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The tower on the hill



As anyone in the city can tell you, Prospect Hill Tower is in severe need of repair.

By Harry Kane

Prospect Hill Tower needs some restoration. This has been the general consensus for some time now.

The tower is a 42-foot monument overlooking the Boston area, sitting above Union Square in Prospect Hill Park, where Munroe Street intersects with Bigelow Street.

Every year on Jan. 1, the city of Somerville holds an anniversary flag-raising event to commemorate our independence from the British Monarchy and the founding of our nation. And during the yearly event the public comes together and is entertained by the reenactment of George Washington and his colonial comrades in the raising of the first flag, now referred as the "Grand Union" flag.

While the tower did not exist back in 1776, it serves as a symbolic structure to remind us of the historical significance associated with our country's birth.

"Prospect Hill Tower is an icon in the city," says Brandon Wilson, executive director of the Somerville historic preservation commission.

Wilson says the tower has been deteriorating due to weather conditions and the passage of time. The city has done

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City puts prime property on the market

Plans for Davis Square hotel, Powder House School

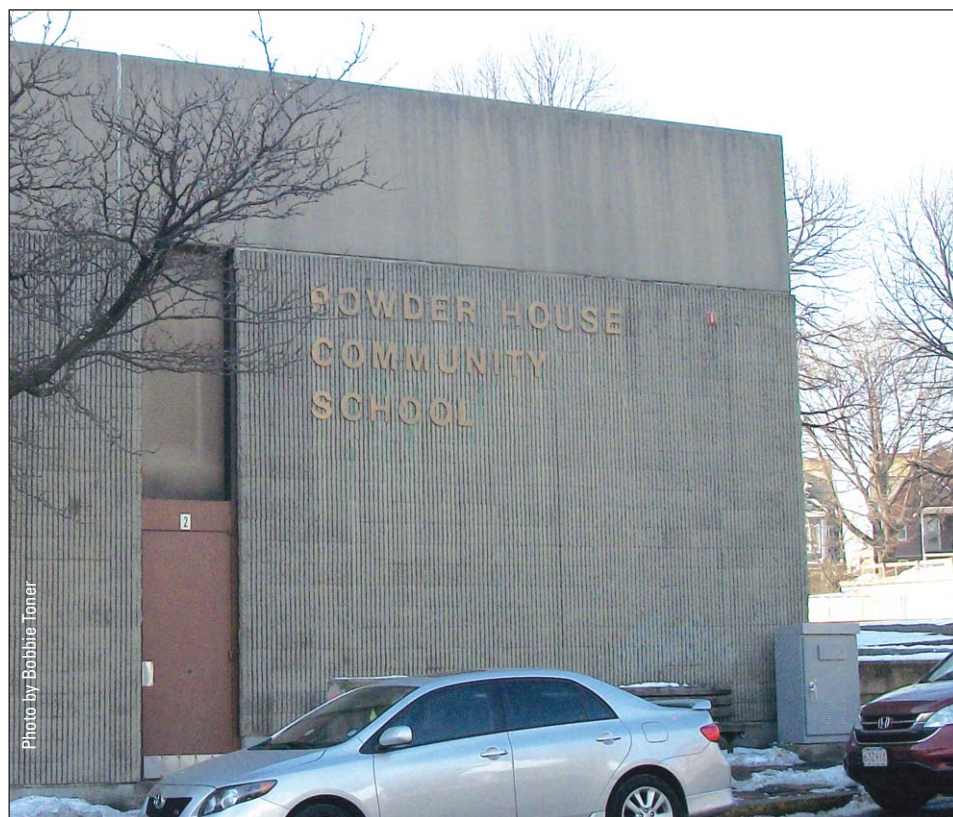
By Elizabeth Sheeran

Wanted: developers willing to turn a city parking lot into a quality hotel, or a shuttered school into a neighborhood asset. Benefits: Prime location in economically vibrant city. Cost: capital to buy and develop property, plus willingness to tailor project to community goals. Must work well with others.

Somerville city planners closed out 2012 by issuing Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for two development projects. The first would put a long-awaited hotel on the corner of Herbert and Day Streets in Davis Square, the current home of a 61-space parking lot. The second RFP would sell off the former Powder House Community School near Teele Square, which has been closed since 2004, and gives prospective buyers a wide range of options for developing the site.

Money from both property sales will go into the city's Capital Improvement Fund for long-term projects. The Davis

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NEWTALK

The new year is off to a good start. The State of the City Mid-Term Address by the Mayor was a positive note, at least. A lot of things will be happening in the city, especially down in the eastern part.

One candidate has emerged down in Ward 1, sort of officially/not officially, if you get what we mean. Lifelong resident and businessman Elio LoRusso has been making all the moves down there, calling people, lining them up and getting commitments. We hear he's in it to win it, with an official announcement to be made soon. Maureen Bastardi, newly appointed Alderman in Ward 1, will be doing the same, we hear. And there just might be one more person who is considering running, but for now that person has asked not to be named.

The Ward 1 School Committee vacancy is looking more and more like a farce. Resumes will be gathered and then reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools and submitted to the full board for a vote. The school committee's gang of 6 all from other wards are going to select who will represent Ward 1 on the Board from a list of resumes submitted by the person's potential boss? We hear that Mark Niedergang, Ward 5 School Board member, is leading the charge on this one. What's so transparent about submitting a resume, and to whom? What criteria are they looking for? Kids in the school? Taxpayer? Involved resident? Or maybe one of the friends of other members that agree and will potentially vote with others on the School Board? Or just maybe the Superintendent might be protecting his job by going through the resumes and making sure he has a vote there to continue his contract? Why not just do what has been done for decades and vote on Ms. Barstardi's recommended candidate, who knows more about Ward 1 than the person leaving?

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to New Years Eve...sure has changed!

A. Moore says:

The year I got married 1967 I also bought my first brand new car. On New Years it was supposed to snow and it did. We decided to play it safe and stay home as I didn't want to have an accident with the new car. Woke up the next morning and here is my car in my driveway where I left it. Someone had hit my car in the driveway and took off. As for New Years now I can barely make it to 10pm. But next year always arrives even without my help.

j. connelly says:

What was really nice was that there were many affordable places in Somerville where you could go for New Years. What was even better was that you could walk to many of them and not have to worry about driving, thus it made it safer for you. There are places today but not as many. Yes when you look back those years were a lot better than today.

david lee says:

Sometimes I was driving the Wagon!!!!

George Parigian Jr. says:

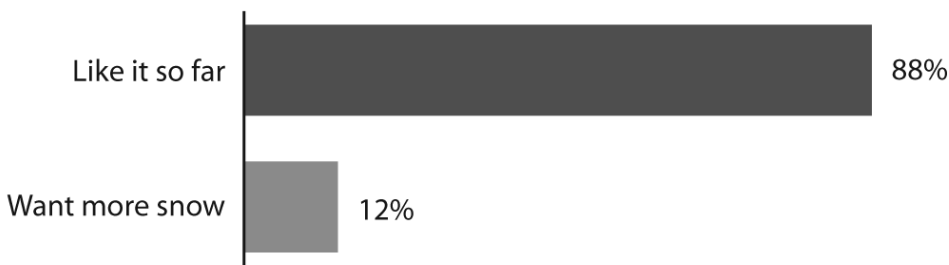
Jimmy, How well I remember those days. You are right, New Years Eve isn't what it used to be. Guy Lombardo is gone, no more boozing, wild parties, ect. It seems like New Years Eve is just a formality, a footnote in the year's events. I have lived in Somerville for 57 years at the same address, and seen many changes. It's still a pretty good place to live and has everything you need and want, but as we know nothing ever stays the same, and I guess we just have to make the most of it.

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you are enjoying this winter's weather so far or would you like to see more snow. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Are you enjoying this winter's weather so far or would you like to see more snow?



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Ward 1 looks for new School Committee member

By Harry Kane

A special "open process" selection will unfold over the next month to decide the incoming Ward 1 School Committee member.

This began when Ward 1 Alderman William M. Roche resigned from his post and became the Mayor's personal assistant.

A new Alderman was sworn in - Her name: Maureen Cuff Bastardi, formerly the Ward 1 School Committee member.

And, that's how a vacancy in the School Committee opened up, but there's been a question ever since as to how to select the new School Committee member for Ward 1.

Ward 1 comprises of three schools: Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood Center, East Somerville Community School, currently closed, and the Next Wave Full Circle Alternative School.

In this state of affairs, no public election will be held, say School Committee members.

Instead, the eight remaining School Committee members will decide amongst themselves who will become the next Ward 1 representative.

Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi says he hasn't seen this circumstance before. According to School Committee members, the Somerville Charter states that if there's less than a year between the resignation and the next election, the School Committee votes in the successor.

Superintendent Pierantozzi made clear that he has no involvement in choosing the next School Committee representative. "It's my obligation and responsibility to facilitate the decisions made by the school committee," says Pierantozzi.

The School Committee has chosen to make the process public. Individuals who are interested in applying for the position

should do so by Jan.10, 2013, according to Pierantozzi.

"They will be discussing the process, according to what I am aware of at this time, in public," says Pierantozzi. "Therefore anyone who either wishes to attend, or...it may even be that one of the meetings is telecast, I'm not sure, because the process has not been finalized at this time, to my knowledge."

In this scenario, Superintendent Pierantozzi functions as the Secretary to the School Committee - he will be receiving the applications.

Upon receiving the applications from prospective candidates, Pierantozzi will transfer the documents to the current School Committee members for an assessment of the applicants. "I would be shocked if I was asked by any member of the School Committee regarding the individual or individuals who express interest," says Pierantozzi.

To add to this unusual scenario, The Somerville Charter has limited guidelines for nominating a candidate for school committee. "There's no official guidelines as to what constitutes who you should vote for," says Ward 5 Committee member Mark Niedergang. "We have to develop criteria."

The only qualifications: the applicants must be a registered voter and live in Ward 1, according to city officials.

Meanwhile, The Somerville School Committee has laid out a process for application, inviting prospective Ward 1 residents to apply by Jan. 10, 2013, until 5 p.m.

"We haven't determined exactly how we will go forward in terms of interviewing people," says Niedergang, "but we will be interviewing people in public. And then we will make a decision."

Niedergang is interested in



Newly appointed School Committee Chair Mary Jo Rossetti says she is determined to keep the selection process on track.

seeing somebody "who is qualified. Ideally a parent affiliated with one of the schools." He notes that a predominantly immigrant community in Ward 1 may play a role in the decision-making process for the candidate.

"I think the different people who are now on the School Committee would probably tell you eight different things about what they are looking for," says Niedergang.

There could be a lively debate and Niedergang looks forward to the "open process."

Maureen Cuff Bastardi made her recommendation but apparently she has no say in the process.

"I did submit a name for School Committee," says Bastardi. The person Bastardi recommended is named Steve Roix.

"He is an active member of the Ward 1 community," says Bastardi. Roix serves as a member on the Capuano School Council.

Bastardi feels that, "Steve will do the job with an open mind, a clear head and with no political agenda."

But the School Committee did not take Bastardi's recommendation.

"I was aware that they were go-

ing to start this process. I told them that I respected their right to have this process, but I didn't necessarily agree with it."

Years ago, while her children were enrolled in Somerville schools, Bastardi started out as a liaison between Somerville's city-wide council of PTA's and the School Committee. And after 9 years she was elected as Ward 1 School Committee member in 2004.

Now, as Ward 1 Alderman, Bastardi has an opinion about what kind of person should replace her as Ward 1 School Committee member. "I want someone who is involved in the community. I want someone who is hard-working and open-minded and intelligent and kind-hearted...I wouldn't want someone going in there with a political agenda," she says.

