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City Council reaffirms support for women's reproductive rights



The Somerville City Council passed a resolution expressing support for the 1973 Supreme Court protections for a pregnant woman's liberty to choose whether or not to have an abortion.

By Jim Clark

At the latest regular meeting of the Somerville City Council, a resolution was put forward reaffirming support for the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision which affirmed that access to safe and legal abortion is a constitutional right.

Speaking in favor of the resolution, Council President and Ward 7 Councilor Katjana Ballantyne told those in attendance, "I'm happy to be co-sponsoring this with my colleagues, Hirsch and Rossetti. Women deserve full access to comprehensive health care, including complete family planning."

Ballantyne said that the recent Alabama vote to ban abortion has outraged the community. "This resolution affirms the correct understanding that safe and legal abortion is a constitutional right," Ballantyne said.

The resolution reads as follows:

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'Just One Run' 5k in memory of James M. Pefine

By Jennifer Grimes

The fourth annual 5k adult race and walk bravely named "Just One Run" began at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 2. The three-mile loop started at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse, snaked around the Mystic River, and crossed over the Wellington Bridge in Somerville.

The 5k was spearheaded by the Ryan Harrington Foundation, a community-based charity foundation dedicated to supporting those struggling with addiction.

The race is run in memory of a different community member each year, this year the 5k was held in memory of James "PJ" Pefine, an army veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan but fell victim to the disease of addiction last year. This year, hundreds of people ran and volunteered for "Just One Run" in his honor.

Race coordinator by Cathy Harrington says, "The race provides a place for the family members to come, run, volunteer Continued on page 14



The "Just One Run" 5k in memory of James M. Pefine, a fundraiser that benefits those in recovery, took place — Photo courtesy of the Ryan Harrington Foundation last Sunday in Somerville.

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Tonight, Wednesday, June 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., The Committee to Elect Mary Marshall for Ward 3 School Committee is hosting her campaign kickoff fundraiser at The Neighborhood Restaurant in Union Square. All are welcome to attend. You can find out more about Mary's campaign platform by going to her website: MaryVMarshall.com.

A week from this Saturday, it's the Third East Somerville Reunion, set for Saturday, June 15, at the Somerville City Club, across from Holiday Inn on Innerbelt Road. Thanks to hard work and efforts put into this by Dan Rogovich and his small but dedicated bunch of helpers, it should be a great one once again for one and all. The last time was two years ago and well over 100 to 150 attendees showed up from all over the state and across the country. Lots of people who grew up in East Somerville have missed the last two but wanted to have a third. Some of us here at The Somerville Times are from East Somerville we will be there and have already reached out to others. A small group of "down backers" behind the Bucket who grew up there in the 60's will all be there. They meet every four or so months to talk about old times and great times. Help make this a success. Go online to Facebook to check it out. Ask Dan what you can do to help. He is looking for the food, entertainment and just plain East Somerville fun.

Come on people, let's support all the businesses that are being affected by the bridge closings, including Lyndell's Bakery and Ball Sq. Liquors in Ball Sq. They need people to show up. These places are open and can't afford to lose business for a whole year. We need to support Ball Square, as well as lower Washington St. and other places across the city.

Celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to a good and smart guy, City At-Large Councilor Bill White is celebrating this week. Michael Albano, a former Somerville resident who still works here, is celebrating Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Davis Square – the current situation: unsafe, unappealing, and unnecessary

joe says:

I applaud the committee's work. It is saddening and also puzzling why, despite all the tax revenue and gentrification, our city hall is seemingly incapable of maintaining a much cleaner and more manicured city. Somerville is littered with trash, flyers, broken sidewalk, potholes, dead trees, unkept trees, and numerous other blights that one would think a competent public works office using a reasonable budget could stay on top of.

LindaS says:

Well, that's it, then. Somebody needs to fall and sue the City. Or does somebody actually need to die before they finally smarten up?

Of course, if someone does sue, you can best believe the City will pay up, then increase our fees and taxes to cover their legal costs. And still not repair a damn thing.

Why? Because our city, our gentrified, under-construction, increasingly upper-class city just can't afford to pay for repairs.

Old Taxpayer says:

One elderly lady I know did fall and was taken to the hospital in an ambulance. Her husband also tripped there also. She got hurt pretty badly. They are both elderly. They are not people that would sue, so the city is lucky. The sidewalk on my street is similar, broken up bricks. My mother fell over 3 times but did not tell me until later on. You can't go out in the street there as the cars speed around the corner. This is on Broadway and Fenwick. My father had tripped on the brick crossings but multiple complaints got nowhere. So they just stay tot he side of the crossing bricks now. For 20 year olds the bricks may be fine.

Response to: Newstalk – May 29

the voice of reason says:

"In case you haven't heard, the city administration along with the City Council are making big changes to our roads. It looks like one lane for cars each way. One lane for cars and just as wide for a bike lane. We heard there is approximately 50K to 60K registered autos in Somerville. They pay an "excise tax" of maybe an average of \$100 a year, some more and some less. What do the bikers pay? When we were kids you would have to register your bike with the police station and pay for a license. Is that still happening? Traffic in the city is very bad with all the construction and closed bridges. And now a one lane Broadway? Powderhouse Blvd.? Are you upset?"

When will you learn? Just because there are cyclists on the road doesn't mean they don't also own cars and pay excise tax. I'm one of them. You should be thankful that my car sits in my driveway most of the time while I'm on my bike, making more room on the roads and easing congestion, while not causing wear and tear on the roads. And I still pay that tax. You're welcome.

Bob Ross says:

"wear and tear on the roads"....lol I think the horse is out of the barn with that one. Driving a mile in Somerville, anywhere in the city in any direction, is like driving thru Bedrock. As a bike rider, don't you think it's time the city repaired some of the roads? Where are our tax dollars going?

Villenous says:

Count me in with the voice of reason. I'm moving through traffic on my bike. I adding to it in my car. The problem is the 50-60k registered autos.

Anonymous says:

This thing about bikers paying excise tax is absurd. I mostly drive, and frankly a lot of the stuff bikers rant about is BS, but only good can come from people biking, plus bikes don't cause any wear to roads. Plus at 2.5% excise tax you aren't gonna get enough money out of most bikers to pay for the postage and admin costs. My bike is worth \$100. You're gonna mail me a bill for \$2.50 / year?

Response to: Letter to the Editor – June 3

Bob Ross says:

Excellent letter, Jake. Something needs to be done. I have personally seen zero bees on any flowers or crops this spring, and it's very alarming.

Renée Scott says:

Thank you for your letter. In addition to banning the poisons that are killing our pollinators, we also need to bring back the native plants that they evolved with that feed them (and that they, in turn, pollinate). Garden in the Woods in Framingham is a terrific resource for what plants are native to our area.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



Life in the Jimmy Del Ponte

Arriving today!



Disclaimer: at no time would I ever take lightly the importance of support groups.

There's lots of support and service groups available. I go to AA for my sobriety, I joined AAA for my cars, but I think we need one more. AAAA. Avid Amazon Abusers of America. I'm appointing myself as the Grand Exalted Mystic Poobah of AAAA.

Have you noticed a recent new vehicle among the number of Uber and Lyfts, Russell Disposal, Door-Dashers, and mail trucks on your street? Those packages don't just magically appear on porches. It's the ever present Amazon delivery van. Just as we used to see the milkman, the Dydee Diaper guy, and that old orange DPW swill truck on our streets, we now see various Amazon delivery vehicles. A lot! Move over shopping network.

Before malls, and big box stores, we did our shopping at stores like Bradlees, Zayre, JM Fields, Lechmere Sales, WT Grant, Service Merchandise, and Somerville Lumber. If we needed something we knew where to get it. Just in Davis Square alone we had a yarn shop, a sewing shop, a smoke shop, a children's

shop, and a bargain basement. There were shoe stores, record shops and drug stores. My aunts and my mom used to go "down the square" every day, sometimes several times a day.

After we picked up a tin of Kiwi Brown shoe polish, a plant watering can, some ponytail elastics, or some razor blades, we may pop into one of those instant photograph booths for a quick laugh. Now, if you need something but don't want to budge off the couch, you shop on Amazon.com.

I was "Amazed" at how many people I spoke to told me that they also order way too much stuff on their devices. It's too easy. And it's just as easy to lose track of how much you are spending.

We all still enjoy a trip to Target, BJ's or Walmart (if we want to fight the traffic), but these days it's become more convenient to "let your fingers do the walking"... and the shopping.

Amazon is growing by astronomical leaps and bounds, and I'm helping it. Ordering stuff has become as easy as changing the channel with the remote. I've successfully ordered new blinds, various items for our bathroom, including shower curtains, sink organizers and even a lovely lighted medicine cabinet. I've purchased Yogi Bear DVDs, Levi's, sneakers, an Italian flag jacket, a cowboy hat, T-shirts, a TB 12 cap, a foot massag-



er, and a heated seat massager. I got some license plate screws, and even TV's infamous Flex Tape.

I realized the spending was out of control when my son confronted me. My graveyard of empty Amazon mailing envelopes and boxes suggested that I may have a problem. A shopaholic. Great! Just what I need, another obsession.

We all love getting packages. It's like Christmas every day. We eagerly anticipate the arrival of the plant food, carpel tunnel brace, talking picture frame, night light, or exercise video we ordered. We even get delivery updates on our phones! "Your item is four stops away!" Yay!

