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## MARIJUANA DELAY



By Bob Katzen

The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Baker a controversial bill that delays by six months, from January 2018 to July 2018, the earliest possible date for the opening of retail recreational marijuana stores in the Bay State.

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## Somerville's 241st Grand Union Flag Raising on Prospect Hill 2017



Photos by Frank Santangelo & Rosalee Zammuto

By William Tauro

In its annual tradition, the City of Somerville kicked off the New Year (and Somerville's 175th Birthday celebrations) this past Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, with a reenactment ceremony for the 241st anniversary of the "Grand Union" flag-raising ceremony at Prospect Hill Park.

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### A Recap of Somerville's History Going Up At Assembly Row Somerville



By William Tauro  
A masterpiece is being constructed on the side of the new Partners Health Care parking garage that's located at Assembly Row Somerville on Grand Union Boulevard early Thursday morning. The extra large mural displays historical landmarks of the old Somerville in a new era.

### Just Some of Somerville News Weekly's Best of the Best of 2016 More Photos to Follow



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Real Life Somerville Police Stories:Jeremy

LURIE (Shoplifting) at Home Depot

On Wednesday, Decem-  
ber 28, 2016, while on  
full informed patrol for  
the Alpha Unit, I was  
contacted on my work is-  
sued cell phone by Home  
Depot Loss Prevention,  
XXXXX. XXXXX stated  
he observed a white male,  
wearing a blue hoodie  
with a gun on it and blue  
jeans, conceal two yel-  
low laser levels in his  
pants and head for the  
exit. XXXXX stated the  
male walked directly  
past all points of sale and  
continued to the park-  
ing lot. XXXXX stated  
he attempted to stop the  
defendant, but the male  
threatened him and began  
to run. XXXXX followed  
at a safe distance and was  
able to direct me to the  
area of the defendant.

As I arrived I told the  
defendant, identified as  
Jeremy Lurie, to stop. He  
became very defensive  
and erratic, stating he  
didn't steal anything and  
he was scared of XXXXX.  
I told him numerous  
times to stay at the front  
of my car and he con-  
tinued to try and walk  
away. Officers O'Meara  
and Catatao arrived as  
back up. Once Mr. Lurie  
calmed down, he was able  
to tell me he had thought  
about stealing but decided

not to. XXXXX stated  
he saw Mr. Lurie in the  
bushes around the corner  
and believes he hid the  
merchandise. I proceeded  
to the area with XXXXX  
and after moving the  
leaves a bit, we discovered  
two yellow laser levels,  
still in the packages.  
I returned to Mr. Lurie  
and placed him in hand  
cuffs (double locked) and  
he was transported to the  
Somerville Police Station  
by the Transport Wagon  
(Officer Hartsgrove) and  
booked per the usual  
manner by the Com-  
mander, Lt. DiGregorio.

Respectfully submitted,  
Officer Patrick Canty 306

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### Somerville State of the City Address Scheduled for Jan. 9th



The Mayor's annual State of the City Address, and

mid-term addresses by the President of the Board of Aldermen and the Chairperson of the Somerville School Committee will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9 in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. Members of the public are invited to come for this look back at the past year's efforts as well as a look

forward to City and School initiatives in the coming year. Additionally, as the City will celebrate its 175th Birthday in 2017, attendees will be welcomed to learn more about the City's history through photos, exhibits, and interactive activities at a reception following the State of the City Address. Refreshments will be served. For

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### CHANGE LANGUAGE and HIRING PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY



By Bob Katzen

The Senate 36-0, approved a bill changing language in state laws including replacing "mentally retarded" with "individuals with a developmental disability" and "handicapped" with "disability." Supporters said it is time to

remove these outdated phrases from state law. They argued the words stigmatize people and said these changes would have a positive impact on many people's lives. The Senate also 36-0, approved a bill requiring the state's

Supplier Diversity Office to develop standards to identify and recruit qualified applicants with disabilities. The proposal also requires all state employees involved in hiring decisions to be trained and educated about the details of the Americans

with Disabilities Act. Supporters said the unemployment rate for disabled persons is 80 percent. They noted the state should add disabled persons to its current laws that help veterans and minority and women-owned businesses.

### Expect More Local Bay State Lobsters To Help Boost Local Economy



By Bob Katzen

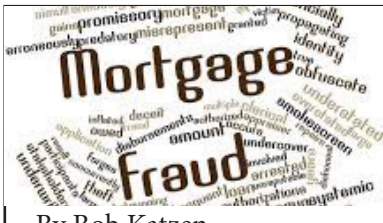
On January 28, 2016, the Senate 36-0, approved a bill that would eliminate some of the age-old restrictions on the processing and sale of lobster in Massachusetts.

Currently, the state allows only the sale of live, cooked and canned lobster. The bill would permit the processing of unfrozen lobsters, the importation of unfrozen shell-on lobster parts and tails

and the retail of previously frozen raw in-shell tails. Supporters said the bill would allow more lobsters currently harvested and purchased here to be prepared for market in the Bay State

rather than in Canada where the processing is currently done. They argued this will help the economy, create jobs and help lobstermen, processors, local restaurants and food stores.

### SENATE PROHIBITS UNSOLICITED LOANS



By Bob Katzen

Senate 37-0, approved a bill that would prohibit banks from issuing unsolicited loans, often in the form of a check, through the mail, unless the recipient is already a customer of the bank. And even those customers would

have ten days to rescind the loan and pay the bank back the entire amount, without any interest or fees. Another provision prohibits the person to whom the loan is sent from being held liable for any debt incurred

by the unauthorized use of the loan by someone else. The measure also imposes fines of up to five years in prison and a \$25,000 fine on any bank or person who violates this law. Supporters said these loans

prey upon unsuspecting victims including the sick and elderly. They noted the recipient does not understand all the fine print and suddenly is paying enormous interest rates and fees.

### SENTE APPROVES BILL TO RAISE TOBACCO PURCHASE AGE FROM 18 TO 21



By Bob Katzen

On April 28, 2016, the Senate 32-2, approved a bill that would raise the state's tobacco purchasing age from 18 to 21 effective July 1, 2017. Other provisions ban pharmacies and health care institutions from selling any tobacco products; pro-

hibit sales of e-cigarettes to minors; and ban the use of electronic cigarettes in all places where smoking is currently banned. Hawaii is the only state that has raised the age to 21. Supporters said the bill will save lives and reduce health care costs. They argued that many 18-year-

olds are in high school and are a major source of providing tobacco products to younger high schoolers and middle schoolers. Opponents said this is another example of state government overstepping its bounds and trying to regulate behavior. They argued if you're 18 you can join the

military, vote and serve on a jury and should not be banned from purchasing a legal product. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against the bill.) Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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# The Somerville News Weekly's Special Person Of The Week

## Lee Anderson



Meet this week's "Special Person of the Week: Lee Anderson

By Frank Santangelo

Lee was born and raised in Somerville , to Sandra Grassia and William Johnson and Grandson to Eleanor and Nick Grassia of the former Grassia Bros Fuel.

He attended St Anthony's School, Pope John High School and later Suffolk University

Lee grew up playing hockey for Somerville Youth Hockey, Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball and gave back to the community coaching Youth hockey for Somerville and the Boston Stars.

Lee's younger brother Billy, who passed away at the young age of twenty years old from bone cancer twenty years ago was the inspiration for @Billy's Kid's Learn to Skate Program", which is still going strong to this very day.

Lee is employed by the City of Somerville as a Traffic officer and enjoys his position which however can be a thankless position at times but meeting, helping and being an ambassador of our Great City from all walks of life more than makes up for it to Lee. More importantly to Lee it helps keeping our city safe.

On one last note, you probably have seen Lee walking his thirteen year old dog Ace down the streets of Somerville just about every day as Ace's faithful companionship as man's best friend relieves Lee's stress after a long day of work.

Our hats are off to his true Somerville spirit!

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## Toniann ROXTON (Forge Check) at Citizens Bank

On Friday, December 30th, 2016 at 12:50 p.m., I, Officer Lorenti, while in full uniform and assigned to area East 2, was dispatched to 40 Union Square, (Citizens Bank), for a report of a person attempting to cash a fraudulent check. Ofc. McCarey, East 3 also responded as back up.

Upon arrival, I was met by the bank manager identified as XXXXX. XXXXX informed me that a female identified as Ms. Toniann Roxton came into the bank to cash a check from a company named Reservoir Wine and Spirits, located in Brighton XXXXX also stated that Reservoir Wine and Spirits only issues checks to other companies that make deliveries to the store. He went on to say that ROXTON did not have an account with Citizens and she just wanted to cash the check that was for the amount of \$986.41.

I spoke with ROXTON. ROXTON was asked her to explain her side of the story. She stated that she had found the job on Craigslist, and worked for the company for 2 to 3 weeks. I asked ROXTON who she got the check from, to which she said "A guy named Adam". When asked how many hours she worked, ROXTON stated over 40, however could not give me an exact number. ROXTON was asked what her hourly rate is. She stated "like \$13.50." I then asked ROXTON what are her hours at the store. She stated 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. I then asked her who signed the check. She stated that she did however the signature she wrote and the signature on her Ma. License did not match.

Ofc. McCarey asked ROXTON if she could describe her job title. At first, ROXTON stated that she does construction work. When asked again, ROXTON stated that she washes dishes for them. Ofc. McCarey also asked if she could describe the building she works at. ROXTON stated that it was a brick

building, however when Ofc. McCarey looked up the company it was a concrete building.

I then called Reservoir Wine and Spirits on the phone. I would note that the number is on the check the ROXTON was attempting to cash. I spoke to the store manager, identified as YYYYY. YYYYY stated to me that he did not have an employee named Toniann ROXTON. He went on to say that he has been working in the store for nine years. I asked YYYYY how many hours a part time employee got and he stated 10-25 hours a week. YYYYY was asked what the hourly rate at the store was, to which he stated \$10-\$11 an hour. When asked what hours are the shifts, YYYYY stated the hours employees work is 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 11 p.m. I then asked YYYYY if there was a dishwasher position in the store. He stated, "No, this is a liquor store". Lastly YYYYY stated that all employees received direct deposit and that it is impossible for an employee to have a live check.

