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Further development and improvement of existing sidewalks, bike lanes, and storm drains are all part of the renovation plans recently implemented for the Union Square area.
— Photo by Bobbie Toner

By Ian Erlichman

In 2014, during his inaugural address, Mayor Curatone promised to make Somerville “the most bikeable, walkable and transit-accessible community in the nation.” A recently approved action for the renovation of Union square, will make good on the mayor’s promises by improving sidewalks, constructing bike lanes, and implementing environmentally conscious “Green infrastructure.”

Almost 1,500 feet of storm drain will be installed in Union Square, as part of a broader renovation campaign. The subterranean repairs will transform a 100-year old combined sewage line, carrying both runoff and waste, into a dedicated sewage line.

With solid waste taken care of, Union square’s run off will be stored and redirected by a new 800,000-gallon culvert, Continued on page 4

'FLIP' turns Somerville upside down

By Courtney Young

Where can you find live music, hundreds of craft vendors, community organizations, food trucks, circus performers in the middle of the street, free coffee, free ice cream, and people of all ages walking on stilts throughout the closed-off roads? Nowhere else than this year’s ArtBeat, going by the name of “FLIP.”

ArtBeat’s “FLIP” turns Somerville upside down while thousands of people walk the streets of Davis Square from sun-up to sun-down. Put together by the Somerville Arts Council, their board, and supported by the city department, local and corporate businesses, as well as over 50 volunteers, this event was many festival-goers’ favorites to date.

“I try my best to come every single year,” Donna Watson, 68, says of ArtBeat. “I have only missed three times. Every year is completely different and we never know what we’re going to get. I used to come when I was younger with my children, and now I’m bringing my grandchildren. It truly is unbelievable what the city is capable of putting on to bring Continued on page 12



ArtBeat 2018’s “FLIP” theme turned artists and patrons on their heads.

— Photo by Courtney Young

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It seems like the **newly elected aldermen** may be obstructing the development in **Union Square** with the designated developer **US2**. The BOA is grandstanding in not allowing the Somerville Redevelopment Authority to convey a small 7000 sq. ft. lot to **US2**. **Our Revolution** members, who hold a majority of the **Union Square Neighborhood Council** seats, want to disrupt the negotiations of the community benefits agreement. So the BOA is doing their bidding. The Our Revolution resistance group makes up 13 of the 15 members on the council. The problem is that even though **US2** has a letter of intent from a commercial lab science tenant, now because of the vote there may be a risk that the science lab will go someplace else and leave **US2** without a tenant in the first phase of the development. This board of aldermen is trying to function like the **Mayor's Office**, which is not their role. And yes, maybe the mayor needs to put his foot down and explain what they are doing to the project by delaying it. This could jeopardize the development of Union Square, which right now we need, especially with a new \$280M high school, \$50M for the Green Line Extension, and an estimated \$70M infrastructure bill, as well as the city wanting to build a new safety building for the fire and police departments. It almost seems like the administration and the BOA just can't stop spending money. The aldermen need to get their act together. The taxpayers of Somerville will revolt once again, as they did it in the 70's and organize thousands of homeowners and taxpayers to let the aldermen know they can't get away with this. One would wonder if there was an ulterior motive behind this vote on the BOA. Maybe it's a great thing city elections are every two years. Wake up Somerville, they are spending your money. Watch the Board on TV, and register to vote!

The **Ball Square Café** started last Friday – and now every Friday night – staying open until 9:00 p.m. We're excited for **Omar and Mike**, who are the best. They promise a great menu and the same delicious food. Mention you saw it here.

Speaking of **Ball Square**, we hear that the *Continued on page 11*

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *We want you here*

Mira Dean says:

Personally speaking, this election I vote this for candidates who prioritize citizens over illegal aliens, those who oppose sanctuary cities, amnesty and taxpayer funded in state college tuition discounts for illegals. That means NO Democrats When will politicians and people in general figure out that when you reward illegal immigration with jobs, amnesty, drivers licenses, discounts for college tuition, scholarships encourages MORE illegal entry.. Illegal immigration negativity effects our economy from employment to use public services. Just debating this in congress is costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars..... thank the parents.

Another concern is the real “immigrants” who have waited in line? The “dreamers” don’t care about them, but we as a country should. People fleeing persecution? or people fleeing for freebies? they don’t stay in Mexico when they reach safety or ask for political asylum in Mexico. Why? because Mexico will give them nothing. So they make the long journey to our border. America is not splitting up families, that decision is theirs. I don’t know how these dreamers can wave goodbye to their parents being deported but they do so every day. Its ALL about them. Selfish. With over 100,000 veterans homeless you would think that would be a priority Not so.

This current migration at our southern border is costing taxpayers a kings ransom.

Why no protests for the thousands of American citizens victimized by illegal aliens?

David Gibbs says:

Thank you, Major Joe! I agree 100% with every word you’ve written here, and I thank you for writing this. It’s a tragedy that simple decency should be seen as courageous, and that hate should be normalized in any context. Thanks for reminding us all that Somerville welcomes everyone.

Villinous says:

Why do I get the sense Mira Dean is some yahoo from a state far, far away?

Amit Shah says:

Thank you, Mayor. Your message is clear and much appreciated.

Max says:

This was extremely well-written and I think it accurately represents who the people of Somerville are. Mira Dean, we won’t deport you from Somerville ... but you are welcome to leave on your own accord

Jaime says:

Very commendable that the Mayor wants Illegals here. What he doesn’t want are long-time residents, the homeless, the disabled, veterans, anyone who drives a car, etc. etc.

Villinous says:

So, something struck me as fishy about Mira Dean and sure enough there is.

First to comment in this Texas Monthly article – <https://www.texasmonthly.com/news/court-rulings-open-path-trump-administration-end-daca-soon/>

Here’s essentially the same post from the Pittsburgh City Paper – <https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/mira-dean/Profile?oid=8531999>

Lots of buzzwords, links to propaganda sites. There is no “Mira Dean”. That’s a disinformation op.

Krugerkel says:

Thank you Joe,

I’m in East Somerville and absolutely will stand up to anyone targeting people with this bs.

Mira Dean you’re free to leave anytime!

Take Trump with you! Tell me when the homeless and vets In this country have been cared for? The same people you complain about as junkie losers and abusers of Section 8 and SNAP. Hypocrite

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John Connolly

USNC designation approved at public hearing

By Shira Laucharoen

The Union Square Neighborhood Council (USNC) achieved designation by the city as the neighborhood council for the Union Square area on July 9. The public hearing was held at the City Hall Board of Aldermen Chambers, where members of the USNC presented on the topic and were formally recognized, after a deliberation process took place.

The designated council will be responsible for negotiating a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) with the Union Square Master Developer, Union Square Station Associates (US2), as well as serving as a voice for the community. A CBA is a private contract between a developer and community representatives, outlining the benefits the developer will offer the community in exchange for support of the project. As

members of USNC explained, there is currently no agreement between the Union Square community and US2.

Public testimonies in response to the presentation were overwhelmingly positive, as one individual stated, “We need this kind of broad-based community participation in order for anything equitable to be developed.” Other testifiers expressed how the designation would fulfill a need for a diverse and representative body to speak on behalf of Union Square in negotiations with developers.

The USNC began as a Working Group and evolved into an elected board of 15 with a membership of over 700. According to the USNC, its mission is to “shape the future of Union Square as an increasingly inclusive and vibrant neighborhood and commercial center...” Its communication work



Jacob Kramer, a member of the Union Square Neighborhood Council’s Board of Directors, spoke at the organization’s public hearing on July 9.

so far has included opening a dialog with US2 and meeting with Bow Street and Boynton Yards developers.

The group has also sent letters on the subjects of student walkouts and tree removal. The USNC demonstrated that it has met city designation requirements, by being an “open, inclusive, and duly democratic non-profit organization,” fulfilling a corporate purpose, conducting outreach, and upholding ethical standards.

Immigrant/Police Dialogue Series

The Human Rights Commission is hosting an Immigrant/Police Dialogue session on July 19, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway. Chief of Police David Fallon will be joining the dialogue.

City, GLX staff available to discuss upcoming bridge closures, GLX construction

In advance of planned bridge closures as part of the Green Line Extension Project (GLX), City staff along with staff from the MBTA, MassDOT, and GLX Constructors, are hosting a series of events and meetings throughout the summer and fall to provide information and answer questions about construction, which is already underway. Staff will be available at most summer events and have planned GLX-specific Q&A sessions and public meetings throughout the summer and fall as follows (subject to change):

- Wednesday, July 18, 6:30 p.m.: GLX Public Meeting (Medford City Hall)
- Thursday, July 26, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.: Drop-in Q&A Session (Magoun Square municipal lot, near CVS)
- Sunday, August 5, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.: SomerStreets on Holland St.
- Saturday, August 18, 9 – 11:00 a.m.: Drop-in Q&A Session (Ball Square)
- Saturday, September 8: Riverfest at Assembly Row
- Sunday, September 9, 11:00 a.m.: Rock and Roll Yard Sale (Union Square)
- Saturday, September 15, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.: Drop-in Q&A Session (Ball Square)
- Sunday, September 16, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.: SomerStreets on Highland Ave.
- Saturday, September 22, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.: Fluff Festival (Union Square)
- Saturday, September 29, 3:00 p.m.: Evolution of Hip Hop Festival (Union Square)

Beginning in fall 2018 with the closure of the Ball Square Bridge for one year, five bridges throughout the City will be closed for varying lengths of time between 2018 and 2021 to allow for construction of rail right-of-ways and new GLX stations. For the full tentative bridge closure schedule and draft detour routes, visit www.somervillema.gov/glx.

While all dates and information are subject to change, current proposals by the GLX team call for the full closure of the Ball Square Bridge, connecting Ball and Magoun Squares, for one full year beginning in November 2018. The closure would apply to all modes of transportation, including bicycles and pedestrians. Additional bridge closures are planned through 2019 and 2020, including on Washington St. (between Union Square and Inner Belt), Medford St. (outside of Union Square), and School St.

Please check www.somervillema.gov/glx for updates, and ways to stay informed. If you have questions, please call 311 (617-666-3311) or email construction@somervillema.gov.

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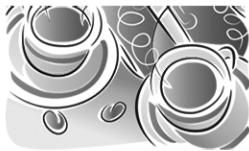


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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Market Basket meat snatcher nabbed

Police officers were dispatched to the Market Basket store on Somerville Ave. last Thursday evening on reports of an unwanted person.

