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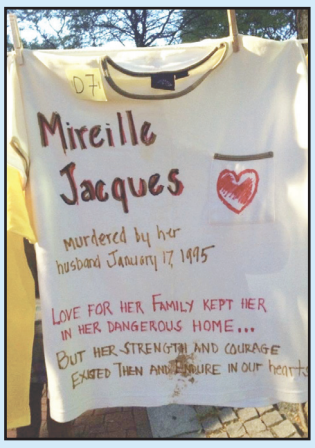

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City doubles down on upping the green

Where have all the flowering trees gone? And why are they going? These and many other questions are being explored by city officials after many have said enough is enough.

By Jim Clark

City of Somerville officials have been feeling the heat over the past several months, and not strictly from the summer sun, unfortunately so for the many who are concerned with the issue of keeping enough healthy trees around.

In a flurry of arboreal zeal, the city's Board of Aldermen have bandied the issue about for some time now. From questions about why certain numbers of trees have been taken down, to proposals for regulating tree removal on private property, a lot of talk has been going down, with much more to come.

At the Board's latest regular meeting on September 13, no fewer than nine orders or resolutions directly relating to the the city's tree population were dealt with. Some of the agenda items addressed were:

An order that the Director of SPCD explain to the Board why not a single *Continued on page 4*

Lion's Head at the Homans Building removed

On Friday, September 14, as part of the Green Line Extension project's commitment to historical preservation, a mold was made of the Lion's Head at the Homans Building.

The Homans Building is scheduled to be demolished in the coming weeks. The building is very close to the future Green Line tracks, and land is needed for an electrical substation and other GLX-related infrastructure.

The goal was to remove the lion's head from the building in one piece, but the mold was created as a 'precautionary measure.'

The removed lion's head and mold will be given to the City of Somerville. This work is being monitored by the Somerville Historic Commission. A work plan was presented and approved at a Historic Commission meeting.

MBTA General Manager Luis Manuel Ramirez commented on the project, "From the very start of the Green Line Extension planning process, we have stressed the importance of working closely with the *Continued on page 17*

A mold was made of the lion's head decoration incase there was damage while removing it from the building.

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We attended the latest **neighborhood meeting** regarding the closing of the **Ball Square Bridge**, held at St. Clements Hall. About 75 residents and business people attended. **Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang** spoke about the bridge closing and what keeps him up at nighttime regarding the various detours and how it's going to work out. He indicated he would be watching how the traffic flow was going to be and how much police presence is needed to help out. The spokesman from **the T** was very ineffective in explaining how the various routes would get around the closed bridge. One neighbor in the audience, **former DPW commissioner under Mayor Ralph, Kevin Oliver**, made some credible suggestions for the T and generally how the detours could work more effectively. The meetings will continue, but we noticed not a lot of business owners were present. One reason for that is people work hard and some get to work early in the morning, and when they close they run right home. A suggestion that maybe a direct meeting in the square with the various businesses might be a good idea, explaining how the traffic flow – or lack of it – is going to work. That's our suggestion, a general meeting during the day, convenient to the business, not **City Hall** or the *Continued on page 11*

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Comments of the Week

Response to: *The Somerville Museum 'Call for Community Curators'*

Amazing place... says:

This is one amazing place. At least thats what I hear. I use a wheelchair so can never visit. My efforts to get through to museum people on this issue were never even acknowledged, never mind attended to. Yet another place I am not welcome. The list? Som.Rec, DPW, youth program/teen center/teen empowerment. Nave gallery, Kennedy Pool, Brown school, Trum field, I'm exhausted. irony? Special Olympics at Trum, inaccessible. But then, who cares?

Car 54 where are you? says:

I could have sworn we had a Disabilities Commission in the city. Where are they? They never weigh in on anything, including trees pulling up the sidewalks, no viable walking path when the Ball Square Bridge closes, etc., etc.

SamO says:

Amazing Place…If you're not a yuppie tech bro or a wannabe socialist, you're pretty much invisible in Somerville.

Left Behind says:

This is not a reflection on the work of Evelyn Battinelli, a lovely woman who has done an amazing job with the Museum and this is not something she is able to fix. It is amazing however, that in a city that worries about black lives, LGBTQ lives, provides tot lots for kids, festivals for hipsters, etc. it seems odd that the disabled community has been totally left behind. How much money has been spent on revamping playgrounds that were not that old? How many have accessible playground equipment included? I agree, where is the Disabilities Commission?

Its a reflection says:

Sorry, it's a reflection on anyone involved who has never cared. Theyve been given inormation over many years on grant funding, and groups willing to help. Also ideas on simple, FREE things they can do to make things a bit more open to us. Cue the crickets. I cringe when they talk about hearing our stories, when they exclude a large group. Imagine a sign saying; no minorities allowed. Same. Thing, but our lives just don't matter

Matt C says:

I'm pretty sure that the museum is not owned by the city, rather the city contributes to it through donations. If you want to see changes at the museum I think you should take it up with the museum leadership rather than the city. (based on what i can find on the museums website)

Courtney O'Keefe says:

At one point, a group (whose name escapes me) did push the lack of accessibility, but backed off for reasons that were never made public. Their intensity on ADA compliance issues at the Armory, public buildings/spaces and local businesses was well documented in the media, but the group seemed somewhat selective as to which locations they would focus on and how sharp that focus would be. For example, in 2017, B'Nai Brith received CPA funds to rectify their inaccessibility (https://goo.gl/GVY7NF). This was the first I had ever heard that the facility wasn't accessible and would have expected said group to highlight this and demand it be fixed. Maybe I missed it?

Do your research says:

To the rocket scientists above who couldn't be bothered to pick up a phone before whining: A:The Somerville Museum is not a city property and must rely on grants / memberships / donations / groveling for the pittance it has available to do what it does. The exhorbitant cost to install an elevator has rather surprisingly kept the project from happening. B: the museum finally got the money it needed to make the building accessible a couple years ago, but the project has been stalled because of a lawsuit from a neighbor who feels his/her desire to park on the museum's land "trumps" the project.

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Life in the Massachusetts VILLE "The Spirit of America" by Jimmy Del Ponte

The new hipsters

We can rebuild him! When NASA astronaut Steve Austin is injured in the crash of an experimental aircraft, he is "rebuilt" in an operation that cost six million dollars. Hopefully, our co-payments for today's replacement surgeries won't ever be that high.

I'm going in next week for my second hip replacement. Oh boy!

When I bump into a friend that's around my age, the subject of "replacement parts" always comes up. My body has been transformed into my old 1967 Dodge Dart. It would keep going as long as you slapped a new part in there every once in a while. As the car aged and the miles started to add up, a new water pump, generator, or starter had to be replaced every once in a while.

My friends have had shoulders, knees, and hips replaced. As we speak several of my friends are awaiting surgeries. When my old clunker of a car needed a part (we'd buy them new only if we had to) or better still, we'd go to Nissenbaum's Used Auto Parts On Columbia Avenue outside of Union Square.

Thankfully, for the most part when our bodies need new parts they are new in the box! Titanium all the way baby! So what if we set off metal detectors at the airport? We are hopefully pain free. By the way, that's the way it starts. Pain.

So my mind starts. How did I wreck my hips? Was it wear and tear, aging, or did I inherit arthritis? Probably a mixture. Just the same, I'd like to apologize to my body for some of the reckless activities I did that may have helped wreck my hips.

I'm sorry for: Hundreds of (yummy) trips back-and-forth from McKinnon's meat market lugging pork roasts, ground beef and one of Ross Blouin's famous humongous sub sandwiches. Eight years of walking back-and-forth from our house to Saint Clements carrying tons of heavy books. The sledding accident where I was actually airborne for about six seconds before slamming to the ground and being in pain for two weeks. The time I was playing Superman at a college fraternity party and jumped off the porch with a towel around my neck. My short lived skiing career. Several bicycle accidents. A summer of working on a farm moving piles of rocks around.

My four weeks on Emerson Colleges wrestling team. 6 years of religiously insane daily jogging. Dancing in several musicals (my unfortunate tap dancing accident). Walking a dog twice a day for 14 years.

And then there was the car accident at McGrath Highway and Pearl St. We were broadsided by a speeding car running a red light and ejected. Thankfully, we were in a 59 Ford which was built like an army tank. I can't forget the dozen or so times I jumped off stages during or after a crazy set with The Sleddogs, or The Tools bands (or with The Kiely Band at Northeastern Junior High School class day dance in 1977). I can honestly say I wouldn't have changed anything. Wear and tear, craziness, old age, it's all good.

It's great that they can rebuild us. I only wish they could replace other things I've worn out like my patience, parts of my brain, and no doubt, my welcome at times. Items that are unfortunately unavailable at Nissenbaums.

First responders honored in Somerville

The United States Postal Service, in cooperation with the Somerville Police and Fire Departments and Cataldo Ambulance Company hosted a special dedication of the recently released First Responders Forever Stamp on Wednesday, September 19 at the Post Office at 18 Bow St. in Somerville.

USPS Postal Service Operations Manager Jerry O'Connell, Somerville Police Chief David Fallon, Somerville Fire Chief Charles J. Breen Jr. and Danny Riendeau of Cataldo Ambulance were all in attendance at the public ceremony.

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First responders are found throughout our society, from small townships to the federal government. They include a wide range of law enforcement professionals and public safety personnel, from air marshals and transit police officers, to ski patrollers, park rangers, and fish and game wardens. For many, it is a volunteer job; for others, it is their full-time occupation.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Unruly customer wears out his welcome

Police officers were dispatched to the Mt. Vernon restaurant on Broadway last week on reports of an intoxicated individual who was refusing to leave.

Upon arrival, the officers encountered the manager of the restaurant and its owner, along with the customer in question, later identified as John Delaney, of Charlestown.

According to reports, Delaney appeared to be agitated and was arguing with the restaurant management staff.

The manager reportedly told police that Delaney had been barred from the restaurant some time earlier. The officers were also told that Delaney had gone into the kitchen area, which is a restricted access area to employees only. Delaney then mock punched the manager in the gut, after which was told to leave the restaurant, but refused to do so.

As the officers attempted to speak with Delaney, he started pacing back and forth while yelling profanities at them and the restaurant personnel. He reportedly stated, "I don't like people who call the cops!"

The officers advised Delaney that he was causing a disturbance and that he should calm down. After a few minutes, the officers were able to calm Delaney's belligerent behavior. he reportedly told them that he was waiting for a friend to pick him up, then would be leaving.

After a short period of time, while waiting to see if Delaney would be picked up, the officers noted that the restaurant manager and owner came outside and exchanged words with Delaney.

The officers could not hear what was said, but it agitated Delaney and he began shouting and walking along the sidewalk.

The officers followed from a distance to ensure public safety due to Delaney's agitated state.

Delaney was yelling while walking in and out of the street. At the time, it was rush hour, and Broadway was busy with heavy traffic, along with heavy foot traffic on the sidewalk, according to reports.

Delaney suddenly stopped and turned around to face the officers. He reportedly punched his fist against his hands several times, then pointed at the officers.

The officers noted that a pedestrian scrambled to walk around Delaney as he flailed his arms in the air.

The officers called for backup, then informed Delaney that he was under arrest and placed him into handcuffs. Due to Delaney's large physical stature, they had to use two sets of cuffs.

Delaney was subsequently transported back to the station for booking on a charge of disorderly conduct.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Jordan Yandle, September 17, 5:47 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on a charge of trespassing.

Davonte Bowden, of 84 Arlington St., Medford, September 17, 5:47 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on charges of trespassing and disorderly conduct.