I placed ROXTON under arrest for Forgery, and Uttering. She was transported to the Somerville Police Headquarters via unit 200, operated by Ofc. Marra, and booked by Sgt. Fusco.

Respectfully,  
Ofc. Alex Lorenti #322  
Somerville Police Dept.



## Pierre LUXAMA (ABDW)

On Saturday December 31, 2016, at 8:21PM, I, Officer Hartsgrove assigned to marked unit E3 in full uniform, responded to 190 Washington Street (Michael's Salon) for a report of an unwanted male. Officer Paul Anderson, assigned to marked unit E1 responded as back up.

On arrival we met with XXXXX, owner of the salon, who stated that a light skinned black male wearing a red shirt, blue jeans and carrying a duffel bag had come in and started to cause a disturbance with other customers. When the male was asked to leave he became

confrontational and threw a glass bottle of alcohol on the floor, which shattered and hit XXXXX's son, YYYYY, in the lip. The male then left and went into the direction of McGrath Highway. I asked XXXXX if he knew the male and he stated that he did and his name was Jub.

Officer Anderson and I then left to search for the male. While searching the area, I saw a light skinned black male wearing a red shirt, blue jeans and he was carrying a duffel bag on Chester Avenue. I stopped the male, later identified as Mr. Pierre Luxama, and asked him where he was coming from. He stated that he had left a barber shop from down the street. I asked him if it were Michaels, to which he answered, Yes. I also asked him what his name was to which he stated Pierre Luxama. I asked him if he was also called Jub which he answered, Yes.

I then placed Mr. Luxama in handcuffs and he was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. He was transported by unit 200 by Officer Singh to the police station and booked in the usual manner by Lt. DeOliveira. YYYYY declined medical treatment and sustained a laceration to his bottom and top lip.

Respectfully submitted,  
Officer Robert Hartsgrove  
Somerville Police Badge #333



## Manuel MENDEZ (OUI)

On Saturday, December 31, 2016, at 10:30 P.M., I responded along with Somerville Fire and Cataldo ambulance to the intersection of Broadway and Wheatland Street for a report of a male passed out behind the wheel, and blocking the entrance of a parking lot.

Upon arrival, I located a red Nissan Maxima, bearing Massachusetts registration XXXXX with the engine running and the driver slumped behind the wheel. I knocked on the driver side window several times to get the operator's attention. The operator, who was later identi-

fied as Manuel Mendez, opened his eyes and appeared to be confused. I asked Mr. Mendez to unlock the doors and it took him approximately two minutes to do so.

I asked Mr. Mendez if he suffered from any medical condition and he replied "No." I asked him if he knew where he was and he stated "Medford."

I asked Mr. Mendez to step out of the vehicle. He was unsteady on his feet; his eyes were red and glassy and there was an odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath. I asked Mr. Mendez if he had consumed any alcohol and he stated "Yes." I asked him how many drinks he had and he replied "maybe eight." Mr. Mendez refused to take a field sobriety test.

Based on my observations, I placed Mr. Mendez under arrest for OUI Liquor 2nd Offense, and issued him citation# R7880552.

Mr. Mendez was transported to the Somerville Police Headquarters via unit 200, operated by Officer Desrochers and booked by Lieutenant Lavey.

During the booking process, Lt. Lavey advised Mr. Mendez of his rights, and asked him to submit to a chemical test of his breath to which he agreed. Lt. Vivolo administered the test to Mr. Mendez, with a test result of 0.19% BAC.

Mr. Mendez was issued a notice of suspension for a chemical test failure, and his license was seized.

Respectfully submitted,  
Officer Samir Messaoudi #312



## Marcos DA COSTA (Unlicensed Operation + Multiple Warrants)

On January 1, 2017 at approximately 22:30 hours, while assigned as marked unit East-2, I observed a 2012 Ford Fusion bearing MA plate XXXXX traveling west on Somerville Avenue; a public way in the

city of Somerville. I observed this vehicle come to a stop for the red light at the intersection of Somerville Avenue at Park Street in the left turn only lane. When the light turned green, the vehicle failed to turn left and instead accelerated to continue straight, cutting off a lane of traffic. This vehicle accelerated to approximately 40mph on Somerville Avenue which has a posted speed limit of 30mph. This vehicle then began to brake in the middle of the road and took a sharp sudden left turn, without signaling, onto Kent Street which resulted in an oncoming vehicle having to brake to avoid a collision. At this time I activated my emergency lights and pulled the vehicle over.

I queried the vehicle's MA license plate XXXXX in my mobile data terminal which showed the vehicle's insurance to be revoked. I exited my marked cruiser and approached the driver's side window where I found a male who handed me a female's Brazilian license belonging to a YYYYY. The male stated to me that he did not own the car and that this person was the owner. I asked the male for his license and he replied that he did not have one and provided me a Mass Health card bearing the name Marcos Da Costa. A query of this name revealed that this individual did not have a license, and may possibly have outstanding arrest warrants.

I asked Da Costa to step out of the vehicle and placed him into handcuffs without incident. Marcos Da Costa is charged with violation of M.G.L. ch. 90 § 10 Operation of a motor vehicle without a license. He was transported to Somerville Police Headquarters by Unit-200 Officer Hartsgrove, where he was booked by Lt. Rymill. Two license plates bearing MA XXXXX were confiscated and Pat's Tow took possession of the vehicle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Officer Anderson #315

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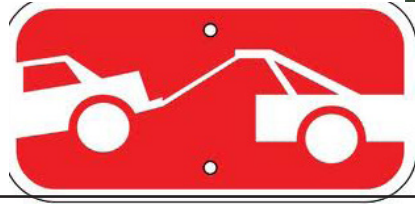


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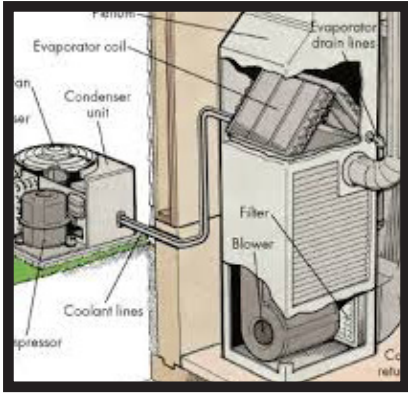


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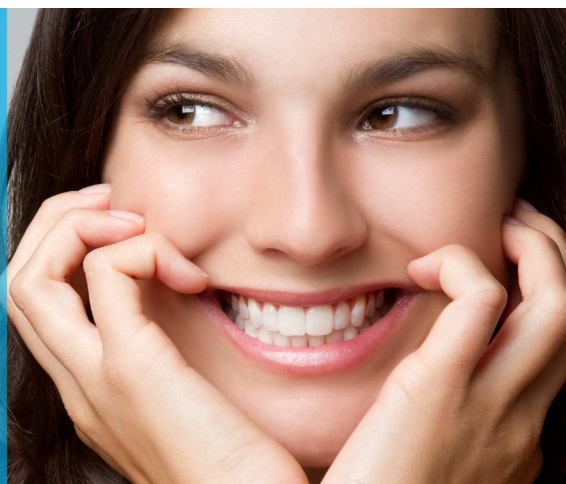
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-The Suspect is described as a White or Hispanic male, 5'8", scruffy dark facial hair, wearing running sneakers, blue jeans, a grey or faded blue jacket with a black collar, a black hood on over a black knit hat & fingerless black gloves.

-If you have any information please call the Somerville Police at 617-625-1600

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By Bob Katzen

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

This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call presents Part 2 of a report highlighting several instances in which bills were approved, mostly unanimously, by the Senate but have been tied up in the House Ways and Means Committee or another committee for months. That committee is chaired by Rep. Brian Dempsey (D-Haverhill).

The 2016 session ends on January 3, 2017. Any bills that are not approved by that time by both branches and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker are dead but can be refiled for the 2017-2018 session.

Under House rules, any individual representative can move to discharge most bills from the Ways and Means Committee. There is a 7-day waiting period prior to the House considering the motion to discharge. The discharge motion must receive a majority vote of the members present. If the measure is discharged from the committee, the committee has four days within which to report the measure for placement on the House's agenda for action.

A bill may also be discharged from the Ways and Means Committee by any representative by filing a petition signed by a majority of the House. The bill would then be discharged seven days later and go onto the House agenda for the next session.

A legislative staffer who spoke on the condition of anonymity told Beacon Hill Roll Call that dozens of bills die in committee every time the Legislature's two-year session ends. "It's an easier way of killing a bill, particularly a bill that might get approved by the full House and Senate if it actually gets to the floor for debate," said the staffer. "And the rules allowing legislators to try to discharge a bill from a committee are a joke. No one ever does that because it's considered a fool's errand that will fail and is a slap in the face to the powerful committee chair and House leadership."

Colleen McGonagle, the spokesperson for Ways and Means chairman Dempsey, when asked why these bills were tied up in committee responded, "The bills are under review in House Ways and Means."

Here are eight bills that were approved by the Senate and are now stuck in the House Ways and Means committee or another committee.

**LOBSTERS (S 469)**  
On January 28, 2016, the Senate 36-0, approved a bill that would eliminate some of the age-old restrictions on the processing and sale of lobster in Massachusetts. Currently, the state allows only the sale of live, cooked and canned lobster. The bill would permit the processing of unfrozen shell-on lobster parts and tails and the retail of previously frozen raw in-shell tails.

Supporters said the bill would allow more lobsters currently harvested and purchased here to be prepared for market in the Bay State rather than in Canada where the processing is currently done. They argued this will help the economy, create jobs and help lobstermen, processors, local restaurants and food stores.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes  
**CHANGE LANGUAGE (S 2167)**

On March 3, the Senate 36-0, approved a bill changing language in state laws including replacing "mentally retarded" with "individuals with a developmental disability" and "handicapped" with "disability."

Supporters said it is time to remove these outdated phrases from state law.

They argued the words stigmatize people and said these changes would have a positive impact on many people's lives.