Unfortunately, we must deal with the risk of package thieves too. Imagine the disappointment a crook would experience when he opens a stolen Amazon package thinking it's a watch, cell phone, or jewelry, only to find doggie aspirins, size 13 odor eaters or a gadget that illuminates the commode.

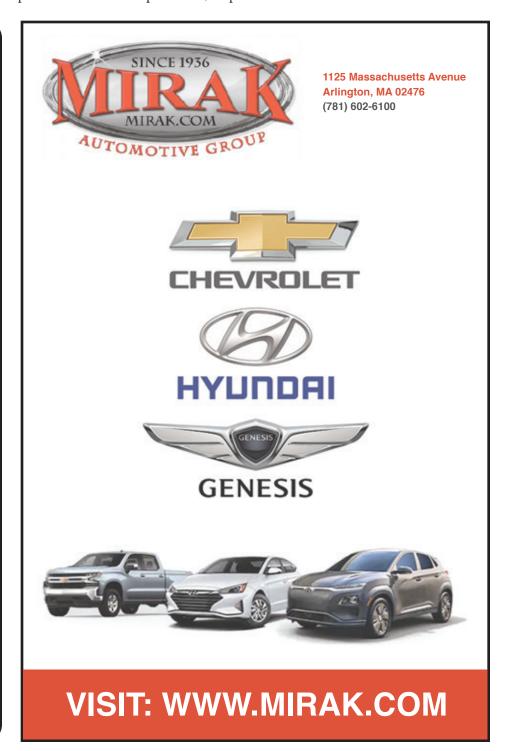
SomerVision2040 to host forum for local artists



Are you a local artist? Join City of Somerville staff for a forum for local artists as part of Somer Vision 2040 on Thursday, June 13 beginning at 6:00 p.m. They will discuss your concerns and ideas about how the city can better support our arts and creative economy. The forum will be held at the Lowell St. VNA, 259 Lowell St. (park on Lowell St.).

Ten years ago our community brought together its biggest and best ideas to write SomerVision2030, the city's comprehensive plan for 2010-2030, and it has helped guide their work since. Now is the time to improve upon that plan, to measure our progress, add new ideas, and extend the vision to 2040. Some of the best initiatives, like SomerViva, SomerStreets, ArtBeat, Nibble and Inclusionary Zoning came up during the previous Somer Vision process. Come share your thoughts and your big idea could be next.

Learn more at www.SomerVision2040.com and if you have any questions email us at planning@somervillema.gov. Anyone can also share their opinions by filling out our online survey at www.SomerVision2040.com/participate.



By Jim Clark

One hard hat, twelve rolls of wire

On Wednesday of last week, Somerville Police received a telephone call from a Home Depot loss prevention officer saying that he observed two known shoplifters place several rolls of wire in a shopping cart and walk towards the exit.

The loss prevention officer described one of the suspects as wearing a reflective jacket and a hard hat, while the other one wore blue jeans and an orange jacket.

Police officers were subsequently dispatched to the store to investigate the report.

Upon arrival, officers ob-

served a man wearing blue jeans and an orange jacket running East towards Mystic Ave., and another man wearing a reflective jacket and a hard hat walking away from the store at a fast pace.

Police stopped the man with the hard hat and identified him as James Bush, of Roxbury. A search for the second suspect was immediately initiated.

An officer observed the second suspect removing his jacket and jumping to the railroad tracks near Lombardi way. An additional unit was requested and an intensive search of the area was conducted.

The second suspect's jacket was found on the tracks near the Sullivan Square train station, and officers were informed by bystanders that they saw a man matching the suspect's description walk toward the platform.

As the search for the second suspect continued, Home Depot loss prevention officers briefed police on what had transpired prior to their arrival.

According to the loss prevention officers, Bush was recognized from pictures of individuals involved in organized

retail crime. Bush was allegedly involved in other larcenies at the Home Depot in Quincy.

The loss prevention officers said that they saw Bush walk in first from outside the store and the second suspect followed him inside. The two reportedly met up in one of the aisles where Bush directed the second suspect to select twenty rolls of wire, valued at \$1299.40 and place them in a shopping cart.

The two suspects reportedly walked towards the exit and stopped there, where Bush tried to distract one of the cashiers. One of the loss prevention officers reportedly heard Bush tell the second suspect, "No, no, not yet." Bush then walked up to the second suspect and told him to "chill." While acting as a lookout, Bush told the second suspect, "Now, now. Let's go." That is when the two men reportedly left the store without paying for the merchandise.

All of the items were recovered and returned to Home Depot.

Bush was placed under arrest on charges of conspiracy and larceny over \$1200.

The search for the second suspect continues.

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Arrests:

Marcus Cole, of 21 Logan St., Roxbury, May 28, 5:01 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of drug possession to distribute, alcohol from open container, receiving stolen property over \$1200, miscellaneous statutory violation, failure to wear a seatbelt, and motor vehicle lights violation.

Leroy Livingston-Gales, of 8 Wabash St., Boston, May 28, 5:01 p.m., arrested at Mc-Grath Hwy. on charges of drug possession to distribute, alcohol from open container, receiving stolen property over \$1200, miscellaneous statutory violation, and failure to wear a seatbelt.

James Bush, of 1979 Columbus Ave., Roxbury, May 29, 2:20 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of conspiracy and larceny over \$1200.

Ernesto Bonilla, of 545 Lexington Ave., E. Boston, May 30, 1:49 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny

under \$1200.

Damon Felix-Elie, of 1374 Broadway, June 1, 6:20 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.

Danielle Walsh, of 55 Ossipee Rd., June 2, 6:52 p.m., ar-

rested at Russell St. on charges of receiving stolen property under \$1200 and felony daytime breaking and entering.

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City Council reaffirms support for women's reproductive rights

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"WHEREAS: Whereas this City Council wishes to reaffirm the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court case which affirmed that access to safe and legal abortion is a constitutional right; and

WHEREAS: Norma Leah Nelson McCorvey (September 22, 1947 - February 18, 2017), better known by the legal pseudonym "Jane Roe", was the plaintiff in the landmark American lawsuit Roe v. Wade in 1973; and

WHEREAS: Roe v. Wade was a landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision that established a woman's legal right to an abortion; and

WHEREAS: In its ruling, the court recognized for the first

time that the constitutional right to privacy "is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy" (Roe v. Wade, 1973). Roe has come to be known as the case that legalized abortion nationwide; and

WHEREAS: The Court ruled, in a 7-2 decision, that a woman's right to choose an abortion was protected by the privacy rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS: Since 2010, states have quietly passed more than 400 restrictions on abortion care; and

WHEREAS: Six states have passed bills to ban abortion

this year; and

WHEREAS: Access to comprehensive reproductive health services is an essential need; and WHEREAS: Reproductive justice and economic justice cannot exist separately, particularly

WHEREAS: Banning abortions will not stop abortions, it will end access to safe abortions; and

for people of color; and

WHEREAS: Abortion bans will have a disproportionate effect on low income people. 75 % of abortion recipients in 2014 were economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS: Reproductive justice and economic justice cannot exist separately, particularly

for people of color; and

WHEREAS: Abortion is healthcare. Roe v. Wade solidified the notion that all people should have access to healthcare, including reproductive healthcare; and

WHEREAS: The ability to choose when to have a child is a crucial issue of economic justice, and restricting access to abortion will have a disproportionate effect on those already relying on lower incomes; and

WHEREAS: These bans as well as restrictions on legal abortions in many states- including Massachusetts- serve to stigmatize the choices made in order for many families to have economic security; THERE-

FORE BE IT

RESOLVED: We affirm the importance of high quality and comprehensive health care for all people, including reproductive, ob/gyn, and pediatric care that results in long-term well-being and positive outcomes for people of all backgrounds, regions of our country, and financial means; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That Somerville's City Council, in session assembled, hereby adopts this Resolution to support Roe vs. Wade with a copy forwarded to Congresswoman, Ayanna Pressley, Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey."

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Ward 4 ResiStat meeting touches on bridge closures, trees and more

By Melissa Rosales

Community members of Ward 4 gathered together to learn about their neighborhood's updates and news at Healey School on Thursday, May 30.

The Spring 2019 ResiStat Community Meetings is a twice-yearly effort by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Board of Aldermen to share and discuss the latest on city news, data, policies, programs, and more.

ResiStat Coordinator Taylor Ko gave a brief update on the city's projects like the Green Line Extension bridge closures, Bridge Hopper, a free public shuttle service between bridges that operates Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (info at www.somervillema.gov/glx), and Urban Forestry Department's new interactive tool, Tree Keeper.

"If you ever wondered what trees are around your home or your neighborhood or any local parks that you frequent, this is the tool to figure out what species they are and other details, including the size of the trees," said Ko.

The department staff mapped out all publicly-owned trees in the city. The website can be accessed in the city website (www.somervillema.gov/treekeeper).

Mayor Curtatone discussed the long-range government efforts and took a closer look on mobility and climate change. He called climate change a public health crisis. He said by 2030 there will 20 to 40 days of above 90-degree weather. In 2070 the number will rise to 55-90 days.

A pie chart projected on the wall illustrated that 32 percent of Somerville's greenhouse emissions are transportation, while 65 percent are in buildings, and 3 percent on waste. Curtatone discussed how they are updating buildings to be more energy efficient and the importance of mobility.