John Delaney, of 333 Bunker Hill St., Charlestown, September 19, 4:05 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Kenneth Happas, of 36 Sargent Ave., September 19, 6:30 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of unarmed robbery and intimidate to steal from depository.

Ramon Ordonez, of 60 Addison St., Chelsea, September 19, 8:03 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of violation of city ordinance littering, motor vehicle operator giving false name or Social Security number, marked lanes violation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Claudia Cabral, of 5 Adams St., September 20, 2:27 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of failure to return leased personalty, speeding, cruelty to an animal, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Thomas Lanzilli, September 20, 4:27 p.m., arrested at Leonard St. on warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and destruction of property over $1200.

Tracy Brandon, September 20, 6:16 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise, possession of a class A drug, possession of a class B drug, and on warrant charges of possession of a class A drug, shoplifting by asportation third offense, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, trespassing, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and speeding.

John Savage, of 55 Wyman Terrace, Arlington, September 20, 6:36 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and larceny under $1200.

Jacob Blumenthal, of 86 Blueberry Hill Rd., Deering, NH, September 21, 1:11 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of trespassing and larceny under $1200, and on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, unregistered motor vehicle, larceny under $1200, shoplifting by asportation, and shoplifting over $1200 by asportation.

Thomas Amado, of 46 Birchwood Rd., Randolph, September 21, 2:10 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of resisting arrest, removal of theft prevention device, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under $1200, and possession of a class E drug.

Howard Solomon, September 21, 3:11 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, assault and battery, and possession of a class B drug.

Michael Chevalier, of 11 Kensington Ave., September 21, 9:15 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Keith Hill, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, September 21, 9:41 p.m., arrested at Herbert St. on a warrant charge of destruction of property over $1200.

Accounting for the trees

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tree was spared when they were cut along the commuter rail line, including trees far from the tracks, and what the GLX Team's plans are to replant trees to prevent erosion on the hills;

An order that the Director of SPCD report to the Board on whether the City plans to plant trees by the fence at the north edge of Junction Park to replace the nearby trees lost when they were cut down recently for the GLX project;

An order that the Director of SPCD update the Board on the status of the Urban Forestry Committee;

A request by Mayor Curtatone for a supplemental appropriation of $61,691 to the SPCD Transportation & Infrastructure Salaries Account, to establish the Sr. Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner position;

An order that the City Solicitor (and the City Arborist) clarify the ordinance requiring tree removal for a new driveway or other construction project as Section 10.6 seems to contemplate the potential need to remove trees to accommodate driveway construction, as follows: "Where new construction or driveway entrances require the removal of existing street trees, the owner shall replace the street trees lost on a one-to-one basis with new trees in compliance with the specifications of this Section. Replacement of street trees shall be additional to the standard provision of trees on the site in accordance with Section 10.3 of this Article.";

A resolution that the Administration provide a written response to the petition in #204944 for an accounting of street trees removed from Beacon Street;

An order that the City Solicitor prepare a document for review by the Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works in preparation for filing a complaint regarding the removal of trees along Beacon Street;

An order that the City Arborist advise whether the discovery of an Emerald Ash Borer in the city will result in any changes to the plan for monitoring/non-removal of Ash trees and, advise the Ward 6 Alderman on the status of the remaining Ash trees on Willow Avenue;

And an order that the Tree Warden and the City Arborist replace the small dead trees on Day Street and Grove Street adjacent to the public parking lots.

Along with special attention paid to the missing trees dilemma, many agenda items dealt with other environmental greenery issues as well.

While it is clear that the Board is taking steps to improve the regulations surrounding tree removal and replacement, some are concerned that actions speak louder than words, that more green needs to be seen, and that ultimately productive action needs to be taken.

In an effort to establish meaningful dialog between concerned residents and city officials, a public hearing on trees has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall. The Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee will discuss and invite brief public testimony on the issue.

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Our message continues on until there's zero

By Kristen Strezo
Co-chair of the Somerville Commission for Women

The Somerville Commission for Women and RESPOND invite you to attend our annual Candlelight Vigil to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Our vigil this year will be held on Wednesday, October 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Statue Park in Davis Square.

Our focus is threefold. First, we wish to recognize those whose lives were lost to Domestic Violence in Massachusetts over the past 12 months. We do this by reading their names and observing a moment of silence.

We also bring together local service providers in the community. We hope to be a bridge to any victim suffering in silence with a message that they are not alone and that support is eager to help.

Last, we wish to bring hope and healing. Every year we display the Clothesline Project; t-shirts designed by survivors and family members and friends of violence victims. The shirts line our vigil space and hold messages for the viewer: some anguished, some empowering, all thought provoking.

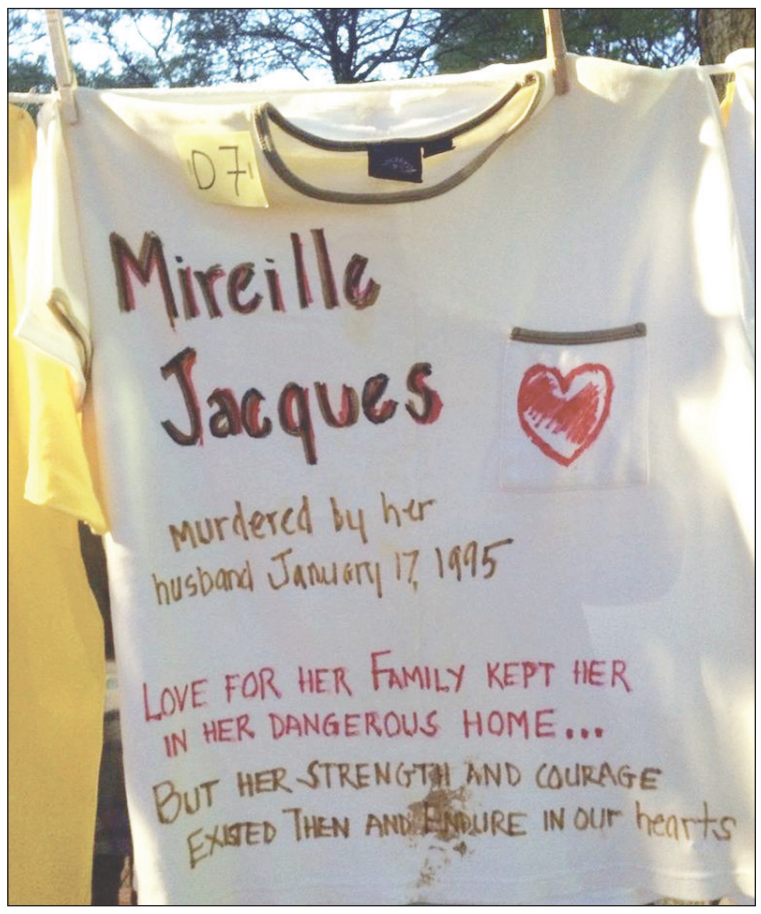
We aim to be a mirror to our society...

And we want that. We aim to be a mirror to our society, a confirmation that no community goes untouched from domestic violence. Stern statistics affirm that you've known at least one person, perhaps a few, who have endured intimate partner violence. Jane Doe, Inc., states that one in four women and one in nine men were victims of domestic violence at some point in their lives.

It exists, too, in Somerville. While the number of those killed in Massachusetts due to domestic violence has decreased in the past few years, intimate partner violence is still happening.

I hope the numbers of deaths continue to decrease. I hope one day we never have to hold a vigil. Maybe one day. Until then, please join us at our vigil and help us strive to put an end to it.

Kristen Strezo is the Co-Chair of the City of Somerville's Commission for Women; however, the views and opinions expressed in this article are entirely her own and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the City of Somerville.



This year's Candlelight Vigil to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month will take place on Wednesday, October 3, at Statue Park in Davis Square, Somerville.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports on the number of times each senator sided with Republican Gov. Charlie Baker on his 48 vetoes of items, mostly in the fiscal 2019 state budget, in the 2018 session.

A two-thirds vote is required to override a gubernatorial veto in a full 40-member Senate when there are no vacancies. The governor needed the support of 14 senators to sustain a veto if all 40 senators voted – and fewer votes if some members were absent or there were vacancies.

Baker fell far short of that goal as eight votes was the most support he received on any veto. The Senate easily overrode all 48 vetoes, including five that were overridden unanimously.

The vetoes had little support among Democrats in the Senate. Only one of the chamber's 31 Democrats voted with Baker to sustain any vetoes while the other 30 did not support the governor even once. The only Democratic senator who supported Baker was Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston), who supported him 31 times (64.5 percent of the time).

"I voted against overriding vetoes in the budget that would have reinstituted earmarks, which I have a long-standing policy of opposing," Chang-Diaz told Beacon Hill Roll Call. "While some earmarks benefit wonderful organizations, overall I believe earmarking hurts our ability to plan long-term fiscal policy and undermines opportunities for fair, transparent, rigorous allocation of taxpayers' dollars. I find other ways to go to bat for great organizations and causes."

None of the Republicans voted with Baker 100 percent of the time.

The Republican senator who voted the greatest number of times with Baker was Sen. Vinny deMacedo (R-Plymouth): 23 times (47.9 percent of the time).

The GOP senator who voted with Baker the least number of times was Sen. Dean Tran (R-Leominster): 6 times (12.5 percent of the time).

PERCENTAGE OF TIMES LOCAL SENATORS SUPPORTED GOV. BAKER'S VETOES IN 2018
Here is how your senator fared in his or her support of Baker on the 48 vetoes.

The percentage next to the senator's name represents the percentage of times the senator supported Baker. The number in parentheses represents the actual number of times the senator supported Baker.

Some senators voted on all 48 roll call votes. Others missed one or more of the 48 votes. Each record is based on the number of roll calls on which a senator voted and does not count the roll calls for which he or she was absent.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen 0 percent (0)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ILLEGAL EMPLOYEES (S 1012) - A proposal making it illegal for an employer to knowingly falsify employment or citizenship documents of any worker was sent to a study committee by the Labor and Workforce Development.

Under the bill, violators would be sentenced to up to 30 days in prison and/or a $1,000 fine for a first offense; up to three months in prison and/or up to a $2,500 fine for a second offense; and up to six months in prison and/or 5,000 for a third offense.

Most measures that are shipped off to a study committee are never actually studied and are essentially defeated.

BAN SHADOWS (H 2129) - The Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture shipped off to a study committee a bill that would prohibit the construction of any new building that would cast a new shadow in Boston on the Charles River Esplanade, Christopher Columbus Park, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square Park, Magazine Beach Park or the Back Bay Fens.

Supporters say some new construction would cast shadows on many Boston parks and interfere with enjoyment by people who have scarce open space while benefiting a few wealthy property owners and developers.

INCREASE TAX BREAK FOR VETERANS (H 1602) – Stuck in The House Bills in Third Reading Committee since the House first gave it initial approval on May 10, 2017 is legislation that makes a change in the current law that allows cities and towns to establish a program permitting veterans to volunteer their services to the community in exchange for up to a $1,000 property tax reduction. The proposal raises the reduction to $1,500.

ALLOW BUSINESSES TO OPT INTO "DO NOT CALL" LIST (H 137) – Stuck in The House Bills in Third Reading Committee since the House first gave it initial approval on June 21, 2017 is legislation that would restrict telemarketing companies doing business in the state by allowing businesses to sign up for a "do not call" list and fining companies up to $5,000 if they call a business on the list. Current law only allows individual consumers to sign up for the list.

Under the bill, all current laws that now apply to individuals would also apply to businesses including allowing a business on the list to sue a company for up to $5,000 if the company violates the law and calls the business more than once a year; preventing companies from blocking their number from appearing on any business' Caller ID box; prohibiting companies from using recorded message devices to make these calls; and restricting these calls to between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Supporters say this long overdue bill would finally allow businesses to put a stop to these annoying invasions. They argued the system has worked well for consumers and will be a success for businesses.