("Yes" vote is for the bill.)  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes  
**HIRING PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY (S 2166)**

On March 3, 2016, the Senate 36-0, approved a bill requiring the state's Supplier Diversity Office to develop standards to identify and recruit qualified applicants with disabilities. The proposal also requires all state employees involved in hiring decisions to be trained and educated about the details of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Supporters said the unemployment rate for disabled persons is 80 percent. They noted the state should add disabled persons to its current laws that help veterans and minority and women-owned businesses.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes  
**PROHIBIT UNSOLICITED LOANS (S 2194)**

On March 24, 2016, the Senate 37-0, approved a bill that would prohibit banks from issuing unsolicited loans, often in the form of a check, through the mail, unless the recipient is already a customer of the bank. And even those customers would have ten days to rescind the loan and pay the bank back the entire amount, without any interest or fees.

Another provision prohibits the person to whom the loan is sent from being held liable for any debt incurred by the unauthorized use of the loan by someone else. The measure also imposes fines of up to five years in prison and a \$25,000 fine on any bank or person who violates this law.

Supporters said these loans prey upon unsuspecting victims including the sick and elderly. They noted the recipient does not understand all the fine print and suddenly is paying enormous interest rates and fees.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes  
**RAISE TOBACCO PURCHASE AGE FROM 18 TO 21 (S 2269)**

On April 28, 2016, the Senate 32-2, approved a bill that would raise the state's tobacco purchasing age from 18 to 21 effective July 1, 2017. Other provisions ban pharmacies and health care institutions from selling any tobacco products; prohibit sales of e-cigarettes to minors; and ban the use of electronic cigarettes in all places where smoking is currently banned. Hawaii is the only state that has raised the age to 21.

Supporters said the bill will save lives and reduce health care costs. They argued that many 18-year-olds are in high school and are a major source of providing tobacco products to younger high schoolers and middle schoolers.

Opponents said this is another example of state government overstepping its bounds and trying to regulate behavior. They argued if you're 18 you can join the military, vote and serve on a jury and should not be banned from purchasing a legal product.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against the bill.)  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes  
**STATE RECYCLING (S 2310)**

On June 9, 2016, the Senate 38-0, approved a bill that would require state agencies and courts to implement recycling programs by 2018. Mandatory recycling would include lead batteries, metal containers, glass containers, polymer plastics, recyclable paper, carpets, fluorescent lamps, cathode ray tubes and construction and demolition material.

Agencies and courts with more than 50 employees would be required to submit an annual report to the secretary of energy and environmental affairs detailing their actions.

Supporters said this was a major step forward in the ongoing recycling campaign to ensure the state complies with

solid waste reduction plans.  
(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes  
**CITY AND TOWN RECYCLING (S 2389)**

On June 18, 2016, the Senate 39-0, approved a bill that would require cities and towns to reduce their solid waste to no more than 600 pounds per capita by July 2018 and no more than 450 pounds per capita by July 2022. The measure also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to establish performance standards for municipal solid waste reduction by July 1, 2017.

Supporters said the bill would decrease pollution, save money and protect the environment. They noted that this is another major step toward preserving the environment for future generations.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes  
**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS (S 1494)**

On June 16, 2016, the Senate 35-0, approved a bill that would raise from \$55,000 to \$80,000 the maximum annual income a senior over 65 can earn and still be eligible for a property tax deferral. The local community decides whether to allow a tax deferral in the first place.

Communities can charge up to 8 percent interest on the amount deferred. The amount of the deferral plus interest must be paid when the senior moves or dies.

Amendment supporters said this will reduce expenses for seniors and allow more of them to remain in their homes.

This bill was given initial approval by the House but has been tied up in the Bills in Third Reading Committee since July.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)  
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes  
**ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL**

**MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES TO \$11 PER HOUR ON JANUARY 1** – The state's current \$10 per hour minimum wage increases to \$11 on January 1 for some 500,000 workers in the Bay State. This will be the third consecutive annual pay increase since 2014 when the Legislature approved a \$3 hike in the \$8 per hour minimum wage to take place over a three-year period. The wage rose from \$8 to \$9 in 2015 and then to \$10 per hour in 2016.

The minimum hourly wage for tipped employees will rise from \$3.35 to \$3.75.

**MARIJUANA DELAY** – The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Baker a controversial bill that delays by six months, from January 2018 to July 2018, the earliest possible date for the opening of retail recreational marijuana stores in the Bay State. The January 2018 date was approved by voters in November as part of the ballot question legalizing the use of pot for recreational use.

Senate President Stan Rosenberg and House Speaker Bob DeLeo orchestrated the delay and the governor has indicated he will sign it.

The vote took place in the House and Senate on Wednesday with a handful of members present in what is called an informal session in which there can be no roll call votes and everything is approved or rejected on an unrecorded voice vote.

However, at an informal session, a single legislator can hold up consideration of a bill until the next formal session. There are no more formal sessions planned for the 2016 Legislature so in fact, any representative or senator who attended the session could have easily delayed approval of the bill and killed it for 2016. It would certainly be filed again for 2017 but there would likely be a public hearing, a debate on the floor of the House and Senate and a recorded roll call vote on the proposal.

Rosenberg said that the delay is needed because there are many areas of the bill

that need to be reviewed and revised. "This version of course was written for the ballot roughly a year, a year and a half before it actually was voted on by the people," said Rosenberg. "A lot has changed in some of the other states and some of the parts of the bill really need some work. For example, the tax rate, there are questions around addiction and public health and public safety that are either not addressed or we can do a better job based on what we're seeing in the other states."

"Yes on 4," the group that spearheaded the legalization, issued a press release saying that they are very disappointed that the Legislature has decided to alter the law in an informal session with little notice about proposed changes. The group says it is willing to consider technical changes to the law so that it is implemented in a timely and responsible manner. "However, our position remains that the measure was written with careful consideration regarding process and timelines and that no major legislative revisions are necessary," the statement continued. "Further, the voters of Massachusetts approved Question 4 by a significant margin, and any alteration of the law deserves a transparent, deliberative legislative process."

This delay does not affect the parts of the law that took effect on December 15 including allowing persons over 21 to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside their home, ten ounces in their home and give an ounce or less of marijuana to others. Any quantity above one ounce in the home must be under lock and key. Other provisions that are not affected include allowing the growing of six plants per person in his or her home, with a maximum of 12 plants per household.

**CHILD PASSENGERS UNDER 13 (S 2520)** – The Senate gave initial approval to a proposal that would prohibit a child under age 13 from riding in the front seat of a car unless the motor vehicle does not have a rear passenger seat or the rear passenger seat is occupied by other passengers under 13.

Supporters said that in 2014, 602 children ages 12 and younger died in motor vehicle crashes and more than 121,350 were injured. They noted that research and statistics show that the back seat is safer for kids 13 and under because until a child has a mature skeleton, the protection provided by a seat belt is not as optimal as it is for an adult. They noted the back seat is safer because it is furthest away from three things responsible for most injuries and deaths: the windshield, the dashboard and the airbag.

Some people say that the backseat recommendation is based on population studies, and is not always applicable to each individual or vehicle.

**ALLOW DONATION OF LIQUOR AND BEER TO NON-PROFITS (H 248)** – The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow individuals and businesses to donate liquor and beer to non-profits to serve or sell at an auction. Current law only allows the donation of wine.

Some charities and donors work around the law by having the charity pay for the spirits. The business or individual then returns the money by making a donation to the charity equal to the amount the charity paid for it.

Supporters said this archaic law hurts charities by increasing their expenses. They noted that it also is foolish to have a law that prevents individuals and businesses from making a charitable contribution.

**BOSTON SNOW REMOVAL PENALTIES (H 3326)**  
The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Baker legislation that would increase the maximum fines levied on Boston property owners who fail to shovel their sidewalks or throw their "private snow" onto the street or any other public property. Current fines are capped at \$200. The bill would increase the maximum fine to \$1,500. The measure, already approved by the Boston City Council, requires that unpaid fines are added to property tax bills.

Supporters said that the illegal dumping of residential or commercial snow on public roads makes the already difficult snow removal process worse, raises the city's costs and increases safety risks for drivers. They noted that failure to remove snow from sidewalks is dangerous and can seriously injure someone and even result in death.

Opponents said a \$1,500 fine is excessive.  
**ALLOW MASSAGE THERAPY ON SUNDAYS (H 169)** – The Senate gave initial approval to House-approved legislation that would allow massage therapists to operate on Sundays and holidays.

During the week of December 26-30, the House met for a total of nine hours and 73 minutes while the Senate met for a total of nine hours and 39 minutes.

Mon. December 26 No House session  
No Senate session  
Tues. December 27 House 11:04 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.  
Senate 11:10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Wed. December 28 House 11:02 a.m. to 1:11 p.m.  
Senate 11:04 a.m. to 1:13 p.m.  
Thurs. December 29 House 11:05 a.m. to 3:18 p.m.  
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Fri. December 30 No House session  
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## Somerville Council on Aging Weekly Organizational Updates &amp; Information



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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](mailto:dhiggins@Somervillema.gov)

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

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

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

**Free Smoke Alarm / Carbon Monoxide Detectors –** The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 to request an application. Don't delay calling. This program is on a first come / first serve basis and will be ending December 31, 2016. This is a Federally funded grant.

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

age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Resorts Casino Atlantic City, New Jersey – January 8th-10th  
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LGBTQ Advisory Group – Monday, January 9th at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of our Holland Street Center. Please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 for additional information or questions.

Planning for the Future A Financial and Legal Exploration of Options: – January 12th 5-6:30pm in the Atrium at our Holland Street Center. Please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to register.

Painting with Linda – Fridays, January 27th, February 3rd and February 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$15 fee for supplies and materials – space is limited – registration is a must – please call Josephine or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Happy Wedding Anniversary – Monday, April 24th at 11:30 a.m. at the Somerville Holiday Inn located on 30 Washington Street. Are you a married couple celebrating 50 years or more of marriage? The SCOA is looking for couples to come celebrate this joyous occasion. We will be hosting an Anniversary Luncheon. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to get on the list to join the festivities.