Upon arrival, the officers spoke with the store manager, who stated he was in the process of watching a male, whom he had known as James McKenna, inside the store. McKenna was being watched because he was allegedly known to have shoplifted from the store in the past.

The store manager was also sure that McKenna was trespassing from the store, but could not locate the legal document at this time.

As police watched McKenna on store surveillance, the store manager explained how McKenna would enter the store, grab a hand basket, then go through the store selecting several items, placing them in the basket. He would then approach the front end registers and just walk through the line without paying for the items, then jump into a waiting motor vehicle outside the store.

McKenna had disappeared from view of the store surveillance, but was located by a police officer a short time later inside the store. The hand basket he was carrying was empty, but he was carrying a Market Basket brand recyclable lawn bag. Inside the lawn bag were several meat packages: two packages of sirloin steak tips, one package of rib steaks, one package of short ribs, and two packages of sirloin tips that police watched McKenna select earlier.

McKenna was placed under arrest for concealing the merchandise. He was escorted out of the store, where he was placed in the transport van and brought back to the station, where he was booked on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

A search of the aisle where McKenna was stopped turned up a package of lawn bags that should have contained five bags, but only four were found inside.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:				
Troy Thiboutot , of 39 Boylston St., Boston, July 10, 7:04 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise,	removal of theft prevention device, and possession of a class B drug.	harassment prevention order violation and misdemeanor breaking and entering.	cealing merchandise.	motor vehicle.
Frank Chan , of 42 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, July 12, 12:55 p.m., arrested at Fells-way on warrant charges of		James McKenna , of 14 Ten-nyson St., July 12, 8:34 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by con-	James Keelan Jr. , of 22 Wal-nut Rd., July 13, 1:23 p.m., ar- rested at Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a	Jay Douglass , of 15 Stick- ney Ave., July 15, 8:46 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of operation of a mo- tor vehicle under the influ- ence of liquor.

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according to the project’s website.

Somerville Ave., Bow St., and Wash-
ington St. will all be effected and the project
is estimated to take around three and half
years to complete. However, the repairs
will result in increased storm water ca-
pacity as well as renewed water and sew-
age lines, according to the same source.

Above ground improvements include
wider sidewalks, a new bike lane and
green infrastructure. That essentially
means more trees. Although, street and
pipeline replacement will result in the
removal of 37 trees, 40 trees will be pre-
served and 50 more will be planted after
the renovation has finished.

Although trees can provide invaluable
filtration for water runoff, not all wildlife
is welcome in Somerville, according to
Ward 5 Alderman Mark Neidergang. A
weed called Black Swallow-Wort “threat-

ens monarch butterflies and songbirds
and displaces native plant communities
vital to insects, birds and other urban
wildlife,” he stated.

“It’s going to take over the plant life of
the entire city unless people being to be
vigilant about it,” Neidergang said.

The Somerville Garden Club is working
to control this plant through a movement
they call “Pod Patrol.” Because of this
plant’s pervasiveness and resilience, Ward
6 Alderman Lance Davis urges Som-
erville citizens to “get a plastic bag and go
pick the pods.”

The city is already moving to control
this invasive species with a resolution to
trim weeds along the railway fence along
Chester Avenue. If reader want to join
the fight against this damaging weed,
check out somervilllegardenclub.org and
join the pod patrol.



The ongoing battle against the proliferation of the Black Swallow-Wort weed is also a matter of concern for the city. Residents are encouraged to take part in the Somerville Garden Club's "Pod Patrol" effort.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators and representatives’ votes on roll calls from the week of July 9-13.

OPIOIDS (H 4725)

House 147-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill aimed at combatting the opioid problem in the Bay State by addressing opioid addiction, prevention and treatment. The bill creates the Community-Based Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Trust Fund to support evidence-based and evidence-informed programs for children and young adults; requires providers to check the Prescription Monitoring Program prior to issuing any prescription for a benzodiazepine; prohibits discounts and rebates for prescription opiates; requires electronic prescribing for all controlled substances, with a few exceptions, effective January 1, 2020; and requires facilities to accept MassHealth coverage on a non-discriminatory basis.

Other provisions establish a statewide standing order for Narcan, expanding access to this opioid overdose-reversing drug without an individual prescription; require emergency rooms to have the protocols and capacity to provide evidence-based interventions following an opiate overdose, including medication-assisted treatment; and establishes a 2-year pilot program to offer medication-assisted treatment at 6 prisons.

“The House of Representatives continued its steadfast commitment to dealing with the relentless public health crisis of the opioid epidemic and the disease of addiction,” said Rep. Denise Garlick (D-Needham) who chairs the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery and is also a nurse.

“Representatives are deeply committed and responsive to the desperate need of individuals and families ravaged by this disease and the communities strained by the demands of providing services. The legislation looks to the future and says that a focus on prevention in the community and strengthening and expanding the behavioral health system will stem the tide.”

"It looks to the present and says, ‘we are in this battle together to save lives through care and treatment,’ addressing the urgency that this is truly a life or death issue throughout the commonwealth,” continued Garlick. “Many of the resources in this bill will be available immediately – removing barriers to desperately needed care and giving individuals, families and communities the tools they need, when they need them, where they need them.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

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

STUDY AND DELAY 72-HOUR HOLD FOR SOME PATIENTS (H 4725)

House 111-36, approved an amendment to replace a proposal that would allow licensed medical professionals or police officers to authorize the transporting of a patient to a substance use treatment facility for emergency assessment and treatment for 72 hours when the patient presents a risk of serious harm due to addiction and the patient will not agree to voluntary treatment.

The amendment would replace the proposal with a study of the efficacy of involuntary inpatient treatment

for non-court involved individuals diagnosed with substance use disorder. The study commission would report back to the Legislature by July 1, 2019.

The study amendment was proposed by Rep. Garlick. “The commission is an example of the Legislature’s thoughtful and proactive approach to the opioid epidemic – not only by passing the best bill possible but also by immediately exploring, in a deliberate way, if the present system of involuntary care ... is effective, if it should be expanded, and if there are regulations that could be changed today to address this epidemic,” said Garlick. “This work requires input from agencies, providers, the recovery community, and other stakeholders to ensure the commonwealth has a process that is mindful of stigma and is compassionate and trauma-informed.”

“It’s disappointing to say the least that we are now going to do a study of this issue, after two other legislative committees thought it was important enough to include the 72-hour involuntary commitment language,” said the 72-day hold proposal’s sponsor Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). “This is all about saving lives and helping people overcome addiction. The sooner we can get individuals into treatment, the sooner they can get started on a path to recovery.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against the study and favors the 72-hour hold.)

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (H 4714)

House 143-1, approved an economic development package that would authorize \$50 million for a grant program targeting coastal communities and create jobs in the maritime economy sector; \$300 million for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program which provides a one-stop shop for municipalities and other eligible public entities seeking public infrastructure funding; and \$12.5 million in capital dollars for MassVentures to continue providing competitive grants to Massachusetts-based companies commercializing technologies.

The package also includes several tax breaks including \$20 million in credits for any projects designated as an extraordinary economic development opportunity; tax credits to businesses to occupy vacant storefronts in downtown areas; and establishes a \$2.5 million Apprenticeship Tax Credit program for apprenticeships in computer occupations, healthcare and the manufacturing industry.

Supporters said the bill would be a real shot in the arm for the state by stimulating the economy, creating jobs and making Massachusetts friendlier to business.

“This legislation encompasses a number of strategic policy measures designed to promote economic opportunity across the Commonwealth and advance Massachusetts’ competitiveness in innovative and emerging industries,” said Rep. Joe Wagner (D-Chicopee). “This bill reflects a thoughtful approach by the House to strengthen the state’s key sectors through an allocation of state resources for infrastructure upgrades, workforce development and job creation.”

Rep. Denise Provost (D-Somerville), the lone opponent, said there were some good programs in the package, but they were packaged with big tax benefits for

the already-wealthy, making the whole bill became too unpalatable for her.

“The federal government passed a tax bill putting \$1.3 trillion in the hands of the wealthiest Americans, with the premise that they would invest this windfall in economic development – so they should,” said Provost. “This bill asks Massachusetts taxpayers to fund a package of new tax credits for investors, when many of those same taxpayers will suffer financial loss from the federal tax bill’s \$10,000 cap on the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction.”

(A "Yes" vote is for the package. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	No

SALES TAX HOLIDAY (H 4714)

House 127-18, approved an amendment allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12 without paying the state’s 6.25 percent sales tax.

Supporters of the bill said the holiday, which has been in effect for many years, would boost retail sales and noted that consumers would save millions of dollars. They argued that the state’s sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated by shoppers on those two days.

Some opponents of the bill said the state cannot afford the up to \$30 million estimated revenue loss and argued the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers typically buy the products even without the tax-free days. They said that the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief for individuals and businesses and not a tiny tax-free holiday. Others said that legislators should not vote for this tax holiday when they have not yet restored all the local aid, education and other important program cuts made over the past few years.

(A "Yes" vote is for the tax-free holiday. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	No
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Denise Provost	No

EDUCATION FUNDING (H 4730)

House 143-0, approved a bill that is a response to some of the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission that in 2015 reported that the current school funding formula and system underestimates the cost of education by \$1 billion to \$2 billion every year.

The 1993 Education Reform Act established a “Foundation Budget” to make sure all school districts could provide their students with a quality education

The bill provides some \$500 million to school districts over five years to help cover the increased costs associated with special education and the health benefits for employees and retirees.

“This bill implements the findings and recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission by establishing a concrete schedule for the implementation of increases to the special education and employee benefits rates in the school funding formula and by

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directing the commissioner to submit an implementation plan for the low-income and English learner increment changes identified by the commission’s report, said Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley), the sponsor of the bill. “As a co-chair of the commission, I strongly support the recommendations and look forward to having a concrete schedule in place for all of the recommended changes as soon as possible.” Unlike the Senate version of the bill, the House measure did not include plans to immediately address and fund underfunded costs of cities and towns tied to educating English language learners (ELL) and low-income students.

Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston) said that the state created the Foundation Budget 25 years ago precisely to help close the achievement and opportunity gaps. “Those gaps have not narrowed in the quarter century since,” said Chang-Diaz. “Yet, the House bill abandons the commission’s recommendations that would target these gaps, opting for yet another study ... How long should poor children have to wait while we continue ‘studying,’ rather than simply giving them the resources they need to learn?”