TAX BREAK FOR BUSINESSES NEGATIVELY IMPACTED (H 3352) – On September 27, 2017, the House approved and sent to the Senate legislation that would allow local cities and towns to reduce by up to 50 percent the property tax on any business that can prove that it was negatively affected by a public works or municipal utility company project. The Senate never acted on the measure and it is still stuck in the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

Supporters say currently cities and towns can provide a tax break for new or expanding businesses but can offer no relief to a business that is losing customers and money because of things like a multi-year bridge project nearby.

RIGHT TO CHARGE (H 4069) – The House and Senate have approved a bill that would prohibit a condo association from unreasonably restricting an owner from installing an electric vehicle charging station in a deeded parking space or any area where the person has exclusive use.

Supporters said the bill would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollution. They noted the measure includes safeguards which allow associations to impose reasonable restrictions, such as installation requirements and safety standards, or to institute an application process.

"Boston residents, more than ever, want to contribute toward reducing carbon emissions and transitioning our city toward environmentally-friendly transportation," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston). "I'm proud to have sponsored H 4069, which guarantees the Right to Charge and expands access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the city."

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"We're not lagging behind, but we really have nothing to brag about. In fact, our great problem is that we are too self-congratulatory around the single issue of energy efficiency. Doing well in terms of one method doesn't bring us where we need to be. The conversation here [in California] is all about addressing emissions from the transportation sector, where Massachusetts' current role is an embarrassment." — *Sen. Mike Barrett (D-Lexington), in an interview with the State House News Service, from the Global Climate Action Summit in California.*

"So far the members seem to be very energetic in their support." — *House Speaker Bob DeLeo on how his fellow representatives feel about his plans to run for speaker for the upcoming 2019-2020 session. DeLeo, who began his run as speaker in January 2009, is already the longest continuously-serving House speaker in state history.*

"Since Congress has refused to act on the security aspects of immigration reform — and thus done nothing to stop the flow of drugs into our neighborhoods, to stop children from being exploited by sex and human traffickers, nor to stop transnational gangs from terrorizing our schools and communities — America's Sheriffs have decided to come together and take the safety of our citizens into our own hands. We will not sit by while our neighborhoods get more dangerous and the people we've sworn to protect face greater risk." — *Bristol County Sheriff Tom Hodgson and a group of 43 sheriffs from 35 states announcing their new crowdfunding website – www.SheriffsWall.org - to raise money for the federal government funding and construction of a wall along the U. S. southern border.*

"Hate-filled rhetoric says this law will make our women and girls less safe. Since these protections were passed in 2016, there has been zero increase of public safety incidents in restrooms in our state." — *Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley on the city council's passage of resolutions urging voters to vote yes on Question 3 on the November ballot asking voters if they want to retain the 2016 transgender anti-discrimination law.*

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued

"[The law is a] coercive and punitive measure which imposes sanctions on citizens who refuse to participate in the lie that persons can, through some subjective process, change their gender … The Boston City Council has demonstrated, once again, that it prefers pandering to policy making." — *Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle on passage of the resolutions.*

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 September 17-21, the House met for a total of one hour and 11 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 17 minutes.

Mon. Sept. 17	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:23 a.m. Senate 11:16 a.m. to 11:43 a.m.
Tues. Sept. 18	No House session No Senate session
Wed. Sept. 19	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. Sept. 20	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:51 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:56 a.m.
Fri. Sept. 21	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Voter registration deadline is October 17

Eligible voters have until October 17 (by 8 p.m. if registering in person at City Hall or by 11:59 p.m. if registering online) to register to vote in the upcoming November 6 election. October 17 is also the deadline for voters to update their address or change party affiliation.

Residents may register to vote either online, in person, or by mail:

- Register online at www.registertovotema.com.
- Register in person by visiting the Elections Department at Somerville City Hall at 93 Highland Ave.
- Register by mail by either calling the Elections Department at 617-625-6600 x4200 to have a voter registration form mailed to you, or by visiting www.somervillema.gov/elections to print a registration form to mail in.

Please note that online applications require a valid ID issued by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), as well as a signature on file with the RMV. In most cases persons with I.D.'s will have signatures on file, but just in case yours is not, don't wait until the last minute to register online.

This year, voters will decide three ballot questions and a number of races, including those for the offices of Governor, Senator in Congress, Representative in Congress, Senator and Representative in the State Legislature, MA Attorney General, Middlesex District Attorney, and more.

The three ballot questions to be decided are 1) whether to limit how many patients may be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and certain other health care facilities, 2) whether to create a citizens commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the U.S. Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated, and 3) and whether to add gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement.

Sample ballots will be online soon and more elections information is available at www.somervillema.gov/elections.

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

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72344610	12 Pembroke Street	9 room, 5 bed, 1f 1h bath Victorian	9	$925,000	$1,050,000
72364919	20 Kingman Rd	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian	20	$989,000	$1,031,000
72314254	45 Robinson St	9 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian	50	$999,998	$978,000
72311267	12 Warwick street U:3	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Contemporary	27	$1,199,900	$1,221,500
72348254	54 Burnside	9 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	12	$1,278,000	$1,300,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72313692	40 Medford St U:302	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	79	$1,060,000	$1,025,000
72349435	24 Belmont St. U:24	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	23	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
72327955	12 Warwick Street U:1	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	91	$1,160,000	$1,085,000
72336474	42 Clyde Street U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	48	$1,198,000	$1,164,000
72329428	11 Windom St U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	51	$1,199,900	$1,150,000
72364453	86 Thurston Street U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	15	$1,200,000	$1,200,000
72335657	17 Gorham St U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	36	$1,399,999	$1,375,000
72360714	28 Newberne Street U:6	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	27	$1,495,000	$1,490,000

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

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72345192	67-69 Lowell Street	2 unit, 14 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	33	$1,249,000	$1,149,000
72358733	22 Lake St	2 unit, 8 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	23	$1,249,000	$1,249,000
72335793	24 Spencer Ave	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	60	$1,300,000	$1,240,000
72339255	272 Highland Ave	3 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 3 Family	27	$1,500,000	$1,525,000
72322096	334 Lowell St.	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	5	$1,689,000	$1,700,000
72337112	103 Washington	7 unit, 25 total room, 12 total bedroom 5-9 Family	29	$2,000,000	$1,850,000
72388192	47 Wallace St	2 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	90	$2,699,800	$2,400,000

The Somerville Times

Installation of Officers at Somerville Masonic Lodge

By Donald Norton

The local Masonic lodge here in Somerville, King Solomon's Lodge A.F. & A.M., had their yearly installation this past Saturday evening on September 22. The installation was held at the lodge hall located at 125 Highland Avenue (rear) here in Somerville.

Pictured (above) seated left to right: Stephen Post, Jonathan Bower, Zachary J.A. Atwell, John Kendzierski, and Donald Norton. Back row left to right: Bill Chambers, Jeffrey Rhodes, Stan Locke, David Byron, Christopher Cipoletta, Mark Aubuchon, Richard Nilsson, Peter Mee, Joey Lacey, and Donald Coutoumas.

King Solomon's Lodge was chartered on September 5, 1783, just two days after the peace treaty between the U.K. and Colonies.

King Solomon's Lodge formed in Charlestown and met for many years at the Warren Tavern, then moved to Thompson Square, and eventually to Somerville at the Masonic apartments that were built for them on the corner of Pearl and Marshall in Gilman Square.

King Solomon's Lodge was the original owner and builder of the Bunker Hill Monument in 1794, built and dedicated in memory of Maj. Gen. Joseph Warren and his associates. It is one of the state's and North America's oldest Masonic Lodges in Massachusetts.

The lodge has over 200 members locally and owns the property at 125 Highland Ave. They meet every third Thursday of the month and all Masons are welcome.

For more information about Masonry and the lodge itself, there will be a statewide Masonic Open House on Saturday, October 20, and the public is invited to come and take a tour of the facility and ask any questions. The website for the lodge will soon be up and running as well at www.kingsolomonslodge.com.

OBITUARY

Thomas C. Trane

Thomas C. Trane, proudly from Somerville, passed away after a lengthy illness. Beloved Husband of Nancy A. Trane (Zwarick) with whom he shared 58 years of marriage. Devoted father to Robert Trane and Nancy Trane of Somerville, John Trane of Somerville, Paul Trane and Danielle Heanue of Boston. The caring grandfather to Jessica Trane of New York City. The loving brother to Eileen Hardy and her husband Tom of Reading. Brother to Ann Hoag of Somerville. Brother to the Late David Trane. Brother-in-Law to the late Robert Zwarick. Uncle to many nieces and nephews.

A retired 40-year Executive at Dampney Company who traveled the world for his vocation. Tom was also a firm proponent in local community involvement and bettering his City of Somerville. Tom served as the first chairman of the Condominium Review Board, was elected to the Democratic City Committee and was a frequent attendee to Democratic Conventions. Tom was a person who believed in hard work, loyalty and in a family that stuck together.

Tom will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Please consider making a donation in Tom's honor to Somerville YMCA, 101 Highland Ave. Somerville, MA 02143.

SHS teacher wins leadership award

Cynthia Massillon of Somerville High School has won a $15K grant as part of the Nellie Mae Education Foundation's Lawrence W. O'Toole Leadership Awards. Named in honor of Nellie Mae's founding president, the O'Toole Awards recognize public high school teachers who are advancing student-centered approaches to learning throughout New England.

As a history teacher, Massillon uses projects to help her students learn and understand the subject and serves as a guide to help other AP teachers create student-centered learning environments. Massillon will use the grant to run a Youth Participatory Action Research Project, which will train a group of students to research how to increase equitable access to AP courses, specifically analyzing data on Black and Latino students' participation in the courses.

Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO

Chicken Caesar Salad

One of the best things about this salad is that everything can be made in advance and assembled right before you're ready to serve it. Whenever I have leftover bread, I also like to make croutons so I have them on hand pretty much most of the time. See the recipe below for the salad and a link for the crouton recipe.

Baby Kale (5oz package)
Grilled Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts, sliced (1 1/2-2, 6oz each serving per person)
Croutons 1 Cup, here's my recipe, https://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/73172

Caesar Dressing
1 Cup Mayonnaise
2 Garlic Cloves, pressed or finely minced to a paste consistency
1 Teaspoon Worcestershire
1 Teaspoon Dijon Mustard
2 Tablespoons Lemon Juice
5 Drops Fish Sauce
1/4 Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese, plus extra to add to the salad
1/4 Teaspoon Kosher Salt
1/2 Teaspoon Freshly Grated Black Pepper

In a small bowl, add all the ingredients listed above and blend well. Store it in the refrigerator in an airtight container for up to a week. To assemble, place 1/3 cup of the Caesar dressing into a large bowl, then add the package of baby kale and the croutons to the bowl and toss it well until everything is lightly coated with the dressing. You can always add more dressing to your liking and serve extra on the side. Divide the mixture between three bowls or plates. Add the sliced grilled chicken and top off with either grated or shaved Parmesan cheese. Serving size for 3.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.

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Focus on risk reduction this Falls Prevention Awareness Day

By Jeanne Leyden

Fall is a wonderful season here in Massachusetts, when thoughts typically turn to football, apple picking, and enjoying the cooler weather. But it's also a good time to be aware of fall risks and how they can be reduced.

Falls are not a normal part of aging, but they are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries for older Americans. In fact, falls result in more than 2.8 million injuries treated in emergency departments annually, according to the National Council on Aging (NCOA). Worse, the chances of suffering a second fall double after the first one.

