seed oil from New England's sunflowers," says Diedrich.

For a little more flavor than just spice and oils, you can add a little richness to your meals with local cheese.

"In traditional milking schedules, you can milk cows all year round, pending they get pregnant, so you have a constant milk supply and age cheese any

time. Our cheeses are anywhere from two weeks to fourteen months old and we age them in a cellar, though there are many varying ways and times and conditions in which you may want to age cheese. My favorite part about eating seasonal cheese is eating summer cheese that has been aged in the wintertime to get that grassy flavor even when there's snow outside," says Kara Chadborne of Jasper Hill Farms in Greensboro, Vermont.

Hydroponics, a method of growing plants indoors with artificial lighting in water as opposed to soil, may offer us a future option for more locally produced foods.

"In a controlled environment like hydroponics, you don't run into the same problems that you do in a greenhouse like not having enough light to grow certain things. We can supply all the water and nutrients a lettuce might need for example and so that it won't end up tasting like paper.



With hydroponics, you could technically grow strawberries in winter, but it would be costly with all the electricity," says Shawn Cooney, 63 of Corner Stalk Farm, a hydroponic farm that specializes in Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) in Boston, MA.

New England may appear to be a desolate place in January and February's snowy days, but the possibility for abundance in the kitchen is still possible. Developments like hydroponics could mean even more locally grown food in the future of the local foods movement.

Sanctuary brings Curtatone and Somerville celebrity

CONT. FROM PG 9

are arrested and deported.

That's what sanctuary status is all about. While the vast majority of the city stands behind our mayor and what he's doing, he has also become admired by liberals across the country who believe in the harm deportations

would do to our communities and our economy. With all the recent media exposure, Joseph Curtatone may be a political star on the rise.

Somerville is the beautiful city it is today in large part thanks to Mayor Joseph Curtatone. Many

immigrants from all over world come to the Boston area for a better education and a better life. The jobs many undocumented immigrants are working are low wage, labor-intensive jobs that most Americans simply view as beneath them. These same peo-

ple work hard and save to build businesses, restaurants, and provide for their families. Chances are that you're favorite neighborhood bar or restaurant is either owned, operated, or depends on immigrants, documented or not. Why would we want to deport

these people who have helped make Somerville the friendly artistic community that it is today?

Later 'Villens. Curtatone for Prez 2020! Be good to your neighbors and co-workers too - documented and undocumented alike.

A world without jobs

CONT. FROM PG 10

"Consumption" is essentially leisure, as he explains it. In this scenario, the end of jobs ushers in a golden age in which people are free to pursue activities that most fulfill them. He cites one "post-workist" scholar who suggests that "colleges could re-emerge as cultural centers rather than job-prep institutions." But this vision assumes a large measure of income redistribution, which many Americans oppose, particularly those whose

incomes are to be redistributed.

In Thompson's "communal creativity" scenario, people without formal jobs become artisans, making a living as the middle class did before industrialization put them out of business. Emerging technologies such as cheap 3-D printing would support "an economy geared around self-expression, where people would do artistic things with their time." To visualize this, think of "maker spaces," like

Somerville's Artisan's Asylum. This too would almost certainly require income redistribution.

The "contingency" scenario is one in which people eke out a living by serially performing whatever paid tasks they can find, and bartering services and the goods that they make or grow, while losing labor rights, bargaining rights, and job security. One can see an internet infrastructure emerging to support these arrangements at sites like Task-

Rabbit, Thumbtack, Craigslist Gigs, eBay, Uber, and Seamless.

Thompson's scenarios do not encompass the full range of societal outcomes that, for good or ill, are realistically possible. He does acknowledge that, "In any combination, [of these three possibilities] it is almost certain that the country would have to embrace a radical new role for government."

It's not just political institutions that will be transformed.