"Transportation is an area where as a city there's a lot we can do," Curtatone said. He pointed out that the Green Line Extension would take off at least 25,000 vehicles off the city's roads every day.

"If we can make people shift their



Residents and city officials came together to ask questions and get answers at last week's Ward 4
ResiStat meeting. — Photos by Melissa Rosales

mobility, if we continue to invest in world class bike and walk infrastructure, if we make it feel safer to walk and bike, if we make bus service not only cleaner, but reliable and efficient, we'll get people to change their behavior," Curtatone said.

Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Brad Rawson reported on the low-cost traffic calming experiments the department conducted by using white flex-posts strategically placed on the streets. Traffic calming involves slowing down cars. As of March 2019, the speeding rate dropped by 19 percent after the pilot tests.

The Vision Zero Action Plan, an international movement for safer streets, was also discussed by Rawson. He mentioned the different accomplishments, projects, and draft plan goals the department has for the action plan like addressing the statistically most dangerous intersection in Somerville, Powder House Rotary. Rawson invited residents to a community meeting about traffic calming on Shore Drive. The meeting will take place on June 24, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the SHA Mystic Activity Center.

For more information about ResiStat meetings visit www.somervillema.gov/resistat.



Davis Square repairs public meeting

DavisNOW.org, the community group who developed the "punchlist" of problems in Davis Square (go to http://online.flip-builder.com/havm/vrsp/) will be holding a public progress update meeting on June 10 at the (new) Dilboy Post, 351 Summer St., starting at 6.30 p.m.

This is a public meeting and city councilors and staff are invited to attend. Some city staff will be presenting on their progress. In addition, several other city community groups who are concerned about safety will be shar-

ing their information on their activity and needs for Davis Square.



Last year the mayor and city staff agreed that the work need be done to repair the square and ensure it is safe and accessible until it can be fully refurbished after some infrastructure upgrades. So far there is little to show, but under the "Progress" tab on www.DavisNOW.org there is a chart that reflects activity, and the responsible parties.

The public is invited to attend and listen to the sentiments and suggestions of the community.





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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on two roll calls from the week of May 27-May 31. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

\$200 MILLION IN CHAPTER 90 FUNDING FOR LOCAL ROADS (H 69)

House 156-0, gave final approval to 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 package is a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds. Only final approval by the Senate is needed prior to the bill going to Gov. Charlie Baker's desk.

Other provisions include \$200 million for rail improvements and \$1.5 billion in bonding to allow for federal interstate repairs to advance. According to officials, 80 percent of the \$1.5 billion would be reimbursed by the federal government.

Supporters said the \$200 million would help cities and towns keep their roads and bridges safe and allow many vital municipal road projects to move forward.

No one voted against the bill but there are some legislators and city and town officials who say the same old \$200 million that has been given since fiscal 2012 is insufficient. For several years, the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) has been seeking to increase the amount to \$300 million. Advocates say that cities and towns maintain and repair 90 percent of the roadways in the Bay State. They note that because of revenue caps imposed by Proposition 2 1/2, cities and towns are very dependent on state funding to keep roads and bridges from crumbling.

"Chapter 90 was set at \$200 million in fiscal year 2012, and eight years later remains at that same level," said MMA Executive Director Geoff Beckwith. "Because of inflation, this means that communities are experiencing a real, after-inflation reduction of \$50 million a year. The MMA's long-term goal is to work with the governor and Legislature on a shared strategy to increase Chapter 90 funding above current levels, so that cities and towns can improve the quality of our roadways and save local tax dollars."

Transportation House chairman Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett) said the current \$200 million is sufficient when combined with other state programs that help cities' and towns' infrastructure including \$50 million for small bridge repair. "The towns and cities throughout the commonwealth will again receive this timely assistance for care of their local roads," said Straus. "Through good and bad economic times, the Legislature has consistently provided this important aid to the communities."

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

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

\$41.1 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 3819)

House 152-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$41.1 million fiscal year 2019 supplemental spending plan to cover expenses and to fund various state programs and agencies that are running out of money.

Provisions include \$3.6 million for early education and care; \$2.1 million for a state workers' compensation program; \$140,000 for the state's military division including the National Guard; \$14.2 million for the state to pay certain court judgments, settlements and legal fees; extending for another year the law that allows betting on simulcast races; creation of a task force to ensure proper evidence storage in court cases; and funding for a number of collective bargaining agreements.

Supporters say the package is a reasonable and fiscally responsible one.

House budget chief Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call to comment on the budget.

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

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

HELP VETERANS – Several bills were the subject of a recent hearing held by the Veterans and Federal Affairs Committee including:

VETERANS' FUNERALS (H 3217) – Requires funeral homes to provide veterans with information about all the funeral and burial benefits available to them.

"Veterans and their families should not be paying out for goods and services from their personal funds for benefits that are due to them which they may not be aware of," said Rep. Steven Howitt, the sponsor of the bill. "This would ensure that this does not happen."

PTSD COMMISSION (S 2164) – Establishes a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Commission to annually provide recommendations on how to advance PTSD research, improve its treatment, increase public awareness and recognition of the disease and support its early and accurate diagnosis.

"Increased funding for and awareness of mental health and suicide prevention are among my top priorities at the Statehouse this year," said the Senate sponsor of the bill Sen. Barry Finegold (D-Andover). "We know that PTSD touches many lives across the commonwealth, including our veterans, survivors of assault and others recovering from traumatic events. This bill would create a commission at no cost to taxpayers that would ensure that the commonwealth is up to speed on the latest innovations in research and treatment of PTSD, which will directly benefit those suffering."

HELP VETERANS FIND JOBS AS CIVILIANS (H 3198) – Tasks the Commissioner of Veterans' Services with helping veterans and individuals serving in the armed forces to find civilian employment based on their skills they developed and used in the military.

Supporters said many veterans either avoid training or are burdened with substantial costs when seeking civilian employment credentials for skills already obtained in the military. They argued that these men and women receive some of the best technical training available and often find that they are required to begin their training all over again at the most basic levels to receive certification or licenses for civilian jobs.

"Our military men and women deserve a smooth transition from the military into the civilian workforce," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Peter Capano (D-Lynn). "This legislation will make it easier for armed forces members and veterans to receive credit for skills obtained during active service and improve opportunities for veterans in finding living-wage employment."

PROHIBIT PUBLISHING OF NAMES OF VET-ERANS WHO OWE TAXES (H 3224) – Prohibits cities and towns from publishing the name of a veteran who owes the municipality taxes. Instead, the veterans' service officer (VSO) of the city or town would contact the veteran privately and provide him or her with information regarding their overdue tax situation. Many cities and towns publish the names of their taxpayers who owe the municipality back taxes.

"[The bill] gives our veterans the respect they deserve when they find themselves facing financial hardship regarding property taxes," said its sponsor Rep. Paul Mc-Murtry (D-Dedham). "We can avoid any public embarrassment and take a more hands-on approach through personal interaction with the VSO for assistance with their tax situation."

EXEMPT VETERANS FROM RECREATION-AL FEES (S 2176) – Exempts veterans from paying charges and fees, including day-use parking fees and recreation visitor fees, for entrance to public forest lands and public beaches under the control and care of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

"Our veterans should be able to use these public spaces free of charge," said sponsor Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth). "The commonwealth has long been a leader in caring for our veterans and this is another small way for us to try to pay them back for all they've done to protect our freedoms."

PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES – These two bills were aired at a Public Health Committee hearing last week:

POTLUCK EVENTS (H 1968) – Exempts volunteer food servers at charitable potluck events from food server regulations of the Department of Public Health or local boards of health. This proposed law would expand a law approved in 2014 that was more general and prohibits the department from regulating the serving of food brought to these potluck dinners. This bill specifically prohibits the regulation of the servers themselves.

"[The bill] would exempt volunteers at charitable events which serve food from cumbersome regulations," said its sponsor Paul McMurtry (D-Dedham). "We want to incentivize people to become more civically involved in local events for seniors and others, eliminating regulation that would have no impact on the quality and cleanliness of food does just that."

OBESITY TASK FORCE (H 1999) – Creates a Task Force on the Impact of Obesity to examine the impact of obesity in the state including the cost implications for employer and employee premiums and out of pocket expenses, lost productivity, impacts on wellness and health, comorbidities and on the overall costs to the health care system.

"The complications of obesity are serious medical problems and put people at risk for heart disease, stroke, Type 2 diabetes and certain types of cancer that are some of the leading causes of preventable, premature death," said

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Rep. Jeffrey Roy (D-Franklin), the sponsor of the bill. "The Center for Disease Control has predicted that by 2030, 42 percent of American adults will be obese and that's a condition that shortens life and incurs large medical expenses. While there is no simple solution to the obesity epidemic, it's important that we assemble this task force to allow policy makers, state and local organizations, business and community leaders, school, health care professionals and others to tame this disease and develop policies and strategies to make healthy eating and active living accessible and affordable for everyone."

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"We've got a lot of very complicated issues to work through. The objective of the regulations is to ensure that the policy decisions we made about a month ago are explicitly embedded in the regulations and that translation process is complicated. There are a lot of details to work out and we just thought we really needed more time to do it carefully, thoroughly, and to do it right." — Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) chairman Steve Hoffman on why the CCC has delayed for a month its consideration of new draft regulations for the marijuana industry.

