

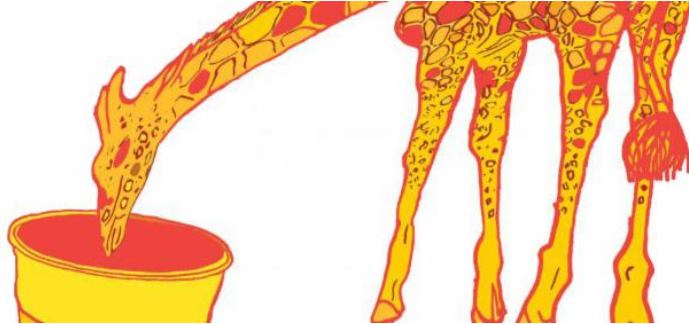
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Somerville Arts Council News

Events galore, volunteers wanted and a baby virus.

June 2019

Events - mark your calendars!



Get out your dancing shoes, head to Union Sq., and celebrate your pride at the BIG GAY DANCE PARTY this Saturday!

June events

Saturday, June 1, 5:30-8:30pm

Big Gay Dance Party

Union Square Plaza

Sunday, June 2, 2-6pm (RD June 9), 2-6pm

SomerStreets/Carnaval!

Lower Broadway, East Somerville

Sunday, June 2, 4-8pm

Nibble fundraiser for Venezuela at Bow Market

Bow Market, 1 Bow Market Way, Union Sq.

Saturday, June 15, 12-6pm (RD June 16)

Joe's Jazz & Blues Festival

Powderhouse Park

Saturday, June 15, 5-10pm

Ball Square Night Market

Ball Square

Thursday, June 27, 6-10pm (RD June 28)

Somerville Fireworks

Trum Field

Sunday, June 30, 12-5pm (RD July 7)

Nepal Festival

Union Square Plaza

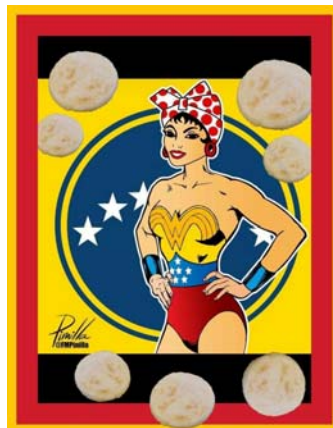
Big events down the line...

July 13: **ArtBeat Festival**

July 20: **Winter Hill Night Market**

August 4: **SomerStreets/Holland Street**

August 10: **Ignite Festival**



Head to Bow Market this Sunday for the Nibble fundraiser for Venezuela. Let's support the cause, by devouring arepas.

Baby virus coming to ArtBeat



A small-scale test version of the virus that is coming to Davis Square at ArtBeat.

Don't worry! We've also got heaps of fantastic music, dance, food, activities lined up. Stay tuned!

Did we get your attention? Oh good. As you may have heard, we're teaming up with the office of Sustainability and Environment for our "Consumed" theme for this year's [ArtBeat Festival](#) (7/13). We will have many activities, exhibits and installations addressing how we all consume - with a focus on how this affects our planet. The goal is to get folks thinking and promote positive change!

One installation will be "Baby Virus" by artist Wen Yu. Yu's piece will address how our carbon footprint affects global warming, and thus affects the global virus/disease landscape. Yu is interested in addressing how climate change is already affecting the disease landscape (the spread of diseases like dengue, for example) - but also wants to focus on what we all can do to help change this.

Leading up to ArtBeat, we encourage everyone to think about consumption: 12 Things you can do on an ongoing basis: [Somerville Sustainability Guide](#)

Check out the snazzy artwork



This year's ArtBeat poster was designed by Atabey Sanchez. This is an early draft and we can't wait to see the finished product!



As usual, artist Jef Czekaj knocks it out of the park. Behold: the new and wildly apt ArtsUnion poster.

Volunteer with us and we'll love you forever



Volunteers running the Nose Olympics spice-smelling booth at Ignite last year.

The warm weather is upon us and that means our non-stop festival machine is in motion. Two of our biggest festivals are ArtBeat and Ignite, and we'd be tickled if you'd consider helping us out and volunteering. Thanks in advance!

ArtBeat: Saturday, July 13 (day & night) (rain date: July 14). Volunteers needed for: dogtag sellers, info. table greeters and activity volunteers.

Ignite Street Food and Fire Festival: Saturday, August 10, 6-10:30pm (rain date: August 11). Volunteers needed for set up, activities and break down.