A world in which a majority of people no longer have paid employment is one in which they no longer can sustain the consumption of goods and services required to support capitalism itself. Randall Collins elaborates this likelihood in his essay, "The End of Middle Class Work: No More Escapes."

Such institutional impacts and what we can do now to anticipate them will be the subject of the last column in this series.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The Somerville Council on Aging was honored to host The Johnny Come Lates, an all-acoustic Irish Band on March 30 at the Holland Street Senior Center.

We would like to say a special thank you to Charan Devereaux of Union Square Somerville Playlist and the Somerville Arts Council for helping making this

event happen. There was a lot of toe tapping and hand clapping going on. Band members, Damon Leibert, Robert Elliot and Neal Cadogan's interaction with the

seniors was fantastic. We look forward to hopefully having The Johnny Come Lates join us again in the future!

— *The Somerville Council on Aging*

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

Phoenix, Happening at the Healey, the AFAS Journal, Kid! and 12! magazines.

Somerville High School has moved on to the quarterfinal round to compete against Hingham High School on

WGBH's High School Quiz Show this week. Somerville defeated Acton-Boxborough High School in the first round

on February 25 with a final score of 630 to 330. The episode will air this Saturday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. on WGBH 2.

VILLENS ON THE TOWN

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|April 5
East Branch Library
 Preschool Storytime
 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | 115 Broadway

Central Library
 Somerville Positive Forces
 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 6
Central Library
 Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. | 79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
 Lego Club
 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. | 115 Broadway

West Branch Library
 Lego Club
 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Central Library
 Lego Club
 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Friday|April 7
East Branch Library
 Fun Friday Sing Along with Matt Heaton!
 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | 115 Broadway

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

Central Library
 TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting
 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Monday|April 10
Central Library
 Sing Along
 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Central Library
 Creative Drama Workshop
 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

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

Central Library
 Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 13-15
 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | 79 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|April 12
East Branch Library
 Preschool Storytime
 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | 115 Broadway

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

MUSIC/ARTS

Wednesday|April 5
Sally O'Brien's Bar
 Free Poker, lots of prizes!
 8 p.m. | 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
 247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
 Scotty and The Gang
 Heartside
 Kue The Sun
 Seasonal
 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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
 Boston Stands: A Benefit for the ACLU, Chris Smither, Lori McKenna, Peter Mulvey, Vance Gilbert, Jesse Dee, Stephen Kellogg, Sarah Borges, Merrie Amsterburg, Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Paul Kochanski, Alastair Mook
 8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Hush: Silent Film, Live Music. Battle-ship Potemkin
 7:30 p.m. | 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
 Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
 7 p.m. | Café | 191 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 6
Sally O'Brien's
 BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti
 grassy Thursdays | 7:30 p.m.
 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
 Front Room
 Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company | 9:30 pm
 Backroom Series: Silver Arrow Band | 7 p.m.
 Scattershots | 10 p.m.
 247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
 Aliya Cycon & more
 Dancehall Lounge
 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern
 Live DJ Music
 499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's
 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
 Cory Branan | 6 p.m.
 Jazz Is Phsh - An Instrumental Tribute To Phish | 9 p.m.
 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
 Rock & Roll Rumble Preliminary Night 4
 The Tenafly Vipers, Red Red Rockit, Magen Tracy & the Missed Connections, Something Sneaky
 8:30 p.m. | 56 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
 Eva Cassel
 8 p.m. | 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
 The Welcome Project: YUM
 7 p.m. | Performance Hall | 191 Highland Ave

Friday|April 7
Sally O'Brien's
 Hashtag Hoedown | 6 p.m.
 Tom Appleman Band, Munroe, Bryan Mac \$5 cover | 9 p.m.
 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
 Backroom Series: Yani Batteau and Ruth Rappaport | 7 p.m.
 Cover Up | 10 p.m.
 247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896 247

P.A.'s Lounge
 Flightsuit
 The Breakfast Project
 Danielle Ponder and the Tomorrow People
 TBA
 8 p.m. | 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