"I don't even know if I could name 8,000 flavors. As one of my colleagues said, 'There's not even 8,000 flavors of ice cream. Why would there be 8,000 flavors of tobacco?" — Allyson Perron of the American Heart Association supporting a ban on the sale of flavored tobacco and vaping products.

"The goal must be that no persons are denied entry to our public courthouses because they are carrying cell phones; nor should they be compelled to leave them at House and Senate were in session each week. Many leg-

home, pay for them to be stored, or hide them outside, as a condition of coming into the building." — From the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission's report on how the state should ease the ban on cellphones in court because it leads to the inability of self-represented defendants to present photos or text messages as evidence to a judge, to consult their calendars, schedule future court dates, reach child care providers and for other essential needs.

"Our Medicare, Medicaid and other state tax dollars fund hospital corporations, but what those corporations do with our money can be at odds with public service. This bill will allow the public to see exactly where our tax dollars are going—especially if they end up in the Cayman Islands and [would also] limit excessive hospital CEO pay. We should instead spend that money helping our most vulnerable patients." — Rep. Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury) on his legislation that would require hospitals to disclose financial holdings and profits, including money kept in offshore accounts.

"Eonsmoke took a page out of the Big Tobacco playbook by peddling nicotine to young people on social media. Our investigations into JUUL and other e-cigarette retailers continue as we seek to hold companies accountable for marketing these addictive and dangerous products to minors." — Attorney General Maura Healey on her lawsuit against Eonsmoke, a national retailer of e-cigarette and vaping products for violating Massachusetts laws regulating the sale and advertisement of tobacco products to minors.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the islators 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 May 27-31, the House met for a total of five hours and three minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and 23 minutes.

Mon. May 27 No House session No Senate session.

House 11:02 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. Tues. May 28 Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

Wed. May 29 House 11:08 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. No Senate session

Thurs. May 30 House 11:01 a.m. to 12:08 p.m. Senate 11:19 a.m. to 2:28 p.m.

Fri. May 31 No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Somerville Historic Preservation Commission revised events schedule

With the annual Historic Preservation Month (May) events behind us, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) has announced a revised schedule for spring events that were postponed due to inclement weather, as well as a revised schedule for Docent Tours of the Prospect Hill Tower, the Old Power House, and the Milk Row Cemetery. Rescheduled events will be held as follows:

· Jane's Walk: Somerville's Winter Hill and Gilman Square, Past and Present

WHEN: Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. – noon

WHERE: Begin at 425 Broadway, continuing to Gilman Square. Refreshments at Winter Hill Brewery (free small) and Tipping Cow Ice Cream (discounted).

MORE INFO: www.janeswalk.org

• Walking Tour: East Somerville's Tucked Away Architectural Treasures

WHEN: Sunday, June 16, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: Meet at Mudflat Studios, 81 Broadway. End at Holiday Inn for refreshments.

MORE INFO: Ed Gordon, President of the New England Chapter of the Victorian Society in America, will lead a walking tour of historic buildings and landscapes already undergoing changes.

• Film Screening of Citizen Jane: Battle for the City

WHEN: Wednesday, June26, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Remnant Brewing, Bow Market (outdoors)

MORE INFO: The film highlights why Jane Jacobs is widely acclaimed for her visionary activism, enabling residents to successfully challenge a major highway project through New York City in the 1960s.

SHPC also sponsors docent-led tours of the Old Powder House in West Somerville, and the Prospect Hill Tower and Milk Row Cemetery in Union Square.

For the full tour schedule, visit www.somervillema.gov/calendar/2019, or www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation.







Growing center re-opening

The big day has finally (almost) arrived! Join in on Saturday, June 22, for the re-opening of the Growing Center. Join Mayor Joe Curtatone and members of the Growing Center Community from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the completed renovation of the Growing Center.

Keep an eye on their calendar and social media for updates. For more information, contact Lisa at lisa@thegrowingcenter.org.

Speaking of the re-opening, there is lots to do to get ready for the kick-off of the new season. The Center will be holding Garden Work Days from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on June 8, and June 15. They are looking for volunteers to help prep the site – the more, the merrier! Some things they will be working on are prepping raised beds, moving stones, weeding and finishing bed clean outs, planting plugs, shrubs, and trees.



All are welcome. The Growing Center is located at 22 Vinal Ave., Somerville. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Christine at volunteer@thegrowingcenter.org.

SHS Class of 2019

The Somerville High School Class of 2019 graduation ceremony took place on Monday, June 3. The ceremony took place at Dilboy Stadium. Mayor Curtatone, Superintendent Skipper and other city officials were in attendance.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner



















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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #180

Kate Smith

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

"May Day" in this country is a day when the sight of budding trees and flowers tells us that winter is over and children sing around May poles to celebrate the arrival of spring. In other countries, like Russia, it's a day of viewing parades and exhibiting national pride. Kate Smith would spend her life celebrating both of these practices. She was a singing patriot. She was born on May 1, 1907, May Day, and she died on June 17, 1986, Bunker Hill Day. Kathryn Elizabeth Smith grew up in the nation's capitol. At eight years old, she sang for World War I veterans; and while attending nursing school as a teen, she sang for patients.



Kate's first year in show business featured Somerville. As a pudgy teenager of seventeen, she went north to New York City to try her luck as a singer. She was cast in the new musical comedy Honeymoon Lane. The play's debut was at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square, and she was there as part of the company.



As an actress, Smith's life was tormenting. Because of the character she played, she was the object of jokes and ridicule by clowns, comedians, and the audience, on and off

stage. She was a big girl, cast as the character, Tiny Little. Her friends said she would often cry between acts. Despite this, she kept singing until her rescue came in the form of Ted Collins, Vice President of Columbia Records. After hearing her sing, the two made a handshake contract and established a friendship and partnership that spanned their lives.

"Hello everybody ... This is Kate Smith." This was her opening line on her first radio performance, followed by her singing When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain. It was her 21st birthday. Paydays of ten dollars a week



soon became fifteen hundred, and then, two years later, would grow to five thousand dollars as her popularity ex-



ploded. Irving Berlin wrote the song God Bless America for her. She first sang it on Veterans Day, November 11, 1938. As the years went by, many Americans wanted this song to be our national anthem. She donated the song's royalties to the Boys and Girls Scouts of America.

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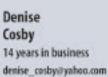


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Somerville's Big Gay Dance Party

By SC

The Somerville Arts Council and the Department of Health and Human Services presented the Big Gay Dance Party to celebrate the beginning of Pride Month on Saturday, June 1.

The dance party, which took place in the heart of Union Square, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending around 8:30 p.m., was free and open to all ages

The music was provided by DJ LUNAMARIPOSA who played a variety of songs and genres that could be enjoyed by everybody.

Two drag performances by Amanda Playwith and Severity

Stone were wildly enjoyed by the audience who cheered for them during their performance.

The Somerville High School Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) had a stand in in place where they sold Queerville pride T-shirts at \$20 dollars each.

There was a photo booth area and also many different stands that offered all kinds of events that were centered around creating safe spaces that are LGBTQ-inclusive.

Moreover, many local community organizations that serve the LGBTQ+ community were present and seemed happy to be able to inform and give out pamphlets full of information about LGBTQ health, while offering free condoms and contact information for anyone who is interested in free STI and HIV testing.

Some of the organizations that were also part of this event were Respond, which works to end domestic violence and abuse; Fenway Health, which is dedicated to the giving quality health care and sex education to our LGBTQ community; and The-NetworkLaRed which is a survivor-led organization that strives to end partner abuse.

Other organizations that were present: Queer Inclusive Climbing Klub (QUICK), Trans Club of New England (TCNE) and Lite.

Gracie's served ice-cream for all of the attendees, and many parents and kids happily ate more than one cone while dancing to kid-friendly music.

For more LGBTQ+ events around Somerville, you can check GLASS at www.jri.org/glass, which is an organization that offers many different activities during Pride Month, that promise to be fun and engaging for both LGBTQ+ youth and allies.



The Big Gay Dance Party in Union Square helped kick off Pride Month on Saturday. — Photos by Michele J Martin









MONDAY June 10

7 p.m. Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy 10 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors

TUESDAY June 11

8 p.m. Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan

WEDNESDAY June 12

8 p.m. Free Poker, lots of prizes!

THURSDAY June 13

9 p.m. Meghan Chiampa presents A Touch of Schmilsson with The Grownup Noise, Steve Walther Orchestra, Petaluma Vale, Christopher Parlon, Nick Zaino, Jonathan Donaldson - \$8 cover

FRIDAY June 14

6 p.m. Bucky Bear & The Bearly Seen 9 p.m Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present Pineapple Jam, Fiesta Melon - \$10 cover

SATURDAY June 15

6 p.m. One Thin Dime 9 p.m. The Daylilies, Justine & The Unclean, The Chelsea Curve - \$10 cover

SUNDAY June 16

11 a.m. Brunch! Roundtable Acoustic Series 4:30 p.m The Natural Wonders 10 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo











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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at notable city data—and interesting numbers. Fiscal year 2020 begins on July 1 and throughout June the City Council will be reviewing the budget we have submitted. Visit www. somervillema.gov to find meeting dates and times.