Kentucky Derby – Thursday, May 4th to Tuesday, May 9th – \$1,154 per person / double only – 6 days & 5 nights – Package includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, 5 nights' accommodation, and general admission to Kentucky Derby, Louisville Slugger Factory and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to book your trip.

## LGBTQ EVENTS

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

LGBTQ Advisory Group will be meeting on Monday, January 9th in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 P.M.

\*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

LBT Women Fit-4-Life – Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee – scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

## WEEKLY EXERCISE CLASS SCHEDULE

Holland Street Center=(H)Ralph & Jenny Center=(JR)Cross Street Center=(C)

Mondays:

9:15 Keep Moving Walking Club (H) (on Hiatus till spring)  
10:00 Bike Club (Weather dependent – call for information)  
1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)  
4:00 Ageless Grace (H) (5 week series – call for information)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening – \$3 per class (H)  
11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)  
6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life\* (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise  
9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Nutrition  
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise  
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition  
12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) – Nutrition  
1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) – Exercise  
5:15 Zumba for All – \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series – call for information)  
9:30 Strengthening – \$3 per class (RJ)  
11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)  
6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life\*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise  
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise  
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition  
\*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration  
One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus until further notice.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Friendly Caller Program

Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

## GROUP INFORMATION

Men's Group – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. Come chat about what is on your mind! If you have any questions or require additional information, please give us a call at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Caregiver Support Group – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, 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 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 and ask to speak to Natasha.

Veterans Group – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 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 or require additional information, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and

transportation may be available on request. Please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending, have any questions or require additional information.

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 for additional information or if you have any questions.  
Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 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. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if additional information is needed.

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 A.M. and running for an hour most times. Our volunteer, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive "green-houses." Call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if additional information is needed.

The Moonlighters – Meets every Monday at 10:30 A.M. and runs September through June. Led by Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, Jimmy DelPonte, the Moonlighters are an older version of the SunSetters. If you like to sing then this group is for you. Sometimes taking their skills on the road. Contact our main office at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you should require additional information.

Senior Housing 101 – Meets the last Tuesday of every month from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. Social Worker, Natasha Naim will be facilitating this group. Participants can learn about the range of options that older adults have when thinking about where to live. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 to sign up!

Bereavement Support Group – 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. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 and ask for Natasha.

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. For more information, please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Women's Group: – Coming soon. For more information, please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

\*All these groups meet at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street

English Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday beginning at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English. Continue conversation throughout a healthy lunch. Please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for additional information.

Arts & Crafts – Meets every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. 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. Please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 to sign up or for additional information.

\*\*These groups meet at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway

Tax information for Seniors

Tax Clauses to be aware of:

Tax Deferral, Clause 41A: Taxpayers should be aware of a significant change to the Tax Deferral, Clause 41A program put forth by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen in FY 2016. Clause 41A allows those 65 and older to defer up to 100% of their property taxes until such time that the property is sold or upon the death of the applicant. Prior to FY 2016, deferred taxes were assessed an annual interest charge of 8% and an applicant's income could not exceed \$40,000. With the change enacted by the City, the interest rate has been lowered to 4% per year and income limit has been increased to the maximum allowed at \$56,000.

Additional eligibility requirements include ownership and occupancy in the Somerville property for 5 years and age 65 by the July 1 previous to the start of the new fiscal year. Applications must be filed annually by no later than 3 months after the issuance of the actual bill. Deadline for filing is April 1 unless the first falls on a weekend in which case the deadline is the next business day.

Qualifying for the deferral does not prevent an applicant the ability to qualify for other exemptions such as an elderly (clause 41C or 17D), veteran (clause 22), or other. Applicants should know that the deferral places a lien on the property and requires payment of the deferred taxes upon sale of the home or the passing of the applicant. However, for those with limited income and ability to make annual property tax payments, the program offers a viable alternative for managing property tax payments and finances in general.

Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit: The senior circuit breaker tax credit is not granted by the Board of Assessors but allows a potential State income tax credit. Eligible taxpayers who own their Somerville homes may claim a credit equal to the amount that their property tax payments including 50% of their water and sewer charges for the year exceed 10% of their total income for that tax year. Income limits and maximum assessed value limits are adjusted each year by the State.

To qualify for calendar 2015, taxpayers had to be 65 or before December 31, 2015. Income could not exceed \$57,000 for single persons, \$85,000 for married filing jointly, and \$71,000 for head of household. Assessed value (full value excluding residential exemption valuation reduction) could not exceed \$693,000. In calendar 2015, the credit could not exceed \$1,070.

As an example for illustration only, note the following:  
Calendar 2015 property taxes plus 50% of water and sewer charges = \$6,000  
Calendar 2015 income = \$50,000 X 10% = – \$5,000  
Credit on State income tax = \$1,000

All taxpayers are urged to check with their accountant and/or read State income tax guidelines carefully. Interested seniors can find more information at [mass.gov/dor/seniors](http://mass.gov/dor/seniors)

## Hardship, Clause 18:

The hardship exemption allows the Board of Assessors to grant up to a full property exemption for taxpayers who by reason of age, infirmity, and poverty, are in the judgement of the Assessors unable to contribute fully to their tax liability. The Board may also grant an exemption based upon a financial hardship resulting from a change to active military status.

Additional requirements include ownership and occupancy of the property as of the July 1 for the fiscal year in question. The applicant must be an individual and not a business entity or corporation. All co-owners must independently qualify for the exemption to be granted. Unlike deferral clauses, there is no lien placed on the property and no pay back of abated taxes. Deadline for filing is April 1 unless the first falls on a weekend or holiday in which case the deadline is the next business day.

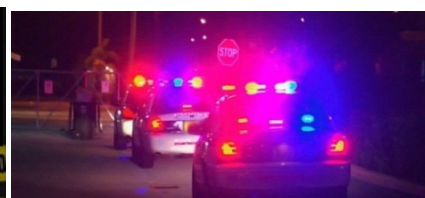
## Temporary Hardship, Clause 18A:

The temporary hardship exemption gives taxpayers the ability to defer up to 100% of their property taxes. To qualify, taxpayers, regardless of age, must have a demonstrated financial hardship and lack the resources to pay the taxes because of unemployment, illness, change to active military status, or other reason as determined by the Assessors. Applicants may defer all or part of their property taxes for up to three consecutive years.

The deferred taxes plus interest must be paid with the first of up to five annual installments due two years after the last year of the deferral. If the property is sold or upon the passing of the applicant during the deferral period, taxes plus interest must be paid as well.

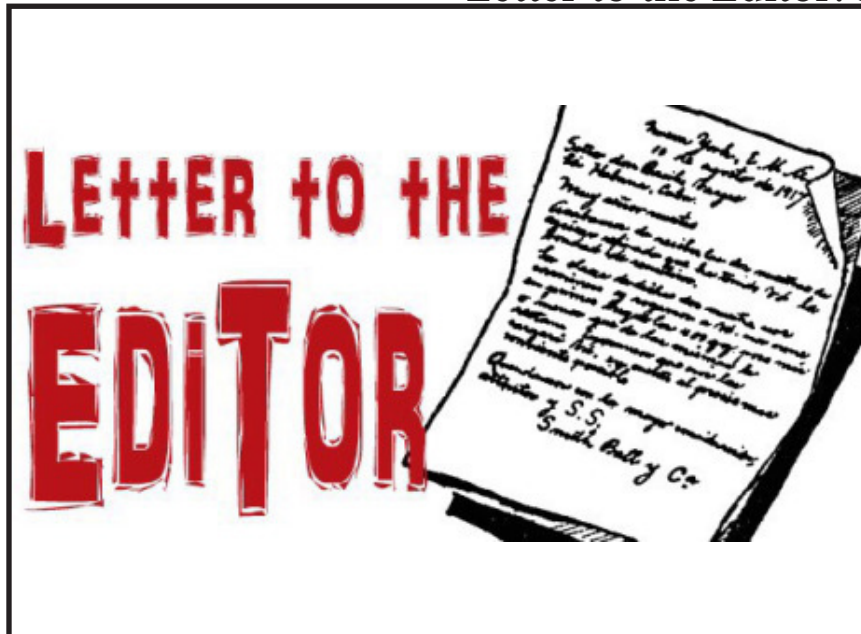
Additional requirements include ownership and occupancy as of July 1 for the fiscal year in question and Massachusetts residency for the preceding 10 years. Deadline for filing is April 1 unless the first falls on a weekend or holiday in which case the deadline is the next business day.

Applicants should know that the deferral places a lien on the property. However, for those with limited income and ability to make annual property tax payments, the program offers a viable alternative for managing property tax payments and finances in general.



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### Letter to the Editor: Somerville Has Good Cops



A few weeks ago I came across something that I have become to familiar with in the city of Somerville.

While at the gas station over on Cambridge street there was a

homeless man being thrown out of the gas station for trying to get some coffee without paying for it. What came next is something I was not expecting, a police officer putting gas in his car walked up to the man and conversed with him

for a few minutes before walking him over to the Dunkin Donuts to buy him a full meal and on top of that even gave him a few sweaters from the trunk of his car. I could not let this kind gesture go unnoticed so I approached the officer

and let him know that I saw everything and his simple response was I am just doing what is right. The officer was wearing a Somerville police jacket with a small emblem above the police patch but I was not able to get his name but later I

identified him as Somerville Police Auxiliary Officer Lucas Ribeiro

-Katyln Rae


### Somerville PD Needs Publics Help to Catch Bank Robber

Chief David Fallon and the Somerville Police Department are seeking the public's help in identifying a man believed to be responsible for three bank robberies this month. • 9/6/16: Santandar Bank on Highland Avenue was robbed by a man in a brown hooded sweatshirt. • 9/22/16: Winter Hill Bank on Cutter Avenue was robbed by similar looking man in a gray hooded sweatshirt. • 9/27/16: Century Bank on Fellsway West was robbed by a similar looking man in a blue hooded sweatshirt. In each robbery, the man handed a note to the teller demanding money and fled with a quantity of cash. The suspect, believed to be pictured above in all three robberies, is described as a white male, in his 20s or early 30s, with thin facial hair. A cash reward is being offered through MassMostWanted for any information the leads police to the capture of this dangerous suspect. These cases are also being investigated by the FBI Bank Robbery Task Force. If anyone recognizes this individual or has any information on any of these bank robberies, they are asked to call 617-799-9138.