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

Samba Bar & Grille
 Live music
 9 p.m. | 608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

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

Thunder Road
 Blacktab (rock) Fundraiser for "Emily's Fund", supporting homeless children in Southern Haiti. Donations can be made to www.freethekids.org
 8 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
 Rock & Roll Rumble Preliminary Night

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 Diablogato, Stars Like Ours, no hope/ no harm, Biltmore
 8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
 A Very Vizzie Birthday Celebration featuring Ed Vizzie's DJ friends
 Rock Scribbler
 Mindbender
 8 p.m. | 14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
 Shit Faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet | 7p.m.
 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory
 Sibling Connections: Talent Show
 Gala
 6:30 p.m. | Performance Hall | 191 Highland Ave

Saturday|April 8
Sally O'Brien's
 Tom Hagerty Band | 6 p.m.
 HearNowLive presents Jodie Road, The Squires of Soul \$10 cover | 9 p.m.
 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
 247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
 Elsewhere
 Back Seat Redemption
 Above The Din
 Castle Black
 Dragn Bangrs
 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
 Karaoke
 65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern
 Live DJ Music
 499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

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

Joshua Tree
 DJ El Sid!
 256 Elm St. | 617-623-9910

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

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

Thunder Road
 Disco Saturdays @ Pop Icon Brunch
 Thunder Road | 11 a.m.
 Kids' Union Dance Party | 3 p.m.
 Kawehi - I Am Eve Tour (pop) | 8 p.m.
 The Ward Eights (R&B Soul Revue) | 9 p.m.
 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
 Rock & Roll Rumble Preliminary Night 6, The Humanoids, Heavy Necker, Carissa Johnson, City Rivals
 8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
 KERPLUNK! | 11 a.m.
 Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet | 7 p.m.
 255 Elm Street

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
 A Night of Music and Solidarity: Show Up for the ACLU
 8 p.m. | 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
 Istiqbal and Ahweh (Coffee) at CAC
 4 p.m. | Cafe
 Laughing Liberally Boston
 8 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

Sunday|April 9
Sally O'Brien's Bar
 Victoria Benedict Wright Celebration featuring The Sour Mash Revue | 1 p.m.
 Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters | 6 p.m.
 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
 247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
 345 Somerville Ave

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

Madonna 2nd Annual Tribute Brunch "Hollandaise Celebration" 10 a.m.
 Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma
 7 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
 Meklit | 7 p.m.
 S6 Sol
 Ladies Rock Camp Boston April 2017
 Showcase! | 8:30 p.m.
 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
 April Residency: Sammy D and the Late Risers | 2 p.m.
 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
 Bigelow Cooperative Spring Fair
 3 p.m. | Performance Hall
 Herbal Remedies
 7 p.m. | Café | 191 Highland Ave

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

The Burren
 Front Room
 Bur-Run
 Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session | 9 p.m.
 Back Room: Science By The Pint | 6:30 p.m.
 Stump Trivia | 8:30 p.m.
 247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
 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 Series
 7:30 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
 Toddlerbilly Taco Takeover | 5 p.m.
 The Very | 7 p.m.
 Justine and the Unclean, The I Want You
 156 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|April 11
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 | 10 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
 366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

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

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
 Thunder & Lightning Sessions - Fully Backlined Open Mic
 7:30 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
 Mark Eitzel
 Howe Gelb
 7:30 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Wednesday|April 12
Sally O'Brien's Bar
 Free Poker, lots of prizes!
 8 p.m. | 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
 247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
 Abisha Uhl, Fossy Jaw & more
 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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
 Fundraiser to Honor Ken Kelly
 6 p.m. | 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
 Been Out Here Teen Open Mic
 6 p.m. | Café | 191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|April 5
Central Library
 Regeneration: a One Woman Show with Breast Cancer Survivor Dr. Nancy Rappaport
 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 6
Central Library
 Daisy Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | 79 Highland 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 Ave