A House-Senate conference committee will try to hammer out a compromise version of the bill.)

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION TAXES (S

1551) - A bill before the Senate Ways and Means Committee would allow cities and towns, with the approval of local voters on a ballot question, to increase taxes on payroll, sales, property, fuel, or vehicle excise tax. The funds could be used only for transportation-related purposes including maintaining, repairing, planning, operating, improving and constructing public transportation and transit systems, including roads, bridges, bikeways and pedestrian pathways. A city or town can act on its own or join other cities and towns to form a regional alliance and pool the revenue.

“Regional ballot initiatives, or RBIs, can help fund a wide range of transportation projects, from roadways and bike paths to all forms of public transit, including commuter rail, light rail, and buses,” said Marc Draisen, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the regional planning agency for Greater Boston. “Putting locally-raised dollars toward projects that directly benefit the community gives everyday tax payers a critical say in the future of their region. Throughout the country, such ballot initiatives are a key tool in funding transportation improvements and modernization. Massachusetts is one of only nine states where they are not allowed. It’s time to join the rest of America by allowing cities and towns to use this tool.”

“Revenue for the fiscal year that just ended surpassed expectations by \$1.2 billion,” said Chip Ford, Executive Director of Citizens for Limited Taxation. “Capital gains tax collections were so robust it triggered a \$290 million transfer to the state’s Rainy Day Fund. Instead of celebrating the taxpayer-generated windfall, Beacon Hill does what Beacon Hill always does: Legislators look for new ways to take even more money from taxpayers. More Is Never Enough (MINE) and never will be, until

they take it all.”

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of July 9-13, the House met for a total of 28 hours and 34 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 14 hours and 41 minutes.

Mon. July 9	House 11:06 a.m. to 11:26 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.
Tues. July 10	House 11:00 a.m. to 9:19 p.m. No Senate session
Wed. July 11	House 11:00 a.m. to 9:25 p.m. Senate 11:19 a.m. to 2:11 p.m.
Thurs. July 12	House 11:03 a.m. to 6:33 p.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 8:53 p.m.
Fri. July 13	No House session No Senate session

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

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72307536	35 Dane Ave	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Cottage	7	\$649,900	\$715,000
72307303	6 Bigelow Street	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Victorian	7	\$845,000	\$1,150,000
72303188	96R Summer	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Contemporary	15	\$895,000	\$971,000
72302744	52 Highland Road	10 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	7	\$999,000	\$1,151,000
72309676	392 Broadway	9 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath Italianate	13	\$1,075,000	\$1,100,0008

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72303447	7 Grand View Ave U:7B	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	10	\$1,125,000	\$1,090,000
72296664	51 Boston Street U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	33	\$1,180,000	\$1,150,000
72074908	375 Canal Street U:1014	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	97	\$1,255,600	\$1,320,600
72306563	10 Emerson U:2	10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	24	\$1,375,000	\$1,300,000
72314133	10 Emerson U:1	10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	10	\$1,375,000	\$1,300,000
72147358	375 Canal Street U:1114	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	42	\$1,455,000	\$1,455,000
72307668	79 Park Street U:	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	25	\$1,475,000	\$1,475,000
72114250	375 Canal Street U:PH214	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	6	\$1,596,000	\$1,636,000

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

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72301194	67 Temple Street	3 unit, 17 total room, 8 total bedroom 3 Family	34	\$1,195,000	\$1,140,000
72295052	19 Alpine	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	24	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
72319880	328 Beacon St	4 unit, 12 total room, 4 total bedroom 4 Family	13	\$1,295,000	\$1,275,000
72302826	47 Greenville St	2 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	14	\$1,300,000	\$1,400,000
72299278	17-19 Wallace Street	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	27	\$1,468,000	\$1,550,000
72320451	8 Cherry Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 9 total bedroom 3 Family	8	\$1,975,000	\$2,000,000
72296534	306-308 Summer Street	4 unit, 20 total room, 12 total bedroom 4 Family	12	\$2,250,000	\$2,100,000

New primary care facility at Assembly Square

On Wednesday, July 11, Mayor Joseph Curtatone and staff from Cambridge Health Alliance came together to celebrate the opening of CHA's newest primary care practice at Assembly Square in Somerville.

Mary Cassesso, CHA's chief community officer and president of the CHA Foundation, served as emcee of the event and kicked-off the speaking program with anecdotes about CHA's long-standing commitment to the health and wellness of Somerville.

Mayor Curtatone shared a few personal stories about his family's connection to CHA. CEO Pat Wardell discussed the importance of primary care to local residents and CHA Board of Trustees chair Joshua Posner thanked the staff and community on behalf of the Board.



Mary Cassesso, CHA's chief community officer and president of the CHA Foundation, and Mayor Joseph Curtatone greet guests at Assembly Square primary care clinic.



Cambridge Health Alliance leaders, Board of Trustee members and staff celebrate the opening.

OBITUARY

Thelma Anne (Robbins) Carriger



Thelma Anne (Robbins) Carriger – 86, A Lifelong resident of Somerville passed away on July 14, 2018 at home surrounded by her loving family.

Beloved wife of the late Donald W. Carriger, Sr.

Loving mother of Donald W. Carriger, Jr. of Somerville, Judith A. Podymaitis and her husband Michael of Somerville, Douglas B. Carriger and his wife Bonnie of Medford, Janice C. Johnston and her husband David of Attleboro.

Dear grandmother of Christopher D. Podymaitis, Kayla M. Johnston, Ryan G. Johnston and Samantha J. Carriger.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Calling Hours at the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Wednesday 4-8 pm.

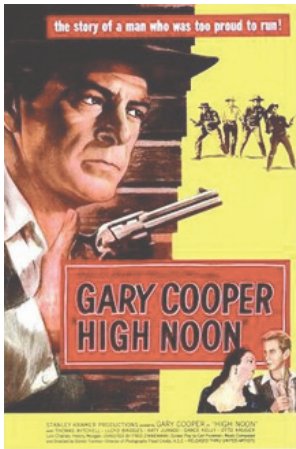
A Funeral Home Service will be held Thursday morning at 10:00 am followed by Interment in Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody.

Thelma was a member of Tonnoquon Chapter #100 OES and Boston Tea Party Daughters of American Revolution. If you wish memorial donations may be made in her name to Grand Chapter of MA OES for Isadore Forbes Benevolent Fund, PO Box 600583, Newtonville, MA 02460.

She was also a Retired Sales Person and Buyer for Jordan Marsh Stores

Behind the Scenes Film Series with Dan Kimmel

Somerville Council on Aging hosts a Classic Film Series and Behind the Scenes Talk with Dan Kimmel, film critic and author on Tuesday, July 24, at 10:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny Senior Center 9 New Washington St. Kimmel will be providing a "Behind the Scenes" story of the making of the featured film, the third film in the series, *High Noon*.



Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Bantam Cider Company

Bantam Cider Company located in Union Square offers rotating craft ciders, including Purple Lady steeped with loose leaf black tea, Rojo, using an ale yeast with sour cherries and black peppercorns and their flagship, Wunderkind, using a sparkling wine yeast combined with a hint of flower-blossom honey.

Recently included in their lineup was a limited release, Hibiscus Mint, a floral and minty powerhouse, refreshing at the very least. Flights and full pours are available in the tap room as well as bottles, cans and growlers if you're looking to take some home. Go to their website bantamcider.com to see the rotating craft cider offerings.

Snacks and food pop-ups are available in the tasting room.

For a list of vendors, check out the calendar section on their website. You're also welcome to bring your own food to the tasting room. Whether you're a seasoned cider guru or just discovered the many varieties of cider, ask the staff for suggestions and ask questions, the staff loves to talk about their product and you will find they are extremely knowledgeable of what they offer. Cheers!

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SCPD explores sidewalk revitalization

By Shira Laucharoen

The Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) held a public meeting on July 10 at the Cross Street Center with the purpose of discussing sidewalk revitalization. Senior engineer with the city’s Engineering Department Brian Postlewaite led a conversation on how disability concerns might be accounted for in the development of pathways, making it “more comfortable for anybody to walk.”

Postlewaite gave a presentation on street projects meant to “look at streets from a holistic standpoint,” taking into account the “diversity of people in Somerville and the way they use our streets, making sure these spaces are available to the public at large.” He explained the city’s intention of examining sidewalks, crosswalks, and ramps and improving them to meet the needs of people who may have physical impairments. Those who attended the meet-



The Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities is advocating for revitalization of public pathways for the safety of all residents, but in particular those with physical impairments.

ing reviewed a map that highlighted key areas where services such as libraries, hospitals, and schools are clustered, with the purpose of identifying routes to consider. The next step in the project will include refining the map and analyzing which sidewalks are most valuable and which are in the worst condition, to figure out which spaces should be a priority.

The SCPD works in conjunction with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Services to ensure equality and protect the rights of individuals with disabilities. The team strives to cultivate an environment in the city that is free of discrimination and harassment by supporting equal access to programs and services, in compliance with the Ameri-

cans with Disabilities Act. The Act, passed in 1990, prohibits discrimination against those with disabilities, in areas such as work life, education, and transportation, as well as in places open to the general public. To accomplish its goals, the SCPD offers residents the information, resources, and opportunities they need and seeks to overcome the barriers they may face.



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Tuesday July 24

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Wednesday July 25

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Thursday July 26

Angels of Avalon George's birthday bash 9 p.m.

Friday July 27

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band 6 p.m.

HearNowLive presents \$10 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday July 28

Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m.

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Sunday July 29

Amy Kucharik 6 p.m.

Lee Ross Sunday FunDay 9 p.m.



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SomerMovie Fest:

'Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory'

Thursday, July 19, 8:00 p.m. at Nunziato Park. The annual SomerMovie Fest is back with free, family-friendly films starting just after sunset. Showings are scheduled every Thursday evening at dusk from July 5 to August 30. Screenings will take place at different locations around the city. You can see the full schedule at www.somervillema.gov/moviefest.

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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone
A monthly look at ways to get involved with your city: Don't just live in Somerville, be Somerville.