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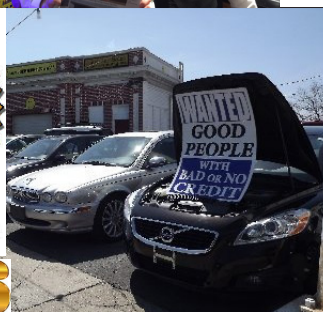
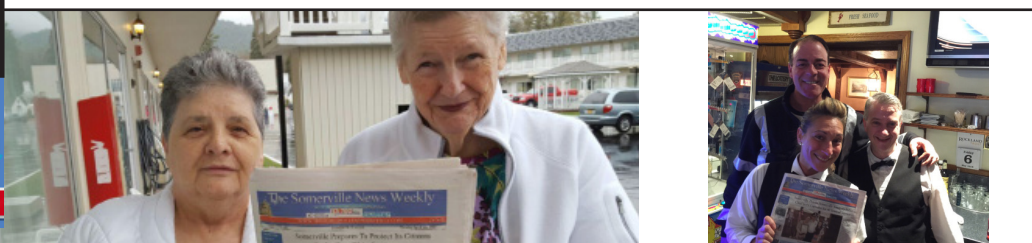


### US Issues Indictments In \$300 Million IRS Phone Fraud Conspiracy

USA TODAY (10/27, Johnson) reports Federal authorities "unsealed an indictment Thursday, charging 56 people in a vast scheme in which suspects posed as Internal Revenue Service agents and immigration authorities." The scheme "employed a network of telephone call centers based in India," and targeted more than 15,000 victims. The fraud threatened people with "fines, deportation or imprisonment," and "thousands" were defrauded with the money "laundered through groups of U.S. co-conspirators using wire transfers and debit cards." The Indian government has been alerted that the

US will "seek to prosecute the Indian suspects in the United States." The New York Times (10/27, Lichtblau) reports "dozens" were charged with "taking part in a giant international crime ring" using "Indian telephone call centers to bilk thousands of Americans out of more than \$300 million." There were five call centers in India charged, from which calls originated to the US, with callers posing as IRS or US customs agent "loan officers, police officers or other authority figures" who threatened targets "with arrest or deportation if bogus debts were not paid."

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### Somerville's 241st Grand Union Flag Raising on Prospect Hill 2017 Continued from front page



The ceremony began at Prospect Hill at noon with a processional led by a re-enactor portraying General George Washington on horseback which left from the City Hall Concourse at 11:30 a.m. As always, members of the public were invited to participate, and were encouraged to wear traditional colonial clothing. The annual ceremony commemorated the raising of the nation's first

official flag, featuring thirteen red and white horizontal stripes, atop Prospect Hill on New Year's Day, 1776. At the time, Prospect Hill was a key site in a string of fortifications created by Washington and the Continental Army in their siege of British troops in Boston during the first year of the American Revolution. The afternoon's program included

songs, readings, and participants from local militia, and the Ancient and Honorable Company (first chartered in 1638, as well as His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot, who will be representing the British Army and will be bringing a message from King George III. Brigadier General Richard Johnson for Massachusetts, and the American Legion Post 19 Honor Guard lead a military salute as a

commemorative flag was raised atop the Prospect Hill Tower. Finally, in honor of the kickoff of the City's 175th Birthday year, Byron DeLear of the North American Vexillological Association shared his newest findings about the significance of the Grand Union Flag and its connection to the name of our nation. Light refreshments were served,

and miniature replicas of the Grand Union Flag, both as a flag and a lapel pin, as well as colonial-era tri corner hats and a few items highlighting the City's historic assets were available for purchase. The recently stabilized Tower through Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds was also open to the public following the ceremony. More photos on pages 19

### Somerville Police on Bike Lane Safety Tips





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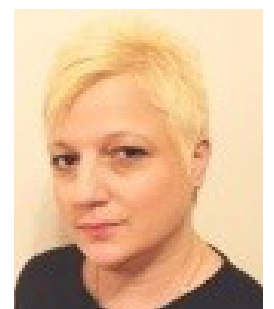
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## Somerville's 241st Anniversary of the Raising of that Flag Through the Camera Lens of Skip Murray



By Skip Murray

January 1, 1776, General George Washington orders the Great Union

flag to placed atop Prospect Hill, Somerville, MA, (then known as Charlestown Across the Neck), a flag that could be seen far and wide,

including by all the British in Boston, letting them know of the Colonist's resolve toward its own independence. It is the first American flag planted on

U.S. soil "We had hoisted the Union Flag in compliment to the United Colonies," said Washington. Today we celebrate the 241th Anniversary of the

Raising of that flag here in Somerville.

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## Should Somerville Follow In Boston's Steep Snow Removal Penalties?



**BOSTON SNOW REMOVAL PENALTIES (H 3326)**

By Bob Katzen  
The House and Senate

approved and sent to Gov. Baker legislation that would increase the maximum fines levied on Boston property owners who fail to shovel their sidewalks or throw their "private snow" onto the street or any other public property. Current fines are capped at \$200. The bill would increase the maximum fine to \$1,500. The measure, already

approved by the Boston City Council, requires that unpaid fines are added to property tax bills.

Supporters said that the illegal dumping of residential or commercial snow on public roads makes the already difficult snow removal process worse, raises the city's costs and increases safety risks for drivers.

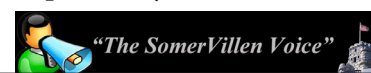
They noted that failure to remove snow from sidewalks is dangerous and can seriously injure someone and even result in death.

Opponents said a \$1,500 fine is excessive.

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## STATE RECYCLING AND CITY AND TOWN RECYCLING



By Bob Katzen

On June 9, 2016, the Senate 38-0, approved a bill that would require state agencies and courts

to implement recycling programs by 2018. Mandatory recycling would include lead batteries, metal containers, glass containers, polymer plastics, recyclable paper, carpets, fluorescent lamps, cathode ray tubes and construction and demolition material.

Agencies and courts with more than 50 em-

ployees would be required to submit an annual report to the secretary of energy and environmental affairs detailing their actions.

Supporters said this was a major step forward in the ongoing recycling campaign to ensure the state complies with solid waste reduction plans.

Also on June 18, 2016,

the Senate 39-0, approved a bill that would require cities and towns to reduce their solid waste to no more than 600 pounds per capita by July 2018 and no more than 450 pounds per capita by July 2022. The measure also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to establish performance standards

for municipal solid waste reduction by July 1, 2017.

Supporters said the bill would decrease pollution, save money and protect the environment. They noted that this is another major step toward preserving the environment for future generations.

## PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS



By Bob Katzen

On June 16, 2016, the Senate 35-0, approved a bill that would raise from \$55,000 to \$80,000 the maximum annual income a senior over 65 can earn and still be eligible for a

property tax deferral. The local community decides whether to allow a tax deferral in the first place.

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Amendment supporters said this will reduce expenses for seniors and

allow more of them to remain in their homes.

This bill was given initial approval by the House but has been tied up in the Bills in Third Reading Committee since July.

## MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES TO \$11 PER HOUR ON JANUARY 1



By Bob Katzen

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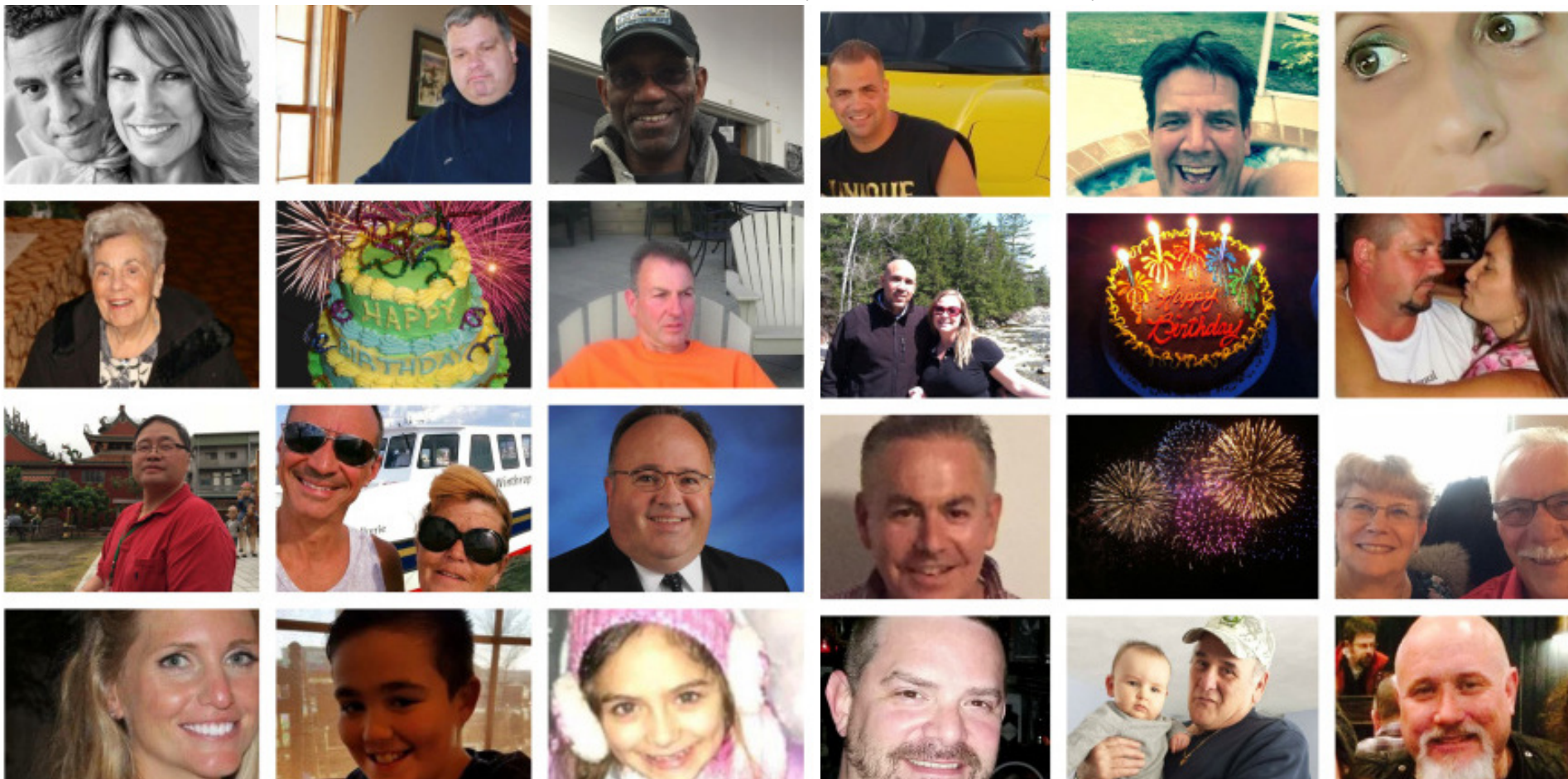
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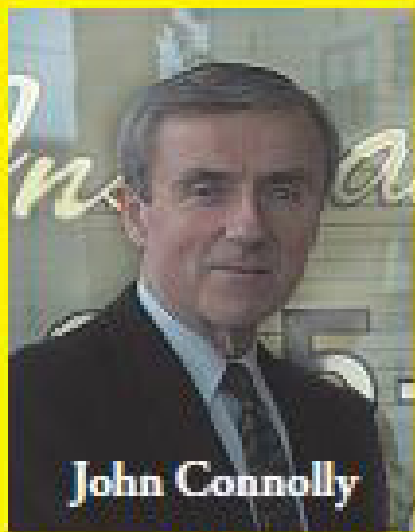
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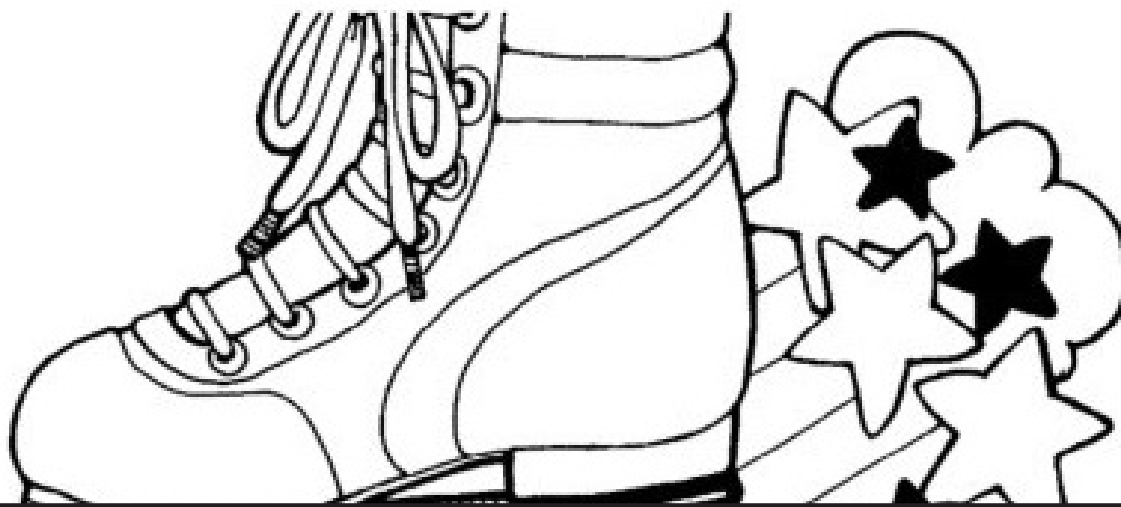
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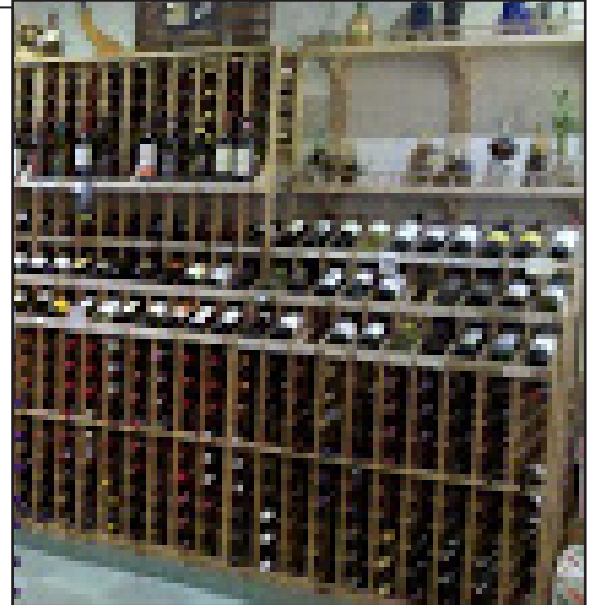



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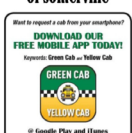
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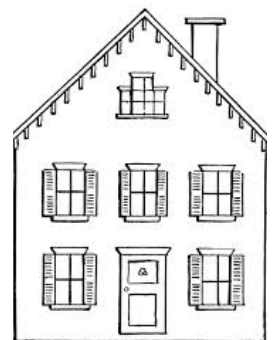


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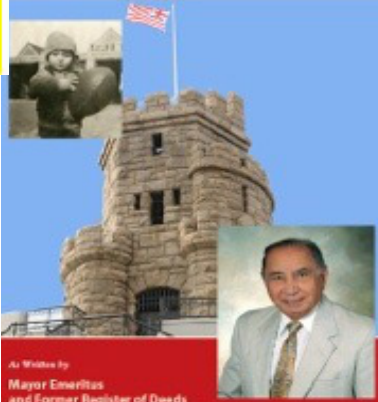


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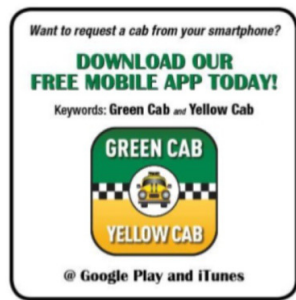
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The City of Somerville announced today that it is forming a community advisory committee to assist in the review and recommendation of capital improvement projects for upcoming fiscal years. The committee, which will comprise five community members, will work with City staff to review and provide feedback and recommendations, on behalf of the entire community, on project prioritization. Background The City has historically released a multi-year Capital Investment Plan (CIP) annually that establishes specific timelines for needed capital improvement projects, ranging from annual street

and sidewalk repairs to major building and open space improvements to critical infrastructure upgrades. Moving forward, the City will continue to establish specific timelines for critical projects, but will now also work annually with the CIP Advisory Committee to review and prioritize additional projects based on available resources and community needs. All capital projects are submitted to the Board of Aldermen for funding approval. Qualifications and Requirements The City is seeking five community members (residents, business leaders, community stakeholders) who have

a strong knowledge of the City of Somerville and the interests of the general community, with preferred backgrounds in fields such as urban design, municipal government and/or government management, and capital finance, though all interested community members are encouraged to apply. Advisory Committee members will be appointed for two- or three-year terms, and will be required to attend regular meetings over the course of several consecutive months each year to meet with City staff, and to discuss projects and create a set of recommendations.

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### Will Digging Into Your Family History Unearth The Unexpected?



By Ceil Lucas

Actress Katey Sagal discovered a surprising fact about her family history when she appeared on the "Who Do You Think You Are?" TV show, which features celebrities tracing their roots. Some of her distant ancestors were Amish – a bit of information that somehow failed to work its way down through the ages to her generation. Sagal's experience uncovering such a fascinating, but previously unknown family fact isn't that far off the mark from what others could expect to find when they start tracing their family lines, says Ceil Lucas, a sociolinguist, amateur genealogist and author of *How*

*I Got Here: A Memoir*. "The past is chock-full of secrets ready to be revealed," says Lucas, whose exploration of her own family history provided the stories she includes in her memoir, such as the tale of an ancestor who was involved in the Oklahoma Land Rush. "Each layer can be richer than the last, revealing people you never knew about and, with any luck, your family's connections to major events in history." She offers a few pointers to others who want to peel back the mystery and learn more about their ancestors:  
• Start with what you already know about your family and work back from there. Lucas began investigating her family history three decades ago, about the same time she began making notes on what would become a memoir of her childhood in Guatemala City and Rome, Italy. This expatriate upbringing

left her with a sense of "I'm not from here" – "here" being the U.S., where she was born. But her genealogical research, which revealed her first ancestors coming to the U.S. from Scotland in 1654 and England in 1679, showed her just how "from here" she is.  
• Take advantage of the many genealogical resources available these days. Community colleges often offer genealogy classes that can help propel you on your journey. When it comes to research or DNA testing that provides revelations about your origins, several websites are invaluable, such as ancestry.com, 23andme.com and myheritage.com.  
• If you plan to write a memoir, remember that the life story you're telling will be an even richer narrative if you do your genealogical homework and include those stories of the relatives from your distant past. "Your ancestors are part of who you are," Lucas says.

"So you should weave them into your memoir and let them provide an added texture to your tale." "Filling in the genealogical picture has thoroughly shaped how I think about myself," Lucas says. "In a way, genealogy has given me 'memories' of those who came before me, even 10 generations before me. I have pictures in my mind of the places they left and pictures of where they ended up. Their stories have become mine." About Ceil Lucas Ceil Lucas, author of *How I Got Here: A Memoir*, is a sociolinguist. She holds a bachelor's degree in French and Art History, a master's degree in French and Italian, and a doctorate in Linguistics. She spent 40 years as a university professor and researcher. She began teaching Italian in 1973 and continues to do so. She is the editor and co-author of 22 books.