The good news is that many falls are preventable, and organizations like NCOA and Adult Family Care are promoting measures that can help, leading up to Falls Prevention Awareness Day in September.

The Centers for the Disease Control and Prevention advises that most falls are caused by a combination of following risk factors:

- Lower body weakness
- Vitamin D deficiency
- Difficulties with walking and balance
- Use of medicines
- Vision problems
- Foot pain
- In-home hazards

Here are some of the best ways to prevent a fall:

Stay Strong It's never too late to build stability, strength, and flexibility. Elder service agencies and senior centers often offer special classes geared toward helping to reduce fall risk. In some cases, elder services agencies also offer home exercise programs to help those who otherwise would have difficulty participating.

Talk to your doctor This can be helpful in so many ways. Your doctor will be able to assess for health-related risk factors and can review medications for side effects, such as dizziness or drowsiness. And don't be afraid to mention if you have had a fall or are afraid of falling.

Check vision and hearing. Don't skip those annual appointments! Your ability to hear and see can greatly impact your balance and your ability to avoid obstacles.

Keep your home safe Evaluate your home for fall hazards. Remove obstacles, such as rugs or clutter that might cause you to trip. Make sure areas like entryways are well-lit. Install grab bars where needed, such as in the bathroom or near the front door. You might also consider consulting an occupational therapist to assess your home and make recommendations.

Talk to Family This great advice was offered by the NCOA as part of their awareness campaign, and I'll repeat it here: Enlist family support in taking simple steps to stay safe. Falls are not just a seniors' issue.

To learn more, I would highly recommend visiting the fall prevention section of the NCOA website. Your local elder services agency can also be very helpful for connecting with local resources.

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day is Sept. 23 this year. While it's nice to have a day dedicated to the cause, the goal is ongoing change – helping people recognize these risk factors and what they can do to help.

There is no way to eliminate all risk of falling, but it's the sort of thing where some knowledge and a proactive approach can have a huge impact. If you have concerns about falls, I would urge you to learn more and take action. The difference can literally be life changing.

Jeanne Leyden is a registered nurse and director of Adult Family Care, a non-profit program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services that provides training and compensation for family caregivers across the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit adultfamilycare.org or call 617-628-2601.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services Adult Family Care director Jeanne Leyden.

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Changing the way we look at recycling to help us generate less waste

By Joseph A. Curtatone

Our country generates staggering amounts of waste. In fact, the average American produces more than 4 pounds of trash every day, which means that, collectively, we are creating 700,000 tons of garbage not every year or every month, but every single day. Sure, part of that waste gets recycled, but recycling is no longer enough.

Like many others, I've long been under the impression that I was doing enough by recycling cans, plastic, and paper – dragging my full recycling cart to the curb once a week. And while recycling is better than throwing things in the trash, it's becoming increasingly clear that we can all do more. At the end of the day, recycling is still waste. So, to get to the root of the problem, we need to reduce the amount of waste we create in the first place.

Like many other municipalities, Somerville has long approached waste from a disposal perspective. Our focus has been on how we pick up waste, recycle what we can, and then move it to the right place. But now with the very real threat of climate change along with changing market conditions in China, which has traditionally imported our recyclables, we are forced to look more closely at both the environmental and economic sustainability of our waste management plan.

This narrowed focus has made us recognize that there is an important role for communities like ours to play farther upstream. Now we must ask ourselves not only how we get rid of the waste we do create, but how do we seriously limit generating waste. We've long done well with the "recycle" part of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle." But now it's time to focus more on the other two R's: reducing and reusing.

The good news is our residents are avid recyclers. As a percentage of Somerville's total waste picked up curbside, recycling continues to increase in our community. Currently, 30.1 % of Somerville's waste is recycled. But with our total recycling currently at 7,500 tons per year, there's still room to reduce and reuse even more. There are some immediate steps we can all take to reduce the amount of waste we put out on the curb every week, and it starts with what we're buying in stores.

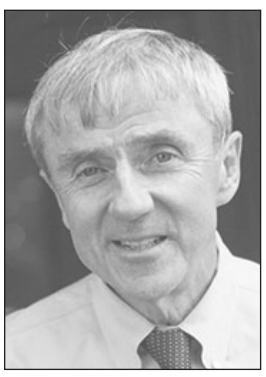
We can reduce the amount of waste we create by being more strategic with our purchases. There are plenty of helpful websites like www.greeneducationfoundation.org with good tips. They include advice like stop using plastic straws if you are able, buy food and drinks in bulk rather than single-serve containers and bottles, use a reusable shopping bag, don't use plastic tableware at home and don't let it be packed into your take-out bag, pack your lunch in reusable containers or bags, and avoid frozen meals that have a lot of packaging.

The EPA suggests using reusable sponges, mops, and cloths rather than disposable paper towels. They also advise donating or selling usable items you no longer need. Many waste reduction tips will also save you money, such as the EPA's advice to "clean and properly store tools, toys and outdoor furniture to protect them from damage and keep them out of landfills." So many suggestions are truly simple such as the tip in our own Sustainability Guide to carry your own water bottle or reusable coffee mug to avoid all those wasted bottles, cups, and lids. And then there are the looming questions such as what to do about all the packaging that comes from online shopping.

These things might seem small, but when applied by the 324 million of us across the country they can add up and make a big impact. Likewise, in addition to what individuals can do, cities and towns also have to be right there leading the way. We too need to reduce and reuse more while also starting the broader conversation on how to address this on a national scale. And when it comes to climate change, waste disposal only makes a small difference—but we can make a big difference when we consume fewer products that take a lot of energy to produce and ship.

Just like with any big shift, education and culture change is paramount. But just as we worked hard together when we switched to single-stream recycling about seven years ago, we can work hard to tackle waste reduction long before the plastic, aluminum, or paper ever hits the blue bin.

BOA bullies block members' reappointment



By Jack Connolly

Battle lines between the mayor and his administration are being drawn as Somerville aldermen failed to reappoint longtime accomplished native Somervillians Nancy Busnach and Joe Favaloro to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority and the Planning Board at its latest BOA meeting on September 13.

It's going to be real difficult for the mayor and his administration to recruit and fill many of the positions on the various boards and commissions charged with handling the city's business, especially in light of the recent non-appointment and public flogging by Board of Aldermen (soon to become a city Council?) of two longtime Somervillians, Nancy Busnach, 19 year veteran and Chairperson of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, and Joe Favaloro, Former School Committeeman, alderman, and longtime member of the Somerville Planning Board. I took at the BOA committee of Confirmation and Appointments meeting on August 28 at City Hall, and after 30 years of public service to the city, I've never seen such an unprofessional, discourteous, and condescending meeting where two longtime prominent members of the community were virtually harangued and chastised by members of the Board of Aldermen for get this: DOING THEIR JOBS!

Don't take my word for it, here's the link to the nearly four-hour meeting back on August 28: Click on agenda items number two for comments about Ms. Nancy Busnach, and item number four for the matter of Joe Favaloro: http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=2757&Format=Minutes

At the meeting, Busnach was introduced by OSPCD Executive Director Mike Glavin as a consummate professional with an extraordinary background in real estate development, construction and management, and a 2016 winner of the John Fitzgerald Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chamber of Commerce *Continued on page 17*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Letter to the Editor: Question 3

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to urge Somerville voters to vote Yes on 3, to keep in place Massachusetts' public accommodations law. This law is about treating our transgender neighbors and community members fairly.

Many of us have a part of our identity that make others look at us differently – our religion, politics, sexuality, or culture. Most people know how it feels to be bullied or excluded, and transgender people want privacy and dignity just like everyone else. Just as it's wrong to exclude people based on what they believe, it's wrong to discriminate against transgender people for who they are.

The current law protects trans people against discrimination in public spaces. That means the transgender child bullied severely in a suburban public school can hold school administration accountable for its inaction. It means the transgender woman rejected from the hospital when she checked herself in for feeling suicidal cannot legally be refused treatment again. These are true stories, and we should commend our legislature and governor for acting to fight these injustices.

This law doesn't weaken regulations against crime – it gives transgender people legal protections against discrimination based on their identity. Everyone, including transgender people, wants to be safe, and by working together we can fight behavior that is predatory towards trans people, children, women and girls. The Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association endorses Yes on 3, because they know our laws make everyone safer.

Please vote Yes on 3 in November to uphold fairness, justice, and dignity for our fellow community members who are transgender.

Sincerely,
Celine Lessard
Somerville

COMMENTARY

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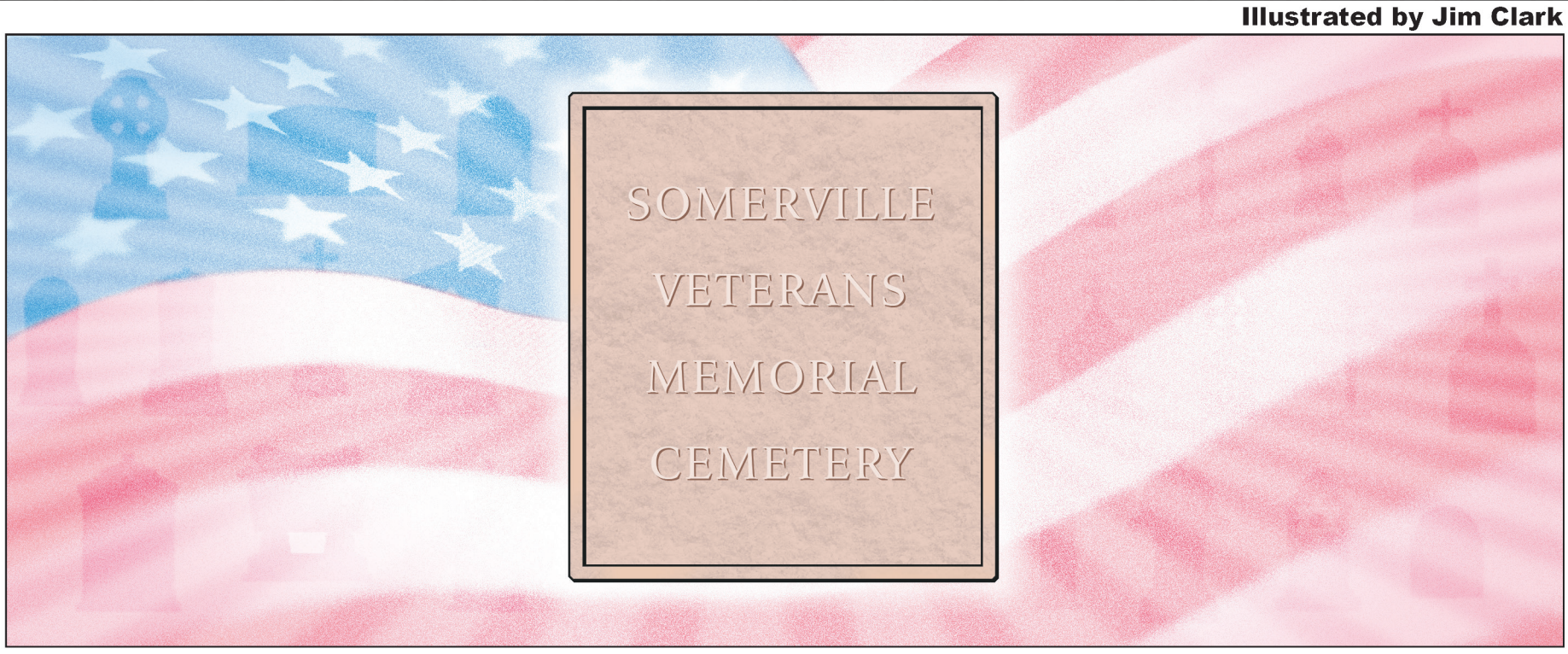

Respect is earned, never stolen.