Short-term Rentals Community Discussion, July 19
With the growing popularity of home-sharing and short-term rentals, the City is revisiting its policies and regulations. Join us for a community meeting where City staff will review current short-term rental regulations and lead a discussion about future regulation options. The first meeting was held on June 14, and this meeting was resched-

uled from June 21.
When/where: Thursday, July 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Argenizano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St.
Ethics Commission Vacancy Application Deadline July 27
The City of Somerville's Ethics Commission is currently seeking a Somerville resident to fill a mid-term vacancy on the five-member board, with the initial term ending June 30, 2019, but subject to re-appointment following required approvals by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Ethics Commissioners serve three-year terms and are not term limited. Commissioners do not receive a stipend.
The Somerville Ethics Commission is charged with reviewing statements of interest filed with the Commission to determine whether the relevant rules and regulations have been fulfilled.
Interested residents should

submit a brief statement of interest and a resume to the Elections Department by email to NSalerno@somervillema.gov, or by mail to Attn: Election Commissioner, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Applications must be received no later than Friday, July 27 at 12:30 p.m. Applications will be reviewed by the Mayor's Appointments Advisory Committee (AAC) and you will be notified if you are selected as a finalist. For more information about the AAC, please visit www.somervillema.gov/appointments. For more information about the Ethics Commission, visit www.somervillema.gov/departments/ethics-commission.
GLX Drop-in Q&A Sessions
In advance of planned bridge closures as part of the Green Line Extension Project (GLX), City staff along with staff from

the MBTA, MassDOT, and GLX Constructors, are hosting a series of events and meetings throughout the summer and fall to provide information and answer questions about construction, which is already underway. Staff will be available at most summer events and have planned GLX-specific Q&A sessions and public meetings in the coming months. Please note the following schedule is subject to change:
• Wednesday, July 18, 6:30 p.m.: GLX Public Meeting (Medford City Hall)
• Thursday, July 26, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.: Drop-in Q&A Session (Magoun Square municipal lot, near CVS)
• Sunday, August 5, 2 - 6 p.m.: SomerStreets on Holland St.
• Saturday, August 11, 6 p.m.: Ignite Festival (Union Square)
• Saturday, August 18, 9 - 11 a.m.: Drop-in Q&A Session (Ball Square)
For the complete schedule

of summer and fall events, as well as tentative bridge closure schedules and draft detour routes, please visit www.somervillema.gov/glx.
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City Calendar
Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov.

City recognizes Tufts University's Barbara Rubel

The Somerville Board of Aldermen honored Tufts University's Director of Community Relations Barbara Rubel at their latest regular meeting last week on the occasion of her retirement.

The citation that was awarded reads as follows:

"Be it hereby known to all that the Somerville Board of Aldermen and Mayor offer their sincerest congratulations to Barbara Rubel on the auspicious occasion of her retirement after 45 years as Tufts University's Director of Community Relations. Throughout her career, Barbara has worked tirelessly to advance the close working relationship that exists between our City and the University. The Aldermen and the Mayor extend their best wishes for good health and much happiness in retirement. Offered this 12th day of July, 2018."



Several aldermen offered their praises to Rubel during the presentation of the citation. Former Alderman At-Large Jack Connolly sent out an open letter expressing his appreciation for her many years of hard work and dedication. The letter reads as follows:

"Barbara
As you wind down the final hours of a long and distinguished career, I want to say a heartfelt THANK YOU and a JOB 'WELL-DONE' from me and many citizens and officials of Somerville, who all benefited by your dedication, persistence, and perseverance representing Tufts through sometimes tough and turbulent times.
Through it all over the years, you always maintained a class and dignified approach to problems large and small, and were always willing to go that extra step to resolve an issue, or answer a question: Attributes sadly lacking in many folks, these days, in my humble opinion.
I know you will be succeeded by a most qualified and capable person or persons, but your unique talents and abilities to engage, interact, and most importantly, communicate, will be sorely missed, and succeeded, not replaced.
I am grateful for the decades of interaction with you and the University, your service to the Chamber of Commerce, our Somerville City Cable TV, and a host of other causes and organizations that were the beneficiaries' of your wisdom, counsel, and generous donation of your valuable TIME.
I know many people will be happy that you will now be able to prioritize YOUR time and efforts, especially with your family!
I look forward to seeing you sometime soon as you steer a steady course forward into the future; My best wishes for continued success in all your endeavors!
Most Sincerely,
John M. Connolly"

Evelyn Battinelli honored



The Somerville Board of Aldermen commended Evelyn Battinelli for her outstanding stewardship of the Somerville Museum for more than 25 years at their latest regular meeting on Thursday, July 12.

Former Mayor Gene Brune, current Mayor Joseph Curtatone, and State Representative Denise Provost joined Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr. in thanking Battinelli for her years of service to the community and presenting her with the citation of commendation.

The citation reads as follows:

"Be it hereby known to all that the Somerville Board of Aldermen and Mayor offer sincerest commendations to Evelyn Battinelli who, as volunteer Executive Director for the last 26 years, has elevated the standing and the vibrancy of the Somerville Museum. Her passionate dedication and skillful leadership have advanced this cultural institution which is like no other, and which preserves this City's rich history and celebrates its local artists and artisans. Her knowledge of the City is a tremendous resource for us all. The Aldermen and Mayor offer their heartfelt gratitude for continuing her wide-ranging role at the Somerville Museum. Offered this 12th day of July, 2018."

COMMENTARY

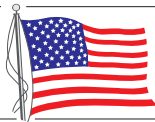
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville loves its farmers markets.

Our View Of The Times



It seems as though we cannot get enough of the farmers market scene in Somerville. They have become time-honored traditions and perennial mainstays of alternative commerce in the city.

There is something special about shopping for fresh produce, discovering unique arts and crafts vendors, and enjoying live entertainment in the open air. We feel a sense of camaraderie, too, as we gather to take in the sights, sounds, flavors and aromas that permeate each market site.

The major markets are in full operation now – with the exception, of course, of the Winter Farmers Market, which serves our needs during the off-season – and there is no better time to experience what they have to offer than in the high summer months.

The Union Square Farmers Market, operated by Union Square Main Streets, takes place every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at 66-70 Union Sq., and will run until November 17.

Groundwork Somerville's Mobile Farmers Market is underway, bringing fresh produce and other delights to various locations throughout the city. Go to somervillemobilefarmersmarket.wordpress.com for up-to-date info on locations they are serving.

The Davis Square Farmers Market is there for us, too, at the Intersection of Day St. and Herbert St. every Wednesday, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., ongoing until November 21.

So you see, there is no shortage of good, old fashioned style trading available for all of us here in the city. Be sure to check them out and enjoy the feeling.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Ball Square bridge will be closed for a year, beginning in October, so that the state can restructure the bridge to accommodate the **Green Line Extension**. Question: why is **the mayor, the aldermen** and **the state delegation** allowing the state to close down a bridge that will affectively do a lot of damage to the many businesses in the Square. The immediate impact on some of the businesses will be long lasting, even after the bridge reopens. At the meetings they claim it's about money, that it would cost more if they didn't close it down altogether. Funny how politicians always want you to believe that it's about money and saving it, but when they need it they just either raise your taxes or find fees to levy on the public. Bull, the private businesses will suffer. How do they recoup lost business? They can't raise taxes, certainly can't raise prices. Where is the outrage by the **Chamber of Commerce** and the politicians to keep the bridge open? They managed to do it in **Medford** in the Square, why not here?

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a Somerville somebody **Rick Spinosa**, yes, of the famous Spinosa family. A great guy, we hope he has a great birthday this week. Happy birthday to another Somerville somebody, **Cheryl Chaille Horan**, of **Green Cab**. We hope she has a great birthday as well this week. Happy birthday to local guy, **Anthony Fedele**. We hope he has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to our good friend, a former Somerville guy, **Professor Michael Stenger**, who is celebrating this week. Birthday greetings to **Judy Podymaitis**, a lifelong resident who we wish a happy birthday. Sadly, she lost her mom this week. Our condolences to Judy. Happy birthday to **Steve Soares** who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday as well to all the others we may have missed and, yes, there are a few more out there. We sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

Demet's Donuts in Medford is getting very busy, but those donuts and the large variety are like the old **Day's Donuts**, huge and tasty. Almost a sin facing you when you come in for just coffee. It's hard to not get that jelly or lemon, not to mention the coconut donuts. **The Somerville Times** is available every Wednesday at the donut shop. Stop in, get a coffee and few of those delicious donuts, or maybe the real – and we mean real – egg sandwiches, from real eggs.

Somerville Arts Council's Summer Song Series presents **MUSICALS!:** **A Sing-Along** on **Thursday, July 19**, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the **Growing Center**, 22 Vinal Ave., Somerville. The Garden opens at 5:30 for picnicking. The event features **Carrie Furniss** on vocals and **Liza Kitchell** on piano. The sing along will include a wide variety of songs from favorite musicals ranging from current hit shows like **Dear Evan Hansen** to well-loved classics and everything in between. Lyrics sheets will be provided, and cold drinks as usual. For more information go to <http://www.thegrowingcenter.org>.

News 25 Boston's (local Fox affiliate) **Zip Trip to Medford** is this **Friday, July 20**, in the a.m. We're sure Medford will turn out and show their pride.

Why is **Friday the 13th** unlucky? At dawn on **Friday, October 13, 1307** (a date sometimes linked with the origin of the Friday the 13th superstition), **King Philip IV of France** ordered **GM Jaques deMolay** and scores of other **French Templars** to be simultaneously arrested and burned at the stake, and their properties and assets confiscated. The Templars were charged with numerous other offences such as financial corruption, fraud, and secrecy.

Miss watching the **Board of Alderman meetings** on TV? You can view them in their entirety on **Comcast channel 22**, as well as on **YouTube**. Watch your city at work and see how these dedicated members of our community are serving you, the public. We can't say this enough, watch the meetings on either cable broadcast live, or go online to YouTube to watch them. You will find some pretty hysterical information there about what's happening in the city. This should be required viewing for everyone who cares about what is happening here. Even the committee meetings are online. After all, the Board of Aldermen is voting to spend your money. Wow, the raises some department heads are getting. Of course, those friendly with **the mayor** are the ones that are getting huge ones.

Best wishes to a good guy and one of Somerville's finest, the **Honorable Robert McWatters**, who

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'FLIP' turns Somerville upside down

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everyone together," Watson reflects on Somerville's efforts.