Bastardi wants the School Committee members to remember that time is of the essence. "I did tell the School Committee that they would be doing a grave injustice by not filling my seat as soon as possible, because the residents of Ward One really do deserve somebody on the School Committee, right now. They deserved it three weeks ago when

this happened," she says.

But the "open process" has just started and it may take until Feb. 4 to find out who will be the new Ward 1 School Committee member.

Maureen Cuff Bastardi and Mary Jo Rossetti have been School Committee colleagues for the last seven years. Rossetti will be assuming the role as chair of the Somerville School Committee and therefore has to guide the discussion in electing the new School Committee member.

While Rossetti says she is grateful for Bastardi's recommendation, and respects her judgment, Rossetti went on to say that she had "never met this gentleman before," referring to Steve Roix.

Yet, Rossetti says, "I am the one that asked the School Committee to honor Bastardi's wishes, and for the School Committee to make this decision in a timely fashion."

Rossetti will be serving as Chair of the School Committee for 2013 and will be overseeing the decision.

"As Chair of the School Committee I'm going to make sure that we stay on task and on target," says Rossetti.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Gunshots fired, police chase follows

Police responded to reports of gunshots being fired on Gilman St. Monday night.

As police units arrived, officers were informed that the suspects, including one who had allegedly fired a gun, had fled the area by car, headed towards Broadway.

A Somerville police unit reportedly spotted a vehicle matching the description provided by witnesses and began following it.

The suspect's car then accelerated and a chase into Medford

and then back into Somerville ensued.

At one point, the suspect's car reportedly struck a curb at Powder House Blvd. and Leonard St., where the occupants exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

A search of the area was conducted by Somerville Police, with the assistance of Medford Police and Massachusetts State Police. K-9 units from Somerville and State police were also utilized in the search.

Three suspects, one a juvenile,

were reportedly found hiding in various outdoor locations throughout the neighborhood. They were taken into custody, along with a loaded firearm that one of the suspects reportedly led police officers to.

Avis Medrano, 23, Alexis Gonzalez, 20, and a juvenile, 15, all of Charlestown, have been charged with Carrying a firearm without a license, possession of ammunition without a FID card, and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building.



The suspect's car came to a stop at the intersection of Powder House Blvd. and Leonard St.

He could have been a meat eater

A Somerville police officer, working a paid detail at the Market Basket store on Somerville Ave. last Sunday morning, was alerted to the activities of a suspected shoplifter.

The store manager told the police officer that he had been watching a man in the store as he reportedly placed items into the knitted sleeves of a jacket that he was carrying.

The manager further said that he observed the suspect leave the store and meet with an individual who was driving a vehicle.

The suspect then reportedly re-entered the store and began filling the sleeves of the jacket once again.

The officer and the store manager then watched as the suspect once more left the store without purchasing any merchandise.

The officer noted that the jacket the man was carrying seemed bulky, as if something was being carried inside of it.

As the suspect reached the store parking lot the police officer and store manager confronted him, at which time he began to run from them.

The suspect reportedly tripped and fell and the police officer was able to keep him from running away.

The suspect struggled and resisted the officer's attempts to restrain him with handcuffs, according to reports.

The suspect was eventually handcuffed and the contents of the jacket he was carrying was examined.

The officer reportedly retrieved six packages of meat from the man's jacket, the value

of which was estimated to be in excess of \$120.

The suspect, Jayson Hebert, 41, of Everett, was placed under arrest and charged with shoplifting by asportation and resisting arrest.

It was later learned that an active warrant for shoplifting by concealing merchandise was also in effect and Hebert was booked for that as well.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Edward Chambliss, 45, of 109 Fairmont St., Malden, December 31, 10:03 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and open container in a motor vehicle.

Anthony Carrington, 30, of 4 Elliot St., Medford, December 31, 10:42 a.m., arrested at 211 Pearl St. on a warrant charge of threat to commit a crime.

Christopher Compoh, 21, of 144 College Farm Rd., Waltham, January 1, 3:17 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding.

Ricardo Mendez, 34, of 181 Kennedy Dr., Malden, January 2, 7:32 p.m., arrested at Delaware St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

James Killackey, 29, of 66 Fifth St., Cambridge, January 3, 7:45 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on charges of disorderly conduct, threat to commit a crime, resisting arrest, and violation of city ordinance open container.

Anthony Huguley, 24, of 37

Sydney St., January 4, 11:31 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of armed robbery.

Ronald Watson, 27, of 80 River Rd., January 4, 4:10 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Aaron Amado, 21, of 13 Clarence St., Everett, January 5, 12:40 a.m., arrested at 67 Gov. Winthrop Rd. on a charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering of a boat or vehicle.

Edward Mahoney, 50, of 29 Minnesota Ave., January 5, 11:11 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of armed robbery.

Zachary Waters, 29, of 13 Wesley St., January 5, 1:17 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of attempt to commit a crime.

Michael Puntonio, 43, of 22 Mayberry Ave., Medford, January 5, 1:17 p.m., arrested at 13 Wesley St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Derin Harvey, 20, of 13 Se-wall St., January 5, 3:23 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Antonio Lacerda, 41, of 77

Grant St., January 6, 1:32 a.m., arrested at 608 Somerville Ave. on charges of disorderly conduct, destruction of property over \$250, and resisting arrest.

Jayson Hebert, 41, of 24 Gladstone St., Everett, January 6, 10:53 a.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on charges of shoplifting by asportation and resisting arrest, and on a warrant charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Felipe Cersosimo, 29, of 37 Roberts Rd., Cambridge, January 7, 12:50 a.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Incidents:

Theft:

January 1, 8:17 a.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

January 1, 12:31 p.m., police reported a theft at 22 McGrath Hwy.

January 2, 10:37 p.m., police reported a theft at Marshall St.

January 3, 11:34 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

January 3, 6:38 p.m., police reported a theft at 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy.

January 4, 12:56 p.m., police

reported a theft at Florence St.

January 4, 5:13 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

January 5, 1:49 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

January 6, 10:53 a.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

January 6, 2:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Gibbens St.

January 7, 10:34 a.m., police reported a theft at Cedar St.

Breaking & Entering:

January 1, 2:46 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at La Quinta.

January 1, 3:46 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cedar St.

January 2, 10:27 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

January 4, 4:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Upland Rd.

January 5, 2:08 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Dartmouth St.

January 5, 9:49 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Lowell St.

January 7, 2:35 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at

Ash Ave.

Vehicle Theft:

January 3, 6:35 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy.

January 4, 6:24 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Sycamore St.

January 4, 9:32 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Lincoln St.

Assault:

January 1, 4:49 a.m., police reported an assault at 230 Highland Ave.

January 1, 11:40 p.m., police reported an assault at Dartmouth St.

January 3, 10:33 a.m., police reported an assault at Meacham St.

January 3, 5:53 a.m., police reported an assault at Concord Ave.

January 4, 3:14 a.m., police reported an assault at Cross St.

January 5, 3:23 p.m., police reported an assault at Sewall St.

January 6, 8:32 p.m., police reported an assault at High St.

Drug Violation:

January 7, 10:33 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Glen St.

City puts prime property on the market

CONT. FROM PG 1

Square lot is assessed at around \$1 million, but market forces could drive the sale price higher. "Location, location, location," said city Communications Director Tom Champion. He said there's no shortage of interest in the hotel project, which has been in the works since a 2006 consultant study found Somerville could support at least three more hotels, including one in the Davis Square area.

"There are a number of factors that contribute to the idea that this is a good site for a hotel. Certainly the proximity to Tufts and Harvard and MIT is one of them," said Champion. "But there's also been significant growth in the economy in that area." He said Somerville is also getting recognized as a general travel destination, "for the crafts-based, make-your-own fun, many-streets-festivals quality of life here."

According to the RFP, the city will only sell to a developer with plans to build a hotel. It doesn't spell out the size or type of hotel, but refers prospective buyers to the 2006 study, which suggested a 100 to 125-room select or limited service hotel along the lines of a Courtyard by Marriot or a Hampton Inn, or a boutique hotel like Starwood.

Proposals "must be sensitive to quality of life issues affecting the local community and should attempt to minimize traffic, shadow, outdoor lighting, noise impacts and odor while maximizing landscaping, providing adequate setbacks, and screening transformers and rooftop utilities." The city is looking for a development team with a proven record building hotel projects and working with the community. The RFP "strongly encourages" environmentally-friendly designs. And developers get extra points for including

publicly accessible parking to replace the spaces being lost.

The city's operating budget will lose the roughly \$250,000 it gets each year from the parking lot's meter fees and fines. But Champion said there's a good chance that will eventually be replaced by hotel room taxes, given that Somerville earned over \$600,000 in room taxes last year from its two existing hotels, the LaQuinta and the Holiday Inn.

And room taxes are just one piece of the expected economic benefit from the project. A hotel will create new jobs in the service sector. It will generate commercial property taxes from a site that isn't generating any tax revenue today. And it will generate added business for the shops, dining and entertainment venues in the surrounding neighborhood.

Davis Square-based realtor Thalia Tringo said a hotel would add to the square's already-lively nightlife, but the real plus would come in the form of increased daytime foot traffic. "It would be a huge boon for the retail stores during the day," said Tringo. She added that neighborhood residents and businesses would rather not send their guests to stay in Cambridge hotels. "I'd rather see the room tax go to Somerville," she said.

Like the Davis Square hotel project, plans for the redevelopment of the Powder House Community School are also intended to turn an underused city asset into an engine for economic growth. But in this case the RFP leaves the door pretty wide open as to what developers can propose to do with the site.

Champion said the decision to sell the Broadway Avenue property caps a multi-year review that found it just too cost-prohibitive to retrofit the forty-year-old school building for any

kind of effective municipal use. An extensive community engagement process didn't reach any specific decisions about what kind of development should replace the school. "The RFP was predicated on an effort to pull out the most broadly held community viewpoints, but not otherwise try to characterize community preferences," said Champion.

The RFP lists options for the site that include commercial, office, research or residential uses, as long as the project adds value to the neighborhood. Buyers can either renovate the multi-level school building or tear it down and re-build from scratch. But any future structures can't occupy more than 60 percent of the 80,000 square foot property. The remaining 40 percent has to be kept as open space the public can use, with guaranteed pedestrian access from Broadway through to Holland Street.

The property value is currently assessed at just over \$7 million. But more than \$5 million of that is for the building, which may have no value to developers who plan to tear it down. There's no way to know how much Somerville's Capital Improvement Fund will get from the sale until buyers start bidding.

But the RFP makes it clear that purchase price is not going to be the deciding factor in choosing who gets to develop the site. The developer will have to reach out to the community and work with the city to get final approvals for the design, as well as the zoning changes needed to complete the project. And the RFP scoring is heavily weighted toward development teams who have shown they can do that.

Proposals for the Powder House Community School Property Disposition and Redevelopment are due by 11 a.m. on February 28. The submission deadline for the Davis Square Hotel Project is February 4. According to the RFP timelines, Mayor Joseph Curtatone is expecting to present preferred developers for both projects to the Board of Aldermen by sometime in March.

Champion said it's all part of the city's long-term strategy to actively manage development in Somerville. "Both of these projects are very much in keeping with the tenets of the SomerVision 20-year comprehensive plan," said Champion. "These are areas for change that have been envisioned for some time now."

Jay Street Fire



Photos by Bobbie Toner

Early Monday afternoon Somerville Fire Department responded to a garage fire at 20-22 Jay St. The first alarm was sounded at 1:32 p.m. and the working fire was sounded at 1:37 p.m. The fire was contained to the unattached garage and vehicle inside. Radiant heat caused the siding to melt on 24 Jay street, also causing some minor charring on 20 Jay St. The cause appears to be from combustibles stored to close to a wood burning stove. The all out was declared at 2:24 p.m.