East Branch Library
 Drop in Knitting at the East Branch
 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | 115 Broadway

Central Library
 FREE Yoga at the Library
 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

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

Saturday|April 8
Central Library
 Regular monthly chapter meeting
 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Somerville Winters Farmer 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|April 9
Fourth Step to Freedom AI-Anon Family Groups
 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
 Unity Church of God
 Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

Monday|April 10
Central Library
 Life Resurrected: Traveling Backwards in Evolutionary Time
 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

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

West Branch Library
 Drop in Knitting at West Branch
 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | 40 College Ave

Tuesday|April 11
Central Library
 Friends of the Somerville Public Library Board Meeting
 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|April 12
Central Library
 Board of Library Trustees Meeting
 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Central Library
 Cinema at Central
 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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.

The Council on Aging wants you! – The SCOA is supporting D.A. Marian Ryan’s Project C.A.R.E. and Project Linus. Helping children of trauma have some comfort in their time of need by providing them with home-made blankets. Help us reach our goal of 200 blankets. Knitted, crochet or handmade fleece accepted. Please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

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

Ageless Grace – Ageless Grace, the Council on Aging’s new Fitness class for the body and mind. Held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Holland St. Center, the Ageless Grace program is an innovative wellness and fitness program done seated in a chair to upbeat music. Classes are playful, imaginative and different every time. All the movements are designed to focus on the healthy longevity of the body and the brain. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Yoga - Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A 5-week Yoga series is a low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program that lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes!

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

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. 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.

Twin River Casino – Monday, March 27 – Lincoln, RI - \$20 fee includes motor coach transportation and a yet to be determined package – contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Multicultural Day – Thursday, April 6 – at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – lunch will be served at noontime – come learn about the music, languages, foods and cultures of Somerville’s older adults. This is a free event – must RSVP to Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 by Monday, April 3.

Make History With Somerville – Friday, April 7 at our

Holland Street Center at 10:30 a.m. – Come see how you can contribute to Somerville’s 175th Anniversary. Please RSVP to 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

New Hampshire Bingo – Wednesday, April 12 – Holland Street check in at 2:45 p.m. with an approximate return time of 10:30 p.m. Dinner & Bingo on your own - \$5 for transportation – Limited seating – To sign up or for more information please call Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Author Daphne Kalotay – Thursday, April 13 - 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join us for a reading and a behind the scenes look at a writer’s life. Lunch & bingo will be served following the discussion. Please RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Diabetes Shoe Clinic – Tuesday, April 18 - at our Holland Street Center from 9:00 a.m. to noontime. If you have Medicare and diabetes you should be eligible for a free pair of diabetes shoes every year. An appointment is a must so please call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to schedule yours.

Mohegan Sun – Tuesday, April 18 – Holland check in at 8:00 a.m. – Ralph & Jenny check in at 8:15 a.m. – approximate return time of 8:00 p.m. - \$25 includes transportation, \$10 food coupon and \$10 free bet – Reserve your spot by calling Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Howie Newman – Thursday, April 20th - 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join us for a morning of baseball songs and trivia. Lunch & bingo will be held following the performance. Please RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Memory Café – Wednesday, May 3 – 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center – The café is geared towards individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer’s and their care partners as well as those who worry about memory problems. For additional information, contact Natasha or Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our “Friendly Caller” Program. The Live Your Life Well event scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th is BOOKED SOLID.

The trip to New Hampshire Bingo scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Mohegan Sun scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th is SOLD OUT.

The Older American’s Month Celebration scheduled for Monday, May 1st at the WHYC is SOLD OUT.

Mother’s Day Super Bingo scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th is BOOK SOLID.

The trip to the Kentucky Derby scheduled for May 4th – 9th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to the Lowell Spinners scheduled for Thursday, August 10th is SOLD OUT.