Highly interactive sites throughout Davis Square encourage families, couples, and curious individuals to play games, draw pictures and hang them in the city, create sand art, and participate in live artwork; such as lying down on paper canvas where Christina Tedesco creates a mural of the citizens of Somerville. "We live in such a diverse city, it's important that people see that," she emphasizes of her project.

Interactive performances, art, and vendors are not all Somerville had to offer this year. Live music took over three different stages with performers from the greater New England area from 11:00am to 10:00pm. The sounds ranged everywhere from funk, reggae, Americana and jazz, to hip-hop, rock, world music, and singer/songwriter ballads. Coming from Brockton and having toured nationally and internationally, The Perceptionists closed out the show. Donating their products and sponsoring the event, Big Gay Ice Cream and New England Coffee hands out free samples all day long to an overflow of customers.

"This is a multi-platform experience with vendors, music, food, crafts, interactive art, dance; an all-over multi-media experience," Heather Balchunas of the Somerville Art Council states. "We bring new and different acts each and every time; 90% of the time performers are new. This year we had people saying it was their favorite event, and I had a hard time getting through the streets since the turnout was so great."

Artbeat is not just a way to give exposure to performers, or support local and regional crafters and vendors, but a way to ensure that families who have just migrated to the area had a way to feel immersed and part of the community.

"It is a perennial favorite and such a different experience for festival-goers just because there is so much happening; but it is one of those things that does take a village, because there are so very many things going on in so many different locations," Balchunas explains. "If it were not for the support, encouragement, and appreciation for arts and culture in our community, participation of organizers bringing awareness of what they are doing and what they are passionate about, as well as our volunteers and board, we would not have been able to make this happen."





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Photos by Courtney Young



SPORTS

CycleBar rides into Somerville

CycleBar, the first and only premier indoor cycling franchise, is opening at Assembly Row in Somerville on July 19 and will offer a fun and inspiring low-impact/high-intensity cycling experience for all ages and body types. No matter where people are in their fitness journey, the CycleBar class experience promises to calm minds, elevate moods and revive senses by providing the ride of a lifetime in an exhilarating state-of-the-art CycleTheatre.

Called CycleBar Assembly Row, the Somerville studio, located at 387 Revolution Drive, will celebrate its grand opening with free rides from July 19 through July 25, to give the Boston area an opportunity to become familiar with the CycleBar experience.

For a limited time prior to opening its doors, CycleBar Assembly Row will also offer a Founders membership that provides new riders special

pricing for the length of their membership.

The boutique fitness franchise offers the ultimate indoor cycling experience. With concierge-level service and premium amenities, CycleBar promises a completely immersive experience. Instructors known as CycleStars preside over three CycleBar core class formats - Classic, Connect, and Performance - which are designed to give riders of all fitness levels a unique and exhilarating experience.

Using enhanced mood lighting and CycleBeats, proprietary CycleBar playlists that are sent to and can be downloaded by riders after class, CycleStars encourage riders to keep pedaling while performance data known as CycleStats can be monitored on massive flat screen TV's located in the front of the CycleTheatre.

CycleBar Assembly Row is owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Jeff and



Get your motor running and head over to CycleBar Assembly Row.

Brooke Bass who will oversee a theater-style indoor cycling studio that holds up to 48 top-of-the line, premium Schwinn bikes that are customized specifically for CycleBar.

The studio offers pay-per-class, class packs and auto-renewable memberships. Riders will enjoy complimentary shoe rental, filtered water, towels, showers and lockers.

"We couldn't be more excited to bring CycleBar to Somerville," said Jeff Bass. "We're committed to offering the community concierge-level services and exhilarating experiences that go far beyond any other workout. We encourage everyone to

come experience what CycleBar has to offer during our one week free ride period to so they can see what it's really like to Rock Your Ride."

A former software engineer, Jeff Bass began cycling about five years ago and fell in love with the mental and physical benefits of his new fitness regime. Because cycling became such an important part of his life, Jeff decided to open a new Cyclebar to spread the benefits of cycling and share his passion for this particular form of physical fitness.

For more information about CycleBar of Somerville and to sign up for classes, visit CycleBar Assembly Row at <https://assemblyrow.cyclebar.com>.

CycleBar is the first and only premier indoor cycling franchise with over 125 locations currently open and 180 studios slated to open by the end of the year. Founded in 2004, the Costa Mesa-based fitness franchise offers a multisensory experience, including amazing music, energy-enhancing video graphics and rider-specific performance data in a state-of-the-art CycleTheatre. As the only boutique indoor cycling franchise available to date, CycleBar offers attractive opportunities in a fast-growing company and strong consumer demand.

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Who played Lenny the Lion on SNL's Weekend Update?

2. How many hearts does an octopus have?

3. What was the original title of Goldilocks and the Three Bears?

4. What celebrity had her children's drawings on her wedding dress?

5. What American rock musician died on October 2, 2017?

6. What organ in the body acts primarily as a blood filter?

7. What film set was Brandon Lee accidentally mortally wounded on?

8. What is astraphobia a fear of?

9. What band has the same name as the inventor of the seed drill?

10. Who is the author of East of Eden?

11. What gives green pasta its color?

12. In what year did the Summer Olympics add women's boxing to the program?

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Somerville's community kickball game



Members of many Somerville-based nonprofits as well as the general public joined in for a for a community kickball game on Monday, July 16, at Nunziato Soccer Field. The goal was to build a stronger relationship among all community organizations and to invite the community-at-large to come cheer us along while learning more about these wonderful community resources.

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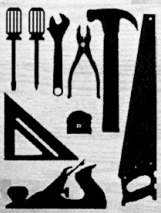


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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

A proposed amendment, submitted by 22 registered voters, “amending Section 6.4 Assembly Square Mixed-Use District (ASMD) of the Somerville Zoning Ordinances to establish new open space requirements for midrise and highrise buildings in the ASMD District.”

A proposed amendment, submitted by 15 registered voters, “amending Article 7 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinances to regulate the siting of housing, schools, preschools and long term care facilities near heavily trafficked roadways.”

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

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen
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The Estimated Construction cost is **\$350,000.**

The Award is subject to HUD requirements and guidelines. A briefing and site inspection is scheduled for **1:00 PM on Thursday, July 19th 2018** at the Somerville Housing Authority’s Modernization Department 30 Memorial Road Rear, Somerville, Ma.

Response to this RFP must be submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26th, 2018.**

The RFP may be downloaded from the SHA website www.sha-web.org under the bid opportunities tab or by contacting Brianl@sha-web.org after July 10th at 9:00 A.M. If downloaded you must email Brianl@sha-web.org to receive changes, or updates.

Questions may be sent in writing to Brianl@sha-web.org no later than Monday July 23rd, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

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Boston City Council endorses Parents’ Bill of Rights

The Boston City Council voted on Wednesday, July 11, to adopt a resolution endorsing a Parents’ Bill of Rights, which was created by the Somerville-based nonprofit Parenting Journey. The Council also presented a citation to the nonprofit’s Executive Director Imari Paris Jeffries. Both the resolution and citation were sponsored by Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley as part of her continued efforts to highlight the issues affecting people of color, immigrants, and people living in high-poverty areas.

The Parents’ Bill of Rights was developed by Parenting Journey’s Parent Advisory Council, which is comprised of parents and caregivers who participated in at least one Parenting Journey program. The group of family advocates created the Parents’ Bill of Rights in response to systemic barriers they have all experienced, and disproportionately impact communities of color, low-income families, and immigrants.

“We’re proud to create the space for parents to develop as social change leaders and advocate for themselves and their communities. We appreciate Councilor Pressley’s invitation to address the City Council

because it is an opportunity to shed light on the harsh realities families in Greater Boston, and all across our nation, are facing,” said Paris Jeffries. “Half of the children in America live in poverty – that is unacceptable, and families deserve better. At Parenting Journey we envision a world where all families thrive, but in order to realize this goal, we need to start by acknowledging the systems that create inequity, and supporting policies that seek to create opportunity for all of us.”

The Parents’ Bill of Rights is a platform to develop policies that create a more equitable society in which all families thrive and to ensure that basic rights are inherently embedded within our communities. It states that “all parents and caregivers deserve to raise their children in vibrant communities, deserve the ability to support their families, and deserve to raise their children with the culture and values that reflect their diversity.”

“The best policies to stabilize and support our families are community driven and government endorsed,” said Councilor Ayanna Pressley. “Our role in government is to offer our hand in partnership for organizations like Parenting Journey who are



bringing stakeholders together to uplift one another. I am humbled to invite Parenting Journey to the Boston City Council to endorse their hard work and to recognize their tireless leader, Imari Paris Jefferies.”

Former Boston City Councilor and Parenting Journey Social and Family Justice Fellow Tito Jackson collaborated with the Parent Advisory Council to create the Parents’ Bill of Rights during his three-month fellowship. The Parents’ Bill of Rights will guide and inform the organization’s advocacy efforts to seek greater opportunities for all families. Parenting Journey is working to spread these values,

so one day they will be nationally-recognized principles for all parents.

The Parent Advisory Council will continue to lead efforts among parents and supporters to fight for policies that tear down systems of oppression, including paid family and medical leave, and raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

The Parents’ Bill of Rights can be found and endorsed at <https://parentingjourney.org/pbor/>.

ABOUT PARENTING JOURNEY

Parenting Journey’s work is inspired by the belief that strong families are the foundation

of vibrant healthy communities and the catalyst to ignite social change. The organization is dedicated to providing programs that uplift parents and caregivers and strengthen families and communities, advocating for equitable family policies, and disrupting the social narrative around parenting in poverty.

Parenting Journey envisions a world where all parents and caregivers have access to the resources they need to build resilient families and thrive, no matter their race or socioeconomic background.

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Somerville responds to National Grid worker lockout

The City of Somerville has issued a directive to staff informing them that, to prevent potentially unsafe conditions created by National Grid’s lockout of 1,200 workers in Massachusetts, no non-emergency permit should be issued to National Grid during this time without undergoing an additional stringent review process.

Citing the concern that an “outside contractor under supervision of National Grid staff unfamiliar with our standard operating procedures would likely create significant constituent impacts and could potentially result in unsafe conditions,” the directive sets a range of requirements and stipulates permits undergo review “until we are confident that the execution of the work will be fully in adherence to our standards.”

The directive goes on to state that, “through years of experience, the gas company crews and their contractors have become familiar with our requirements, and we therefore have a comfort level in issuing Occupancy Permits. The current situation with National Grid, however, presents a changed condition.”