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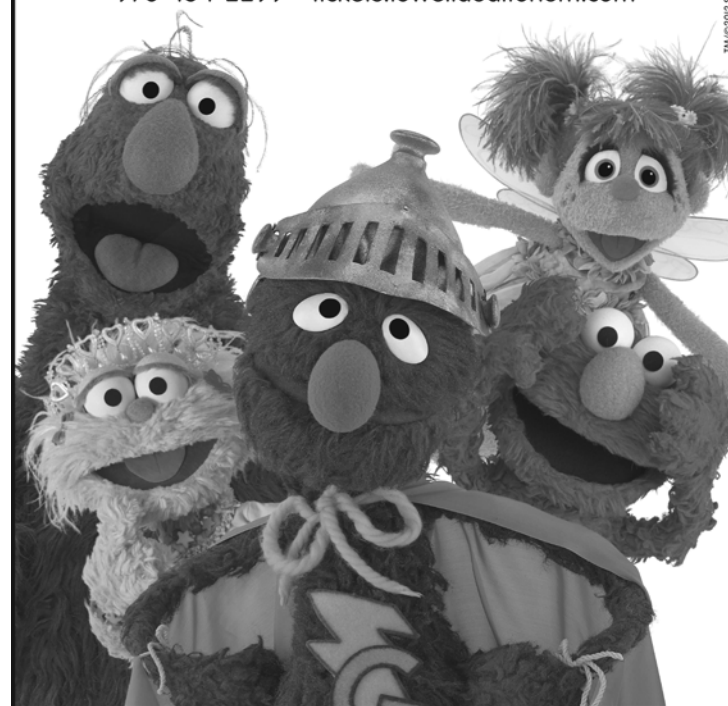
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Farewell to a good friend

Commentary

By Donald Norton

A good friend to many in Somerville passed away last week after a lengthy illness, and his passing doesn't go easy for the many people that he has touched over the years.

I knew of Bob from high school, even though I was a senior and he was a junior. Personally and more formally, I met Bob officially through a mutual friend named Brian Donovan who introduced us way back in the early to mid 70's when he was editor and writing for The Somerville News back then.

When he officially bought the paper my wife Pat went to work for him at the front desk for a short while as his first employee, thereby making our acquaintances more like a friendship.

Bob was very involved in politics back then. He worked for Tom August for Mayor, and once Tom was elected Bob had a job at City Hall.

Our paths would mix over the next couple of years throughout the city, both of us being activists here, though not necessarily on the same side. Those

were the days when you could work for a candidate and when the campaign was over there was none of the nasty stuff that goes on today; it was just over until the next time.

I joined the Masons in 1980 and our paths passed each other once again. He was very involved with DeMolay as an advisor and he soon got me involved with it too and got me on the Advisory board. After that we became good friends. The kind of friend you don't just say, "He's a friend of mine." He truly was becoming a close friend.

We often would talk about politics, the city and our businesses. He and I would both give advice to each other, have arguments together and then, two or three days later, we would have coffee and it would be like nothing happened.

His partner back then was John, whom both my wife and I got to know, along with Bob, as one of the nicest guys around.

When six others and I decided to open a real estate company on our own he would help us with the marketing and again we got to be closer in friendship.

He and I often talked about

the city, he being from West Somerville and me from East Somerville/Winter Hill, which, in days gone by, were only blocks away from each other but worlds apart. He and I often talked and agreed or disagreed on what the city was doing and who was being elected what they were doing. We were both happy with the turnover in the city, a constant thing that just happens over the years.

One day he called me and asked me to meet him at his favorite coffee shop, that he needed to talk to me. We met and he started talking about the paper, and how he was getting tired and wanted to do something else but didn't know exactly what. He wanted to retire and hand the reins of the paper over to me, because he trusted me to keep the paper going and make it something to be proud of. He often would tell me before we finalized the deal that he knew I had the same feelings for Somerville as he did and that I was not going anywhere and, like him, would be here until the end.

He loved The Somerville News and what he made of it over the years and told me he

wanted me to take it to the next level. It's been about 10 years now and he often told me that the paper was "ok" to my face, but I know he liked the job we're doing with the paper. I know deep down he was proud of it when he owned it and was equally proud of his reasons for letting me have the paper to continue with it.

Bob was a special person. A friend to many and many different groups of people that he has known over the years. He was a good friend to me in particular. I will miss him tremendously. His wit, his humor and his advice to me will be missed. I enjoyed having deep conversations with him, especially over this past year in his illness. He and I would talk for hours sometimes.

Even through his illness he would show concern for others. He constantly asked and talked about my wife Pat. He just thought the world of her, especially this past year when she was ill herself.

He was a good man, thoughtful and generous to many. He was all this but, more importantly, he was a man who suffered bravely through his illness

with such pain and agony. He has taught me and, hopefully, a lot of others that we have a lot to be thankful for in our lives and there is no obstacle that can't be conquered if you put your mind to it. When he was told he had only a few weeks to live back in September, we talked about him surviving to Christmas and, sure enough, his 99th life kicked in. Cats might have 9 lives, but Bob had 99.

We often think that the grass is always greener next door, when in fact next door has the same grass, though maybe a different shade. God bless him for his bravery, and I know he would want everyone to know that we should all get along better and be nicer about it. Not be mean or nasty, but have a better understanding of others before we condemn.

God has him now and he's sitting at a new coffee shop up there reading his paper and sipping his coffee, looking over the city. God bless and keep him. From my family to his family, we thank him for being a part of our lives.

To a good man and good friend, thank you Bob.



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Maria Curtatone sworn in as the first female Registrar of Deeds for South Middlesex County

By William Tauro

Newly elected South Middlesex County Register of Deeds Maria Curtatone was officially sworn into office early Wednesday morning by former Registrar Gene Brune.

The ceremony took place in the main courtroom of the Somerville Courthouse, located on the Fellsway in Somerville.

Later in the day a couple hundred friends, relatives, supporters and elected officials attended the ceremonial swearing-in at the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds located on Cambridge Street in East Cambridge.

Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin swore Registrar Maria Curtatone into office as the first woman to ever hold that position.



Maria Curtatone is the new Registrar of Deeds for South Middlesex County.

Somerville School Committee member is new President of State School Committee Association

On January 1, 2013 Mary Jo Rossetti, a seven-term member of the Somerville School Committee, became President of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC). She was elected to the position at the Association's annual meeting held in Hyannis on November 9, 2012.

One of the state's leading proponents for children and families, a youth sports director and Girl Scout leader, Mrs. Rossetti began her public advocacy work as a Secretary-Treasurer of the Powder House Community School PTA and as PTA President of Somerville High School. After several terms as the school council co-chair, she was elected to the Somerville School Committee in 1999 and, shortly thereafter became active in MASC, serving as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice Chair and Chair of MASC's Metropolitan Division (Division II). She became a member of the MASC Board of Directors in 2007 and was elected MASC Secretary-Treasurer in 2009, Vice President in 2010, and President-Elect in 2011. In addition, she has served on the

Resolutions Committee and chaired the MASC Personnel and Budget Committees.

Mrs. Rossetti has participated in several Federal Relations Network sessions in Washington, DC and served as a delegate to the National School Boards Delegate Assembly in 2010, 2011 and 2012. For the past two years she has also represented MASC on Governor Patrick's Local Government Advisory Commission, where she has emerged as a forceful and highly effective advocate for school funding, children's safety net issues, and the challenges school districts face in their efforts to educate and assist transient students and families. As the former chair of the MASC Advocacy Committee, she oversaw the creation of several MASC public policy resources for school finance in perilous economic times and for students at risk.

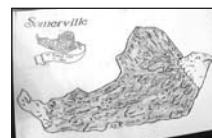
Mrs. Rossetti has also used her experiences serving students and families in economic crisis to focus on the plight of transient and mobile students, including many immigrants and migrant workers, who may move as often as 3-5 times each year in search

of employment and social stability. She was cited by legislative leaders for her role in helping to secure the nation's first legislation requiring the gathering of data and research in this area. In 2011, she carried the day at the NSBA Delegate Assembly securing support for her national initiative to address the needs of transient students and the school districts that serve them.

In addition to recognition by state and national advocates for children, Mrs. Rossetti was named Person of the Year by the Somerville PTA in 2008 and currently serves as the School Committee's legislative liaison. When she is not indoors as a public advocate, Ms. Rossetti also works outside with young people as Somerville's Open Air Circus Baton Twirling instructor.

MASC is a non-profit organization that represents more than 2,100 Massachusetts school committee members in over 330 local and regional school districts throughout the commonwealth, providing its members a wide range of training programs, policy development and administrator search services, as well as legal and advocacy support.

The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week

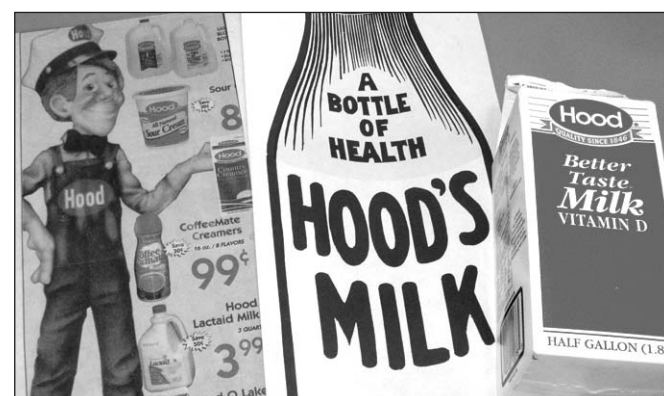


Eagle feathers #17

Three's company

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

During the 1800's, Somerville was a preferred location for new homes and attracted various business-minded people because of its proximity to Boston. Many of these professionals wanted their businesses to have a Boston address, but still desired to live in a suburb just outside of the city. It became one of Boston's most coveted bedroom communities. While this prompted many companies to set up shop near and around the Somerville border, three in particular come to mind as being true industry giants.



Had a glass of milk recently? If you have, there's a good chance that it was produced by the H.P. Hood & Sons Corporation. The company was founded in 1846 by Harvey Perley Hood. Over the last 168 years, it's grown into a \$2 billion business, making it the fourth largest dairy business in the country. The Hood plant, early on, straddled the Somerville line, with multiple dairy buildings scattered throughout the city. Harvey's family lived in various parts of Somerville and, as the company progressed, their residences included estates on Perkins Street, Walnut Street (on the Prospect Hill side), Benton Road and Westwood Road. H.P. Hood himself was one of the founders of the beautifully architected Congregational Church at the corner of Walnut Street and Bow, in Union Square. The exterior of the church remains relatively unaltered to this day. Members of the Hood family were represented in various areas of the city, including the Somerville School Committee and the Somerville Hospital Board of Trustees. The family business continues to thrive today and reminders of this can be seen not only on the shelf of your local supermarket, but in more prominent places such as the giant Hood bottle in front of the Boston Children's Museum and in the sky in the form of the Hood Blimp.

In 1846, Rufus Stickney took over his father's Boston-based spice business, becoming the sole proprietor of what was to become the Stickney & Poor spice company. He owned an estate, as well as other vast real estate holdings on Winter Hill, just off Broadway. Stickney Avenue, between School and Marshall, is named after him. The company was located in Sullivan Square on the corner of Cambridge & Spice Street, directly opposite of what is now the MBTA station. In 1893, he bequeathed \$5,000 to help launch Somerville Hospital. This was, at the time, 20% of the cost of the total hospital. Stickney & Poor is the oldest spice milling company in the United States and today the name Stickney & Poor remains alive on billions of condiments and spice packets. In 2015, it celebrates its 200th birthday.