Our View Of The Times

On certain very rare occasions, someone does something so vile and beyond the norm of civilized behavior that it virtually defies belief. When it happens in our own back yard the sense of outrage is multiplied by orders of magnitude.

The recent disgusting defilement of American flags and the grave sites of honored heroes at the Somerville Veterans Memorial Cemetery was one such shocking moment that aroused anger and heartache throughout the community.

One is left to but wonder how any individual could become so warped and darkened by whatever thought processes led them to commit such an act, and to hold orderly society in such low regard.

Yes, these are troubled times in many ways. Political and social tensions have amplified the strains between so many of us. And yet, this incident smacks of something deeper and darker. That perhaps many among us – especially the younger set – may be slipping into a cynical and viciously anti-social state of mind.

While it's true that the individual who committed this act may be an extreme exception, let us also be mindful in seeing to it that our young ones do not slip into that darkness themselves. We must continuously teach them respect for each other and society as a whole.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

T or GLX people, but to the businesses themselves.

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Did you hear about the **street utility pole** that fell over this past Sunday? We heard that exact pole was reported to utility company officials two years ago. They said then that it was fine and nothing was going to happen. Well, now it fell over as predicted. Area residents lost electrical power and Belmont St. was blocked off. How many other utility poles are leaning over and will fall before the **electric company** fixes them?

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to one of Somerville's nicest and friendliest ladies, **Joan O'Meara**. What a nice lady. We wish her a special birthday to celebrate all week long. Happy birthday to the now retired SHC director who is always around the city, **Mark Alston-Follansbee**. A nice guy and we wish him the very best. Happy birthday to another lifelong resident, great guy **Wayne Snow**. We wish him the very best as well. Happy birthday to **Richard Mangan**. We wish him a very happy birthday as well. Happy birthday to **Frank Ricardo**, an old friend and a good guy. This week, our former publisher and friend **Bob Publicover** would have been celebrating. We hope he's doing that up in heaven. Again, Happy birthday to all the other locals and former locals who are celebrating this week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday.

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Someone sent us some documents – about 40 pages or so – concerning the **Winter Hill Yacht Club**, their lease and membership list. We're going over it and will present an update over the next few weeks. But again, we think it's a shame all that beautiful land and docks, and most especially the club house, is being used by those that don't even live here in the city. A vast majority – we hear 80% or more – live outside of the city. It's state owned land (belongs to the people) and they pay rent, but are they current? What is the amount they pay to the state? What benefit does Somerville get from it now? We know that some former criminals are members there, actually we heard someone say the other day "if your indicted your invited." Go by and check it out.

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The **Board of Aldermen Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy** invites all interested community members to a **Public Hearing on Trees**. The hearing will take place on **Wednesday, October 3**, at 6:00 p.m. in the **Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall**, 2nd Floor, 93 Highland Ave. The Committee will discuss and invite brief public testimony on a range of issues relating to public trees and the city's overall tree canopy including the tree planting schedule, tree canopy development, the coming new **Urban Forestry Committee**, the **drafting of a Native Tree and Plantings ordinance, Green Line Extension-required tree removals,** and **potential tree plantings for Junction Park**.

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The **City of Somerville** is seeking candidates for the its next **Poet Laureate** to enhance the profile of poets and poetry in Somerville and surrounding communities. The Poet Laureate is expected to help expand access to poetry in parts of the community that traditionally have less exposure to it like older adults and youth. The Poet Laureate, a position appointed by the mayor, will serve a two-year term beginning in **January 2019** and will be provided an honorarium of $2,000 per year. The Poet Laureate will be chosen based on a series of criteria, including excellence in craftsmanship, professional achievement, and creating a vision for the position. To download the guidelines and application, please visit www.somervilleartscouncil.org/poet. Applications are due by **Monday, November 5** at the close of business. For more information, please contact **Arts Council Director Gregory Jenkins** by email at gjenkins@somervilllema.gov or by calling 617-625-6600 ext. 2985. Since 2015, the City of Somerville has supported a Poet Laureate. **Nicole Terez Dutton** served as the first poet in 2015 and 2016. The term of the second poet, **Gloria Mendock**, will expire in December 2018. Both poets have provided readings for city inaugurals, worked with local schools, and hosted public readings with other poets.

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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.

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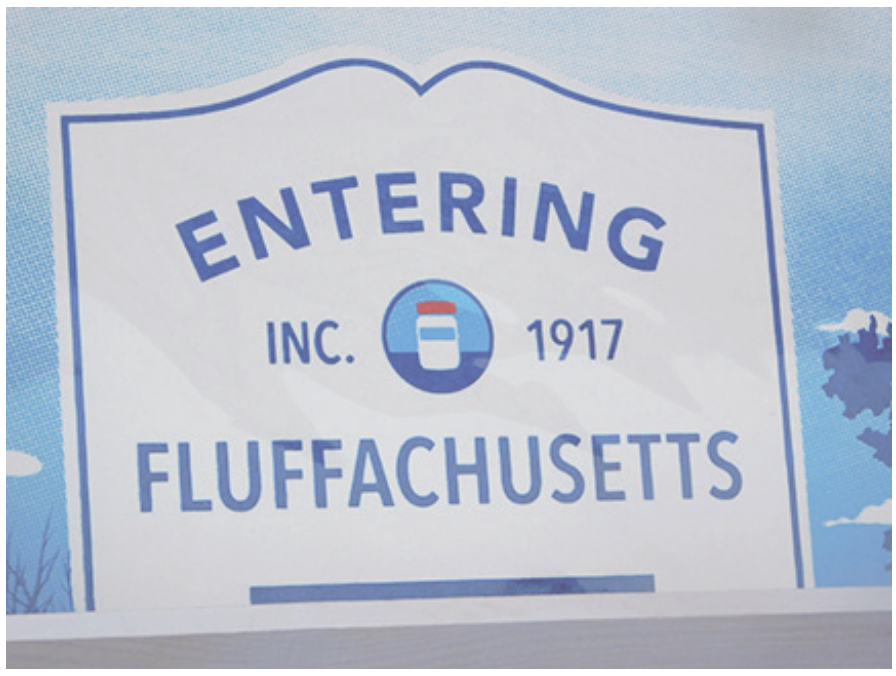
13th annual 'What the Fluff?' festival

What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Invention returned for a 13th year on Saturday, September 22.

This zany and fun-filled festival honors the invention of Marshmallow Fluff by Archibald Query in Somerville in 1917 and celebrates the spirit of innovation that continues to thrive in Union Square today.

This year, *Fluff the 13th presented by Allstate*, played on imagery lucky 13, conjuring illusion, fantasy, black cats, turning luck, and the magical. Festival-goers were invited to step into an alternate dimension of the imagination with a wide variety of themed happenings.



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SPORTS

Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race

The 23rd Annual Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race takes place on Saturday, October 6, at 9:00 a.m., taking off from Davis Square in Somerville. The race starts and ends at the end of the bike path, behind Rite Aid on Highland Ave. and Grove St.

All proceeds from the race benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition, an innovative non-profit organization which has the mission to provide homeless and near homeless individuals and families with individualized supportive services and tailored housing solutions with a goal of obtaining and maintaining affordable housing.

Registration and check in on race day is 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Wheelchairs must pre-register by Friday, September 21, to ensure safety precautions with local police.

Early number pick-up available the week before in Davis Square. Details on pick-up option will be emailed at a later date.

Registration, start, finish, brunch and awards ceremony take place behind Rite Aid at the end of the Bike Path near Highland Ave. and Grove St. in Davis Square.

We highly recommend taking public transportation as parking in Davis Square is expensive and you will get a ticket if your meter expires. The Davis Square T station is one block from registration. Take the College Ave. exit and walk back on the busway when you reach the street.

If driving, we recommend that you drive to Alewife T station in Cambridge, located near the intersection of Rtes. 2 and 16, and park in garage located there. Take the T one stop inbound to Davis Square.

Meters are $1 per hour and early Saturday morning you will find parking on the street. There are metered parking lots on Grove St. next to Rite Aid and one block south of Highland Ave. as well as on Day Street and one behind Harvard Vanguard on Buena Vista off Holland. Bag check-in is available during the race.

For more info go to https://www.somervillehomelesscoalition.org/upcoming-events/road-race/.

Carb up and get on your mark for the the 23rd Annual Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race on October 6.

Ms. Cam's Olio #647

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. Atephobia is a fear of what?
2. What is the oldest known recreational drug?
3. What kind of fruit is a Texas Ruby Red?
4. What do trees remove from the atmosphere?
5. Who played Sally Field's daughter in movie *Steel Magnolias*?
6. What is the only U.S. state with a 3-word capital?
7. Who was the only woman to reach a height of 8 ft.?
8. What is another name for the Tokyo Stock Exchange?
9. What kind of nuts are in Marzipan?
10. What U.S. state is called Big Sky Country?
11. What is known as the Tribunal of the Holy Office of the Inquisition?
12. When is National Ice Cream Day in the U.S.?

Answers on page 23

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For more information, contact Michelle Laskey, Playgroup Coordinator, at sfn@k12.somerville.ma.us or (617) 625-6600, x6990

Treasure Hunting with Bob

BY BOB ADAMS

Take it all

One time, out yard sailing, I went to an advertised sale in Arlington. It was almost 11:00 a.m. when I arrived – late – for a yard sale.

There were kids running around and a couple of mothers trying to watch them while running the sale. They pointed to the garage and on some plywood was a ton of vintage jewelry. I'd hit the mother lode (ha).

I grabbed all the gold and silver I could carry in one hand and went to the two women. How much? $20 they said. With one hand, I grabbed a twenty, paid them and ran to my vehicle.

When I got my wind back, I drove off. Thinking back, I should have grabbed everything, tossed it in a box and gone through it carefully back at my house. Nope. What a dummy. I sold what I bought for something like $2500. Good day at work, but it still kills me that I didn't buy it all.

Another time, I was in a junk shop in Boston. I saw a basket of tobacco tins and asked how much. $1 each she said. Sure, I took them all and paid her $10 or so. She asked if I wanted any more. Yeah, what ya got? She had three big black trash bags full of tobacco tins! Take the whole lot for $25, she said. Sure! I sold those things over the years for like $5 each. I think I still have a few in my basement. I made hundreds of dollars off of that lot.

A few weeks ago, I was at a big second-hand store. They came out with a cart full of vintage Barbie dolls, clothes, carrying cases and other stuff. I grabbed it all and the staff teased me about buying girly dolls. It cost me $40 for everything. I put it at auction and they separated it out into five lots. It did $942. Some bidding frenzy right at the end. I'll take it, take it all.

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

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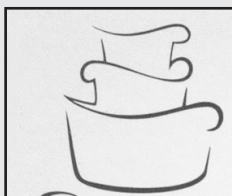

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, October 3, 2018** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **3rd Floor Community Room of the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA**.

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5 Windsor Road (ZBA 2018-114): Applicants/Owners, Alexander and Christina Epstein, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by extending an existing shed dormer toward the rear by approximately 10 feet along the left side of the ridge. RA Zone. Ward 6.

7 Hillside Park (ZBA 2018-115): Applicant/Owner, Hootan Farhat, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming three-family dwelling to construct a roof deck atop the main roof of the triple-decker. RB Zone. Ward 3.

3-5 Summer Street (ZBA 2018-107): Applicant/Owner, 35atSummer, LLC, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §7.11.1.c to construct a new five-unit apartment building and a Special Permit per SZO §9.13 for parking relief. The proposed five-unit apartment building will be deed restricted at below fair-market value to create additional workforce housing in alignment with SomerVision. NB Zone. Ward 3.