In many locations, including Somerville, the lockout has resulted in a work stoppage for gas main relocation and replacement projects; however, in some locations, National Grid is proceeding with work utilizing management staff and outside contractors.

At this time, National Grid has no active work sites in Somerville and has not requested to start any work. However, the directive has been put in to place for the event that National Grid attempts to resume non-emergency work in Somerville prior to the end of the lockout.

Annual National Night Out at Foss Park



Join Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Police Department for Somerville’s 15th Annual National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs, hosted by Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP).

National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 7, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Foss Park on Broadway in East Somerville. The event will include fire, police, & EMT demonstrations, a presentation from the Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit, performances by Teen Empowerment, youth activities and games, and information tables from over thirty community partners.

“With this being my first year attending as the Prevention Services Manager, I’m looking forward to seeing and meeting as many people as possible at the park,” said Somerville’s new Prevention Services Manager, Matthew Mitchell.

“National Night Out provides a great opportunity to bring law enforcement and community members together under positive circumstances. We have invited many community partners to promote and develop connections with the Somerville’s residents & emergency personnel.”

SCAP is a division of the City’s Health and Human Services Department.

For more information or to become involved with strategies to reduce substance abuse, please contact Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager, at (617) 625-6600 x 2570 or mmitchell@somervillema.gov.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

is retiring from his job as a **Cambridge Probation Officer**. He is the guest of honor this coming **Friday night** at **Davio’s** in **Lynnfield**. Many of his co-workers, family and friends will be present to salute a job well done.

The Somerville City Club is looking to increase its membership. For the time being membership is open to any resident here in the city It’s a great organization that has been around a long time, with lots of activities that support local charitable groups here. Contact the club on Innerbelt Road across from Holiday Inn for more details.

Our condolences to the family of **Thelma Anne Carriger**, who passed away this past weekend. She was a great lady, a lifelong resident of Somerville and active in several organizations here. We extend our prayers to the entire Carriger family. They all played a big part in our city over the years. The wake will be at **Doherty’s Funeral Home Wednesday night** with services **Thursday** at

Doherty’s at 10:00 a.m.

Have you driven around **the city** lately? Do the streets and squares seem dirtier, with lots of litter, not to mention the public median grass not being cut? Maybe the **DPW Commissioner Stan Koty** isn’t answering his phone from the **constituent aldermen**. Maybe they aren’t calling him. Oh, wait, didn’t we lose the constituent alderman in the last election, in favor of other issues that might be better left to our **state delegation**? Guess that’s what we get when we elect a socialist majority Board of Aldermen. To soon? To harsh? You watch them one night on TV, tell us what you think.

We here at **Newstalk** were walking around **Assembly Square**, in particular by the **Winter Hill Yacht Club** this past weekend and couldn’t stop thinking how much the city of Somerville would be to have this valuable piece of real estate returned to the city, and actually used by the residents. There’s a beautiful

building that could be used by residents, docks to park their boats or to rent a boat and cruise up and down the Mystic. The vision of what could be is endless. Right there on prime land in Assembly Square, a nice marina for the public to use for free. How does that sound? We hear their membership of Somerville residents is extremely low compared to the total number of those who are in the club presently. Word has it less than 20% live in Somerville. We think the city’s aldermen should move on a proposal to take over the so-called club. It would make a great addition to the city if our state legislators got the state to give back the land. Aren’t elitist yacht clubs outdated? Wonder how they serve the community by having that huge gate closed and locked for private club members and their cars. Sort of reminder us of a wall of protection. After all, it is on public owned property, leased with certain conditions by the state **DCR** at a very low annual fee. Maybe the state should pressure the club to turn over the membership list and addresses (of course, real addresses)? Bet it would read more like Winchester, Weston, Reading, Stoneham, Melrose residents, rather than Somerville residents. A movement to “take back the Mystic” could help to mount a petition to the state.

Have you thought you’d like to do some writing, a little story about Somerville as either a newbie or Villen? We have about 80K people and we would love to hear about your adventures here in the city. Maybe you want to write about a particular subject like our **Bob Doherty** and **Dorothy DiMarzio**, or like when **Jimmy Del Ponte** wrote his stories about the city (hey, that’s an idea – maybe we can talk him into doing a little writing again). Or maybe you’d like to express your opinion like **Bill Shelton**, as many others have over the years. Not just the politicians, but those from our community. Give us a call at 617-666-4010 or email news@the-somervilletimes.com and tell us about your idea. We would love to tell it to the rest of Somerville.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|July 18

Central Library
Good CRAFTernoon: Paint Kindness Rocks!
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library
Good CRAFTernoon
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Thursday|July 19

SOMERMOVIE FEST
Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971)
Dusk| Nunziato Field| 7 Putnam St| free

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Lego Club
3 p.m.-4 p.m.
TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting
3 p.m.-5 p.m.
Police/Immigrant Dialogue Conversations
6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Lego Club!
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

East Branch Library
Gloria Mindock's Little Brown Mouse Puppet Story Time
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday|July 20

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

East Branch Library
Lego Club!
12 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday|July 21

Central Library
Student Film Group
9 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|July 23

Central Library
Kidstock Theater: Jack & Jill & the Beanstalk
2 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
Middle School Summer Writers' Den
5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library
Family/All Ages Game Night
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday|July 24

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

East Branch Library
Paws to Read!
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Baby Storytime
6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.
Coding for Kids
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|July 25

East Branch Library
Rockabye Beats!
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library
PAWS to Read with Daisy (Read to a Dog)
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library
Pajama Storytime Puppet Show with Gloria
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Wednesday|July 18

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
The Revelers|7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
The A-Beez
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Thunder Road
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen
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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Cuéntame Project Fundraiser
Big Jon and the Mattress Factory, Milk, DJ C8
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Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Seamus Galligan
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Thursday|July 19

Sally O'Brien's
Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays
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The Burren
WUMB Presents, Paul Rishell and Annie Raines|7 p.m.
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379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Beat Surrender MOD Night
DJ Yana Lil-Jerk
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Adam Janjigian Quartet
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Castle of Comedy
8:45 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Murder Night: Don't Fear the Re-Purge
7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday|July 20

Sally O'Brien's
Jim Coyle & Sneaky Pint|6 p.m.
Doug MacDonald Band, Crunchtime, Highway Chapel \$10 cover |9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi Kevin Gordon|7 p.m.
Young Love & The Thrills |10 p.m.
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Dan Masterson, Erica Leigh
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Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Ill Doots|8 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo& Juliet|7 p.m.
Murder Night: Don't Fear the Re-Purge|9:30 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
RISK! True Tales, Boldly Told
8:30 p.m|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|July 21

Sally O'Brien's
One Thin Dime |6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents Zeke Duckworthy, Jesse & The Hogg Bros, Hemway \$10 cover |9:30 p.m.
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The Burren
Don White, Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.
Cover Up|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Walter Sickert & the Army of Broken Toys
The Men That Will Not Be Blamed For Nothing, Frenchy And The Punk, Radiator King
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
DJ Stow
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Let's Get Real Tour: Lesley Barth & Lauren Light (ft. Jamie Kallestad)
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|July 22

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Roy Sludge Trio |6 p.m.
Harlem River Noise|9 p.m
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.
Andy Wood, Seth Rosenbloom|7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road
Americana Sundays w/ Danielle M and the Glory Junkies
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Wild Moccasins
Fitness
Nova One
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
BYOP: Los Gautos with Sado-Domestics
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Cafe Raqs
7 p.m.|Café
True Crime: Shattering the Illusion of Justice
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday|July 23

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

The Burren
Back Room:
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Thunder Road
Helen
7p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Toddlerbilly Takeover|5 p.m.
Pearl|8 p.m.

Rock Academy, Scott Ian
156 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|July 24

Sally O'Brien's Bar
SYM Tuesdays \$5 cover
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
As the Sparrow
9 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory
Pub Sing
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|July 25

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

The Burren
Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
Heron Valley and The Gothard Sisters|7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
The Nephrok Allstars
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Last Wednesday Residency: Copilot
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Thursday|July 19

Central Library
Police/Immigrant Dialogue Conversations
6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Somerville Arts Council LCC info session
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Saturday|July 21

Central Library
Comedy writers group
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Poetry Reading
12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Union Square Farmers Market
9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Sq Plaza

Bagel Bards
Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work
9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

Sunday|July 22

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|July 23

East Branch Library
Chair Yoga
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

West Branch Library
Family/All Ages Game Night
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday|July 24

Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|July 25

Central Library
Mystery: Book Club
7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

Cross Street Center: located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville) Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn) Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 617- 666-5223

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

Advanced Care Planning – Thursday, July 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with Attorney Michael Dwyer at our Holland Street Center. Meet with Attorney Michael Dwyer as he discusses Health Care Proxies, Wills and End of Life Wishes. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Mayor’s Annual “Old Time” Senior Picnic – Wednesday, August 1 – at Powderhouse Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Dancing, entertainment, music, lunch and prizes. Tickets available at the following locations: Holland Street Center, 165 Holland Street, Cross Street Center, 165 Cross Street, Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street, Mayor’s Office, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue and all senior buildings. If you live in a senior building you must get your ticket there. For additional information or questions contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Twin River Casino – Monday, August 20 - \$25 –

Check in time is 8:00 a.m. at Holland and 8:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Walmart & Jimmy’s Steer House – Wednesday, August 22 - \$10 – Check in time is 10:00 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 3:00 p.m. Shop at Walmart – eat at Jimmy’s. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Howie Conley & The Memory Laners – Tuesday, August 28 - \$10 per person due at time of reservation. A special lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the performance at 1:00 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Revere Beach – Wednesday, August 29 - \$5 – Check in time is 8:30 at Holland with an approximate return time of 1:00 p.m. Spend a morning at America’s first public beach. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Breakfast at Renee’s – Friday, August 31 starting at 8:30 a.m. at Renee’s Café located at 198 Holland Street. Seating is limited, RSVP a MUST and there is a cost that has yet to be determined. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month: July 19, August 16, September 20, October 11, November 8 and December 13. If you require additional info please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

LGBTQ Lunch: Come, relax, enjoy lunch and talk with your peers. Scheduled lunch dates for 2018 are July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12.

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 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.

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. and running for an hour

most times. Principal Master Gardener, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive “greenhouses.” If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. This group does not meet in January and February.