Also in Sullivan Square, in the year 1861, William F. Schrafft started his famous candy company. This was the onset of the Civil War and a large item of his business was the sale of jellybeans to families, which they would send to their Union soldiers. The company grew tremendously and, at one time, Schrafft's restaurants could be found in Boston, New York city, Philadelphia and beyond. Amazingly, during the Great Depression, Schrafft's sustained no layoffs, because no matter how bleak things got, money for chocolates was somehow always managed to be found. If you have ever been to what is now the popular bar called The Independent, in Union Square, you might notice how beautifully ornate the interior décor and woodwork of the bar is. This is because it used to serve as the Schrafft's official boardroom. William Schrafft died in Somerville in 1906.

Many Somerville citizens found their occupations at these businesses and the three iconic Somerville-linked companies continue to live on in New England history.

COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Thanks Bob “Pub” Publicover" for your years of service to the community, that in so many ways affected a lot of different people.

The View From Prospect Hill



So now a “process” is underway to seek a replacement for outgoing Ward 1 School Committee member Bastardi. But just what kind of a process are we talking about here?

We know that Superintendent Pierantozzi will be gathering applications - and resumes - of people interested in the position and presenting them to the sitting

Committee members. We wonder, though, just what it is that makes an applicant worthy of being accepted as a member of this august body.

Are we looking for educators, professional administrators - just what, exactly? Is an everyday, hard working, tax paying, average parent of a kid going to a school in Somerville in the running at all?

Is there a certain litmus test for ideological compatibility with the present committee members? In other words, should “all others” need not apply?

A long standing precedent was scuttled when the Committee so discourteously disregarded Maureen Bastardi’s recommendation for her temporary replacement, in favor of this makeshift “process”

that is about to be played out.

The good part is that this will all unfold under the unflinching scrutiny of the public eye. As distasteful as it may be to be a witness to such “processes” in motion, it is vital that we do our parts as spoilers in this game of political intrigue.

That, fellow citizens, is how the sausage is really made.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Department, rumor has it that some sneaky behind the scenes things are going on about the choice of Errico Studios continuing its 75 years of distinguish service of being the school's studio. We hear that the guy that used to work for Errico and who took the school's pictures has left. Now we hear that a friend in high places in the School Department has convinced everyone to change from Errico Studios. It's also been overheard that they wanted to drop Errico Studio and work with the guy's new company. What a shame, 75 years of distinguish service the Errico Family has given here in Somerville. We also hear that this move isn't sitting well with some members of the School Board, but maybe the Superintendent is feeling his oats because they recently voted to extend his \$200K contract. Errico Studio has given a lot back to the city, and the Erricos have been a positive and productive family as well. Finally, we heard that when some people complained the front office referred to it as none of their business.

Well known activist Marty Martinez purchased a condo in Ward 4 back in September of 2010. Will he run in Ward 4, or will he and others talk an-

other Board member of the Somerville Community Corp. into running? It seems like either one or two from that Board of Directors chose to run for ward elections. In Ward 5, Mark the Shark (DJ name we hear from his Tufts days) Niedergang is out there to run against popular Alderman Sean O'Donovan. He's said to be calling even long time supporters of Sean to get them onboard with his campaign. Don't be surprised to see Ward 7 Alderman Bob Trane being offered a job somewhere, and if that happens Ward 7 will open up. The At-Large race has Sean Fitzgerald running, so with the four in office he will make five. We will keep you posted on what we hear out there.

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our fans here and around the 'Ville: Danny Kallis of the Arts at the Armory Café, Janene Donnelly, John Caruso, Marie DiMille Miele, as well as Ginny and Chuck Roche. Big Happy Birthday to Somerville Police sergeant Joe McCain and Officer Carlos Melo. Also, to old time Somerville guy Dominick Silvestri Jr. of the sign company in Magoun Square. And to popular guy around the city, Kevin O'Donovan, and our good friend and former Winter Hill lady,

Teresa Rodriquez who was married last year. To all a very Happy Birthday!

Condolences to the Baldasaro family on the recent passing of Joeann Baldasaro this past week. She was a friend to many here in Somerville, and she will be missed. Ms. Baldasaro was an inspiration and a dear friend.

Rumor has it that another building is about to become vacant. We heard through sources that CitiBank in Winter Hill was closing its doors, possibly by the end of January. How sad for those that work there, but also for Winter Hill. Yet another vacant place that brings down the community. Hopefully, the new Alderman Tony Lafuente is on top of what's going on on the Hill.

Somerville’s own brothers, Adon Goodpaster, 11, and Alek Goodpaster, 10 put their Pokémon trading card skills to the test on several dates in December during the Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG) City Championships in Somerville, MA, Nashua, MA, Medford, MA, and Hadley, MA. After a full day of head-to-head battles,

Adon and Alek were crowned City Champions in the Junior and Senior Divisions, earning them each City Championship trophies and Championship Points which count toward them potentially earning an invitation to the 2013 Pokémon World Championships in Vancouver, BC.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invite all interested community members to an informational community meeting to discuss upcoming renovations to Kenney Park (located at the corner of Highland Ave. and Grove St.). The meeting will be held at Ciampa Manor, 27 College Ave., tonight, Wednesday, January 9 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Luisa Oliveira at 617-625-6600 ext. 2529, or LOliveira@somervillema.gov.

Word has it that the city's Executive Director of Communications Tom Champion is resigning his post once again. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

COMMENTARY

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Remembering Bob Publicover



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Bob Publicover was a genuine local hero. When the publisher emeritus of *The Somerville News* and a onetime city employee died last week at the age of 63, Somerville lost one of its best-known and best-loved public citizens.

Bob was uncompromising in his desire to promote a just community, and unmatched in his ability to bring people together for the greater good. In his time in Somerville, he touched many lives - including mine - through his selfless devotion to his hometown.

I first met Bob two decades ago during his charity work for the Committee for a Response to AIDS, an organization he founded in 1985. As an activist, Bob was always civil, courteous and, often, warmly amusing, because he knew that in the end, those tactics would be more effective than bluster and grandstanding.

But his calm demeanor never obscured his deep passion for the community he loved, and Bob focused throughout his life on making Somerville a better, stronger city. He worked alongside Mayor Brune to get the Red Line to Davis Square. He founded *The Somerville News* with \$2,000 and the simple but powerful idea that immersive local coverage was a necessary precondition to informed policy discussion and decision-making. He helped generate over \$1 million for the Somerville High School scholarship fund. And that's just the beginning of what this admirable man did for our community.

If Bob saw something that he

thought harmed his neighborhood, he'd go after it. If he saw something that needed to be done, he took it upon himself to raise awareness about it, or just get the job done himself if he could. Everyone who worked with him has a tale to share of his resourcefulness and his determination.

He was, above all, someone who believed that the heart of any successful community and the base of any progress rests on personal responsibility.

He was, above all, someone who believed that the heart of any successful community and the base of any progress rests on personal responsibility. It was his desire, no matter the obstacle, to see people engage the bet-

ter angels of their nature in their efforts to effect positive change in their community. I think this was a sign of the great respect that he had for others. He refused to lose his faith in people, even when he wasn't always treated kindly.

And that happened far more often than it should have: Throughout his life, and despite his many admirers, Bob still had to deal with the worst in people. That's what he got for being a force for change. He knew he would face violence from bigots, but he came out as openly gay in 1988 anyway. Despite numerous death threats, he refused to lower his profile and he turned down police protection. He was not afraid of cowards and thugs, and if anything, his visibility skyrocketed. Those were the days where you could see him in the coffee shops, at the bars, and on the street, engaging other members of the community.

He saw activism as a duty, not a right. Maybe that's why he won so many accolades for jour-

nalism and community engagement. He'd often say that a good story is one that doesn't make the paper, usually having just solved another problem somebody had.

Bob saw a lot of change in his life. He was one of the world's earliest AIDS victims - and, at the time of his death, its longest-running survivor - but in the 30 years that he lived with the disease, he never once let it break his spirit. In 1992, Bob beat out Barney Frank to be named the Face of Gay Pride in Massachusetts by *Bay Windows* newspaper. And in 2011, he was finally allowed to marry as he wished, and wed David Le Bahn.

Bob lived his life by the principle that one man really can make a difference, that the prize is worth the struggle, and that - to borrow a phrase from Governor Patrick - we all need to put down our cynicism if we want to move forward. Those principles now become his enduring legacy.

Thank you, Bob Publicover. You will be missed.

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Kicking it old school: The Bingham



If you look around Somerville you will still see some grand old brick structures that used to be elementary schools. The Brown, on Willow Ave., which was built in 1900, is the last one still actually being used as a school. Some of them have been converted into condos, such as The Lowe School on Morrison Ave. and the Carr School on Atherton.

This week I am going to revisit The Bingham School that was on Lowell Street between Medford and Vernon Streets opposite Wilton. I feel closeness to The Bingham School because a lot of my friends attended, plus my grandfather Giuseppe (Joe) Del Ponte was a custodian there. One of my friends was a student there, and her mother actually owned a condo in the complex that replaced it. S. Lester Ralph was Mayor back in 1974 when the Bingham School, which was built in 1886, was ordered closed due to structural defects. The structure may be

gone, but the memories of The Bingham School live on.

Most of these recollections are from friends of mine who are now in their early 50's and 60's. Many of the former students still live in Somerville. They are random memories that I have strung together as a tribute to another lost Villen treasure.

A friend shares this: "I remember lining up outside by grade and then they (the teachers) walked you through the basement to your room. I also remember when there was a fire drill being scared to go down the rod iron stairs because I could see through the steps." "Lottie's was the little store where a lot of us Bingham students went for penny candy. I think it was near Richardson St." Someone my age (around 59) who attended told me that Bingham girls were not allowed to wear pants or slacks at the Bingham at one time. I'm not sure when that rule ended. There was also a cool shortcut on Franey Road (behind Trum Field) that the kids from around the

Cedar St. area used. Do you remember a little fruit store nearby where Yola and her sister worked? Sometimes they gave the kids free apples and peaches.

Another friend tells us, "When Miss Mackey came, my dad never missed a PTA meeting because she was a former Dallas Cowboy cheerleader." Fact or fiction? Someone remembers that, "Miss Malloy taught the fifth grade and I think she used to wash and iron her money, and also iron her cheese sandwiches." I heard this from more than one former student! This next story is a little scary. "I was in the office just before the entire ceiling light came crashing down and almost killed me. The very next day the school was condemned and closed and we were all sent to other schools." After the Bingham School close its doors forever, the 329 students were bused to other schools including the aforementioned Brown.

Here are some more Bingham School teachers' names that my friends remembered. Mrs. Laidlaw, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Dwyer, Mr. Buckley (The Princi-

pal who always wore a bow tie), Miss Driscoll, Miss Correy, Miss Wiggins, Miss Albania, Mr. McDonald, Miss Crowley, and Miss Ricci.

Fond and happy memories of their old red brick school include the smell of mimeograph machine copies, playing punch ball and kick ball in the school yard at recess with their friends, and milk money being 15 cents a week. And to this day no one can actually confirm whether or not there was a spanking machine in the principal's office of the old Bingham School.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Last week was full of activity on Beacon Hill. The Legislature approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick dozens of bills on voice votes, without roll calls, prior to the end of the 2012 session on Tuesday.

The Legislature convened the 2013-2014 session on Wednesday. Most of Wednesday's activity was ceremonial with the exception of the election of a speaker of the House and Senate president.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-seventh Middlesex. - Consisting of precinct 3 of ward 2, all precincts of ward 3, precinct 3 of ward 4, and all precincts of wards 5 and 6, of the city of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Carl Sciortino

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Thirty-fourth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts in wards 4 and 5, precinct 1 of ward 7, and precinct 2 of ward 8, of the city of Medford, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 4, and all precincts of ward 7, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Timothy Toomey

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: SECOND MIDDLESEX. - Medford, Somerville, ward 1, precincts 2 and 3, ward 2, precincts 2 and 3, and wards 3 to 7, inclusive, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

With today's edition, The Somerville News begins coverage of the 2013-2014 Massachusetts legislative session by our weekly *Beacon Hill Roll Call* report. This feature is a clear and concise compilation of the voting records of local state representatives and senators on Beacon Hill.