The Pine Grove Dude Ranch trip scheduled for September 24th – 20th is BOOK SOLID. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to put your name on the waiting list should there be an opening.

The trip to NYC scheduled for December 8th, 9th and 10th is SOLD OUT. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to put your name on the waiting list should there be an opening.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Monthly Lunch is Back – April 12 – 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. This month’s hot lunch is Chicken Marsala, parmesan polenta and more. RSVP to Debby Higgins at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 by Wednesday, April 5. Suggested \$2 donation.

LGBTQ Health & Wellness Fair – Thursday, April 27 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. For more information call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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.

2017 Advisory Dates – 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Holland St. July 10, October 16.

2017 Event Dates

April 27 – Health Fair @ Holland St. Center 4:30-6 p.m.

June 2 – Dance @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m.

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.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics***

6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise

9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition

12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise

5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January

9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ)

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

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

Every Monday

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (C)

Every Tuesday

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (C, RJ)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Every Wednesday

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H)

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays (RJ)

Every Thursday

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ)

1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

Every Friday

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

11:45 Bingo (H)

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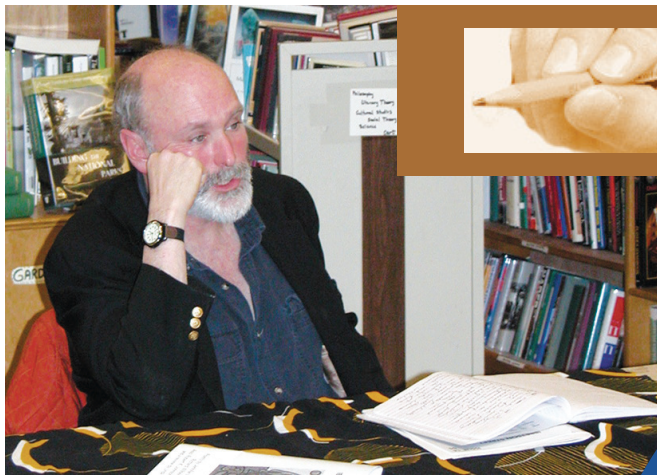
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11:30am Hello Neighbor!	6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm The Folklorist	11:00pm NASA X	11:00pm The Folklorist
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show	7:30am What's Left	10:30pm Act Out! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm Rare Groove Revolution	
1:00pm Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Sunday, April 9		
1:30pm Fallon's Daily Toast	9:00am Caring for Others: Caring for Ourselves	6:00am Hello Neighbor!		
2:00pm StartUp TV Boston	10:00am Greater Somerville	6:30am Eckankar		
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6:00pm Rising Up! with Sonali (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm Health is Wealth	11:00am Chef's Table Series		
7:00pm The Beantown Beatdown	2:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate		
8:00pm LIVE: Somerville Pundits	2:30pm SCOUTV	12:30pm Health is Wealth		
8:30pm LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm Tufts University Jumbo Sports		
9:30pm Beyond Boston	4:00pm Gay USA	3:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction		
10:00pm SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	5:00pm Reeling Review	4:00pm Dedilhando a Saudade		
11:00pm Flotilla	5:30pm What's New Massachusetts	5:00pm Bate Papo com Shirley		
Thursday, April 6	6:00pm Real Estate Answers	6:00pm DW In Good Shape		
6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:30pm The Language of Business	6:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News Digest		
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11:00am Greater Somerville	Saturday, April 8			
11:30am What's Left	6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board			
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)			
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Wednesday, April 5		Friday, April 7		Sunday, April 9		Tuesday, April 11	