15-17 Illinois Avenue (ZBA 2018-110): Applicant, Nelson Oliveira/Nelson Group Companies, and Owner, 3 West Street, LLC, seek special permits to construct a dormer within the left side yard setback under §4.4.1 of the SZO. RA zone. Ward 1.

45 Cameron Avenue (ZBA 2016-R1-(08/18): Applicant and Owner, Aroli Realty Trust, Menkiti Ifeanyi Trustee, seeks a Revision to a Special Permit previously granted in 2016. The Applicant seeks to alter one of the conditions of the original permit that required utilities to be buried underground. RB zone. Ward 5.

11 Fiske Avenue (ZBA 2018-109): Applicant, Jason Santana, North American Development, LLC, and Owner, Genevieve M. Belew, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure through the upward and linear extension of the non-conforming left side yard setback, increasing the GFA by more than 25%. Number of units to increase from one to two. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 5.

27 Gilman Street (ZBA 2018-112): Applicants/Owners, Jason Sachs & Elif Soyer, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure by converting a two-family to a three-family. Parking relief under Article 9. RB zone. Ward 1.

41-3 Elmwood Street (ZBA 2018-123): Applicant, Brady Sunrooms, and Owner, Jeffrey Attbush, see special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure enclosing a second-story inset porch to create a sunroom.
RB zone. Ward 7.

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5 Windsor Road: http://eepurl.com/dHyl8X
7 Hillside Park: http://eepurl.com/dHymrT
3-5 Summer St: http://eepurl.com/dHypDn
45 Cameron Ave: http://eepurl.com/dHAxMr
15-17 Illinois Ave: http://eepurl.com/dHAyrH
11 Fiske Ave: http://eepurl.com/dHAyNX
27 Gilman St: http://eepurl.com/dHAzk5
41-3 Elmwood St: http://eepurl.com/dHAzKv

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Attest: George Proakis, Planning Director
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Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

A proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, submitted by 18 registered voters, to add a new Section 17.8, regarding open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the **Planning Board** on **Thursday, October 4, 2018** at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Aldermanic Chambers** on the Second Floor of **Somerville City Hall**, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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Assembly Row Block 5B – Grand Union Boulevard (Case #PB 2017-05-R1-0818): Applicant and Owner, Street Retail Inc., seek a Revision to a Special Permit with Site Plan Review–A under SZO Article §6.4.11 and §5.2 to increase the commercial floor area to approx. 292,890 sf office space (previously approved 267,600 sf) and make related changes to building design and parking.
Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD). PUD-A Overlay District. Ward 1.

561 Windsor Street (PB 2018-15): Applicant and Owner, RPI 561Windsor Street LLC, are seeking a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under SZO Article §6.5.D.5, §6.5.E, and §7.13 to alter the façade and site plan on an existing five-story commercial building, in 6 phases.
TOD-135. Ward 2.

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Assembly Row Block 5B – Grand Union Boulevard: http://eepurl.com/dHzYsn
561 Windsor Street: http://eepurl.com/dHzY21

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, on **Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at 6:00 PM**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Wilfred Mbah, Chair of the Committee, for public input on the following tree-related matters:
203365, That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
204887, That the Director of SPCD provide this Board by end of February with the tree planting schedule, by Ward, for Spring 2018.
205704, That the Administration report in writing on the net change in total trees and tree inches from all projects in 2017.
205705, That the Administration report in writing on the net change in tree inches based on all projects planned for 2018.
206237, That the Director of SPCD finalize the long-awaited formation of the Urban Forestry Committee.
206495, That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365.
206577, That the Director of SPCD explain to this Board why not a single tree was spared when they were cut along the commuter rail line, including trees far from the tracks, and what the GLX Team's plans are to replant trees to prevent erosion on the hills.
206578, That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on whether the City plans to plant trees by the fence at the north edge of Junction Park to replace the nearby trees lost when they were cut down recently for the GLX project.

You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at this Hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at cityclerk@somervillema.gov, but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Board.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG
CITY CLERK

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP # 19-22

POWDER HOUSE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROPERTY DISPOSITION AND REDEVELOPMENT

The City of Somerville invites proposals from qualified applicants for the purchase or lease and redevelopment of the parcel (13,225 Sq. ft.) located at 31 Tufts Street. The disposition of city-owned land is subject to certain conditions set forth in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP is publicly available online: https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing.

The successful proposal will support and advance the goals of SomerVision, the City's comprehensive plan. Refer to the RFP for further details.

Proposals from qualified applicants must be submitted to the City of Somerville Purchasing Department, City Hall, 1st floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 **by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2018**.

A site visit and briefing session related to this RFP will be held on October 4 at 11:30 am at the site, located in the lot on the corner of Tufts and Glen Streets, followed by a question & answer session at City Hall (in the Aldermanic Chambers) at 1:00 p.m.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to extend the deadline for the submission of Proposals, to request supplementary information, and to reject any or all proposals if determined to be in the best interests of the City.

Angela M. Allen
Purchasing Director
617-625-6600 x. 3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFQ 19-21

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

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy Consulting Services

Bid packages for may be obtained online at https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Monday September 24th, 2018**.

Sealed proposals will be received until **Wednesday October 17th at 11:00am**. Late proposals will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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

Michael Richards
Assistant Purchasing Director

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S.H.A. Job No. P-STOV102018

The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids from Vendors to supply and deliver stoves to our Somerville, Massachusetts location/s, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority Purchasing Department Job No P-STOV102018.

Description of Work:

Supply and deliver NEW Stoves as needed. Deliver to Somerville, MA address.

Term of contract is 1095 days from receipt of notice to proceed.

Sealed Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m. on October 16, 2018 and opened forthwith.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 11:00 a.m. on October 1, 2018, or you may download them from our web site http://www.sha-web.org under our opportunities tab. If downloaded, you must register with Anthony Crespo at tonyc@sha-web.org and leave a contact email to receive changes, or updates. If received, you will receive a return email as confirmation that your inquiry has been received.

Bids can be mailed, or dropped off to Somerville Housing Authority, Attn.: Anthony Crespo, Stove Bid, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245 and must be received by the time and date specified.

Please notify Anthony Crespo at Tonyc@sha-web.org if you have questions

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
REBID IFB#19-12

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

REBID- Window Replacement at City hall Annex

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **09/26/2018**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **10/10/2018 12:00PM**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 10/15/2018 to 10/14/2019.

Prevailing wage rates apply. 5% bid deposit required.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information.

Angela M. Allen
Purchasing Director
617-625-6600 x. 3400

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communities we'll serve. This week's preservation work reflects the MBTA's desire to maintain strong partnerships with our GLX neighbors in Somerville."

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BOA bullies block members' reappointment CONT. FROM PG 10

(full disclosure: I have known and worked with both individuals and served with both in various civic and service organizations for almost four decades here in Somerville).

Committee members led by Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang (who left the meeting early to attend a "very important" ward meeting) took almost a full hour of a very busy agenda to criticize and belittle Busnach and her conduct as Chair of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, singling out individual meetings and topics near and dear to their political concerns.

Despite being blindsided by these vicious attacks on her character and conduct, Ms. Busnach showed the utmost professionalism in dealing with the put-downs and responses to the alleged imperfections of her professional pursuits.

At-Large Alderman Bill White was the only BOA member with the courage to speak in favor of the Busnach reappointment, citing her long and accomplished career and service to the city.

Skewering Ms. Busnach was just a warm up, as BOA members went full bore after Planning Board Member Joe Favaloro, with members echoing absent Ward 5 BOA member Niedergang's written condemnation of the Planning Board's process regarding the Board's decision to waive the 20% requirement for the developer (Federal Realty Investment Corp) and the subsequent approval of a compromise limit of 16.5% for the number of affordable housing units in Assembly Sq.

Favaloro pulled no punches in his own defense of the Planning Board process.

Favaloro has served in various positions under all Somerville mayors going back to Mayor Gene Brune, holding positions as a School Committee member, Alderman At-Large, and currently as a member of the Planning Board. Favaloro portrayed himself as a "titan of transparency," as he valiantly and vehemently countered the verbal fusillade of dissatisfaction heaped on him by BOA members, all but for Alderman At-Large Bill White, who was gracious in praise of Favaloro's nearly four decades of service to Somerville.

Both Busnach and Favaloro could have the last laugh, though both were not reappointed to their positions, since they can remain serving the city as holdover members in their respective positions until such time as they are replaced by the mayor.

Stay tuned: Mayor Joe as the Chief Executive of the city should work hard to convince both Busnach and Favaloro to stick around, since people with education, experience, business know-how, and long-term local knowledge are few and far between: It should be a priority for him and the city administration.

Last time I checked, his oath of office requires him to do what is best for the city. Keeping Busnach and Favaloro in their current roles IS what is best for Somerville.

Born, raised, and lifetime resident of Somerville. St. Clement High School graduate; BA (Cum Laude) and M. Ed from Boston College; Attended Tufts Univ. and Harvard Univ. JFK School of Government; Licensed Insurance Broker and award-winning Small Business Owner (WCC Insurance Agency Inc.) 19 College Ave. Davis Sq. Somerville MA since 1996. Ward Six Alderman eleven terms 1984-2005, Alderman At-Large; 1 special election and five terms 2007-2017, and the distinction of being the longest serving Alderman in Somerville History.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|September 26

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group
10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|September 27

Central Library
Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting
3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Lego Club!
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave
3:00PM-4:45PM

Friday|September 28

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

East Branch Library
Pop Up Play Group!
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Monday|October 1

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

Tuesday|October 2

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

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

Wednesday|October 3

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group
10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Teen Game Day
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|September 26

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.
Coig |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

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

The Rockwell
Michael Hurley
7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Strummerville Ukulele Club
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|September 27

Sally O'Brien's
Box of Records
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Barbara Cassidy Band CD Release Show|7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Thunder Road
Nico Rivers and The Black Grass, Muddy Ruckus, As The Sparrow
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Mike Mele Trio
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Delgres
7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday|September 28

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.
The Connection, Hambone Skinny, Soraia, Stop Calling Me Frank
$10 cover |9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi
Erin Harpe & the Delta Swingers|7 p.m.
Mugsy|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville
Fuzzstival
The Monsieurs, Corridor, Rick from Pile, NICE GUYS, TRIM, Dump Him, La Neve, Rick Rude, Leopard Print Taser, Hairspray Queen, Blue Ray
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

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

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

Thunder Road
Town Meeting (Album Release), Mammas Marmalade, Green Heron
9 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Boycott with You're Not Listening
6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: Taming of the Shrew| |7 p.m.
B. U. M. P.|9:15 p.m.
Dirty Disney|10:30 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Acrobatic Conundrum presents The Fig Tree Waltzes
2:30 p.m.&7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|September 29

Sally O'Brien's
Johnny Mac & The Local Forecast|6 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Squeezebox Stompers |7 p.m.
Pop Disaster |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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

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

Thunder Road
Hear Now Live Presents: The IV with POMPO, Quick Machine, Alternate Weekends
7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Fuzzstival
What Cheer? Brigade, Olden Yolk, Mr. Airplane Man, Really From, Anna Fox Rochinski, Bong Wish, Oompa, Carinae, Lady Pills, Edge Petal Burn, Love
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
KERPLUNK!|11 a.m.
Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.
255 Elm St

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Morningbird
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Acrobatic Conundrum presents The Fig Tree Waltzes
4:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
Out of Toons Acappella
6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|September 30