Beacon Hill Roll Call provides an unbiased summary of bills and amendments, arguments from floor debate on both sides of the issue, and each legislator's vote or lack of vote on the matter. This information gives readers an opportunity to monitor their elected officials' actions on Beacon Hill. Many bills are reported on in their early stages, giving readers the opportunity to contact their legislators and express an opinion prior to the measure being brought up for final action.

The feature "Also Up on Beacon Hill" informs readers of other important matters at the Statehouse.

Beacon Hill Roll Call is provided by Bob Katzen, who has covered the Legislature for nearly 40 years. He has been providing this feature to hundreds of newspapers across the state since 1975.

HOUSE RE-ELECTS SPEAKER DELEO

The House 128-29, re-elected Rep. Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) as speaker of the House. DeLeo received the votes of all of the 128 Democrats who were present. Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading) received the votes of all 29 Republicans and was re-elected GOP minority leader.

Rep. Denise Provost	for DeLeo
Rep. Carl Sciortino	for DeLeo
Rep. Timothy Toomey	for DeLeo

SENATE RE-ELECTS SENATE PRESIDENT MURRAY

The Senate 36-4, re-elected Sen. Therese Murray as Senate president. Murray received the votes of all of the chamber's 36 Democrats. Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) received the votes of all four Republicans and was re-elected GOP minority leader.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	for Murray
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Sen. Patricia Jehlen for Murray

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PATRICK ANNOUNCES \$1,100 PER YEAR PAY CUT FOR LEGISLATORS - Gov. Deval Patrick announced that the 200 members of the Legislature will receive a 1.8 percent pay cut for the 2013-2014 legislative session that began last week. The cut will reduce the base salary of each senator and representative by \$1,100 - from the current \$61,132 to \$60,032. The total savings from the \$1,100 per member pay cut for the 200 legislators is \$220,000 per year. Over the two-year 2013-2014 session, the savings is \$440,000.

Patrick was required under the state constitution to determine the amount of a pay raise or cut that state legislators would receive for the 2013-2014 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 cut comes on the heels of a \$306 pay cut for the 2011-2012 session. Prior to that, 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 \$60,032 salary means legislative salaries have been raised \$13,622, or 29 percent, since the mandated salary adjustment became part of the state constitution.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Therese Murray, both Democrats, also receive a \$35,000 bonus for their service - boosting their salaries to \$95,032. Republican House Minority Leader Bradley Jones and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr receive a \$22,500 bonus for their service - boosting their salaries to \$82,532.

Over the next few weeks, DeLeo, Murray, Jones and Tarr will choose their leadership teams and also 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.

ALLOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS TO BREAK THEIR APARTMENT LEASE (S 2402) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill that allows victims of domestic violence to break their apartment lease without a penalty if they notify the owner in writing that they or a member of their household is a victim of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault or stalking. The measure also requires property owners to change the tenant's exterior locks if the tenant or occupants reasonably believe they are in danger.

Supporters said the measure is long overdue and is designed to make it financially easier for victims move if their assailant knows where they are living.

ORAL CANCER DRUGS (H 4349) - Gov. Patrick signed legislation requiring insurers to provide the same coverage for oral cancer drugs that they currently provide for intravenous chemotherapy. Currently, many in

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surance companies cover the two treatments differently. They cover intravenous chemotherapy like many other treatments, with plan members paying a flat co-pay. However, oral chemotherapy drugs are considered a pharmacy benefit and the patient pays a percentage, depending on the plan, of the cost of the drug.

Supporters said this law will lower the cost of oral therapy for patients, who often end up paying thousands of dollars per year for these drugs. They noted the pills are often more effective than chemotherapy.

VIRTUAL SCHOOLS (S 2467) - The governor signed a measure regulating “virtual schools” in Massachusetts. Virtual schools allow students to “attend” an online-only public school. These schools are aimed at creating an alternative education option with an individualized approach for students in unique situations including those who are physically disabled, seriously ill, gifted and talented or bullied. Massachusetts currently has only one virtual school, the Massachusetts Virtual Academy in Greenfield. It has 450 students and includes kindergarten through eighth grade. Provisions include limiting to ten the number of these schools that may operate at any one time and capping the total number of virtual school students at 2 percent of the state’s public school population, or approximately 19,000.

SABBATICALS (H 4295) - Gov. Patrick signed a bill reducing from seven years to six years the period of time a faculty member must work at a state university before being eligible for a sabbatical. The measure is designed to make faculty sabbatical qualifications at state universities consistent with those used by private colleges.

DAM SAFETY (H 4557) - The House and Senate approved and sent to the governor a bill that would establish a Revolving Loan Fund to provide low-interest, long-term loans to private dam owners and cities and towns to inspect, repair and remove some of the 3,000 plus dams in the Bay State. Other provisions require an inspection schedule that includes inspecting high-hazard dams every two years and an increase from \$500 to \$5,000 in the fines imposed on dam owners who violate state safety regulations.

LICENSE NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS (H 4368) - Both branches approved and sent to the governor a bill creating a state board to license and regulate naturopathic doctors. The measure also requires that these doctors have extensive training in a naturopathic program at an approved naturopathic medical college. The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians defines naturopathic doctors as “primary care and specialty doctors who address the underlying cause of disease through effective, individualized natural therapies that integrate the healing powers of body, mind and spirit.”

Supporters said this increasingly popular practice should be regulated and licensed by the state in order to ensure that these professionals are qualified and to protect against fraud.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I’m not ready to demonize the mentally ill. There are people who are not mentally ill that shoot people, as we know.” – *Sen. President Therese Murray on the connection between guns, murder and mental illness.*

“Thank you to Brad Jones, the House Minority Leader. Mr. Leader, although we at times disagree, I learn from you and enjoy working with you. Sometimes I wish that our counterparts in Washington could work together as effectively as we do.” – *House Speaker Robert DeLeo.*

“(We will) argue against the ongoing and increasing clamor on Beacon Hill about the need for a statewide tax increase. I strongly encourage my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to think twice about those plans, as any tax hike would only diminish the Bay State’s opportunity for any sort of substantive and sustained economic recovery.” – *House Minority Leader Bradley Jones.*

“In the aftermath of the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy, it is clear that we cannot afford to have an underdeveloped or out-of-date flood-prevention infrastructure. This legislation goes a long way toward pro-

tecting our coastlines.” – *Sen. Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton) on a bill providing low-interest loans to private dam owners and cities and towns to inspect, repair and remove some of the 3,000 plus dams in the Bay State.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION? *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of December 31-January 4, the House met for a total of ten hours while the Senate met for a total of nine hours and 15 minutes.

Mon. December 31	House 11:02 a.m. to 5:01 p.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 5:01 p.m.
Tues. January 1	No House session No Senate session
Wed. January 2	House 11:13 a.m. to 1:58 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 1:43 p.m.
Thurs. January 3	House 11:04 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Senate 11:38 a.m. to 12:14 p.m.
Fri. January 4	No House session No Senate session

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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Hockey opens league slate with win over Everett

Boys basketball stays undefeated; fine finishes at GBL track meet

By Mike Stoller

In its first Greater Boston League game of the campaign, the Somerville High hockey team escaped with a 3-2 victory over host Everett last week, improving its overall record to 3-2-2.

"A win is a win," Somerville coach Chuck Allen said. "But we need to play the whole 45 minutes from the drop of the puck."

"We do have good leadership, though," the coach added, praising senior co-captains Joe Desmond and Kyle Higgins and senior assistant leaders Matt Vogel and Troy Martini.

Senior winger C.J. Albanese scored twice for the Highlanders, while Vogel also tal-

lied. Dan Camara had two assists. In goal, Sergey Markorov made 14 stops.

Somerville trailed, 1-0, after the first period, but rallied for three goals in the second stanza. Albanese got the Highlanders on the board. Then, Vogel scored on the power play, before Albanese struck again.

The Highlanders visit archrival Cambridge Rindge and Latin tonight.

"It's always a rivalry," Allen said of the league matchup. "We have to keep our emotions in check."

Rallying from an 11-point deficit after the first quarter, the Somerville High boys' basketball team posted a stunning

80-62 win over host Arlington last week to improve its record to 6-0.

In a fast-paced second quarter, the Highlanders found their groove and took a 41-37 lead, though a 6-0 run by the Spy Ponders had Arlington on top, 43-41, at the break.

"They had a real good first quarter," Somerville head coach Mark Antonelli said of the Spy Ponders, who were led by David Shin's 16 points in the opening frame.

"He was on fire," Antonelli said of Shin. "We really had to regroup defensively. The game was a lot closer than the score would make it seem."

The Highlanders allowed just 19 points in the second half, and their offense stayed in gear.

For the game, John Lubin tossed in a whopping 30 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, while Gustavo DeMoura had 18 points and 10 boards. Roubins Guerrier and Jonathan Santana each had 12 points.

Santana, a junior, had a huge night, also hauling in 15 rebounds.

"He's sort of an unheralded starter," Antonelli said. "He was unbelievable on the glass tonight. It was his best offensive

game of the season."

The rousing victory followed a pair of impressive wins for the Highlanders in a holiday tournament, in which Somerville won the championship with victories over Wayland and host Ashland.

Four players scored in double figures for the Highlanders in the first-round win against Wayland, and even more impressive: "We had 12 three-point field goals in the game," Antonelli said.

Guerrier had four of those trifectas and totaled 20 points for the game, while DeMoura had three three-pointers and 17 points overall.

The Highlanders disbursed the ball well, as Lubin (12 points), Rayoni Matos (11), Richard Guerrier (9), and James Odivin (6) also figured in the scoring.

Somerville won the tourney with a 53-47 win over Ashland.

The Highlanders were scheduled to play their first Greater Boston League tilt at Malden yesterday.

First place finishes by Saragrace Magre and Delmi Hernandez were the highlights for the Somerville girls' indoor track

and field team at the Greater Boston League freshmen and sophomore meet last week.

Magre won the 300 meter race in a time of 42.9 seconds, while Hernandez took the 1000 meter, crossing in 3 minutes, 15 seconds.

"We had some very impressive performances from our youngsters in this meet," Somerville head coach Charlie O'Rourke said. Saragrace roared to the finish line, passing two girls in the last few yards to win in an impressive time. Delmi also outkicked another runner to win an equally impressive performance."

There were several other notable efforts by Highlanders. Catherine Nakato took fourth in the 300 meter. Anjila Shresta finished sixth in the 600 meter; Maureen McNabb and Mranda Rego took second and fifth place, respectively, in the mile. Melissa Sanon finished fifth in the high jump. Lissa Sanon took third in the shot put. The mile relay team of Nakato, McNabb, Magre, and Hernandez finished in second place.

"Our young runners are improving and we will need them during the season," O'Rourke said.

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2. What date did the Confederation Congress originally pass for the President's Inauguration to be held in 1778?	8. Patti, Lavern and Maxi were known as what singing trio?
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4. What year was it changed to January 20 - who was the first President to use that date?	10. What is the "Ross Trophy" awarded for in hockey?
5. What president gave the shortest Inaugural Address?	11. What gangster offered \$10,000 reward for the return of the Lindbergh baby?
6. What Newspaper did Ed Sullivan the gossip columnist work for?	12. In what continent did the dance "Samba" originate?