9:00am Davis Sq. Neighborhood Meeting	12:00am School Committee Meeting - 4.3.17	12:00am Women's History Month Celebration	1:00am Davis Sq. Neighborhood Meeting	12:00am Congressional Update	12:30am Interfaith Panel Discussion	7:00pm Somerville's 175th Birthday Celebration	7:20pm Inventing the Charles River
3:00pm Congressional Update	6:00pm SomerSafe Sports Concussion Awareness	3:00am Cong. Michael Capuano Town Meeting	9:00am Women's History Month Celebration	1:30am Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game	2:30am SomerViva nan Kreyol	8:23pm Business Town Meeting	8:23pm Business Town Meeting
7:04pm Talking Business "Chill Ville"	7:22pm The Mayor's Report	12:00pm Congressional Update	12:30pm Interfaith Panel Discussion	9:00am Somerville's 175th Birthday Celebration	9:20am Senior Circuit "Live Your Life Well"	10:00pm Parks & Recreation Fair	10:00pm Parks & Recreation Fair
7:35pm Mayor's Discussion on Sanctuary Cities	8:00pm Greek Independence Day	2:00pm Women's History Month Celebration	2:00pm Maura Healey Town Hall	12:30pm Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00pm Greek Independence Day	10:30pm Women's History Month Celebration	10:30pm Women's History Month Celebration
8:16pm Greek Independence Day Celebration	9:42pm Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game	6:00pm Women's History Month Celebration	7:00pm Somerville's 175th Birthday Celebration	12:30pm Greek Independence Day	1:16am Talking Business "Chill Ville"	9:00am Business Town Meeting	9:00am Business Town Meeting
10:41pm Aldermen at Work - Bill White	Thursday, April 6	8:00pm Cong. Michael Capuano Town Meeting	10:03pm Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game	1:16pm Greek Independence Day	2:00pm SomerViva em Portuguê	12:00pm Senior Circuit "Live Your Life Well"	12:00pm Senior Circuit "Live Your Life Well"
12:00am School Committee Meeting - 4.3.17	2:30am Parks & Recreation Fair	Saturday, April 8	12:00am The Next Innovation Center	6:30pm SomerViva em Portuguê	7:00pm Rally Point	12:30pm Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game	12:30pm Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game
3:00am Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game	9:00am Women's History Month Celebration	1:32am Parks & Recreation Fair	1:32am Parks & Recreation Fair	7:00pm Senior Circuit "Live Your Life Well"	8:02pm Somerville's 175th Birthday Celebration	1:30pm Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	1:30pm Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
9:00am Women's History Month Celebration	10:00am Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game	2:02am Inventing the Charles River	2:02am Inventing the Charles River	8:02pm Somerville's 175th Birthday Celebration	8:22pm Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	2:00pm Interfaith Panel Discussion	2:00pm Interfaith Panel Discussion
10:00am Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game	12:00pm Senior Circuit "Project Linus & Friends"	9:00am Inventing the Charles River	9:00am Inventing the Charles River	9:00pm Cong. Michael Capuano Town Meeting	9:00pm Cong. Michael Capuano Town Meeting	6:30pm SomerViva em Portuguê	6:30pm SomerViva em Portuguê
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2:19pm Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	6:30pm Mayor's Business Town Meeting	12:30pm Greek Independence Day	12:30pm Greek Independence Day	1:00pm Greek Independence Day	12:30pm Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game	7:30pm Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	7:30pm Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte
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8:30pm Greek Independence Day Celebration	10:00pm Greek Independence Day	6:30pm Mayor's Discussion on Sanctuary Cities	6:30pm Mayor's Discussion on Sanctuary Cities	1:49pm Business Town Meeting	9:31pm Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game	9:31pm Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game	9:31pm Guns n' Hoses Hockey Game
10:00pm SomerViva em Portuguê	10:16pm The Mayor's Report	7:00pm Parks & Recreation Fair	7:00pm Parks & Recreation Fair	2:20pm Congressional Update	10:30pm Rally Point	10:30pm Rally Point	10:30pm Rally Point
10:47pm The Mayor's Report		7:30pm Business Town Meeting	7:30pm Business Town Meeting	6:00pm Congressional Update	11:02pm The Mayor's Report	11:02pm The Mayor's Report	11:02pm The Mayor's Report