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

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

English Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday beginning at 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. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English. Continue conversation throughout a healthy lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

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

Social Service Drop In – The 3rd Thursday of every month Social Workers, Ashley Speliotis and Natasha Naim will be taking turns and having a Drop-in Social Service hour from 11:00 a.m. to noon at the Cross Street Center. They will be available to address any of your Social Service needs. Stop by or if you need additional info 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.

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE (Please cut out and save)

Monday: Keep Moving Walking Club** - 9:15 a.m. (H) / Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) / Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Tuesday: Strengthening - 9:15 a.m. - \$3 per class (H) / Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C) / Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

Wednesdays: Fit-4-Life - Group A (exercise) - 8:45 a.m. / Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m./ Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) / Group C (nutrition) - noon (H) / 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 - 8:45 a.m. (H) / Fit-4-Life - Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) /Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H)

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

** Keep Moving Walking Club is on hiatus until the Spring

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Fish advisory for the Lower Mystic River area

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has issued a fish advisory for the Lower Mystic River area in Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, and Somerville to provide guidance on fish consumption.

The advisory says:

- Children under 12, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and women that may become pregnant should not consume any fish in the area
- Everyone else can eat bluefish and striped bass
- Nobody should eat any other fish caught in this area

In addition, the advisory reminds residents that shellfishing is prohibited in this area.

The Lower Mystic River area, generally defined as the Mystic River below the Amelia Earhart Dam and the Chelsea Creek/River, is a popular fishing destination. Due to concerns about potential contaminants in the fish and a desire to provide specific guidance about consumption, DPH worked with the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) and the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) to understand fish consumption habits among residents and fish contaminant levels.

CLF and MyRWA found that people are catching and eating fish from the Lower Mystic River area and that subsequent fish testing found contaminants such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and arsenic. The fish were species that are native to the area, including American eel, flounder, rainbow smelt, striped sea robin, white perch, and skate.

“This advisory provides needed information to the communities of the Lower Mystic about the safe utilization of an important environmental and social resource,” said Marc Nascarella, director of the Bureau of Environmental Health’s Environmental Toxicology Program at DPH. “We look forward to working with our state and local partners to educate residents about the advisory.”

“Without clear information about what is safe to eat, people in the Lower Mystic River Watershed area are at risk,” said Alyssa Rayman-Read, vice president and director of CLF Massachusetts. “The advisory will ensure that people have the information needed to safely fish in the area. This kind of public-nonprofit collaboration should be a model for working on important environmental issues.”

Patrick Herron, executive director of MyRWA added: “By improving the information available to anglers who consume fish from the Lower Mystic, this advisory enables residents to safely take advantage of their abundant local resource. The unique partnership between DPH and our organizations was integral in ensuring that this important advisory reaches the people who will benefit most from the information.”

The angler survey and fish testing activities conducted by CLF and MyRWA in the Lower Mystic area were funded by the Massachusetts Environmental Trust. CLF and MyRWA collaborated on this project with GreenRoots, Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Green Harbors Project at UMass Boston, and the Boston University School of Public Health.

Information about the advisory can be found here. For more information, contact the Department of Public Health at 617-660-5370.

Movie Nights in the Park



Last Fridays in July, August and September
at Chuckie Harris Park, 3-17 Cross Street

Films start at dusk / Music and drinks start one hour before

All movie nights go from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Join Somerville Media Center, East Somerville Main Streets and Arlington International Film Festival the last Friday of July, August and September for Free Movies in the Park! We are excited to be turning the Chuckie Harris park back into a movie theater where we will all be able to enjoy movie screenings for various countries! Movie nights accompanied by music and local artists! There will also be food and drinks from local businesses.

Movie Nights in the Park Schedule:

July 27th

Come enjoy a selection of shorts from the Arlington International Film Festival, including the German film Fiddlesticks directed by Veit Helmer, and Honk: A Festival of Active Street Bands, directed by Patrick Johnson, as well as live performances by School of Honk.

August 31st

Revel in a selection of International shorts curated by the Arlington International Film Festival, including Best Nar short 2017, Fist People, directed by Dong-ki An, Johnny Express, an animation directed by WOO Kyung-min, and more.

September 28th

Come experience International shorts from the Arlington International Film Festival, including the Best Documentary Short winner Phil’s Camino by Annie O’Neil, the Best Of Festival Short Sisak, by Indian director Faraz Ansari, and The Typewriter Repairman by Emmy award-winning producer and three-time Emmy nominate Director Thomas Draudt.

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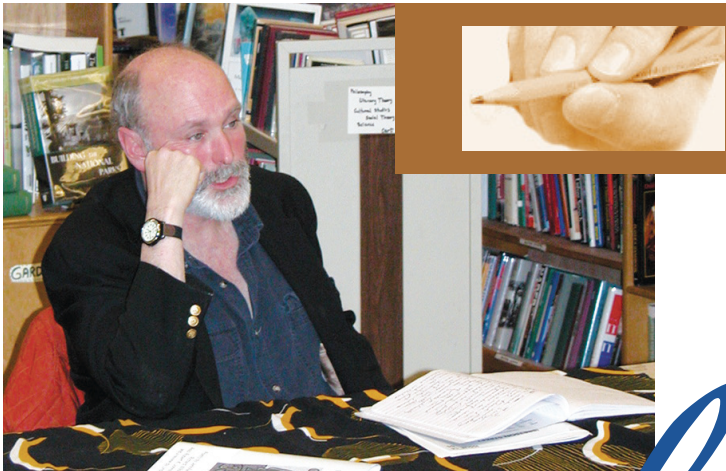
Wednesday, July 18	7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium	1:00pm	Tele Magazine	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00am	8:00pm	Startup TV Boston	2:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show
6:00am	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
7:00am	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM Arts
7:30am	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
8:00am	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone
9:00am			5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)
9:30am			6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	1:00pm	The Kamla Show
10:00am			6:30pm	The Literati Scene	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
10:30am			7:00pm	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
11:00am			7:30pm	SOM ARTS	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm			8:00pm	Special SCATV Programming	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
1:00pm			8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:30pm	Legacies
1:30pm			9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm	TeleGalaxie
2:00pm			10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	Going Postal
3:00pm			11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Last Sip
4:00pm			11:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
4:30pm					7:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
5:00pm					8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Overcoming Addiction
5:30pm					9:00pm	Dedillhando au Saudade
6:00pm					10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions
6:30pm					11:00pm	Boston Come Through
7:00pm						
8:00pm					Tuesday July 24	
8:30pm					12:00am	Free Speech TV
9:00pm					6:00am	Community Bulletin Board
10:00pm					7:00am	DW Euromaxx
11:00pm					7:30am	Esoteric Science
					8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
Thursday, July 19					9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
12:00am					10:00am	Road to Recovery
12:30am					11:00am	Graphic Content
1:00am					11:30am	DW In Good Shape
6:00am					12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
7:00am					1:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke
7:30am					2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
8:00am					3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am					4:00pm	SMC Youth Media
9:30am					4:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
10:00am					5:00pm	LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
11:00am					5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
11:30am					6:00pm	Community Lens
12:00pm					6:30pm	Art & Ideas
12:30am					7:00pm	Art Seen at SMC
1:00pm					7:30pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville
3:00pm					8:00pm	LIVE - Dead Air Live
4:00pm					9:00pm	The Somerville Line
4:30pm					10:00pm	TUTV
5:00pm					10:30pm	Public Access Boyz
6:00pm					11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
6:30pm					11:30pm	Ojo Rojo

CITY TV 22 (Comcast) | 13 (RCN) Schedule

Wednesday, July 18	12:00am	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	6:30pm	Milk Row Cemetery Tour - 6.3.18	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout
9:00am	2:00am	Haitian United 2018 Gala	7:00pm	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	9:00am	Portuguese Language Youth Book Fair
11:30am	9:00am	Somerville Heroes' Salute 2018	8:00pm	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	11:30am	Haitian United 2018 Gala
12:30pm	11:30am	SomerViva en Portuguese	9:52pm	Pride Flag Raising at City Hall	12:30pm	Connecting Communities
1:00pm	12:00pm	ArtBeat 2018	10:00pm	Haitian United 2018 Gala	1:00pm	Somerville Heroes' Salute 2018
2:00pm	1:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 7.12.18	11:00pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	2:30pm	ArtBeat 2018
6:30pm	6:30pm	SomerViva en Portuguese			6:30pm	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks
7:08pm	7:00pm	Portuguese Language Youth Book Fair			8:22pm	Pride Flag Raising at City Hall
9:00pm	8:00pm	Connecting Communities			8:30pm	SomerViva en Portuguese
9:30pm	8:30pm	Community Preservation Act Overview			9:00pm	Somerville Heroes' Salute 2018
10:30pm	9:00pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"			10:30pm	Milk Row Cemetery Tour - 6.3.18
	9:30pm	ArtBeat 2018			11:00pm	PorchFest 2018
	10:30pm	Haitian United 2018 Gala				
Thursday, July 19					Tuesday, July 24	
12:00am					12:00am	Community Preservation Act Overview
12:30am					12:30am	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 6.14.18
1:00am					8:30am	Fit-4-Life #5 2017
1:33am					9:00am	Haitian United 2018 Gala
2:03am					11:30am	Connecting Communities
6:30am					12:00pm	Senior Circuit - July 2018
7:00am					12:30pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole
7:30am					3:00pm	SomerViva en Portuguese
8:30am					6:30pm	Middlesex County Update
10:30am					7:00pm	Senior Circuit - July 2018
11:00am					7:30pm	Connecting Communities
					8:00pm	BOA Legislative Matters Committee
Friday, July 20						

Educational TV 15 Schedule

Wednesday, July 18	8:00pm	SCAP Annual Meeting	12:00pm	SCAP Annual Meeting	12:00pm	Argenziano School gr. 4-8 Spring Concert
9:00am	9:30pm	Family Fun Day	1:30pm	Somerville School Day Games	1:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony
10:00am	10:00pm	SHS Class Day 2008	2:30pm	ESCS Spring Concert	2:00pm	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation
11:30am			4:00pm	Kennedy School Spring Concert	3:00pm	SHS Class of '18 Graduation
12:30pm			5:00pm	Argenziano School Moving On 2008	5:00pm	SHS Boys Lacrosse vs Lynn C.
1:00pm			6:00pm	Healey School Moving On Ceremony	6:00pm	SHS Girls Lacrosse vs Matignon
2:00pm			7:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony	7:00pm	Sing Somerville Concert
3:00pm			8:00pm	SCAP Annual Meeting	8:00pm	Argenziano School gr. 4-8 Spring Concert
4:00pm			9:30pm	Somerville School Day Games	9:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony
5:00pm			10:30pm	ESCS Spring Concert	10:00pm	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation
6:00pm					11:00pm	SHS Class of '18 Graduation
7:30pm						
8:00pm					Tuesday, July 24	
9:00pm					12:36am	Sing Somerville Concert
10:00pm					1:00am	Public Domain Theater
11:00am					9:00am	Sing Somerville Concert
					10:00am	Kennedy School Drama Club
Thursday, July 19					12:00pm	Argenziano School Moving On 2008
12:00am					1:00pm	Argenziano School gr. 4-8 Spring Concert
1:00am					2:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremoney
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9:00am					4:00pm	SCAP Annual Meeting
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11:00am					6:00pm	Sing Somerville Concert
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5:00pm					12:00am	El Sistema Somerville Showcase
6:00pm					1:00am	SCAP Annual Meeting
7:00pm						



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The First Question

They ask me, “If you warm up a bumblebee in the winter, will it wake up and sting you?” and then argue about it, not waiting for my answer, maybe already suspecting I don’t have the one they’re looking for.

