

# Howard Street Lofts

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## CATCH YA LATER ALLIGATOR!

**ELLIE MOVES SOUTH FOR THE WINTER [AND NEXT SUMMER]**

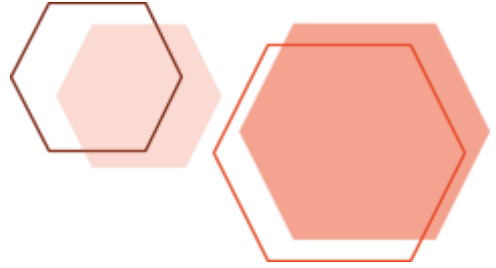
As you may recall from the last issue Ellie is off to Austin for a Post-Doc position for a year. A social gathering was held Aug. 29 to say goodbye, for now.





# NEW NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME NICK &



KATIE

Hi everyone! We are 30-1 and are thrilled to join the community. We both grew up in the Boston area and are returning home after living in Washington, DC and Chicago for the last 13 years. Both of us work in the medical field. We love to travel, hike, ski, and cook, and we are looking forward to meeting all of you.

## PETS OF HSL

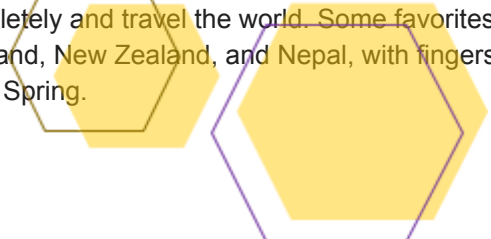
Everyone meet Odin!  
He lives in 20-3 with some humans. Odin is a Bouvier pupper and already misses his pal Sounder.



## MEET THE TRUSTEES

SCHILLER

Hello everyone. So, I'm Allen (AI is fine) in 50-4 and one of your relatively new trustees. I just joined the trustees in April of this year, so am admittedly still on a long learning curve for a great many things. I've been in the community since 8/2011, however. I spent about 7 years in Medford prior to hopping over to Davis Square. Not an MA native, I grew up just outside a relatively small city in WI, just as you get into some serious farm country. I eventually made way to MA after stints in Fort Lauderdale and New Orleans for school and training, but landed here for internship, fellowship, and have since been on staff as a neuropsychologist in a local hospital and adjunct faculty with HMS. Day to day, I'm managing the department, directing the fellowship program through which I matriculated, and seeing patients and consulting, all of which translates to lots of paperwork, reading, and writing.... more than I'd ever have imagined. In the gaps, I try to hit the Minuteman with my bike as much as possible or get out of dodge completely and travel the world. Some favorites so far have been Poland, New Zealand, and Nepal, with fingers crossed for Chile in the Spring.







## COMMUNITY COOLING UPDATE

Unfortunately, the progress we had hoped for in September was delayed by other distractions. We have reviewed multiple awning and window film options per the feedback from several in private communications. We will be back in October with a better more comprehensive update!

I have included a picture of the ivy passive cooling for your enjoyment.

## Recycling Bin

Did You Know . . .

The most recycled material in the world is steel - from industrial and commercial construction. Our own Association's former resident/owner and sculptress extraordinaire, Cat Tweedie-Ball, found a whimsical way to re-use construction waste for all our benefit, beautifully repurposing it into bike racks and a planter, 'Strong Woman.'

The U.S. generates 66 million tons of recycled waste annually, one-third of which was, until last January, processed in China, which stopped accepting our recyclable waste then. Several Pacific northwest communities in Oregon and Washington have been forced to divert as much as 20% of their recyclables to landfills while they search for alternative processors.



### What's Your Recycling Conundrum?

Scott With Stuff writes: We're trying to declutter and need to get rid of a bunch of still usable items. What options are out there?

Dear Scott with Stuff,

**FREECYCLE IT AT [WWW.FREECYCLE.ORG](http://WWW.FREECYCLE.ORG)!**

The only prohibitions (besides selling stuff) are pets, food/compost and services, though each group (Cambridge, Wellesley, Somerville, Medford - you get the idea) has its own rules, such as whether you can post links and/or photos. Sometimes, you need a photo hosting site, like the iCloud, to post pictures. You sign up through [Freecycle.org](http://Freecycle.org) using your Yahoo! account.

On the right-hand side of the main page you'll see a tab marked 'Your Posts.' Click that, and it'll take you to a page that shows your posts, which also contains a link to 'Make a Post.' Click that, and you'll be sent to a page with a .php that asks you to select from a drop-down menu whether your item is a 'WANTED' item, or an 'OFFER.' Then, select the group you want to post to from the next drop-down menu, describe the item briefly in the title, and further describe it in the description box below.