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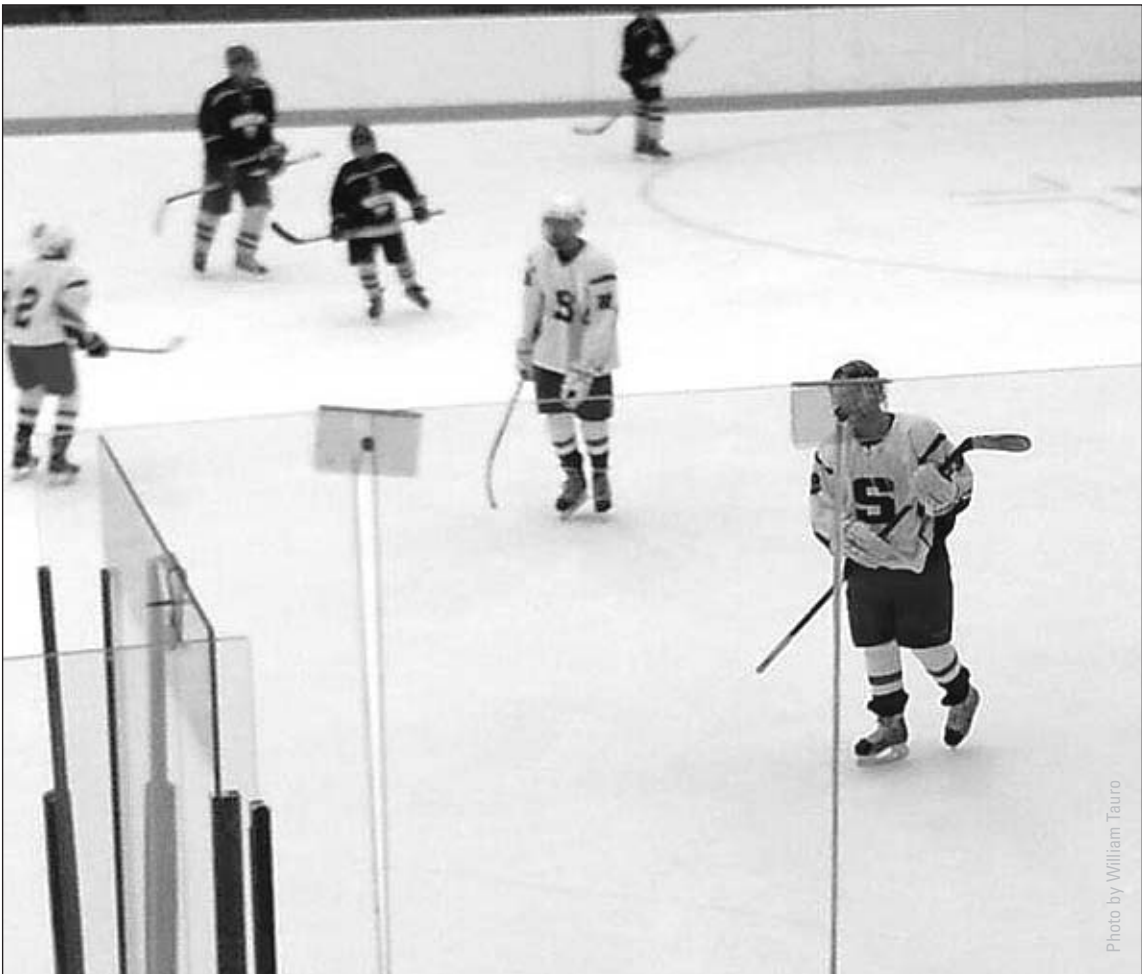
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Somerville loses to Brookline in hockey



The Somerville Bantams clashed with the Brookline Bantams at Boston University on Saturday. It was a close nip and tuck game until Brookline scored two third period goals to seal the 3-0 victory over Somerville.

- William Tauro

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Bright futures ahead for Ryan Conte and Phoenix Huertas

By Terence Clarey

For two members of the 2012 Somerville High School Football team, the next chapter in their life is just beginning and both are taking steps to make sure their futures fulfill their present promise. Senior Line-man Ryan Conte will be moving on to graduation and Junior Quarterback Phoenix Huertas is looking to expand his considerable gridiron repertoire.

Although the 1-8, 2012 season wasn't the happiest for either player, both were standouts at their positions. Ryan Conte, played both offensive and defensive tackle this season and as Co-Captain was a leader who helped keep the team together in the midst of adversity, and Huertas was a star quarterback who put up dazzling numbers.

Conte, who was named a Greater Boston League All-star for his second consecutive season, named to the Massachusetts State Coaches Association, and has also been nominated to play in the Shriners All-Star game in June, is mulling several options this spring. He was recently offered a football

scholarship to attend Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut, which he will visit later this month. He has also garnered interest from several other colleges including West Point, Harvard, Lafayette, Penn, and UNH, which he will visit in February. Conte is also considering attending prep school at Worcester, Exeter or Andover to bolster his academic and athletic credentials for college.

Somerville Head Coach Tony Gulla will be hard pressed to replace Conte next season. "I wish I could have Ryan back for one more year," he said in an e-mail. "But he left the team, and especially his offensive line mates, a blueprint for what hard work, dedication and commitment can accomplish."

For his part, Quarterback Phoenix Huertas looks to further improve on a stellar 2012 season in which he passed for 2127 yards, ran for 1089 and completed 57 percent of his passes. Next year as a Quarterback and senior leader, he will have even more pressure on his shoulders. So recently he attended the National Football Academies off-season Quarter-



Ryan Conte, 65 (left), and Phoenix Huertas, 3 (right), seen leaving the field on Thanksgiving Day, are headed in different directions in 2013. Both are looking forward to new challenges.

back Development Camp in Orlando, run by Darin Slack, who has trained 18,000 high school players from all over the country in quarterback fundamentals. At the camp, Huertas was nominated as national finalist to participate with a select few in The "Duel of the Dozens," a National Competition held every July at Paul

Brown Stadium in Ohio. With this experience, Huertas hopes to go into this senior year with a full set of tools.

Huertas' commitment doesn't end there, said Gulla. "Phoenix will be counted on to be a leader of our team next year; he has already begun that process by taking a strong leadership role in the off-sea-

son conditioning program Coach Fenton has put in place for our athletes."

So 2013 is beginning well for both Ryan Conte and Phoenix Huertas as they take the next step in their academic and athletic lives, and face new challenges. Both have created futures that are looking very bright.

St. Clement Sports update

St. Clement girls basketball off to a strong start

The St. Clement Lady Anchors are off to a great start this season at 4-2. With wins against Cristo Rey, St Joseph Academy, Essex-Aggie Regional, and most recently against Nazareth Academy 49-24, the Lady Anchors continue to show a huge improvements from last years disappointing 0-6 start.

This week, in the win against Nazareth Academy, the Anchors had seven players score. Leading the way was freshman point guard Katie Monestime (Somerville) with 17 points and sophomore captain Jessica Popken (Medford) with 16 points. Popken had an impressive 4 three pointers in one half. Senior captains Allison Caloggero (Medford) and Kristina Ofoedu (Methuen) dominated the boards both of-

fensively and defensively collecting 8 rebounds apiece.

The Anchors defense was on point in the second half, holding Nazareth to only 6 points. Head Coach Alyssa Jann (2nd year) is happy with the over .500 start. "We have improved so much over the last year, now the girls have a chance to show it. We have great senior leadership and confidence, which has helped us get out to a strong start. There is a long season ahead with many tough competitors but our tournament goals are certainly within reach."

This week the Lady Anchors will face the league rival Lowell Catholic and Mt Alvernia.

Boys basketball

The St. Clement boys jumped out to an impressive 6-2 start and lead the Catholic Central League Small after an impressive win against Austin Prep

60-36. Led by longtime coach Leo Boucher, the Anchormen defeated Cristo Rey, Fellowship Christian Academy, Maimonides and St. Joseph. The Anchormen collected a 30 point win against local rival Matignon.

Senior Captain Kevin Foley (Medford) leads the Anchors in scoring while the other senior captain Jesus Gambaro (Charlestown) is dominating on the boards. The team takes on league rivals Lowell Catholic and Marian High School this week.

The St. Clement boys program has expanded to four teams this year as they have 36 boys playing basketball. Teams consist of the varsity team, 2 JV teams, and a 5th and 6th grade squad. St. Clement looks to expand and become a powerhouse in basketball.

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RFP # 13-57

POWDER HOUSE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROPERTY DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT

The City of Somerville invites proposals from qualified applicants for the redevelopment of the former Powder House Community School. The sale of city-owned land is subject to certain conditions set forth in the Request for Proposal (RFP). It is the City's intention, through the actions of the Board of Aldermen, to formally declare the property available for disposition in accordance with G.L.c. 30B, sec. 16, to set a minimum price, and to identify restrictions, (if any) on the future use of the property prior to the deadline for the sub-
mission of proposals.

Proposals from qualified applicants must be submitted to the City of Somerville Purchasing Department, City Hall, 1st floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 by 11:00 a.m. on **Friday, February 28, 2013.**

As of **Wednesday, December 26, 2012**, the RFP may be obtained at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or by contacting the Purchasing Department. There will be a Pre-bidder's Conference on **Wednesday, January 16, 2013, time and location will be posted at the above website link.** Attendance is not mandatory but highly encouraged.


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

For further information contact Angela M. Allen, Purchasing Director by telephone at (617) 625-6600 ext. 3400 by fax at (617) 625-1344; or by e-mail at amallen@somervillema.gov.

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The Request for Qualifications & Fees (RFQF) may be obtained via the City's website at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or through the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 on or after: **Monday, 1/7/13.** Separately sealed price and non-price bid responses will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, 1/28/13 @ 11:00 A.M.** The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing. The contract term shall be for eight (8) months with two (2), one (1) year options to renew.

Please contact Michael Gauthier via email: mgauthier@somerville-ma.gov for any questions or any additional information

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

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The Annual Meeting of the Somerville Home will be held at the Home, 117 Summer Street, Somerville, Massachusetts on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing Officers and Trustees for the ensuing year and to act on any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Edwin J. Smith
President

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, January 23, 2013**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

4 Cameron Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-103) Applicant, Roland Muise, and Owner, V & R Development, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 which includes expanding an existing dormer on the right side elevation, modifying windows and removing exterior staircases at an existing three-family residence. RC Zone. Ward 7.

120 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2012-104) Applicant and Owner, 120 Beacon Street Limited, seeks a Special Permit (SZO §4.4.1) to make exterior changes to a nonconforming building. NB zone. Ward 2.

86 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-106) Applicant, Leo Souza, and Owner, Frank Privitera, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to modify the front entrance of an existing multi-family dwelling, which includes the installation of double doors, columns and balustrade. RC Zone. Ward 3.

9 Kingman Rd: (Case #ZBA 2012-107) Applicant, Susan Boyle, and Owner, Susan Boyle Revocable Trust, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to add a dormer to the left side of the roof and to reconstruct a deck above the second story of the rear façade at an existing two-family dwelling. RB Zone. Ward 2.

22 Fairfax St: (Case #ZBA 2012-108) Applicant and Owner, Brian Aldrich, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to expand the porch on the rear façade of an existing two-family residence. RA Zone. Ward 7.

425 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2012-109) Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd., d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, The Summit, LLC, seeks Special Permit Approval (§5.1) under SZO §7.11.15.3 and §14 for the installation of a wireless communications facility consisting of antennas and related equipment and cables, §4.4.1 for the alteration of an existing nonconforming structure to relocate antennas and related equipment, and a Variance (§5.5) from setback requirements §14.3. RC zone. Ward. 5.

Copies of these petitions are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases may not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 6.4.8.D(2)(b) TO PERMIT A GROUND FLOOR SUPERMARKET THAT EXCEEDS THE GROUND LEVEL RETAIL SIZE CAP IN THE ASSEMBLY SQUARE MIXED-USE DISTRICT.

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, January 24, 2013** at 6:30 p.m. at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Third Floor, Conference Room, Somerville, MA.

