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COOLING PROJECT IS BACK ON!

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NEW COMMUNITY MEMBER

BILL SARDELLA

Bill Sardella has lived in the Davis Square Lofts for nearly 2 1/2 years now after relocating from Washington, DC. First landing a rental in B1, owning in B4, and now a final stop at 50-5! An attorney by day for a global biotech, a father to 3 daughters, Army Veteran, and an avid athlete, foodie and world traveler. Originally from Upstate NY, I have lived all over the country and have called 6 different states (NY, NJ, VA, TX, MD, MA) home. Now by choice, a Bostonian! Feel free to stop by anytime to chat and get to know each other.

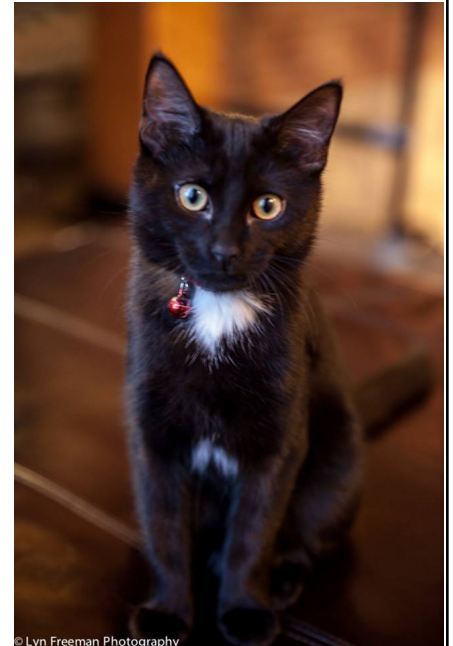
MEET THE TRUSTEES

Sam Gerstein is the newest Trustee, but has been a long-time resident. He moved into 20-2 by himself in 2011, and now shares it with Sara, and Diego the orange tabby. Sam grew up in Jamaica Plain, and has lived in Somerville for the vast majority of his years since graduating college (he claims to be a Bostonian despite having spent the first two years of his life elsewhere). He works as a programmer at Twitter, bicycling or motorcycling to the Kendall Sq. office when the weather's good. He loves making and fixing things, and you'll often find him tinkering with some project at the condo or at the Artisan's Asylum near Union Square. Sam has been involved with the working of the Lofts since moving here, from helping with bylaws updates, to a 2013 cooling committee, to pond maintenance, and hopes to continue to build the community that we all share.

PETS OF HSL

FREDDIE

Introducing Federica-Isabel Romanov (Freddie): Freddie is a 5-year-old feline resident of our community who lives in Unit 50-1. Her roommates, Guillermo and Scott, describe her personality as "mercurial." As a street-level dweller, she keeps our community safe by regularly monitoring the windows looking out on the Howard Street side, the loading zone (she has a perch on the window that lets her see over the bushes), and the stairs leading down to the garage. Residents can rest peacefully knowing that she is performing this duty periodically throughout the night.



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LOFTS COMMUNITY EVENTS/ NOTICES

- The Bike Path Project is complete and the path is now open to the public!!!

AROUND SOMERVILLE

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE 'VILLE?



[RED SOX PARADE](#)— WED, 10/31/2018 – 11AM

[SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING](#) - THU, 11/01/2018 - 6:30PM

[FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC](#) - SUN, 11/04/2018 - 10:00AM, TUE, 11/06/2018 - 7:00AM & 4:00PM, THU, 11/08/2018 - 5:00PM, TUE, 11/20/2018 - 10:00AM

[VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARADE \(ALL-STAR SALUTE TO SERVICE\)](#) - SUN, 11/04/2018 - 12:00PM

[2018 STATE ELECTION](#) - TUE, 11/06/2018 - 7:00AM

[AFTERNOON AT THE THEATRE - IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE](#) - WED, 12/12/2018 - 1:00PM

POND NEWS

- **By ANDREW GRAD**

Record amounts of rainfall have soaked the ground. As this underground river of slow moving water flows into the pond, sump pumps are pumping thousands of gallons of excess water onto the surface of the pond. The pond has a sand bottom, but the ground is too wet to absorb all of the water flowing into the pond.

That underground water is around 60 degrees - far warmer than the average daily temperature. The larger koi love the warm water. So much so, that you can often find a circle of koi in the middle of the pond, facing one of the sump pump outlets. The warmer water keeps them active and hungry.

This time of year they would normally be fed just once a day. Right now they're being fed breakfast, lunch and dinner. And they don't seem to mind that it is always the same vitamin and mineral enhanced food.

The fish food is formulated for specific water temperatures. As the pond cools, the fish need food that is easier to digest. Not only do the ingredients change but also the percentages of protein and fiber.

It is critical this time of year that the koi are fed the proper food. Occasionally visitors to the pond will feed the fish some snack they have on hand. If you happen to notice any bad behavior please ask them if they have read the pond sign. If you still have a concern please email me. I can quickly scan the pond video.