Items that contain dimensions and color and attach links to photos go quicker than those that don't. You'll receive an email to your Yahoo! email account from people who wish to claim the item, with whom you arrange a convenient time and day for pick up - usually, off your front porch. Avoid back stories on your posts, such as 'My brother finally got his own place, but he left a bunch of his old gaming

equipment he no longer wants, and I need the stuff gone,’ and don’t include your contact info., but if you want stuff gone quickly state that earliest responders will get preference.

You can sign up to get posts individually, as they’re made, or get one ‘digest’ post at the end of the day. Each has its benefits. If you’re a student in need of a whole kitchen full of wares, getting a lot of emails quickly might be better than a digest since other students new to the area are likely doing the same thing, while if you’re looking for, say, Joni Mitchell vinyl, probably a digest would work.

[www.trashnothing.com](http://www.trashnothing.com) aggregates local freecycling groups’ posts in one inbox and easily allows you to post pictures of your items without using an outside photo hosting site.

*And for those choice items . . .*

If you’re in no hurry to get rid of choice items, such as turntables, you might want to consider converting them into contributions for your favorite charity, such as Somerville Elder Services, by posting it on [letgo.com](http://letgo.com) using their handy-dandy app. Make the item a reasonable price to catch more people’s attention, if you anticipate posting more items.

That’s a great win-win-win-win for you, your charity of choice, bargain hunters *and* our planet.

**Don’t forget . . .**

Garden cleanup generates lots of leaves and grass clippings, which can be bagged in lawn and leaf bags and left for city pick up Monday mornings with the regular trash now through December, while houseplants may be composted year-round.

**And finally . . .**

When polled recently about the weirdest thing Association residents have, or have seen, recycled/reused, random responses included a commode, which was freecycled to a person anticipating post-surgical convalescence and a size 28 pair of Levi’s with a wife beater, also freecycled.



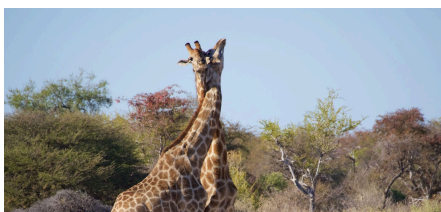
## Lofts Community events/Notices

- [FOR BIKE PATH CONSTRUCTION UPDATES FOLLOW THIS LINK](#)

- Have you applied for new visitor parking permits? [HERE](#) is a link to do that if you have not yet done so!

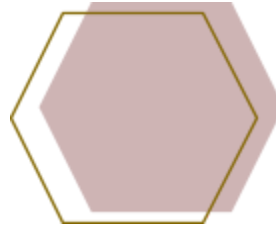
- Sam & Sarah’s Trip to Africa

- Sam & Sara’s summer vacation trip was to South Africa and Namibia, where they saw creatures ranging from giant grasshoppers to poisonous snakes, dassies to lions. Ask them to regale you with tales and photos if you want more!



# AROUND SOMERVILLE

## WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE 'VILLE?



[DOCENT TOUR OF THE OLD POWDER HOUSE](#) - 09/22/2018 - 10:00am; THU, 10/04/2018 - 5:00PM; SAT, 10/27/2018 - 10:00AM

[DOCENT TOUR OF MILK ROW CEMETERY](#) - 09/20/2018 - 6:00PM; SUN, 10/07/2018 - 2:00PM; THU, 10/18/2018 - 6:00PM

[UNION SQ. LANDSCAPE: LOOKING FORWARD AND BACKWARD](#) - SUN, 09/23/2018 - 2:30PM

[BEHIND THE SCENES FILM SERIES WITH DAN KIMMEL](#) - TUE, 09/25/2018 - 10:00AM

[FREE YOGA AT PROSPECT HILL PARK](#) - TUE, 09/25/2018 - 4:00PM

[FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC](#) - THU, 09/27/2018 - 10:00AM; TUE, 10/16/2018 - 10:00AM; THU, 10/25/2018 - 10:00AM & 4:00PM

[GREEN LINE EXTENSION \(GLX\) DROP-IN Q&A / INFO TABLE](#) - SAT, 09/29/2018 - 3:00PM; SUN, 09/30/2018 - 11:00AM

[A CELEBRATION OF SPACE](#) - WED, 10/10/2018 - 7:00PM

[DOCENT TOUR OF PROSPECT HILL TOWER](#) - THU, 10/11/2018 - 6:00PM & SAT, 10/20/2018 - 10:00AM

[MONSTER MASHED-UP @ SOMERSTREETS](#) - SUN, 10/14/2018 - 2:00PM

[CHRISTMAS GIFT GLASS ART WITH LINDA COHEN](#) - TUE, 10/16/2018 - 10:30AM & TUE, 10/23/2018 - 10:30AM

[COFFEE & MUSIC](#) - TUE, 10/30/2018 - 10:30AM