2.5%: Even if you don't spend much time talking about municipal finance, there's a good chance you've heard of Proposition 2 ½. Passed by voters in 1980, Proposition 2 ½ sets rules around tax assessments and levies. The part you've likely heard about the most is the section that caps property tax increases at 2.5%. Any increase

beyond that would require an override vote, which Somerville has never done. (In 2016 voters did approve a debt exclusion to pay for the new Somerville High School, which is different from an override.) Here's where things can get a little confusing: Although the tax rate can't be raised more than 2.5%, sometimes property owners see an increase larger than 2.5%. That's because property tax bills are based both on the tax rate and the value of the property. From fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2019 Somerville's residential tax rate decreased by nearly 5% (the FY2020 tax rate will be set by the City Council later this year), but if a property's value increased taxpayers may end up with a larger bill than the year before.

\$3 million: In in the next fiscal year, we're proposing a more than \$3 million investment in Vision Zero, an international movement to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

Some of the investments we hope to make include traffic calming measures in neighborhoods around Somerville, traffic signal retiming, and additional staff and consultant capacity to manage the work. We can all agree that it's important to make sure everyone can get around the city safely, but if you're worried about the price tag, there's some good news - less than \$1 million would be coming out of the general fund. The majority of the funding would come from other sources like state and federal grants, the capital improvement program, and the Municipal Rideshare Fund.

4.9% increase: This year's budget proposes a nearly 5% increase to the Somerville Public Schools budget. Educating our youth is one of the City's most important responsibilities and biggest investments. Thirty percent of our budget is dedicated to the schools and we've made steady increases to it over time.

The school budget includes many services to help our young people thrive including core academic and vocational programs, school readiness, and out-ofschool programs.

\$300,000: The Office of Housing Stability offers a variety of services to tenants and those seeking housing in Somerville. The greater Boston region remains in a housing crisis, making programs that prevent displacement and homelessness or help with housing searches vitally important. This year we're prosing an additional \$300,000 go into the Office of Housing Stability's budget for the Housing Stabilization Fund, legal services, tenant organizing, and housing search assistance. Finding and securing housing can be a complex process and we want to make sure help is available when residents need it.

\$15: Each year, the budget includes funding for salaries and accounts for any changes in pay.

Recently, Somerville adopted a \$15 living wage policy for all part-time staff. While that will mean an increase in some of our salary lines, it's also an important step toward economic justice. Our schools give students the education they need to find good jobs and our Economic Development team works to bring in those good jobs and fill in any training or skills gap. But it's also important for us to live our values and pay our part-time employees at least \$15 an hour.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:

I write to correct the errors made in the May 22nd front-page article, "Short term rental ordinance set for recommendation to the City Council."

Your May 22nd article on the short-term rental (STR) ordinance was based on a rather old version of the ordinance, which went through many changes and versions. The City Council passed the STR ordinance on May 23rd, and it will take effect on January 1, 2020.

The new law does **NOT** allow adjacent units to be STRed by the owner of a property for any number of days or nights.

The new law does NOT require regis-

tration with the City to operate an STR.

The new law allows only two types of STRs:

-- STR of a shared residential unit, that is offering bedrooms within one's own unit for up to 365 days a year. This is the traditional notion of an AirBNB, sharing one's home.

-- STR of an unoccupied residential unit, that is renting one's own unit for up to 90 further reducing the supply of housing in days a year when one is not occupying the unit. This allows an owner or renter (with the landlord's permission of course) to rent their unit out when on vacation, traveling, or staying somewhere else. them out of the rental housing market, further reducing the supply of housing in the City, driving up rents, and increasing the number of people passing through who are not part of and do not contribute to the community.

The Council voted unanimously way back on February 7th to not allow own-

er-adjacent units to be STRed. It is important that property owners in Somerville understand that the new law will not allow them to rent an entire unoccupied adjacent unit as an STR, even if it is in the same building in which they live. The main reason for this was that renting entire unoccupied units as STRs takes them out of the rental housing market, further reducing the supply of housing in the City, driving up rents, and increasing the number of people passing through who are not part of and do not contribute to the community.

The Council decided not to impose a registration requirement, as it was thought to be a burden for those who operate STRs, as well as an administrative cost for the Inspectional Services Dept. The prohibition on STRing entire unoccupied units, the problem of greatest concern, can be enforced without registration.

In summary, the ordinance the City Council passed states what is allowed for STRs. The City plans to enforce this law, especially upon owners who take units out of the rental market to make them permanent STR units. For additional information and the text of the new ordinance, go to www.somervillema.gov/strs

Mark Niedergang
Ward 5 City Councilor

Arts, Culture, and Local Business in Ball Square

Join the Somerville Arts Council and the Somerville Flea for a perfect summer day while supporting local businesses and artists in Ball Square. The annual Joe's Jazz & Blue's Festival will kick off that day from noon to 6:00 p.m., followed by the Somerville Arts Council's Night Market from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival is a free, all-day, outdoor event in beautiful Powderhouse Park (Nathan Tufts Park). The Somerville High School Jazz Band will kick off the concert at noon, getting the crowd going with sounds ranging from American Jazz to Delta Blues. The day's lineup also includes: Shokazoba, Meridian 71, Joe Bargar & The Soul Providers, BJ Magoon & Driving Sideways and Ken Field Nonstandards.

After the festival, grab a bite to eat at one of the many delicious restaurants in Ball Square. From 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. enjoy a nighttime artisan and vintage market accompanied by live music by local artists, a beer garden sponsored by The Pub, and more activities under the stars. Enjoy a tasting at Ball Square Fine Wines, meet kittens up for adoption at Stinky's, and learn more about the offerings at Amal Niccoli Salon and other local businesses.

The Night Market is produced in partnership with the Somerville Flea. This is the second installment of a three-part series of Night Market this summer. The third Market in the series will take place in Winter Hill on Saturday, July 20.

 $For more information, visit www.somervillartscouncil.org. With questions contact Special Events Manager Nina Eichner at 617-625-6600 ext. 2998 \ neichner@somervillema.gov.$

COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Congratulations to our graduates of 2019!



Another year passes and we pause at this time to congratulate and honor the hard-working students who achieved their goal of successfully completing their courses of studies at their respective high schools and colleges.

It takes a lot of dedication and commitment to follow through to completion in this world, which is filled with so many challenges and distractions. It is no small feat to take one's education to the limit, and these moments represent important milestones along the path to success in life.

We should lavish these kids with praise for their accomplishments and encourage them to take it to the next level. To constantly strive to better themselves, be it moving on to college or grad school, professional or vocational schooling. Going yet another step further shows ambition and a sense of belief in oneself that can propel one to success unimagined by those who fall short of the mark.

It can be said that one's life is a never-ending process of discovery and learning. That we are always in school, in

fact. Still, achieving the goal of completing a set course of study is especially satisfying and sets the stage for even bigger accomplishments.

And so we applaud the achievements of the class of 2019. May they go on to know great success in their professional and personal lives. They so clearly deserve it.

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his birthday. We wish him a happy birthday. Happy birthday as well to **Paul Camuso**, a former City Councilor in Medford and well known here in Somerville. Happy birthday to **Dave Byron**, who grew up here in the city and is planning on moving back. We wish him a happy birthday. We also wish a happy birthday to another former resident who is now in Florida, **Frank LoBuono**. To those that are celebrating this week, and we didn't post, again we wish you the best of birthdays.

Candidates having a fundraiser or campaign kickoff are invited to let us know and we will mention it here in *Newstalk*. Good luck to all who pulled out papers to run for office. Go online to check out who is running for what office: www.somervillema.gov. We need more candidates.

No parking signs up and down Harvard Street in Medford. We heard it's for a road closing. What are the politicians doing this year? With all the construction and closings, it's almost impossible to get around in the City of Somerville. Must be some lame brain on the top floor of City Hall who just moved here from Ohio or someplace and wants to impart all this on

El Sistema Somerville's End of Year Celebration Concert will take place on June 11, 6:30 p.m. in the East Somerville Community School Auditorium, 50 Cross St. Free admission, donations welcome. Visit www.elsistemasomerville.org for more information.

The Somerville Sunsetters are coming

to a street near you! The Sunsetters, a traveling youth performance troupe that performs classic show tunes and modern musicals in Somerville neighborhoods throughout **July and August**, is now booking shows for the summer 2019 season. Residents interested in hosting a performance in your neighborhood should contact **Jackie Rossetti** at 617-625-6600 ext. 2614, or JRossetti@somervillema. gov. Performances will be scheduled

twice weekly, Monday through Thurs-

day evenings, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in

July and August. Performance slots fill up

quickly, so book yours today.

 to offer a fun organic gardening workshop on three Saturdays this season. A Green City Growers farmer will lead the hands-on workshop during which you'll learn when and what to plant, how to maintain, fertilize, and harvest successful crops. Wear comfortable clothes and get ready to get your hands dirty. Hands-on Gardening Workshop with Green City Growers, Saturday, June 8, at 2:00 p.m., Central Library Lawn. For more information, contact Meg at mragland@minlib.net or (617)523-5000 x2956.

The Taste of Somerville, returns on June 12 for its 21st year. This year's Taste has a new, beautiful home on the waterfront at Assembly Row. Proceeds from the event will once again support an exceptional local non-profit organization. This year's beneficiary, the Walnut Street Center, is a human services agency that provides self-advocacy and community involvement support to some of the city's most vulnerable citizens. Find more information at www.tasteofsomerville.org or on Twitter: @tasteofsomervil and Facebook: https://www.facebook. com/events/317722335590428/ or Instagram: @tasteofsomerville.