56 & 61 Clyde St: (Case #PB 2010-21-R1-12/2012) Applicant Davis Square Partners and Owner VIF II \ Maxpac Square Owner, LLC, seek a revision to an approved Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §5.3.8 to construct an amenity space in Building A. RB Zone/Planned Unit Development-B (PUD-B1) Overlay Zone/Ward 5

70 Prospect St: (Case #PB 2012-21) Applicant Douglas Beaudet and Owner Emily Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §6.1.22.D.1 to construct a new five story building and a Special Permit to establish 14 residential units in the building under SZO §7.13.E. The building would also include approx. 1,500 square feet of retail and 14 at-grade parking spaces. The Applicant and Owner are also seeking a Variance from the side yard setback requirements under SZO §8.5.H, SZO §6.1.22.G.5, and SZO §5.5.3 and a Special Permit under SZO §9.17.2.B for the modification of parking space dimensions and for shared parking between the required residential and commercial parking spaces. CCD 55 zone. Ward 2.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Wednesday January 23, 2013** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of 381 Summer St. Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Rosebud to transfer the All Forms Alcohol beverages 7-day restaurant license to 381 Jumbo LLC and for an Entertainment license consisting of Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and Devices.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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Answers

Answers from page 14

1. John N. Garner

2. In 1778 it was amended that the Inauguration Day be March 4, or 5th if the 4th fell on a Sunday

3. In 1841, Jan. to Mar.4, Martin Van Buren; Mar. 4 to April 6, William Harrison, who died after one month in office, then John Tyler

4. In 1933 the Twentieth Amendment was ratified, it was changed to January 20. Franklin D. Roosevelt was first president to take his oath on January 20, 1937

5. George Washington (135 words)

6. The New York Daily News

7. Desiderio Alberto Arnaz

8. The Andrews Sisters

9. The hydrogen bomb

10. For the player who scores the most point in National League

11. Al Capone

12. South America

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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday| January 9

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

West Branch Library
Preschool: Babygarten
11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|40 College
Avenue

Central Library
Book Group for Kids
Cathyx2950
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570
Somerville Ave

Thursday|January 10

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5
year olds
10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79
Highland Ave

Friday| January 11

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

Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570
Somerville Ave

Monday |January 14

Central Library
Sing-along with Jordan!
Cathy 2950
11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Tuesday|January 15

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for
Ages 9-11
Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216
10 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College
Avenue

Wednesday |January 16

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

West Branch Library
Preschool: Babygarten
11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|40 College
Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570
Somerville Ave

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Wednesday|January 9

Johnny D's
Claudia Schmidt
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8 p.m.
Comedy 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

On The Hill Tavern
Sports Trivia
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Precinct Bar
3penny Open Mic (No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's
Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-
625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-
9177

Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
Warp Speed Wednesdays - Space
Kristy's Cosmic Birthday Party
featuring Jurassic Park and more
379 Summer St

Cantina la Mexicana
Salsa Dance Night
7 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Thursday|January 10
Johnny D's
Klezwoods|Cirkestra|Emperor
Norton's Stationary Marching
Band|Hybrid Bellydance|8 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays
|7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Scattershot 80's Night
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Tik Tok|Devil All The Time|James
McAndrews
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch
Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

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

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-
9177

Rosebud Bar
Nina Violet|The Milkman's
Union|Uranium Daughters
381 Summer St.

Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment's Thursday
Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Cantina la Mexicana

247 Washington St.

Arts at the Armory
Andrew Scandal, Found Audio,
and Valentin Prince - No Cover
Charge!
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave
Friday|January 11

Johnny D's
Susan McKeown|Rock
Bottom|Bikini Whale
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.
Asa Brebner's Music Extravaganza
| 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Cover Up
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
Moxa|Night Without Televison|T
W Funk
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway |617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's
Jess Tardy Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

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

Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-
718-9177

Rosebud Bar
80's Night|Karaoke
381Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
TBA
247 Washington St.

Radio Bar
Upstairs: Township, Muck and
the Mires, Connection, DJ Malibu
Lou
Downstairs: Sourpunch, The Blue
Bloods, The Fortune Healers
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Trilingual Press and the Haitian
Artists Assembly of Massachuset's
Present: Another Face of Haiti
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|January 12

Johnny D's
Johnny Blazes & The Pretty
Boys|Sarah Rabdau & The Self-
Employed Assassins|What Time Is
It Mr Fox?|Madame Psychosis
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.
Jim Healy & Co., Tired Old Bones
\$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Spittin Vinnies

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live
Presents:Bombasnap|Waves|
The
Brooklyns|AmericanBeauties|Andr
ew O'Keeffe
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Don't Chew Cords|Frost
Heaves|The Allstonians
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's
TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

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

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-
9177

Rosebud Bar
The BF's|The Kurt Baker Band|The
New Frustrations|Watts
381 Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
TBA
247 Washington St.

Radio Bar
Upstairs: 5th Annual Boston
Molasses Disaster Benefit Show
Truck, Soft Gut, Hot Molasses,
Double Stops, Whistlejacket
Downstairs: Psycho, Kilslug,
Impenitent Thief, The Burnouts
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Not So Silent Cinema
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|January 13

Johnny D's
Open Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.
Freakwater|Adela & Jude
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5
p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

Precinct Bar
Precinct Rogue Presents|Brook
Pridemore|Eli Whitney Houston &
The Cotton Gin&Tonics|The
Crazy Exes From Hell|Horse Thief
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Radio Bar
Roy Sludge Trio 4p-6:30p FREE.
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Second Sundays Open Stage
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|January 14
Johnny D's
Team Trivia
8:30 p.m.|17 Holland St | 617-
776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open
mike |7:30 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy
Conquerors|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Bur-Run|6:30 p.m.
Set Dancing|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump! Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-
440-6045

Rosebud Bar
Closed Mondays
Movie Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Knucklebones: For the Love of
Play!
9 a.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

Tuesday|January 15

JohnnyD's
Oliver Mtukudzi & The Black
Spirits
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Krista Page y Los Super Gatos
with Sorry Honeys
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Open Mic W/Hugh
McGowan|6:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

PA'S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt,
Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by
Tony Amaral
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

Precinct Bar
Ninjavitis
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-
9177

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Rosebud Bar Karaoke 381 Summer St	499 Broadway 617-629-5302	Arts at the Armory Somerville Climate Action Film Series 7 p.m. Mezzanine 191 Highland Ave	Winter Farmers' Market 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Performance Hall 191 Highland Ave	7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Session 2 115 Broadway
PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz 10 p.m. 239 Holland St. 617-625-8200	Orleans Restaurant and Bar Trivia 65 Holland St 617-591-2100	CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday January 9	Bagel Bards Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Au Bon Pain 18-48 Holland St	West Branch Library Book Group: Books Into Movies 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 40 College Ave
Radio Bar 379 Summer St	Precinct Bar 3penny Open Mic (No Cover) 70 Union Sq 617-623-9211	Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 7:30 p.m. Level 2 33 Union Sq www.nadirajamal.com	Sunday January 13	Central Library Social Media Training for Progressive Organizers Lee Palmer 781-330-1740 6:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue
Arts at the Armory First and Last Word Poetry Series 7 p.m. Cafe 191 Highland Ave	Bull McCabe's Pub The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave 617-440-6045	Thursday January 10	Central Library People to People Student Ambassador Meeting Erika Sandstrom 978-884-1630 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue	Tuesday January 15
Wednesday January 16	Highland Kitchen TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke 10 p.m. 150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131	West Branch Library Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Session 1 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Session 2 40 College Ave	Unity Church of God Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. 6 William Street Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.	Central Library Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Session 1 79 Highland Ave
Johnny D's Gracie Curran & The High Falutin Band 17 Holland St 617-776-2004	Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177	First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629	Third Life Studio Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 33 Union Sq www.nadirajamal.com	Third Life Studio Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins,www.libana.com 7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m. 33 Union Sq
Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589	Rosebud Bar Free Pool Game Night 381 Summer St	Third Life Studio Roots and Rhythm 33 Unions Sq www.libana.com	Monday January 14	Wednesday January 16
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PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave 617-776-1557	Cantina la Mexicana Salsa Dance Night 7 p.m. 247 Washington St.	Arts at the Armory		
On The Hill Tavern Sports Trivia				

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers! Everyone 55+ are encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. Check out our calendar and give a call with any questions or to make a reservation. 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. Stay for lunch and receive free transportation.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Culinary Arts Luncheon has been changed to January 29. Limited space. Sign up early.

Lunchtime exercise class for all in the community.

Belly Dancing is changing times. Beginning January 15 it will be during the day from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. This is a fun class with great arm and core exercises. Take a chance and join us. Open to men and women.

LBT Community - NEW PROGRAM: Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes with certified instructors. Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting January 15. \$10 a month with scholarships available. Call Lisa for more info at ext. 2316

Navarasa Dance Theater is a contemporary dance theater company founded as 'Navarasa Natyalaya' by renowned dancer and choreographer, Aparna Sindhoor in 1991 in Mysore, India. Come join us on the 10th of January for an intergenerational dance event at Holland Street Center. From 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. RSVP is a must as there is limited space.

We are heading to Greece on January 24 from 11:00 am - 1:00 p.m. Join us for a wonderful talk by Tufts Professor Professor Ioannis (Yannis) Evrigenis. Sue Leach, our amazing belly dance instructor will be performing and we will also learn some greek dancing. An event not to be missed.

Cultural Outings - Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton. February 15 - \$25 fee includes transportation and customized museum tour. Lunch at the Stoneforge Grill in Easton is additional cost. Fuller Craft Museum is a dynamic environment where craft is experienced through exhibitions, education, outreach, and collaboration. We explore the materials, techniques, and artistic expression that challenge the perception of craft, while honoring the achievements of the past.

Trip Corner:

Hanscom Dinner & Bingo - January 9.

Lunch at Culinary Arts - January 29.

Hanscom Dinner & Bingo - February 13.

Fuller Craft Museum - February 15.

STAY ACTIVE:

QiGong - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. \$3.

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers Strength with Geoff - Tuesdays at Holland and Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny. \$3.

Belly Dancing - Tuesdays at 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

January 9

Hanscom AFB

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.

Holland Street Center
Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B
Qi gong|1:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center
Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.
Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 10

Holland Street Center
Flexibility & Balance - NEW DATE!|9:30 a.m.
Navarassa Intergenerational Dance Program - free |10 a.m.
Current Events|10 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center
Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.
Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 11

Holland Street
Fit-4-Life Groups A & B
Indoor Exercise|11 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

January 14

LGBT Game Night

Atlantic City & Foxwoods

Holland Street Center
Moonlighters Singing Group|10:30 a.m.
English Conversation|10:30 a.m.
English Conversation|12:30 p.m.
LGBT Game Night|6 p.m.
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Ralph & Jenny
Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
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January 15

Holland Street Center
Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.
SHINE by appt|10 a.m.
Low Vision Support Group|10:30 a.m.
Bellydancing|12:30 p.m.
Knitting with Sandy|2:30 p.m.
Caregiver Support Group|6:30 p.m.
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Ralph & Jenny Center
Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.
Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
LBT Fit-4-Life Program|6 p.m.
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Cross Street Center
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.

January 16

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.

Holland Street Center
Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B
Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.
Qi gong|1:15 p.m.
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The tower on the hill CONT. FROM PG 1

repairs on the tower to stabilize it, but it continues to deteriorate.

The tower was built out of granite back in 1903 for \$8700, according to Steve Mulder at Muldermedia. To remedy the erosion issue, a concrete retaining wall was built around the base of the tower in 1955, according to Mulder.

Fast-forward to the present day, during the recent flag-raising event on Jan. 1, 2013; visitation into the tower was not permitted, as is usually the case.