### Somerville Redevelopment Authority Seeking New Member



Applicants Sought for Vacant Somerville Redevelopment Authority Position SOMERVILLE – The Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA), which is tasked with implementation of the

City's urban renewal plans, is seeking applicants to fill a current vacancy on the five-member board. In recent years, the SRA has been instrumental in the success of the transit-oriented redevelopment of Assembly Row as well as progress on the Union Square Revitalization Plan. Among other duties, as provided under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter

121B, the SRA is vested with the legal authority to declare that an area is substandard, decadent, and/or blighted and thus eligible for urban renewal. The law further grants the SRA the authority to prepare an urban renewal plan for the redevelopment of designated areas and to implement the goals of that plan. Ideal candidates must be Somerville residents and will have experience in

any or all of the following fields: community planning, public transportation, transit-oriented development, real estate development, housing or financial services, and design and architecture. Members meet monthly and serve staggered terms of five years each or may serve a shorter period if the appointment is for the balance of an unfulfilled term of a prior member. This position

will complete an existing term that runs through Sept. 12, 2019. Four of the SRA's five members are appointed by the Mayor and one is appointed by the Governor. The current vacancy is for a Mayoral appointment. Interested applicants are invited to send a statement of interest and resume to [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov) by close of business on Thursday, Dec. 22.

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### The City of Somerville Seeks Qualified Candidates to Work as a Crossing Guard

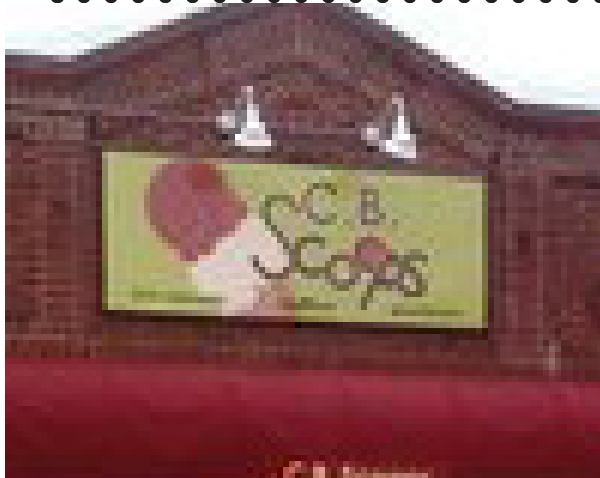


The City of Somerville seeks qualified candidates to work as a Crossing Guard for the current school year. Morning shift is 7:15 AM – 8:30 AM; afternoon shift is 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM. Assignments to specific work sites will be determined. Access to motor vehicle preferred. Must pass a pre-employment CORI and drug screen. Salary is \$34.33 per day for working both morning and afternoon shifts.

Applications must be submitted to and are available at the City Hall Personnel Office, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143. You can also fax (617-666-4426) or email resume to: [employment\\_opportunities@somervillema.gov](mailto:employment_opportunities@somervillema.gov) or to the Somerville Police School Safety Officer Sean Sylvester: [ssylvester@police.somerville.ma.us](mailto:ssylvester@police.somerville.ma.us)

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Welcome to the Somerville Rotary Club website.

Rotary is an organization that operates on the local, regional and international level. Rotarians serve in the community, in the workplace, and around the world in all aspects of our lives and works to build goodwill and peace in the world. Our Rotary International motto this year is "Engage the World" with over 1.2 million members. Rotary clubs are open to people of all cultures and ethnicities and are not affiliated with any political or religious organization.

So, we "engage Rotary" and in the process "change lives". Locally we support the Regional Science Fair at Somerville High School, give scholarships to students, ring the bell for the Salvation Army during the holidays, and read monthly to elementary school students. Rotary members volunteer in communities locally and abroad to support education and job training, provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, eradicate polio, and many more projects to make this world a better place for everyone. The Somerville club has participated in joint projects with another Rotary club to provide a vision testing machine to a community in Columbia and has sponsored the purchase of a walk-in freezer for a Columbian orphanage that houses 40 children.

One of the focuses of Rotary International is the eradication of polio in the world. This project began in the Phillipines in 1979 and since then more than 2 billion children in 122 countries have been vaccinated against the disease. The world is now 99% polio free with reports of the illness in only 3 countries. The Somerville Rotary Club has supported the Polio Plunge for the last two years, sponsoring Polar Plungers and raising money for the international campaign.

Rotary is also about fellowship: meeting and working together with other professionals from the community. The Somerville Rotary Club meets weekly on Tuesdays at 12:15 at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington Street in Somerville near Sullivan Station. We would love to have you join us - come to the Holiday Inn on the 2nd through 4th Tuesday of the month (the 1st is reading day). If you have any questions or would like more information, please use the link provided.

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## MARIJUANA DELAY Continued from front page



The January 2018 date was approved by voters in November as part of the ballot question legalizing the use of pot for recreational use.

Senate President Stan Rosenberg and House Speaker Bob

DeLeo orchestrated the delay and the governor has indicated he will sign it.

The vote took place in the House and Senate on Wednesday with a handful of members present in what is called an informal session in which there can be no roll call votes and everything is approved or rejected on an unrecorded voice vote.

However, at an informal session, a single legislator can hold up consideration of a bill until the next formal session. There are no more formal sessions planned for the 2016 Legislature so in fact, any representative or senator who attended the session could have easily delayed approval of the bill and killed it for 2016. It

would certainly be filed again for 2017 but there would likely be a public hearing, a debate on the floor of the House and Senate and a recorded roll call vote on the proposal.

Rosenberg said that the delay is needed because there are many areas of the bill that need to be reviewed and revised. "This version of course was written for the ballot roughly a year, a year and a half before it actually was voted on by the people," said Rosenberg. "A lot has changed in some of the other states and some of the parts of the bill really need some work. For example, the tax rate, there are questions around addiction and public health and public safety that are either not addressed or we

can do a better job based on what we're seeing in the other states."

"Yes on 4," the group that spearheaded the legalization, issued a press release saying that they are very disappointed that the Legislature has decided to alter the law in an informal session with little notice about proposed changes. The group says it is willing to consider technical changes to the law so that it is implemented in a timely and responsible manner. "However, our position remains that the measure was written with careful consideration regarding process and timelines and that no major legislative revisions are necessary," the statement continued. "Further, the voters of Mas-

sachusetts approved Question 4 by a significant margin, and any alteration of the law deserves a transparent, deliberative legislative process."

This delay does not affect the parts of the law that took effect on December 15 including allowing persons over 21 to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside their home, ten ounces in their home and give an ounce or less of marijuana to others. Any quantity above one ounce in the home must be under lock and key. Other provisions that are not affected include allowing the growing of six plants per person in his or her home, with a maximum of 12 plants per household.

## STATE LEGISLATORS GET \$2,515 PAY HIKE

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Charlie Baker today announced that the salary of the 200 members of the Legislature will be increased by \$2,515 for the 2017-2018 legislative session. This 4.19 percent raise brings the current \$60,032 base salary of each of the 40 state senator and 160 state representatives to \$62,547.

Baker is required under the state constitution to determine the

amount of a pay raise or cut that state legislators would receive for the upcoming 2017-2018 session. All Massachusetts governors are obligated to increase or decrease legislative salaries biennially under the terms of a constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1998. The amendment, approved by a better than two-to-one margin, requires legislative salaries to be "increased or decreased at the same rate as increases or decreases in the median household income for the Commonwealth for

the preceding two-year period, as ascertained by the governor."

This hike comes on the heels of a salary freeze for the 2015-2016 legislative session, an \$1,100 pay cut for the 2013-2014 session and a \$306 pay cut for the 2011-2012 session. Prior to 2011, legislators' salaries had been raised every two years since the \$46,410 base pay was first raised under the constitutional amendment in 2001.

The new \$62,547 salary means

legislative salaries have been raised \$16,137, or 34.8 percent, since the mandated salary adjustment became part of the state constitution.

House Speaker Bob DeLeo and Senate President Stan Rosenberg, both Democrats, receive a \$35,000 bonus for their service — boosting their salaries to \$97,547. House Minority Leader Brad Jones and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr, both Republicans, receive a \$22,500 bonus for their service — boosting their salaries to \$85,047.

Over the next few weeks, DeLeo, Rosenberg, Jones and Tarr will choose their 2017-2018 leadership teams and appoint dozens of members to committee chair, vice chair and other leadership positions. At that time, many legislators will see their base pay boosted by bonuses ranging from \$7,500 to \$25,000. In the 2015-2016 session, 101 or more than half of the state's 200 legislators received one of these bonuses.



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### Somerville Remembering Peter Saitta



Our condolences go out to the Saitta family for the loss of Peter. Peter was a Somerville High School graduate, a military veteran and a great guy who will be sadly missed here in Somerville. Obituary of Peter Saitta Peter Saitta, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend passed away suddenly on December 25th in his home. He was 81 years of age. Born on June 13, 1935 in the

West End of Boston, Peter was the loving son of the late Frank Saitta and Frances (Arena) Saitta. Peter was a warm and caring son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He will be missed by all who knew him. Peter was predeceased by his wife Jeanette (DeCillis) Saitta, with whom he shared 56 years of marriage, his brother, Anthony Saitta, his sister, Emily (Saitta) Laham. He is survived by his sister, Florence (Saitta) Rhoda and her husband William, his dear children, Laura J. Berg and her husband Robert and Frank J. Saitta and his fiancé Jan DeMeulenaere, his precious grandchildren, Kara J. Berg, Preston Saitta and Madyson Saitta; and his many nieces, nephews and friends whom he loved dearly. A graduate of Somerville High School and a veteran of the United

States Army, he received his undergraduate degree and his Master's Degree in Physical Education from Boston University. Until his retirement, he was a much-loved teacher, basketball coach and administrator at Wakefield Memorial High School, Boston State College and Bunker Hill Community College, during which time he mentored thousands of students. For many of his students and athletes, he not only touched their hearts, he changed their lives, providing them the support and encouragement they needed to succeed in school and in life by instilling in them the importance of perseverance, character and community service. As an educator and coach, he understood that athletics were an extension of the classroom and that good coaching was good teaching. His student-

athletes have and will continue to carry those lessons forward in their own lives, keeping his spirit alive. During the course of his career, Peter received numerous awards and accolades from his peers and local organizations, but his most prized possessions were his children, his precious grandchildren, his nieces, nephews and close friends. Despite his failing health, he was determined to continue his holiday traditions, reminding each and every member of his family that he had been thinking of them not only on Christmas, but in the days and weeks leading up to the holiday as he assembled his trademark "gift bags." A kind and generous man with a heart of gold, Peter always had a joke to tell and a song to sing.