The Somerville City Club manager Donny Johnson is looking all the time for new members to join the club, if you think you'd be interested give him a call at 617-623-9340. It's a great local club for the residents of Somerville, and has been around now for over 40 years, their location on Innerbelt Road. Plenty of parking and a very nice hall for rent, some say the best deal in Somerville. Call and ask for details at 617-623-9340.

Are you retired and looking for part time work and experienced in sales? Give us call here at *The Somerville Times* we are looking for advertising telemarketers.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 5:30 p.m., in the Department of Public Works Water Department Conference Room, 17 Franey Road, to consider the removal of two public shade trees. Any objections to the removal of these trees must be submitted in writing to the City Urban Forester prior to or at the public hearing. The mailing address for the Urban Forester is City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143; email: trees@somervillema.gov; phone 617-625-6600.

SomerStreets: Carnaval 2019

SomerStreets: Carnaval returned for the 10th year of shaking up East Somerville, kicking off the 2019 season on Sunday.

Attendees enjoyed the best of the East Broadway Business District and community including food, music, and activities from around the world.

Programming extended along East Broadway from McGrath Highway to Pennsylvania Ave.

















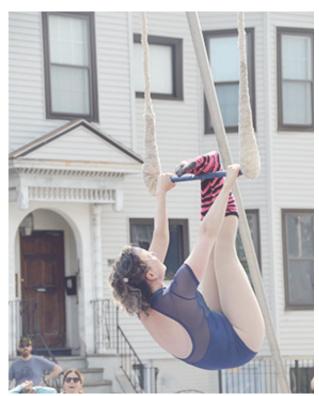






















'Just One Run' 5k in memory of James M. Pefine CONT. FROM PG 1

and be surrounded by those who are supporting the cause."

Each year the Ryan Harrington Foundation fosters awareness and community support while also collecting donations in memory of those who have fallen victim to their addiction. Over the past four years "Just One Run" has raised roughly \$40,000 in support of their cause.

The Ryan Harrington Foundation has given over 32 scholarships to those living in sober houses and donated their earnings to those who are moving out of rehabilitation programs into sober housing. The foundation provides two weeks' worth of rent to those who have completed their rehab

programs and are dedicated to their recovery.

The run is also funded by a number of sponsors such as the Cataldo Ambulance Service, Recovery Centers of America, and Banyan treatment center. Several sponsors including Banyan set up booths which supplied pamphlets, education, and information to those interested or in need. Additionally, members of the Cataldo Ambulance Service participated in the race and Harrington has seen over 100 first responders run each year.

"Just One Run" was given its named based on the core of the Ryan Harrington Foundation, which states on their website "If we can help JUST ONE individual find and maintain their



recovery, we have succeeded. Everything starts with one."

If you or a loved one are struggling with addiction, there is hope and there is help: Banyan Treatment Center (Michael Leggiero): (888)-595-1408

Community Outreach Help & Recovery

(617)-625-1600 The Ryan Harrington Foundation (Resources) http://www.ryanharringtonfoundation.org/resources

Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- #681
- 1. What is the meaning of Flag Day?
- 2. What Massachusetts city has what is known to be the longest running Flag Day parade?
- 3. Who designed the current United States 50-star flag?
- 4. When did Canada's national flag make its first official appearance?
- 5. What team won the Stanley Cup three years in a row?
- 6. Who was the first host of *Jeopardy?*
- 7. What was the first public television station in

the United States?

- 8. What American female actress has had the longest television career of any female entertainer?
- 9. What actress played CIA officer Sydney Bristow on the TV show *Alias?*
- 10. What tree is the main source of the spices nutmeg and mace?
- 11. Who played Elvis in the made for TV film Elvis and the Beauty Oueen?
- 12. What do the six colored feathers stand for on the NBC logo?

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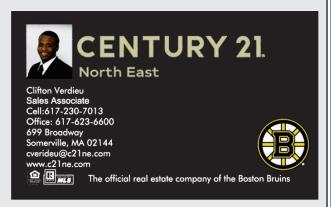
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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA, 3rd Floor Community Room.

*** Cases are sometimes postponed to later dates. Check the ZBA agendas online 48 hours prior to the hearing start time to check the status of the case in which you are interested.

337 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2016-116-R2-05/19): Applicant BwB - Square & Owner GNJ Real Estate Holdings, LLC seek revision to special permit ZBA 2016-116 to revise conditions. NB & CCD 55 zones. Ward 2.

96 Wheatland Street (ZBA 2018-175): Applicant / Owner, Xia Li, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a rear addition and a special permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief. RB Zone. Ward 4.

11 Cedar Street (ZBA 2018-84): Applicant, John D. Barry, Esq., and Owners, Cheryl A. Hurley and Carl A. Hurley, seek a special permit with site plan review under SZO \$7.2 and \$7.3 to erect a second principal structure on the lot and to have five dwelling units on the lot. The proposal is to demolish the existing garage structure and erect a new three-unit dwelling in the rear of the site. A special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the existing nonconforming structure by constructing a rear deck and under SZO §9.13 for parking relief is also required. RB Zone. Ward 5.

27 Tufts Street (ZBA 2018-195): Applicants and Owners, Pulin and Katai Wang, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 and §7.11.1.c to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a large addition to the existing structure that will add three dwelling units making it a five-unit dwelling. Parking relief under Article 9 is also required. RC Zone. Ward 1.

126 Pearl Street (ZBA 2019-46): Applicant and Owner, Phellarisimo, LLC, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by performing a complete renovation of the retail façade including new siding, signage, light fixtures, and doors/windows. RB Zone. Ward 1.

76 Wallace Street (ZBA 2019-51): Applicants and Owners, Tim and Ellen Finn, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a dormer within the required right side yard setback. The structure will be converted from a two-family dwelling into a single family dwelling. RA Zone. Ward 6.

23A Bow Street (ZBA 2019-47): Applicant, Sophia P. Ibarra Deschamps / Ibarra Bars, LLC, and Owner, Eddie Giron of Musician Realty Trust, LLC, seek Special Permits under Article 7 of the SZO to establish a bar, Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief, and Article 4 of the SZO to alter a non-con-

365 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2019-50): Applicant, Nikhilsh Rao Goruknati, and Property Owenr, Riggins Holdings, LLC, seek special permits to convert from a café use to dentist office. Parking relief under Article 9. Ward 2.

391-395 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2019-37): Applicant and Owner, Somerville Avenue Trust, LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to increase the number of residential units on the site from seven to 10 by constructing a new, three-family structure on the lot (Article 7). Relief under Section 4.4.1 to further reduce the non-conforming lot area per dwelling unit ratio. Parking relief under Article 9. BA zone. Ward 2.

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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 6/5/19 & 6/12/19

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:40 p.m. in the 3rd floor Community Room at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street egarding a proposal by Applicants: Peixinho Realty Trust to demolish the pre-1852 Greek Revival wood-framed house at 430 McGrath Highway; RJM Development, LLC to demolish the c. 1869 workers cottage at 28 Clyde Street; and 501 MVP, LLC to demolish the 1949 brick mid-century modern house at 501 Mystic Valley Parkway

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

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Somerville located at 39R Medford St., Somerville, MA 02143 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 6/12/2019 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Wendy Gomez/ Bulgarie Corp unit #277B: East End House unit #3383. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Removal of Public Shade Trees City of Somerville

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, the City of Somerville will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Department of Public Works Water Department Conference Room, 17 Franey Road, Somerville, MA. to consider the removal of the following public shade tree(s):

- Revolution Drive, median near Mystic Avenue Removal of three (3) Callery Pear trees (10", 7", and 9" diameter) for street improvements.
- Grand Union Boulevard, near Revolution Drive Removal of six (6) London Plane trees (6", 6", 6", 8", 5", and 6" diameter) for new roadway and building development. Location will be replanted.

The trees identified above have been posted for public inspection. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 87, any objections to the removal of any of these trees must be submitted in writing to the City Urban Forester prior to or at the public hearing. The mailing address for the Urban Forester is City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143; email: trees@somervillema.gov; phone 617-

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Section 00.11.00 **ADVERTISEMENT TO BID**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Partial Roof Replacement Phase 3 in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by CBI Consulting LLC.

The Project consists of: The replacement of existing low-sloped modified bitumen roofing at precast concrete modular additions. The project will also consist of removal and replacement of all existing metail coping, counterflashing and sheet metal flashing.

The work is estimated to cost \$185,000.

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

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

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

General Bids will be received until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, 12 June 2019 and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until on and publicly opened online, forthwith.

NONE

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

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

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

There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc.

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

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

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to DHCD (David.McClave@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost less than \$500,000 OR 10 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost \$500,000 or more – NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE BID DATE. See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: Monday, 3 June 2019 at 1:00 PM Address: Somerville Housing Authority Modernization Office 30 Memorial Drive, Somerville MA 02145 Instructions:

SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: NONE

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at: Somerville Housing Authority 30 Memorial Road Somerville, MA 02145 617-625-1152

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A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 3rd Floor Community Room.

10-50 Prospect Street (PB 2019-05): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to construct a Plaza civic space type. TOD100 underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and High-Rise sub district. Ward 2.

20 Prospect Street (PB 2019-06): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to construct a general building and a Special Permit under SZO §6.8.10.A.4 to authorize a principal entrance for ground floor residential uses oriented toward a side lot line. TOD 100 underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and High-Rise sub district. Ward 2.