“Apparently that day the ceiling from the upper level was starting to come down, so that makes it very unsafe to go inside,” says Wilson.

It was also icy due to the recent snowfall and cold conditions, so the DPW recommended against the annual one-day opening of Prospect Hill Tower.

Next year, if “sufficient work” is completed and the weather cooperates the tower may reopen for the Jan. 1 event.

Unfortunately, restoration on the decaying tower is going to cost a small fortune. “It’s over a million dollars worth of work just to stabilize,” says Wilson.

During the rest of the year, Prospect Hill Tower hasn’t been open to the public for a couple decades, according to Wilson who added that the Somerville Historical Preservation Commission has conducted a struc-

tural report through a state grant to determine the extent of the restoration needs.

But Wilson doesn’t just want the tower to be restored, she wants the entire park to be enhanced with “increased visibility and prominence.”

One way to do that, she says, is to actually put some displays out in the Prospect Park area. “The idea is not only improve and restore the structure, but also to create a historic interpretive park.”

The tower is a locally recognized historical structure, but it is not registered on the national level as a historical monument. If it were recognized on the national level, the city of

Somerville would be eligible to apply for national grants; larger sums of money than they could get at the state level.

The difficulty is that the state has been resistant to that, says Wilson. They feel that the tower is not as nationally historic as the site is. “We are trying to make the case to the state, that, in-fact the structure should now have historical significance.”

The city of Somerville has recently passed the Community Preservation Act, creating one potential source of funding for the city to tap into, according to Wilson, to aid in the restoration work on the tower. “It’s conceivable that the one project that

could be submitted for could be the Prospect Hill Tower, and its stabilization and restoration work,” she said.

“I do know that the Mayor considers it a high priority,” Wilson says, “he’s wanted to do something for several years, but it’s a funding issue.”

The Annual flag-raising event continues to grow since Wilson’s active role began in the year 2000. She’s enhanced the reenactment of George Washington’s famous ride onto the hill, year after year. Spectators watch as actors dressed in colonial clothing reenact the anniversary, forever marked in time as the pre-birthing moment of our nation.



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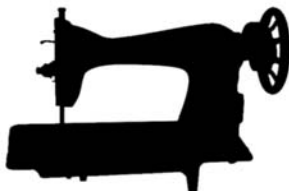
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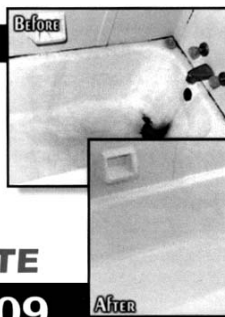
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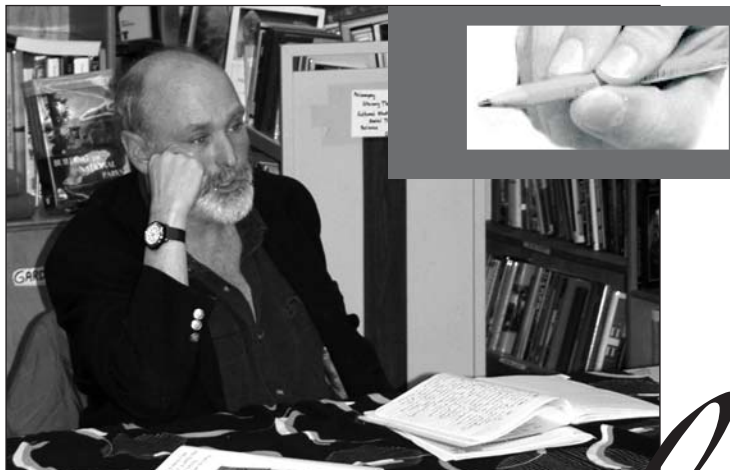
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6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30pm	The Steve Katso's Show	12:30pm	Grasping Nature	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	7:30pm	Reeling the Movie Show	1:00pm	Bongoman (LIVE)	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	Noon	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	2:30pm	Esoteric Science	1:00pm	Ablevision
10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:00pm	Tonight's Special	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	1:30pm	What the Fluff?
11:00am	Abugida TV	10:30pm	Somerville Rocks	4:00pm	Boston Tango Festival	2:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Creepy Castle	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	Friday, January 11		6:00pm	Basic Buddha	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
1:30PM	Henry Parker Presents	12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Rooster Tails	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Culture Club	6:00am	Road to Recovery	7:00pm	Couch's Corner	5:00pm	Culture Club
2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	7:00am	Culture Club	7:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	5:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	7:30am	Physician Focus	8:00pm	David Parkman	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
3:30pm	Talking about Somerville	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Show
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Energy Theater	10:00pm	Contemporary Science Issues & Innovations	7:00pm	Critical Focus
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking.	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Grill Dog presents
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	11:00am	Somerville Back in the Day	Sunday, January 13		8:30pm	Play by Play
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9:30pm	Shrink Rap	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	10:00am	International Church of God	7:00am	Outdoor Adventures (SCATV Special)
10:00pm	Play by Play	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	10:30am	Basic Buddha	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00pm	The Garage	5:00pm	Couch's Corner	11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
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Thursday, January 10		6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	The Garage	11:00am	Somerville Most Interesting Places
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2:00pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	12:35am:	Somerville By Design #2	8:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Acton-Boxborough	Sunday, January 13	
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9:35pm:	Three Paths to Italy	1:00pm:	The Mayor's Report	2:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Acton-Boxborough	12:40pm	Brown School Winter Concert
Thursday, January 10		2:00pm:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	2:30am	ESCS Construction Walk-through	1:00pm	WHCS Winter Concert
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12:00am:	The Mayor's Report	7:30pm:	Highlander Forum	4:30pm	Our Schools, Our City	2:40am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden
12:35am:	Somerville By Design #2	8:00pm:	The Mayor's Report	5:00pm	SHS Winter Concert	9:00am	Highlander Forum
1:45am:	Somerville Gives Back	8:30pm:	Somerville By Design #3	7:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford - LIVE	Wednesday, January 16	
2:00am:	2013 City Hall Midterm Ceremonies	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	10:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford	12:00pm	Raising Families
9:00am:	Congressional Update	12:30am:	Highlander Forum	Saturday, January 12		12:20pm	SHS Hockey vs Malignon
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Wednesday, January 9		9:00am	Highlander Forum	4:30am	Our Schools, Our City	5:10pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Fontbonne Academy
12:00pm:	2013 City Hall Midterm Ceremonies	12:00pm	Our Schools, Our City	12:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford	7:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Cambridge HS - LIVE
7:00pm:	The Mayor's Report	12:30pm	Kid Stuff	1:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden	10:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Cambridge HS - Replay
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8:45pm:	Somerville Gives Back	1:15pm	El Sistema Somerville Concert	4:30pm	Our Schools, Our City		
				7:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford		



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Bob Publicover never gives up

I wrote this article a decade ago about Bob. I interviewed Bob in the old/old offices of The Somerville News on Elm St. in Davis Square. I decided to reprint it when I heard he passed.

For all intents and purposes Bob Publicover could have called it quits a long time ago. Publicover, 52, was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS over 15 years ago, when it was known as the "gay man's cancer." AIDS also took the life of his long time companion, John Carabineris, a brutal blow to this publisher of the award-winning *Somerville News*. But Publicover is not only surviving; he is flourishing. He has published the scrappy *Somerville News* for 25 years, and he is currently working on a new play, *THE LAST BRONTOSAURUS*. He still tends to his many duties as an AIDS and community activist. Publicover seems to have an endless amount of energy at his command. Thin and lanky, he talks with the rapid-fire cadence of a hard-boiled character out of Raymond Chandler or Hammett novel.

In his small, cluttered office in the heart of Davis Square, Somerville, he decidedly seems to be in his element. He is surrounded by the artifacts of a productive life, with pictures of pols, and plaques lining the walls of his office - all memoirs of his life and times in the city of his birth, Somerville, Ma.

Publicover tells me he was first diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in 1985. At that time it was a death sentence. The average person was not expected to live more than eighteen months. The way the depressing news was relayed to Publicover can best be conveyed from the opening scene of his play, *THE LAST BRONTOSAURUS*. The stage is dark. The protagonist clicks on his answering machine, and it dispassionately reports: "Hello, Mr. Publicover, this is Doctor Rick Lane at Harvard Health. I just wanted you to know your test came back positive. You should probably call in and make an appointment. Have a nice day!" Publicover recalls, "I drank for three days. I sat at the end of the bar with a friend, and just talked it over."

If all this wasn't bad enough, Publicover's partner, John Carabineris, was tested in 1988, and died quickly when the virus invaded his brain, only

three years later. Publicover says: "I always assumed that since I was the older one, John would take care of me." Ironically, it was the other way around. John was not only a personal companion, but had worked for *The Somerville News* for six years. Publicover revealed that he was never one to be bothered by loss. He had lost a father and others, but this really threw him for a loop. But, as often is the case, out of suffering comes art. In this case a book of poetry was penned, in memory of Publicover's lover, *MY UNICORN HAS GONE AWAY* (Powder House Press). It was written in a year's time, and dealt with the years the two men spent together, and the sense of loss when John passed away. The title was based on the fact that John collected Unicorns statuettes. Another creation that was born from this terrible time, is a one man play that Publicover hopes to present to the public, *THE LAST BRONTOSAURUS*. It will consist of stories that he has collected over the years dealing with people and their experience with HIV/AIDS. The title comes from a song in the play *A HIDDEN LEGACY*, written for the L.A. Gay Men's Chorus. Publicover hopes the play will be as successful as "My Unicorn...", which sold 5,000 copies...not bad for a poetry collection.

Bob Publicover has been writing professionally since age nineteen when he first wrote the *BLUNTLY SPEAKING* column for the old *SOMERVILLE TIMES*. Now, he is the sole owner of the *SOMERVILLE NEWS*. He is one of the few and dwindling independent newspaper owners in the area. Publicover feels his job at the newspaper is to, "get the news out about the people, places and things in Somerville. I never really try to cover hard news, the *GLOBE* and *HERALD* do that." The publisher fancies himself as a community problem solver, and since he has lived here all his life, he can pick up the phone to city hall and get things done. Publicover says: "I am the local paper now. People know me as honest. I have integrity, and I speak my mind."



Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Mary Hampton, a colleague of mine at Bunker Hill Community College, sent me a poem recently and I decided to share it with you. Mary taught at Somerville High and other schools over the years.

Mary has been writing poetry for a while but has rarely, until now, pursued publication.

She has studied poetry invention and revision with poets Jane Katims, Nina Nyhart and Carol Dine. For several years Mary was a member of the late poet Harold Bond's Seminar in Poetry Writing in Belmont Massachusetts.

BEFORE SCHOOL

I am stopped at the light
at Shore Drive and Mystic Avenue.
Across the way, in the project parking lot,
two young teens shepherd two much smaller, snow-suited boys.

I peer through the dazzle glaring off the new snow and think,
"Those older boys are Marcus and Markendy.
And the little ones...their cousins?"

Marcus tosses a few loose drifts of snow
then lanks his stretching limbs around a corner and out of sight.

Markendy stays.

He bunches snow that barely holds together in his gloves
before he sends it upward,
glistening.

Little bursts are lobbed back
but fall short.

Markendy feigns retreat, stops, feints right, half turns
advances, ignites his brilliant grin,
and tosses another cloud of crystal drift.

Small backpacks dance on bundled backs
and little knees and elbows pump enough
to climb the snapping air.

Diamondlight scatters from every floating whitefall
that Markendy sends into the sky,
the sky
that blues itself electric.

The light changes
and I make my turn,
leaving the boys, the snow, the sky and,
under the January sun,
a memory sparking to life.

- Mary Hampton

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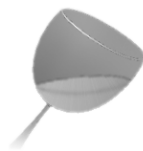
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