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Wednesday, April 5		Friday, April 7		Sunday, April 9		Tuesday, April 11	
9:00am SHS Football 2016	10:00am SHS Career & Technical Education Fair	11:00pm Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance	12:00am Our Schools, Our City	5:00pm Our Schools, Our City	5:30pm Student of the Qtr. Awards - Brown School	9:00am El Sistema Somerville Concert	10:00am Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance
11:00am Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance	12:00pm Our Schools, Our City	12:30am SHS Career & Technical Education Fair	1:00am Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance	6:00pm El Sistema Somerville Concert	7:00pm SomerSafe: Sports Concussion Awareness	10:00am Student of the Qtr. Awards - Brown School	10:30am Student of the Qtr. Awards - Brown School
1:00pm Youth & Police Basketball Game	2:00pm Boys Indoor Soccer Finals 2017	1:30am Public Domain Theater	9:00am El Sistema Somerville Concert	9:00pm SHS Boys Basketball v Malden Catholic	11:00pm SHS Football 2016	12:00pm Youth & Police Basketball Game	12:00pm SHS Football 2016
3:30pm SHS Career & Technical Education Fair	4:00pm Girls Indoor Soccer Finals 2017	9:00am Our Schools, Our City	10:00am Our Schools, Our City	11:00pm SHS Football 2016	12:00am Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance	2:00pm Our Schools, Our City	2:00pm Our Schools, Our City
6:00pm SHS Football 2016	7:00pm SHS Career & Technical Education Fair	11:00am SHS Career & Technical Education Fair	11:00am SHS Career & Technical Education Fair	12:00pm Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance	1:00am Youth & Police Basketball Game	3:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett	3:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett
8:00pm Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance	9:00pm Our Schools, Our City	12:00pm Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance	12:00pm Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance	2:00pm Youth & Police Basketball Game	2:30am Public Domain Theater	5:00pm Boys Indoor Soccer Finals 2017	5:00pm Boys Indoor Soccer Finals 2017
9:00pm SHS Boys Basketball v Malden Catholic	10:00pm SHS Boys Basketball v Malden Catholic	2:00pm Girls Indoor Soccer Finals 2017	2:00pm Girls Indoor Soccer Finals 2017	3:00pm El Sistema Somerville Concert	9:00am El Sistema Somerville Concert	7:00pm Girls Indoor Soccer Finals 2017	7:00pm Girls Indoor Soccer Finals 2017
Thursday, April 6	12:00am SHS Career & Technical Education Fair	5:00pm Boys Indoor Soccer Finals 2017	5:00pm Boys Indoor Soccer Finals 2017	9:00am El Sistema Somerville Concert	10:00pm Youth & Police Basketball Game	8:30pm Our Schools, Our City - 4.6.17	8:30pm Our Schools, Our City - 4.6.17
12:30am Girls Indoor Soccer Finals 2017	12:30am Public Domain Theater	7:00pm El Sistema Somerville Concert	7:00pm El Sistema Somerville Concert	11:00pm Youth & Police Basketball Game	10:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden	9:00pm Youth & Police Basketball Game	9:00pm Youth & Police Basketball Game
5:00am Public Domain Theater	9:00am Argenziano School MLK Concert	8:00pm Our Schools, Our City	8:00pm Our Schools, Our City	1:00pm Argenziano School Malian Drum & Dance	10:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden	1:00pm Our Schools, Our City	1:00pm Our Schools, Our City
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

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By Kirk Etherton, B.N.P.M.F. board of directors

Somerville has lots of fine writers--including song-writers. This Friday - Sunday (April 7 -9) you'll find a number of them in Copley Square. Most events take place at the B.P.L.