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Amy Kucharik & Tiger Moan |5 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.
Sean Tyrrell: Farewell Concert|4 p.m.
Late Night Thoughts, Leo Son & The Q-Tip Bandits |7 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 with Comancherp with special guest Greg Klyma
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Last Sunday BYOP Residency: The Late Risers
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Monday|October 1

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
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
Electric Six (Rock), Jeremy & The Harlequins
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

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

The Rockwell
Smoke & Shadows Burlesque Presents: Legend Night with Gabriella Maze
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

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

Tuesday|October 2

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Dead & Friends $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.
Silver Arrow Band|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub
Ghetto People Band
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night
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 Somerville
Runaway Brother
Pale Lungs
Butch Baby
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory
Smut Slam
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|October 3

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.
Night Tree |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

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|September 26

Central Library
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Somerville Arts Council LCC info session
3:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday| September 27

Central Library
Commissions Information Fair
4:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Meditation Workshop
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.
West Branch Craft Club
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

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

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

Friday|Saturday 28

East Branch Library
Book Group
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday|September 29

Central Library
Banned Books
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Contemporary Socialism Reading Group
2 p.m.-4 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|September 30

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|October 1

Central Library
Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!
4 p.m.- 5 p.m.
Annual Building Meeting 21-27 Prescott Street
6:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.
Chess Night
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

West Branch Library
Evening Storytime
6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday|October 2

Central Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Hypnosis for Stress Reduction and Weight Loss
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|October 3

Central Library
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 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 Caregivers who are interested in the latest information on resources, events, programming, etc…in and around the Somerville area. Use the link https://groups.google.com/group/somerville-council-on-aging - If you have any questions or need help joining please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

Dollar Days at the Movies – Tuesday, November 13 - doors open at 11:30 a.m. movie starts at noontime. $1 per person – Chappaquiddick - For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

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

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

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

Tuesday:
Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. (H)
$3 per class (H)
Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)
Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

Wednesdays:
Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) - 9:00 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group C (nutrition) - noon (H)
Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H)
Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - $3/class (H)

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 10:00 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 information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

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

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

4th Annual Evolution of Hip Hop Festival

The 4th Annual Evolution of Hip Hop Festival will take place on Saturday, September 29th (rain date Sept 30th), from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Union Square Plaza. This free ArtsUnion festival is presented by the City of Somerville and Somerville Arts Council in partnership with The Somerville Line, Oompa, and Pretty Poison. The festival will feature rappers, singers, spoken word poets and dancers from the Somerville community and surrounding cities. Attendees can also see live street art and other visual arts presentations and visit information tables offered by local community groups.

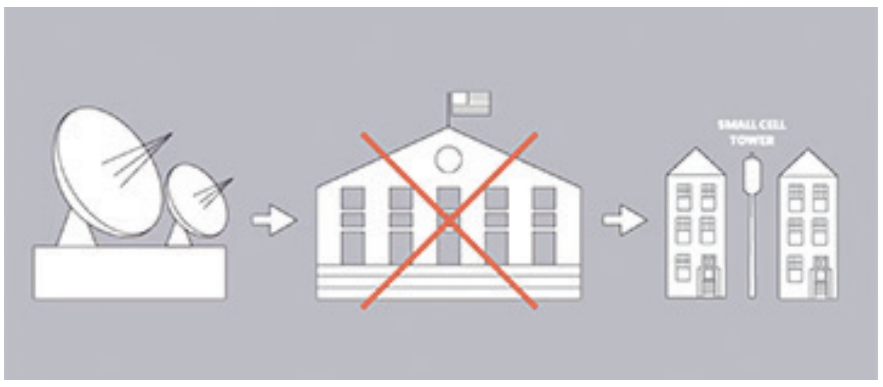
- Musical performances by Oompa & The Chocolate Factory, Cliff Notez, Brandie Blaze, Billy Dean Thomas, Anson RAPS, Rex Mac, Luke Bars, Kofi Dadzie, DJ Bobby Bangers, Sondro Castro, Bean$tock, Papa Reliz, DroCasso and A.M.B (African Man Born).
- Dance performances by Trend N Motion and more
- Visual Artists curated by Baboon

More artists continue to be added to the line-up. To get up-to date information visit: https://www.facebook.com/events/141967103296389/

If you're interested in being a vendor at this festival please contact: Yvette at thesomervilleline@gmail.com.

With questions about the festival or press queries, please contact Special Events Manager, Nina Eichner at 617-625-6600 ext. 2998. Photo by VqNC.

The Federal Assault on Local Media



The FCC is trying to threaten the future of community media and this is how you can help:

The Federal Communications Commission is continuing its assault on local communities and local media. They have announced two agenda items for its September 26th meeting that will cripple city and county budgets and perhaps defund franchise fees – this is how SMC and thousands of others alike are funded.

The impact? Cities and counties will lose billions (with a B) in potential revenue as more and more telecommunications go wireless. The future will be foreclosed for communities that want to support local media and digital inclusion with those fees (or even just pave their roads!). Once the order is issued, the cable industry will want relief from franchise fees as well. This will increase the political pressure to change the Cable Act in Congress (Source: The Alliance for Community Media).

Go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=om7Bm9Nl0GI to watch a video produced at Somerville Media Center that addresses the matter.

More information and how you can help is found online here: http://www.somervillemedia.org/federaassaultonlocalmedia/

Contact your local, state and Federal lawmakers. Ask them to oppose the FCC's "Small Cell Order" and "In Kind Offset Rule."

Somerville free flu clinics underway

The City of Somerville Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is offering free flu vaccines for Somerville residents ages three (3) and older (children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian).

Clinics started on Thursday, September 20, and will be held at various times and locations in the community until the City's supply of vaccine is exhausted. Due to limited availability, vaccines will be offered during official flu clinic hours only.

For times and locations of the clinics go to: https://www.somervillema.gov/news/health-departments-free-flu-vaccines-offered-annual-clinics.

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Wednesday, September 26

12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board
7:00am Esoteric Science
7:30am DW In Good Shape
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Global 3000
9:30am Both Sides of the Bars
10:00am Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
10:30am Somerville Storytellers
11:00am LIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm Health is Wealth
1:30pm Art Seen at SMC
2:00pm Science 360
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm Speak Up! Somerville
4:30pm The Literati Scene
5:00pm Hello Neighbor
5:30pm Women2Women Today
6:00pm Speak Up! Somerville
6:30pm Off the Shelf
7:00pm Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages
8:00pm LIVE - Somerville Pundits
8:30pm Speak Up! Somerville
9:00pm Boston Come Through
10:00pm LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
11:00pm Flotilla

Thursday, September 27

12:00am SCATV Secret Stash
12:30am SCATV Secret Stash
1:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board
7:00am Perils for Pedestrians
7:30am DW Focus on Europe
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Tomorrow Today
9:30am Hello Neighbor
10:00am Legacies
10:30am Somerville Pundits
11:00am Teen Empowerment
11:30am Art & Ideas
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm The Somerville Line
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm Hello Neighbor!
4:30pm The Struggle
5:00pm Words on Film with Dan Burke
6:00pm Community Lens
6:30pm Somerville Pundits
7:00pm LIVE - The Boston Medium
8:00pm Startup TV Boston
9:00pm The Beantown Beatdown
10:00pm The Chatman Booth
10:30pm TUTV
11:00pm DIWHY The show

Friday, September 28

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
1:00am SCATV Secret Stash
1:30am SCATV Secret Stash
2:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board
7:00am The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am Esoteric Science
9:30am Cambridge Calendar
10:00am NASA TV
11:00am SOM ARTS
11:30am DW Tomorrow Today
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm The Yellow Jacket Lady
1:30pm Speak Up! Somerville
2:00pm The Kamla Show
2:30pm SMC Youth Media
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm Gay USA
5:00pm The Chatman Booth
5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
6:00pm LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast
7:00pm SOM ARTS
7:30pm Art Seen at SMC
8:00pm The Grandstanders
8:30pm Greater Somerville
9:00pm The Boston Medium
10:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
11:00pm Totally Working Out

Saturday, September 29

12:00am DIWHY The Show
1:00am Boston Come Through
2:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
3:00am Free Speech TV
5:00am Effort Pour Christ
6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board
7:00am Road to Recovery
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am SMC Youth Media
9:30am Somerville Storytellers
10:00am Dead Air Live
11:00am Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages
12:00pm TeleGalaxie
1:00pm Tele Magazine
2:00pm The Beantown Beatdown
3:00pm Democracy Now!
4:00pm New England Pride TV
4:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
5:00pm Reeling Review
5:30pm Both Sides of the Bars
6:00pm The World Fusion Show
6:30pm The Literati Scene
7:00pm Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
7:30pm SOM ARTS
8:00pm Special SCATV Programming
8:30pm Henry Parker Presents
9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes
10:00pm DIWHY The Show
11:00pm SCATV Secret Stash
11:30pm TUTV

Sunday, September 30

12:00am Flotilla
1:00am SCATV Secret Stash
1:30am SCATV Secret Stash
2:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
3:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Community Bulletin Board
7:00am Nossa Gentes e Costumes
8:00am Effort Pour Christ
9:00am Tele Kreyol
10:00am Evangelista Camillo Fodera
11:00am The Chef's Table Series
12:00pm Gentle Belly Dancing
1:00pm Off the Shelf
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2:00pm Startup TV Boston
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6:00pm The Grandstanders
6:30pm Teen Empowerment
7:00pm Cinema Somerville
8:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News
9:00pm Tele Magazine
10:00pm The Boston Medium
11:00pm Box House Productions Presents
11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

Monday, October 1

12:00am Free Speech TV
5:00am Evangelista Camillo Fodera
6:00am Community Bulletin Board
7:00am Perils for Pedestrians
7:30am Going Postal
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am The Stephanie Miller Show
10:00am Both Sides of the Bars
10:30am SOM Arts
11:00am Art Seen at SMC
11:30am DW Conflict Zone
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm The Kamla Show
1:30pm DW Global 3000
2:00pm NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm DW Euromaxx
4:30pm Legacies
5:00pm TeleGalaxie
6:00pm Going Postal
6:30pm The Last Sip
7:00pm LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
7:30pm Henry Parker Presents
8:00pm LIVE - Somerville Overcoming Addiction
9:00pm Dedillhando au Saudade
10:00pm Duck Village Stage Sessions
11:00pm Boston Come Through

Tuesday, October 2

12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Community Bulletin Board
7:00am DW Euromaxx
7:30am Esoteric Science
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am The Chef's Table Series
10:00am Road to Recovery
11:00am Graphic Content
11:30am DW In Good Shape
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Words on Film with Dan Burke
2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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5:00pm LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
6:00pm Community Lens
6:30pm Art & Ideas
7:00pm Art Seen at SMC
7:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville
8:00pm LIVE - Dead Air Live
9:00pm The Somerville Line
10:00pm TUTV
10:30pm Public Access Boyz
11:00pm Box House Productions Presents
11:30pm Ojo Rojo

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Wednesday, September 26

8:30am Sit & Be Fit Balance & Fall Prevention
9:00am Senior Circuit September 2018 "Medicare Open Enrollment"
9:30am WHCIS Ribboncutting Ceremony
11:30am Mural Celebration and Artists' Panel
12:12pm School Committee Meeting - 9.24.18
6:30pm Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
7:00pm POW/MIA Observance Day
7:20pm Push Ups for Veterans
7:30pm SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
8:00pm WHCIS Ribboncutting Ceremony
8:25pm Push Ups for Veterans
8:30pm Legislative Matters - Committee of the Whole - 9.20.18