How to volunteer: Send an email to SAC volunteer ringleader Heather Balchunas: hbalchunas (at) somervillema.gov

¡CARNAVAL!



The ever-dapper Grupo Los Nitidos will be performing at Carnival this Sunday in East Somerville.

Head on down to "Eastie" this Sunday (June 2) for Carnival. From 2-6pm on Broadway between McGrath Highway and Pennsylvania Ave. We'll have two stages of music, interactive activities, a flea and artisan market - and a slew of community organizations. Carnival is organized by the City of Somerville, the Somerville Arts Council, and East Somerville Main Streets.

Acts include, Grupo Los Nitidos , Grooveristy , Tarciso Alves & Forró Roots , Veronica Robles Female Mariachi , Torito Pinto Music Band and Camilla Latin Jazz. Listen to a concert from our very own string section from El Sistema and learn capoeira with Sinha Capoeira . Beyond that, we've got international eats to die for, a bouncy house and a fire truck to explore! Read more details about the lineup here: [Carnaval](#).

Eat, drink - and support Venezuela!



Nibble stars Carolina Garcia and Carolina Salinas invite you to eat arepas this Sunday and support their native Venezuela, which is experiencing the worst humanitarian crisis in the Western Hemisphere. Don't miss this delicious philanthropic event!

After you've checked out Carnival this Sunday, head to Bow Market to enjoy delicious Venezuelan arepas while listening to traditional Venezuelan music by Juan Carlos Ruiz -all while supporting the people of Venezuela during a time of devastating hardship. It will be a good time for a great cause.

The masterminds of this event are "Las Carolinas," two Venezuelan natives who are part of the Nibble team and soon-to-be star chefs at the Nibble Kitchen in Bow Market. Currently in Venezuela there are food shortages, electricity blackouts, lack of medical supplies, and a security crisis. A good overview article is [here](#).

Nibble is partnering with several generous Bow Market businesses to support this cause. See all the details here: [Nibble Fundraiser for Venezuela](#).

Nibble Fundraiser for Venezuela
Bow Market, Union Square, June 2, 4-8pm

Jazz & Blues on deck: Plan your picnic now



Italy native Giuseppe Paradiso has performed internationally at festivals including the Panama Jazz Festival and the Newport Jazz Festival. Don't miss his latest band, Meridian 71, at Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest on Sat., June 15.

The brain child of Mayor Joe Curtatone, who played trumpet in the Somerville High School Jazz Band, the annual Jazz & Blues Fest will take over Nathan Tufts Park (Powderhouse Park) in Somerville from noon-6pm on July 15th. A great free concert in one of our city's prettiest parks: Can you really see any good reason not to go? Exactly.

Among the broad line up will be Meridian 71, an eclectic and international ensemble led by Italian drummer and composer Giuseppe Paradiso. The band's distinctive music is characterized by ongoing research into various music traditions and cultures, including jazz and improvised music to American, Mediterranean and African.

Other bands are: Somerville High Jazz Band, Joe Bargar & the Soul Providers, the Ken Field Nonstandards, Shokazoba, and BJ Magoon and Driving Sideways.

[Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival lineup](#)

Night Markets popping up in Ball and Magoun



The Union Square night market was packed; we're hoping for equally lively scenes at our two upcoming markets!

We have teamed up with the awesome folks at the Somerville Flea to present a trio of night markets into the mix this season. The first one took place in Union Square on the evening following Porchfest, and was a massive success.

Up next are two more night markets, which will be filled with one-of-a-kinds wares, music, and even a beer garden. So mark your calendars!

[Ball Square Night Market](#), Sat., June 15, 5pm-10pm

[Winter Hill Night Market](#), Sat., July 20, 6pm-10pm

BIG. GAY. DANCE. PARTY.



Get out your blue eye shadow and come on down to Union Square to kick off Pride Month!

The Somerville Arts Council is thrilled to announce the third annual [Big Gay Dance Party](#), as part of its ArtsUnion Series. There will be great beats and performers, as well as local organizations who will be there to share their information. If you haven't been to this ridiculously fabulous and boisterous event before, you're missing out!

So, join us for a free, outdoor dance party for all LGBTQ+ individuals and allies!

Come celebrate the beginning of Pride month in June. Join us for the third annual city-sponsored LGBTQ+ dance party to celebrate pride month!

There will be music from Lunamariposa and drag performances by Amanda Playwith and Severity Stone!

Photobooth! Ice Cream! and more!

LGBTQ+ organizations will be tabling!

This Saturday (June 1), 5:30 - 8:30pm, Union Square Plaza

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