“Bumblebees don’t sting, stupid,” another student replies. “Don’t they stay alive all winter?” I can answer this, because I know. I know that these kinds of bees remain in a cluster all winter, surrounding the queen in order to keep her warm, and alive.

There are other questions, ones that, for now, I don’t have the answers to, ones they won’t be ready to ask me when they do.

But for now, while still unaware of these questions, we huddle at the window and watch the falling snow, holding our breath, almost convinced we can hear a shivering hive.

— Abigail Wotton

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Answers

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1. Colin Quinn

2. Three

3. The Story of the Three Bears

4. Angelina Jolie

5. Tom Petty

6. The spleen

7. The Crow (1994)

8. Fear of thunder and lightning

9. Jethro Tull

10. John Steinbeck

11. Spinach or Broccoli

12. 2012

OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'I Wish Francisco Franco Would Love Me'

by Gloria Mindock

A Review of Somerville's Poet Laureate Gloria Mindock New Collection of Verse by Brookline Poet Laureate Zvi Sesling:

I Wish Francisco Franco Would Love Me
by Gloria Mindock
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Review by Zvi A. Sesling

In her latest book of poetry Gloria Mindock resurrects Francisco Franco, the one-time brutal dictator of Spain. In previous works, Mindock has provided descriptions of how dictatorships swim in the blood of victims. In *I Wish Francisco Franco Would Love Me*, Mindock uses Franco’s obsessive-ness with a voice that shouts for an end to the cruelty of dictatorships everywhere.

Here is *Dictator*, in which she tells readers about Franco and his ongoing need to destroy people:

A dictator is not a spectator.
A spectator is not a dictator.
Why do you make everyone in Spain listen?

Some will betray you, rise-up.
You do not love!
You do not love!
Brutal Franco!
Brutal Franco!
You slob!
Messy in the heart. Kicking it out of your chest.

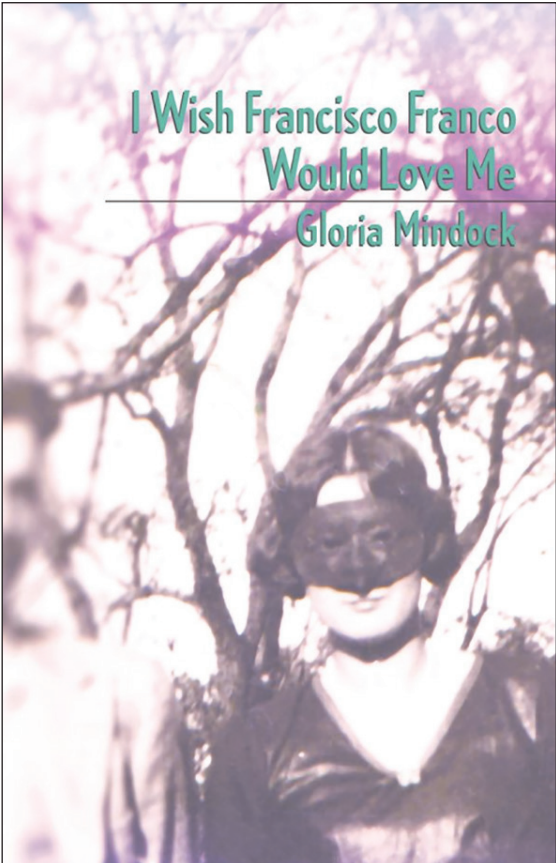
Even your heart knows you have secrets
cascading down into your pants.

Throats are slit today, bullets are fired, bombs
dropped.
Plaza’s preserved as killing fields.

Big man Franco leaves terror.
Too many Fathers are dead.
Never to hold their children again.
Killing in Bejar today ...
Fascist!
Randomly killing what suits you.

Mindock is a particularly fine poet whose many dark works awaken people to the evil conduct of dictators, which is often minimized in history and in the media, until the brave come forth to reveal the excesses of violence:
In *Les Milles*, a young girl raped at the age of ten somehow survives and is rescued so

“One less surrounded by dark colored roses,/a chill in the air and scars left on the face”
“Big Killer Franco – Men want to shoot you in



the back.? Turn your head towards them Franco./ Look them in the eye as they fire./But they don’t fire./You say, *execute them* and walk away./A grin on your face.../Customary.”

“Franco murdered memories./The dead converse with their screams”

“A hat falls on the ground boldly/hugging the blood”

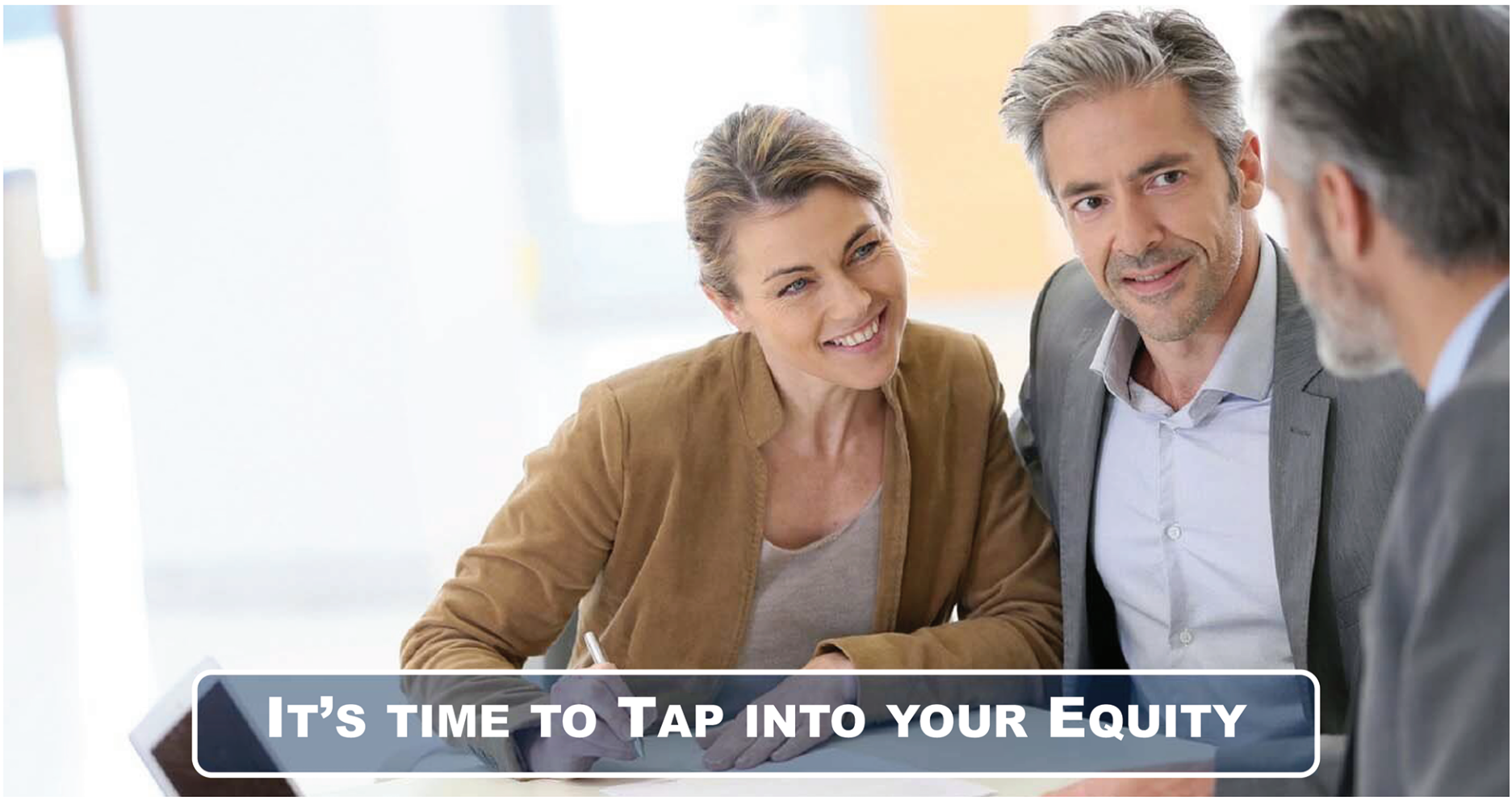
And in the poem *Orbit* Mindock describes the aftermath of a bomb perfectly placed:

One bomb lunges
Chars the sunrise
Whispering graves now a museum
Scars left
Bones face the other planets
A planet showing what exile is

Mindock’s poetry is never to be taken lightly. It thrives on blood, torture and evil individuals while always letting the reader know that she is on the side of the oppressed wherever they live. In *Blood Soaked Dresses* and *The Whiteness Of Bone* she addressed the horrors of Central American dictatorships. And in this latest endeavor she reminds anyone who may want to remember Francisco Franco in some favorable fashion, that he was nothing more than a brutal dictator.

Zvi A. Sesling, author of *The Lynching of Leo Frank* and the forthcoming *War Zones* (Nixes Mate Books), is publisher and editor of *Muddy River Poetry Review*, and editor of *Bagel Bard Anthologies* 7,8 and 12, as well as serving as Poet Laureate of Brookline, MA.





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