For starters, Bert Stern and Lloyd Schwartz are two of the 13 "Keynote Poets" you can hear Friday afternoon. Friday evening, across the street, fellow 'Villen (and Berklee professor) Lucy Holstedt is producing a "Poetry, Music & Dance" concert, which features 10 original, diverse acts.

FYI, a majority of the Festival's board of directors live in Somerville, too.

Saturday, you can hear dozens of fine poets--among them Somerville's Tamlin Neville, and publisher / poet Gloria Mindock. I, too, am a resident of this fair city; I'll be the host all day. Granted, this entails introducing some truly great writers who live "elsewhere." Richard Hoffman and Fred Marchant are two such individuals. They both reside within a five-mile radius of my home -- an area I sometimes call "Greater Somerville."

I'm very pleased that Boyah J. Farah will be a Special Guest. Mr. Farah is a teacher, poet, and nationally/internationally recognized essayist who has accomplished much since arriving here in the 1990's as a refugee from Somalia.

Sunday, Doug Holder -- my neighbor here on School Street -- is a featured poet, as well as the day's host. He'll introduce Boston Poet Laureate Danielle Legros Georges, acclaimed singer-song-writer Thea Hopkins, singer and ukulele player Madelyn Holley (age 5), and plenty of other fine talents.

NOTE: there are Open Mics on Saturday AND Sunday, a panel discussion on "Craft & Publishing," a conversation with former Cambridge Poet Populist Toni Bee, and more. See our website below for details.

This is a FREE festival, and I need to thank some of the fine local businesses who support us in so many ways: the UPS store on Somerville Ave.; Market Basket in Union Square; Davis Square Family Practice; International Optical; Master Printing & Signs; The Middle East and ZuZu in Cambridge; Pann Home Services; boloco; Dudley Cafe; great bookstores; Boston Area Small Press and Poetry Scene (a first-rate arts blog), and Coastal Windows & Exteriors I've had great experiences with all of them.

Many have ads in our printed program. They're also listed in the "Directory" section of our website: bostonnationalpoetry.org.



Somerville resident and festival organizer Lucy Holstedt.

A special "thank you" this year to WBUR, for being an official media sponsor of this extremely diverse poetry (& music) festival.

Thanks this year, as every year, to *The Somerville Times*.

Recently, I was talking with the owner of Coastal Windows & Exteriors, (a sponsor of the festival) telling her how much my wife and I enjoyed all the replacement windows her company had installed in our house. She said, "I wish you'd write a poem about that!" So I did.

Thinking About Windows

I love, how I love not thinking about them: now, finally, we are simply warmer (or cooler) as

we wish. We can watch the wind-blown trees without feeling or hearing the wind.

Opening any window, I adore not needing to think about it, using one finger—not two hands.

I love looking out windows to notice only clouds, un-obscured by glass that's difficult to clean.

Look into our windows and see our eyes, the windows to our now undistracted souls.

— Kirk Etherton

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The perfect poem for spring from long-time contributor Robert K. Johnson.



HIGH

on the greening lawn
of their hilltop house,
a young husband

bends over
in order to barrel
the pile of dead leaves

their work compiled
while his young wife
leans on her rake

just as a breeze
plays with her hair.

So spring begins.

— Robert K. Johnson

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Answers

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| 1. Famous Players Film Company | 7. A quadrilateral |
| 2. Gene Chandler | 8. Lisa Marie Presley |
| 3. 1/12 teaspoon | 9. Diazepam |
| 4. About three months | 10. South America |
| 5. Four, two on each of its feet | 11. The Salvation Army |
| 6. Australia | 12. Water |

Small Jazz Concert

The Tufts University Department of Music presents the Small Jazz Concert, in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 8 p.m. Tufts small jazz ensembles under the direction of Nando Michelin and Paul Ahlstrand will perform an evening of works for smaller combos, featuring compositions by Wayne Shorter. The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit as.tufts.edu/music/musiccenter or call the Box Office at 617.627.3679.



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