50 Prospect Street (PB 2019-07): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek Design & Site Plan Review under \$70 §5.4 and \$70 §6.8 to construct a mid-rise podium tower building and a Special Permit under SZO §6.8.10.A.5 to authorize a 5% increase to the dimensions permitted for the point tower of the building. TOD 100 underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and High-Rise sub district. Ward 2.

337 Somerville Avenue (PB 2016-09-R1-3/19): Applicant BwB - Square & Owner GNJ Real Estate Holdings, LLC seek revision to special permit 2016-116 to revise conditions. NB & CCD 55 zones. Ward 2.

300 Somerville Avenue PB 2018-21 (re-advertise): Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 300 Somerville Avenue, LLC, seek Special Permits, Special Permit with Design Review and Special Permit with Site Plan Review to convert an existing church structure to 10 residential units with first floor commercial through the internal re-configuration of existing space and construction of additions/ Gross Floor Area. Relief under SZO §4.4.1, 7.11, Article 9 and Article 13. CCD-55 zone. Ward 2.

60 Cross Street East/240 Mystic Avenue/771 McGrath Highway (PB 2014-31-R1-5/19): Applicant Anthony D. Galluccio and owner Young Lee are filing to revise facades from the original plans approved by PB 2014-31. Original approval was to construct an approx. 107,597 sf 3-story residential building with 75 units and approx. 100 parking spaces located under the structure. No other revisions or changes requested. Zone BA / PUD-B Ward 1.

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- 2. Quincy, MA
- 3. Robert G. Heft
- 4. February 15, 1965
- 5. Toronto Maple Leafs
- 6. Art Fleming

8. Betty White

- 7. KUHT

- 9. Jennifer Garner
- 10. Myristica fragrans
- 11. Don Johnson
- They represent NBC's six divisions: News (yellow), Sports (orange), Entertainment (red), Stations (purple), Network (blue), and Productions (green)

West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert

The WSNS Spring Concert 2018-2019 "The Power of Nature" took place on Thursday, May 30, at West Somerville Neighborhood School. The students delivered performances about the power of nature and included SMILE-6th Grade Classrooms; 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Strings & Band Ensembles; and 7th & 8th Grade Chorus, World Percussion, and Orchestra. — Photos by Kelsey Marie Kent















Native plants for shady gardens, groundcovers, and lawn alternatives

David Falk, owner of Wild City Gardens and David Falk Gardening in Somerville (wildcitygardens.com), will give a talk to the Somerville Garden Club about using native plants in shady gardens, as groundcovers, and an alternative to the labor-intensive, grass lawn on Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Attendees can learn about the shade plants native to the greater Boston area to create gardens that are beautiful, ecologically alive, sustainable, low maintenance throughout the growing season, and suitable for the spectrum of our difficult urban conditions.

Falk, a Somerville resident, is a horticulturalist, garden professional and artist. His life has always revolved und nature and art. After studying philosophy in both undergrad and grad school, he found his way back to working with the earth and with art. His love for gardening started with his mother, who was a garden professional at the NY Botanical Garden for 20+ years.

Deciding against a career in academia, he spent time working for the Audubon Society conducting studies on migrating birds in VT and taking classes studying art (drawing, painting, sculpture and glass work). He has worked at the Arnold Arboretum and in landscaping and then started his own business in Somerville offering smaller scale, personalized organic gardening services. He is currently a horticulturalist at Garden in the Woods, the botanical garden of the New England Wildflower Society.

Falk's passion is to focus on cleaning and healing soils and ecosystems, relying on plants to do most of the work. His goal is to use the simplest, most direct, and least expensive techniques to deal with the difficulties of an urban setting while trying to improve the ecology of our region.

His strategy is to draw from the techniques of permaculture and ecological restoration, using native, ecologically rejuvenating plantings to in effect help the earth heal itself. He helps people learn about plants, grow edibles, compost, prune, hardscape and do whatever else comes up in their gardens throughout the year.

All Somerville Garden Club meetings are free and open to the public, and will include the usual plant roundtable and raffle. Meetings are held at the Tufts Administration Building (TAB), 167 Holland Street, second floor, wheelchair accessible. Parking is available, and the building is a ten-minute walk from the Davis Square MBTA stop. For additional information please visit www.somervillegardenclub.org.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|June 5

East Branch Library

Preschool Story Time

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Teen Game Day

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

Thursday June 6

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library

TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday June 7

Central Library

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

Monday June 10

Central Library

Sing-Along with Jeremy 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

Tuesday June 11

Somerville Community Baptist

Preschool Storytime

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

Wednesday June 12

East Branch Library

Preschool Story Time

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

VOX Pop

Pajama Storytime! at VOX Pop 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|431 Artisan Way, Assembly Row

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Wednesday June 5

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief 9 p.m.

Backroom: Cillian Vallely with David and Patrick Doocey 7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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Thunder Road

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Thalia Zedek, Far Corners 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

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

Thursday June 6

Sally O'Brien's **BYOBluegrass**

7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company |7 p.m.

Back Room: John Shakespear Band Al-

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Scattershots | 10 p.m.

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Krush Faktory(Dub Down) 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Rose Hill Band with special guests Noah Kesselman Band, Havins, The Cotones, and Soviet Jesus Choir 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Fog Lake

Trace Mountains, Really From 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Macbeth 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday June 7

Sally O'Brien's

The Busted Jug Band residency finale!|6 p.m.

Corin Ashley, The Dazies, American Echoes - \$10 cover|9pm 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session 9:30 p.m. Backroom: Jed Parish Album Release with special guests Nate Rogers & The Unreliable Narrators 7 p.m. Closing Time| 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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Arts at the Armory

Tongue in Cheek Presents: Together Again for the First Time

(A Fundraiser for the Armory) 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday June 8

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band|6 p.m. Motown Cover Night! Three all-star bandsl9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2

p.m.Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m.

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Back Room: The Figgs|4 p.m./7p.m. Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke 65 Holland St

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Trinary System "Lights in the Center of Your Head" Record Release, Creative Healing

Creative Healing|6 p.m.

Deadbeat with special guest guitarist Mark Karan of RatDog and The Other Ones Way Up South 8 p.m.

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Union Tavern Medical Maps, Peachfuzz, Triple Thick, Church & Puppets

9 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave Sunday June 9

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Brunch with the Roundtable Acoustic

Series 11 a.m. 4th annual star-studded 6-9 Show|3

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9 p.m.. Backroom: Lia Menaker, Emily & Jake, Deep C Divers 7 p.m.

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Monday June 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|6:45 p.m., Run, Helena Delaney & Friends|9:30 p.m. Back Room: Irish Session with Frank Horrigan|6 p.m. Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Jimmy James Trivia 8:30 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Nemes – Monday Night Residency 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

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

Arts at the Armory Queer Tango

6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday June 11

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers 8:30 p.m. Back Room: Silver Arrow Band 8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

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156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co**

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Wednesday June 12 Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

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Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. Backroom: Dana Lyn & Kyle Sanna: "The Coral Suite"|7:30 p.m.

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Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Therese Bellino and Dave Fredette, Martin, Morell, and Fredette 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Adult Lunchbox

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday June 5

Central Library

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft

12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

CPA Application Workshop 12:45 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday June 6

Central Library

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

Central Library Yoga at the Library

6:30 p.m.-7:30 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

Central Library Lawn

Saturday June 8 **VOX POP**

Read Between the Headlines: The Power of Portrayal and Debunking

Gardening Workshop with Green City Growers

2 p.m.-4 p.m.|431 Artisan Way

2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Union Square Farmers Market**

Bagel Bards Somerville Writers and Poets meet

weekly to discuss their work

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

9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain | 18-48 Holland St

Sunday June 9 Central Library

Central Library

Socialist Alternative 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Picture Book Critique Group 2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday|June 10

Central Library Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!

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

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

East Branch Library

Central Library Somerville Commission for Women 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Learn English with the Library!

Central Library Science Fiction Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday June 11 **Central Library**

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Wednesday June 12

Central Library

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft

12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

CENTER SENIOR HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

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

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

617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688 TTY: 866-808-4851

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

Monthly Book Club Selections – Meets the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Country Western Line Dancing - The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month- Holland Street Center. \$3 per class - no experience needed. For additional information or questions call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

New York City – Saturday, Sunday and Monday, June 1, 2 and 3. Check in time is Saturday, June 1, at 6:45 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 4:00 p.m. on Monday the 3rd. \$315/ pp double or \$458/pp single. Package includes round trip motorcoach transportation, two nights deluxe accommodations, two hotel breakfasts and guided tour of NYC. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Revere Beach – Friday, June 7 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Transportation provide – lunch is on your own. \$5 - If you have questions, need additional information or ant to RSVP please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Mystery Trip – Monday, June 10 - \$20 per person includes luxury air-conditioned motorcoach transportation, an activity and lunch. Lunch choices are chicken picatta, Tuscan steak tips or baked cod with cracker crust, chef's choice of potato, vegetable and dessert. Also includes coffee, tea, iced tea, lemonade and water. Don't delay this will sell out fast. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to join in the mystery.