Thursday, September 27

12:00am Haitian United 2018 Gala
1:00am School Committee Meeting - 9.24.18
8:30am SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
9:00am Union Sq. Walking Tour - 9.23.18
11:00am Portuguese Language Youth Book Fair
12:00pm Senior Circuit September 2018 "Medicare Open Enrollment"
12:30pm Legislative Matters - Committee of the Whole - 9.20.18
4:00pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda
7:00pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE

Friday, September 28

12:00am Overdose Awareness Ceremony
12:30am Somerville Heroes' Salute 2018
1:50am Push Ups for Veterans
2:00am SomerViva em Português: September 2018
2:32am Portuguese Language Youth Book Fair
8:30am Fit-4-Life #5 2017
9:00am Portuguese Language Youth Book Fair
10:00am SomerViva em Português: September 2018
12:00pm Union Sq. Walking Tour - 9.23.18
1:00pm POW/MIA Observance Day
1:30pm Somerville Heroes' Salute 2018
6:30pm SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
6:49pm Push Ups for Veterans
7:00pm 9/11 Vigil in Davis Square
7:18pm Legislative Matters - Committee of the Whole - 9.20.18
10:00pm SomerViva em Português: September 2018
10:32pm Connecting Communities: LGBTQ
11:00pm SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands

Saturday, September 29

12:00am POW/MIA Observance Day
12:20am Push Ups for Veterans
12:30am Union Sq. Walking Tour - 9.23.18
1:30am SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
2:00am Haitian United 2018 Gala
8:30am Haitian United 2018 Gala
9:13am SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
11:30am School Committee Meeting - 9.24.18
2:30pm SomerViva em Português: September 2018
3:02pm Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
6:30pm Union Sq. Walking Tour - 9.23.18
7:30pm SomerViva em Português: September 2018
8:02pm 9/11 Vigil in Davis Square
8:30pm Connecting Communities: LGBTQ
9:00pm School Committee Meeting - 9.24.18

Sunday, September 30

12:00am Legislative Matters - Committee of the Whole - 9.20.18
2:30am POW/MIA Observance Day
2:50am Push Ups for Veterans
8:30am Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout
9:00am POW/MIA Observance Day
9:23am Push Ups for Veterans
9:30am SomerViva em Português: September 2018
11:30am Connecting Communities: LGBTQ
12:00pm Senior Circuit September 2018 "Medicare Open Enrollment"
12:30pm SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
12:48pm Push Ups for Veterans
1:00pm WHCIS Ribboncutting Ceremony
1:20pm Portuguese Language Youth Book Fair
2:11pm Union Sq. Walking Tour - 9.23.18
6:30pm Connecting Communities: LGBTQ
7:00pm Senior Circuit September 2018 "Medicare Open Enrollment"
7:30pm Mural Celebration and Artists' Panel
8:12pm 9/11 Vigil in Davis Square
8:30pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - 9.27.18

Monday, October 1

12:30am Senior Circuit September 2018 "Medicare Open Enrollment"
1:00am GLX Community Meeting - Broadway Bridge
9:00am GLX Community Meeting - 9.24.18
12:00pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - 9.27.18
7:00pm School Committee Meeting - LIVE

Tuesday, October 2

12:00am Union Sq. Walking Tour - 9.23.18
1:00am SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
1:30am GLX Community Meeting - 9.24.18
8:30am Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout
9:00am Union Sq. Walking Tour - 9.23.18
11:30am POW/MIA Observance Day
11:50am Push Ups for Veterans
12:00pm Senior Circuit September 2018 "Medicare Open Enrollment"
12:30pm SomerViva em Português: September 2018
1:02pm Portuguese Language Youth Book Fair
2:00pm Overdose Awareness Ceremony
2:30pm Mural Celebration and Artists' Panel
6:30pm Union Sq. Walking Tour - 9.23.18
7:30pm Senior Circuit September 2018 "Medicare Open Enrollment"
8:00pm WHCIS Ribboncutting Ceremony
8:25pm Push Ups for Veterans
8:30pm School Committee Meeting - 10.1.18

Wednesday, October 3

12:00am Senior Circuit September 2018 "Medicare Open Enrollment"
12:30am Board of Aldermen Meeting - 9.27.18

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Wednesday, September 26

9:00am SHS Boys' Soccer vs Beverly
11:00am SHS Girls' Volleyball v Medford
12:00pm Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
1:00pm SHS Football vs Gloucester
3:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott
5:00pm SHS Boys' Soccer vs Beverly
7:00pm SHS Girls' Volleyball v Medford
8:00pm Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
9:00pm SHS Football vs Gloucester
11:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott

Thursday, September 27

12:30am Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
9:00am SHS Girls Soccer v Waltham
11:00am WHCIS Playground Ribbon Cutting
11:30am Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
12:00pm SHS Boys' Soccer vs Beverly
2:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Peabody
4:00pm SHS Football vs Gloucester
6:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Waltham
8:00pm WHCIS Playground Ribbon Cutting
8:30pm Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
9:00pm SHS Boys' Soccer vs Beverly
10:30pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Peabody

Friday, September 28

12:00am SHS Football vs Gloucester
2:00am Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
3:00am Public Domain Theater
9:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Peabody
11:00am SHS Boys' Soccer vs Beverly
1:00pm Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
2:00pm SHS Boys' Soccer vs Beverly
4:00pm Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
4:30pm SHS Football vs Gloucester
7:00pm SHS Football vs Medford-LIVE
10:00pm SHS Football vs Medford

Saturday, September 29

12:00am SHS Football vs Medford
2:30am Public Domain Theater
9:00am Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
10:00am SHS Girls' Volleyball v Medford
11:00am SHS Football vs Medford
1:00pm SHS Football vs Gloucester
3:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Peabody
5:00pm Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
6:00pm SHS Girls' Volleyball v Medford
7:00pm SHS Football vs Medford
9:00pm SHS Football vs Gloucester
11:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Peabody

Sunday, September 30

12:30am SHS Football vs Medford
9:00am Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
10:00am SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott
12:00pm SHS Girls' Volleyball v Medford
1:00pm SHS Football vs Medford
3:00pm SHS Football vs Gloucester
6:00pm Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
7:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott
9:00pm SHS Girls' Volleyball v Medford
10:00pm SHS Football vs Medford

Monday, October 1

12:00am SHS Football vs Gloucester
2:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Danvers
9:00am SHS Girls Soccer v Waltham
11:00am WHCIS Playground Ribbon Cutting
11:30am Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
12:00pm SHS Boys' Soccer vs Beverly
2:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Peabody
4:00pm SHS Football vs Gloucester
6:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Waltham
8:00pm WHCIS Playground Ribbon Cutting
8:30pm Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
9:00pm SHS Boys' Soccer vs Beverly
10:30pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Peabody

Tuesday, October 2

12:00am WHCIS Playground Ribbon Cutting
12:30am SHS Football vs Gloucester
9:00am SHS Football vs Medford
11:00am SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott
12:30pm Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
1:00pm SHS Football vs Gloucester
3:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Peabody
5:00pm SHS Football vs Medford
7:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott
8:30pm Our Schools, Our City - New School Year
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Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Here at the *Lyrical* we can write about anything, even the death of a sandwich. James Lewis is a junior at Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts. He is studying nursing and is on the football team.

Sandwich Eulogy

In remembrance, Mr. Sandwich

On September 10, 2018, Mr. Sandwich was brutally murdered in broad daylight in the Callahan Dining Center. Sodexo dining staff recovered the remains of his body being sent down the conveyor belt. Only his crust was able to be salvaged. Witnesses at the scene report he was first doused in oil and then had his body fried in a panini maker. He was then extracted from the machine, with severe burn marks lining his body. Video footage from public safety showed a human being at about 5'11"' with brown hair and blue eyes tearing his body to shreds with his vicious bites. His meaty body was finished beside a bowl of potato chips. The suspect is still at large. Mr. Sandwich was only twenty four. He enjoyed spending his days thinking about what it would be like to be brought to a picnic. He is lived on by his wife, Mrs. Simple Serving Chicken, and their two kids, Omelet and Chicken Patty. Services will be held at the salad bar today at 3:00 in the afternoon. In lieu of flowers, condiments can be sent to 12 Deli Lane.

— James Lewis

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From on page 14

Ms. Cam's Olio

Answers

1. Cats
2. Alcohol
3. Grapefruit
4. Carbon dioxide (CO_2)
5. Julia Roberts
6. Utah (Salt Lake City)
7. Zeng Jinlian (China)
8. Tōshō
9. Almonds (grounded almonds)
10. Montana
11. The Spanish Inquisition
12. The third Sunday in July

OFF THE SHELF

by *Doug Holder*

Somerville Poet Laureate:

Call for 2019 applicants

We are coming to the end of the tenure of Gloria Mindock, Somerville's second Poet Laureate. She has done a great job. The Poet Laureate Committee is looking for new candidates for the position. Please read below:

Current Somerville Poet Laureate Gloria Mindock.

Former Somerville Poet Laureate Nicole Terez Dutton.

Somerville Poet Laureate
Application and Overview

Statement of Purpose

The City of Somerville announces the creation of a Poet Laureate for Somerville. The City views the position as a means to further enhance the profile of poets and poetry in the city and beyond. The Poet Laureate is expected to bring poetry to segments of Somerville's community that have less access or exposure to poetry: senior citizens, youth, schools and communities. The Poet Laureate will be a person of vision with the ability to enact his/her vision.

Duration

The Poet Laureate will serve for a two-year term, 2019 & 2020, and will be provided an honorarium of $2,000 per year. A contract will be derived with expectations detailed as to the public benefit required of the position, which will be jointly determined with the final applicant and review committee. The expectation is that the position will support and expand poetry in the city. The Somerville Arts Council/City of Somerville will support the Laureate in networking within the community but actual work must be accomplished by the chosen candidate.

How to apply

Deadline: Postmarked by Monday, November 5, 2018

Candidates for Somerville Poet Laureate must provide the following:

One page contact info sheet with name, address, phone number, email, website (if applicable)

Proof of Somerville residence demonstrated by sending a copy of a utility bill, lease, phone bill. (a jpg image of a current bill or statement is fine if emailing application, or a photocopy of statement if mailing application)

Curriculum Vitae / Poetry-Related Bio

Up to 20 pages of original poetry

Provide a one to three page vision statement that is realistic in execution, which details how you will implement the public benefit component.

How to submit

Either email PDFs of the above items to Gregory Jenkins at gjenkins@somervillema.gov with Poet Laureate in the subject header:

Or mail the following documents to: Somerville Poet Laureate, Somerville Arts Council, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145

Selection Process for Poet Laureate of Somerville

A committee, comprised of local poets, teachers, and arts administrators, will review the applications based on the evaluation criteria and select three finalists. Finalists will be interviewed in November with the expectation that they will further refine their proposed vision and public component for the position. The interview process will also provide the selection committee the ability to inquire more of the candidate. Based on the four criteria below, the committee will select a final candidate and alternate who will be presented to Mayor Joseph Curtatone for his approval.

Evaluation Process for Poet Laureate Nomination

The Poet Laureate will be reviewed and chosen on the basis of the four criteria (percentage weights included):

Excellence in craftsmanship, as demonstrated by submitted original poems (25%)

Providing a vision for the position. How will you work with the community, schools, nonprofit or municipal arts and service departments. Please convey your vision for the position with details of outreach and collaborations. (25%)

Professional achievement in the field of poetry. Merit shall be proven by publication credits either in small press or large press publications; at least one collection, full size or chapbook published by a small press or large press; also, awards or recognition such as grants, fellowships, prizes, and/or other recognition. (25%)

A history of actively promulgating the visibility of poetry in Somerville's neighborhoods and literary communities through readings, publications, promotion of events, public presentations and/or workshops and other types of teaching and literary community involvement. (25%)

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