His love for his family, the way he lived his life, and his unending loyalty to his friends make his passing hard to bear but ensure that his memory will be eternal. Dear Loving and Gracious God, for sure the heavens are rejoicing and the angels are thrilled to welcome their newest member who is going to assemble the best heavenly basketball team possible. May he enjoy a wonderful reunion with family and friends who predeceased him and in particular, may he once again dance with his beautiful bride, Jan. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations in memory of Peter to Boston Medical Center Cardiology Department c/o Boston Medical Center Office of Development 801 Massachusetts Avenue, 1st Floor Boston, MA 02118.

### The Party No One Wants To Plan



People rarely like to dwell on the fact that they or a loved one will die someday, even though it's an inevitable part of life. From a practical standpoint, we would make preparations to ensure that survivors aren't placed in financial jeopardy, and that they know the deceased person's final wishes. "But the reality is that people procrastinate because the topic is too painful to think about," says Susan Alpert, author

of Later is Too Late: Hard Conversations That Can't Wait (www.susanalpertconsulting.com). Alpert, who lost her husband suddenly after 46 years of marriage, knows from experience about the confusion, chaos and disastrous financial consequences that occur, and she believes it's time for people to make a change in their thinking and planning about death. "No one wants to admit that life has an end, but picture your spouse, your children, your parents, or anyone else you hold dear," she says. "What would their lives be like if you died and hadn't properly prepared your estate and legal documents?" Survivors also are often left to make decisions about funerals or memorial

services while they are still grieving. Just 23 percent of people over age 50 have planned for their funeral or burial, according to the AARP. Meanwhile, funerals come with a hefty price tag that keeps rising, with the average cost in 2014 at \$7,181, according to the National Funeral Directors Association. "Making arrangements for your own funeral may feel surreal," Alpert says. "But imagine the pain others will have dealing with that if you don't step up and do it for them - and take care of the cost now if possible." The good news, she says, is that despite the emotion involved, preparing for death can be handled over time and at your own pace, although it does require motivation and organization.

Among the things to consider:

- Collect important documents and details in one place. Some of the personal information that should be gathered together would include names of your doctors, your bank accounts, Social Security information, life insurance policies, a will and anything else that's critical to your estate. Having all the important personal information in one place makes a huge difference in reducing stress and making the process easier for the person or persons left behind.
- Plan that funeral. It's not a pleasant topic, but it's natural to wonder how our lives will be honored after death. Our vision might not be the same as family members, Alpert says, so it's

important to decide how and where the final resting place will be and whether there should a funeral or a memorial service. Do you want a burial or cremation? Do you prefer an old-fashioned obituary or a simple social media announcement? Hire experts. "There is a business for every need, and the arena of death is no exception," Alpert says. Try contacting a team of professionals - attorneys, accountants, financial advisors - who can help sort through all the financial and legal details ahead of time so there are fewer challenges to face at the time of death.

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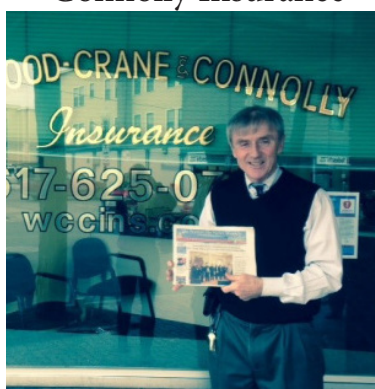
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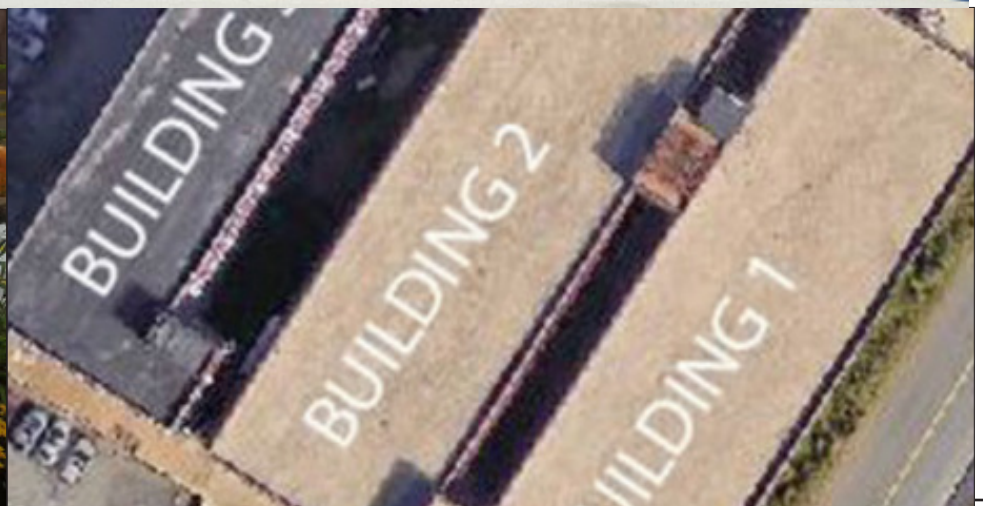
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### Reality Bites by James A. Norton



Let's get some perspective in 2017, shall we?

I can't stand people who say "Happy New Year - 2016 sucked, I hope 2017 is better." Why did 2016 suck for you? Trump got elected? Carrie Fisher died? Seriously? Grow up.

Last year was a lousy year if you want to call it a lousy year because you think it was. It was actually a great year. I am still alive, I have four healthy grandchildren, I celebrated my 3rd wedding anniversary, I had a heart attack and came

out on the other end healthier than I have been in 30 years, Trump won (did I mention we were the only paper that endorsed him before he was the nominee?) - I could go on and on - in short, I'd say it was an excellent year.

Sure some things happened that weren't so awesome - so what - are you alive and reading this? That's an excellent thing, isn't it? Can 2017 be better than 2016 - of course it can...but only if you allow it to be. So be that person.

That means putting away petty bullshit. That means stop running your mouth (if this doesn't apply to you, then please ignore that - I don't want some ass that to think I accused the entire city of running their mouths or being stupid - God forbid).

That means stop pointing your finger at others and accusing them of being a racist, a xenophobe, a homophobe, anti-Muslim, anti-liberal, anti-whatever. That means stop telling make believe stories and spreading lies. That means stop believing everything you hear on Facebook, Twitter and the mainstream media. Just stop.

Open a book. Research things on the internet. Go see a movie or a play. Take a few days off from work and relax. Travel. Do the things you kept putting off, because it isn't worth it to keep your dreams at arms-length. Put your life into perspective first before trying to sermonize how others should live their lives and the way the world should be according to whomever you listen to.

I guess what I am getting at

is that it's up to you and only you. Trust me - you don't have to make a "resolution" to do anything, that's so 1950's - just do it. There's plenty of world out there, I promise. If you really don't want to interact with and/or be annoyed by someone else in the community, there is literally a million things you can do to make sure that doesn't happen. Even in a city like Somerville. It isn't that small. You aren't that important. Simplify your life in just a few ways and both anger and jealousy fall away like a forgotten memory.

So when it comes time to reassess your life, where you want to go with it and what you want to do - just be simple and realize that you don't need to make amends, you don't need to make a hard-fast list of what you want or don't want

to do in 2017, you don't need to decide this is the year you do whatever. Just go do it, and do us all a favor - do it quietly, because it's for you, not for us.

Be well in 2017 and make it as awesome as you will allow yourself to. #GMK #GTBTP



### LAW ALLOWS DONATION OF LIQUOR AND BEER TO NON-PROFITS



By Bob Katzen  
The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow individuals and businesses to donate liquor and beer to non-profits to serve

or sell at an auction. Current law only allows the donation of wine.  
Some charities and donors work around the law by having the charity pay for the spirits.

The business or individual then returns the money by making a donation to the charity equal to the amount the charity paid for it.  
Supporters said this archaic

law hurts charities by increasing their expenses. They noted that it also is foolish to have a law that prevents individuals and businesses from making a charitable contribution.

### PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT CHILD PASSENGERS UNDER 13 IN FRONT SEAT



By Bob Katzen

The Senate gave initial approval to a proposal that would prohibit a child under age 13 from riding in the front seat of a car unless the motor vehicle does not have a rear passenger seat or the rear passenger seat is occupied by other passengers

under 13.  
Supporters said that in 2014, 602 children ages 12 and younger died in motor vehicle crashes and more than 121,350 were injured. They noted that research and statistics show that the back seat is safer for

kids 13 and under because until a child has a mature skeleton, the protection provided by a seat belt is not as optimal as it is for an adult. They noted the back seat is safer because it is furthest away from three things responsible for most injuries

and deaths: the windshield, the dashboard and the airbag.  
Some people say that the backseat recommendation is based on population studies, and is not always applicable to each individual or vehicle.

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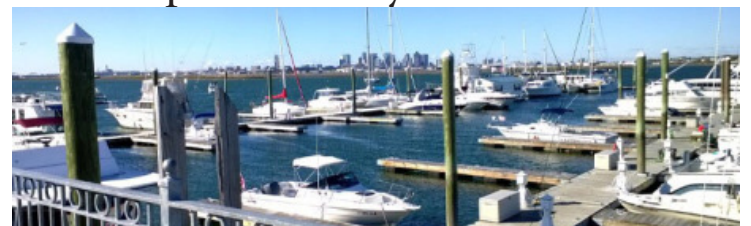
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