Happy Wedding Anniversary - Tuesday, June 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Dilboy Post located at 371 Summer Street. Are you a married couple celebrating 50 years or more of marriage? Join us for a wonderful celebration. Couples celebrating 50 years or more are free! Friends and family are \$15 per person. If you require additional info, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Finances 50+ Workshop – Thursday, June 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. This workshop was designed to help you make and keep smart money habits. A light dinner to follow. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call Josie or Vivian at

617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Dollar Days at the Movies – Tuesday, June 18 – doors open at 11:30 a.m. movie starts at 12:00 p.m. Somerville Theatre - \$1 per person paid to the theater. Refreshment stand will be open so you may purchase snacks on your own. This month's movie is Ocean's 8. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call Josie or Vivian at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Upcoming Dates: June 13. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

LGBTQ Monthy Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join. Call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 to sign up. Upcoming Date: June 19.

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

Keep Moving Walking Club** - 9:00 a.m. (H) Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H) Tuesday: Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. (H)

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

Wednesdays:

Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (nutrition) - noon (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

Thursdays:

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C) LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)

Fridays:

Fit-4-Life Group A - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H)

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

Conversations of the Heart – Meets bi-monthly on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. If you are interested in joining, have any ques-

tions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

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

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

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

Memory Café – Meets the second Thursday of every month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. A welcoming place for people with forgetfulness and their family and friends to share a meal and create new memories. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

Mens Group – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. If you are interested please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Signing with Bryan – Meets Mondays at the Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information or to join the fun call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Veterans Group – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato, facilitates this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



New England's 26th Yankee Division was reactivated in 1940, a year before the attack on Pearl Harbor. This division's troops performed Atlantic coastal watch and trained until we entered the war. At that time, half of the 26th was sent immediately to fight in the Pacific, becoming the Americal Division, and the remainder later sailed to Europe. The over one hundred-ship convoy was the largest to sail from the United States. As the ships slipped out of New York's rainy harbor, troops heard the impassioned sound of Kate Smith standing on the dark pier singing, God Bless America. Many of them would not return.

As a volunteer during World War II, Kate sold more war bonds than anyone in America – over \$600 million worth – that would be \$8.4 billion in today's dollars. For over five decades, she hosted her own radio and television shows and personally appeared on dozens of others.

- When she was only eight years old, General Pershing awarded her for entertaining World War I soldiers.
- President Truman cited her for raising \$4 million for the American Red Cross.

- Hollywood honored Miss Smith with two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
- In 1968, Kate recorded a record album, America's Favorites, together with Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops Orchestra.
- Ronald Reagan honored her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1982.
- In 2010, the United States Post Office issued a stamp in her honor.

One of her most famous recognitions came from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1939. At a British royal family visit to the White House, he announced, "Your Majesties, this is Kate Smith ... this is America!"



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Upcoming VOX POP events

Somerville Connects LIVE Podcast with JoJo LaRiccia

Wednesday, June 5: 5:00pm-6:00pm Come join the studio audience for a live recording.



On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:00-6:00pm, VOX POP will record a LIVE studio audience interview with some of the movers and shakers of Assembly Row & greater Somerville as part of an SMC Podcast Show called "Somerville Connects" produced by Somerville native and SMC producer, JoJo LaRiccia. The Somerville Connects podcast brings Somerville to life by chronicling the unique personalities that shape the diverse city.

Schedule of Interviews:

5:00pm: Stacia Kindler, Soma Salon and Spa Aveda

5:30pm: Tanya Croteau, Owner at Assembly Row @barren9ne

Wicked Wednesdays Author Series with Sam Baltrusis

Wednesday, June 5: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Guest: Darcy H. Lee, "Ghosts of Plymouth, Massachusetts" Eventbrite Registration Link Here

Join Sam Baltrusis, author of eleven historical books including Wicked Salem and the upcoming Ghost Writers from Globe Pequot, in this three-part series kicking off the first Wednesday every month between May and August. On June 5 he kicks off the talk series with Darcy H. Lee, "Ghosts of Plymouth, Massachusetts." Come join the studio audience for this fascinating talk series!

Weird Local Production Launch Party!

Thursday, June 6: 7:00pm-9:00pm

The organizers of the Weird Local Film Festival - WLFF have been producing videos together for years and are now deciding to make it official with a youtube page! Somerville Media Center - SMC is generously letting us use their amazing pop-up space in Assembly Row to throw a launch party -- so come on down to watch weird local films, socialize, and see what else we come up with?

ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

There will be two on-going Art Exhibits that you can enjoy during the Summer. Make sure to check out the "Boston Landmark Series" by Meagan O'Brien, who brings to life many of our favorites iconic landmarks in this vibrant drawing series. The other exhibit is the "History of Community Media in Somerville" by SMC.

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Crows

I sit outside and a lone crow flies by. I hear him call but his murder is nowhere in sight. The others hear him call. One perches on the high point of a nearby roof, another on a chimney. Soon there are more, five, six, eight, twelve.

It is eighteen degrees and I flick the ash from my cigarette and sip my coffee. Many crows now, more than I care to count. As one, they lift to the skies, circle, move in my direction. I crush my cigarette in an ashtray filled with spent smoke, take one last sip of my coffee.

Black feathers, yellow beaks, crow claws, murder is in the air.

The Sand Eating Tomorrow

Desert, keep hands in pockets, the only leaves left on the trees will eat your prints, careful where you step, the loved ones all dead, are scattered on barren ground, behind you the bird of hope flies toward the only living forest left, you spirit whispers, turn, turn, and look before it is too late, you will vanish blind into the sunlight.

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OFF THE SHELF

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Inez Hedges and Avriel Hillman:

Two talented Somerville women behind 'Kafka in Palestine'

Playwright Inez Hedges and Director Avriel Hillman seemed to be joined at the hip when they met me at the Diesel Cafe at Davis Square in Somerville. It seems that the duo has great chemistry – sharing knowing smiles and quick laughter.

Inez Hedges, who was a film studies professor at Northeastern University for many years, has a new play out titled *Kafka in Palestine* that deals with the friendship of the noted writer Franz Kafka and his sister in the early 20th century. It is directed and is being further developed for a NYC production by Avriel Hillman.

Inez Hedges, who lives near Davis Square, is very invested in the community. Avriel Hillman, who resides in Union Square, is an accomplished actor, teacher, director, and script coach who is very passionate about theater development. She studied play development and directing at Brown University with the likes of playwright Paula Vogel and director/dramaturge Oskar Eutis of the Public Theater. She is known for her years on the HBO distributed video series *The Babysitter's Club* and as the voice of Penny on *Pee-Wee's Playhouse*.

Hedges told me she has lived in Somerville since 1994. She loves the area, noting the block parties, the community spirit, and she has a particular place in her heart for Somerville Open Studios that she tries to attend every year.

Hillman's reflections on our city, as a native New Yorker, were much about its unique beauty and peace, a change from New York, where she maintains many professional contacts, clients, and projects. She travels back and forth for work often, if not weekly, but values the energetic contrast of Somerville, and the opportunity to build something here that is missing in the community as a professional acting coach and developer of new works, where much of her passion lies.

Hedges, whose father was an American diplomat, had a wanderlust of a childhood, living in Germany, France, Turkey, Switzerland and elsewhere. She told me that under the regimented French school system she never learned about French antisemitism, or even the holocaust. "The curriculum stopped in the 17th century. Talk of antisemitism was brushed to the side. This, in spite of the fact that 76,000 Jews were deported to concentration camps during World War II from France," she said.

When Inez married the noted historian Victor Wallis and talked to his extended Jewish family, she was informed fully about the long history of hatred toward the Jews. So it follows that Hedges would write about Kafka, who fretted about antisemitism in his native Prague.

I asked Hedges why she chose Kafka as a focal point for her play. She replied, "I studied German as well as ancient Greek at Harvard. It happened that I was helping a friend on a project centered



(L to R) Avriel Hillman and Inez Hedges.

around Kafka's works. I wound up reading many of his stories. I was interested in many of the ideas he espoused in his writing. For instance, his concerns with stifling bureaucracy, the ham fisted, illogical rule of the state, things like this spurred me on to write a play where he was featured."

Hillman has a similar affinity with Kafka. She shared that the first piece she directed out of Brown University was a version of Kafka's *The Castle* in Seattle, and how she has always been drawn to Kafka's unique intelligence and ability to identify the absurdity of bureaucracy and authoritarian structures and his identification of systemic roles and identities that impede free will, the liberation of the spirit, and the consciousness of man. Kafka spoke to her in his innate way of challenging how societal constructs, which "we" consume and absorb, can belittle the soul.

Hillman, who is intent on developing film/ theatrical work that is political in nature, is the progenitor of the "Authentic Acting Approach" dedicated to enhancing organic connections to material for actors, and is a certified instructor of the Chubbuck technique, which is hailed by A-list stars for creating dynamic award winning performances. She is also launching a new theater company that will inspire new voices that provocatively explore the notion of the heroin archetype and, like Kafka, the importance of discovering and speaking the truth.

Hedges told me she would be presenting a shortened version of the play at the Playwrights Platform Festival in Boston, and a full production is slated to be presented in Austria.

These two brilliant women, are just part of the many fascinating stories that we have here in "The Paris of New England."

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72441527	46 South Street	6 unit, 23 total rooms, 11 total bedrooms	28	\$2,400,000	\$2,250,000				
72431653	657-659 Somerville Ave	10 unit, 44 total rooms, 14 total bedrooms	88	\$5,500,000	\$4,850,000				
72483651	2-8 Broadway	24 unit, 99 total rooms, 99 total bedrooms	157	\$13,500,000	\$12,000,000				