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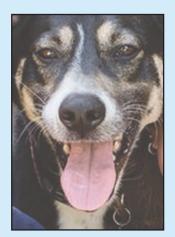


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# Welcoming new development to Winter Hill



Andrew Howard of Better Block presented development ideas at the meeting attended by interested Winter Hill residents.

#### By Josie Grove

Ten years ago, the narrow one-story building at 328 Broadway Ave. housed a local realty firm. Once that business closed, the building was home to a retailer of prepaid cell phones. Within a year, it will be transformed into Winter Hill Brewing, a coffee shop/brewpub that will serve experimental beers, small plates, and high-quality coffee. Patrons will look across the street to a new five-story residential building.

In many ways, the building at the busy intersection of Broadway and Temple is the vanguard of a changing Winter Hill. Last Monday, the space hosted the first meeting between the City of Somerville, and the Dallas-based consultants Better Block Project, and Winter Hill residents to plan a pop-up event space.

The city's planning department is in the process of writing a neighborhood plan for Winter Hill. The plan will guide Continued on page 4

# **TEDxSomerville Reinvent**

#### By Patrick McDonagh

Devin Bramhall remembers a morning tucked in her Charlestown apartment bed, contemplating plans discussed with girlfriends over Sunday's Tremont 647 brunch and twelve-ounce vodka mimosas. At 25 she was seeking a new career. The commute from Charlestown to work at Boston-based tech startup Springpad left her unfulfilled. 1600 miles apart, Bramhall called mom for guidance.

"She [mom] hadn't had any water or eaten anything in days." says Bramhall "I called and was like: [whining voice] 'I don't like my life, I want to go to California and become a cocktail waitress." Mom, Katherine, answered her daughter's phone call while working disaster relief in Haiti. After Haiti's 2010's catastrophic earthquake, she organized a clean birthing clinic for women in early labor. A patient mother suggested nonprofit work. Devin Bramhall quit Springpad, stored her apartment furnishings, acquired a visa, booked her flight and moved to Ubud Bali within four weeks.

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TEDxSomerville 2015 took place on September 27 at Tufts University Aidekman Arts Center — Photo by Patrick McDonagh

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Open House this week here in the city at 63 College Avenue. 9-Rooms. All new Queen Ann Single Family. Asking \$1,690,000. Is this the most expensive home on the market so far? Go to www.thenortongroupre.com web site check it out.

Part 5: Still no one applying for the two vacant posts at Inspectional Services. One new resident of the city who wanted to do some minor work on his property is still waiting for the "Streamline Process" to work now. He says he's been waiting about a month now. He told The Times that he owned property in Medford before this and that they issued the permits immediately. He thinks he's going to go ahead and do the job ahead of the permits. With the process we have nowadays here in Somerville under this new department head, maybe the city is going to see a lot of work being done without asking for the permit. Especially the small jobs like replacing stairs to the back yard.

Join School Committeeman Steve Roix from Ward 1 at his campaign kickoff and fundraiser on Tuesday, October 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Casey's, down in lower Broadway. A nice guy and family man. We wish him the very best in his re-election run. Drop by and say "Hi" and help him in his bid for re-election.

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School Committee candidate in Ward

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# The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: Francis and the path of love

#### Joey Martin says:

This is the most forward thinking Pope in modern history. All of us should be grateful he is out there advocating for the right things, no matter what one's faith.

#### Oliver Seppo says:

Ha, poor Bill, never got over the contradictory religion teachings from elementary school. The pope's job is to get as many minds colonized. The Catholic corporation is just another institutional machine that needs bodies to preserve itself and propagate.

#### Jim says:

Has the Catholic Church done anything that other religions haven't done? It's an organization run by people. Many people are flawed in some way and if flawed people are given power, they make mistakes. While it was long overdue, the Church's failings were put on full display and the leadership was forced to confront many difficult issues that they'd previously ignored or worse, covered up. It's still an institution with problems, but its better today for having their past sins outed.

If your local priest is an idiot, it doesn't mean that Catholicism or the Church is inherently bad, it just means that your priest is a moron. Jewish communities can fire their rabbi where Catholics have to deal with the Archdiocese who has a big range of talent among their priests.

Also, Initiating divorce does not excommunicate you.

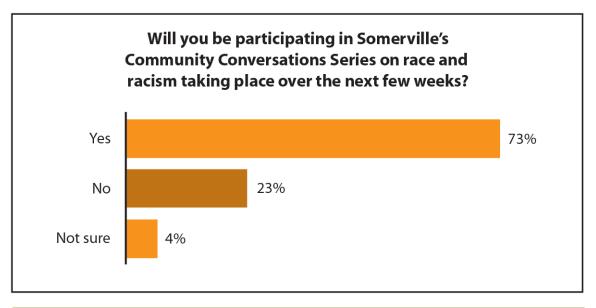
#### Marty says:

I was raised Catholic but always kind of resented the pomp and pedantry of its rituals and trappings. Also, the idea of instant absolution as a result of confession always struck me as being just too easy. I would watch certain people act like absolute crumbs six days a week and then turn all saintly on Sunday, clean and freshly forgiven for all their transgressions. Just didn't seem quite right. Well, these days I worship God in my own quiet way and try to do good as much as I can, without depending on that system. It just feels more honest to me. Since my wife is Protestant, it's easier on our family too. We sort of teach the kids to follow their own paths, with certain guidelines of course.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.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 you will be participating in Somerville's Community Conversations Series on race and racism taking place over the next few weeks. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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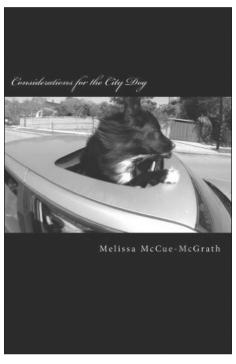


# Somerville author considers the city dog

By Amy Swain

Dog owners of Somerville, rejoice. There is finally a book dedicated to knowledge about the urban pup, and it was created by one of our own. Considerations for the City Dog was recently published by twelve-year resident of Somerville and CPDT-KA (certified professional dog trainer - knowledge assessed) Melissa McCue-McGrath.

McCue-McGrath's path to a career with dogs is, in her words, "One of those things that were probably foreshadowed a long time ago, but I didn't notice." As a young girl, she arrived one day to her home in



Melissa McCue-McGrath's Considerations for the City Dog.

Maine to find her father had been gifted a pack of snow dogs. "Most kids have to beg for one dog."

> "Hey, we've got this terminology that we're all using, let me define it a little more clearly, and maybe this will bring both sides to the table"

She later attended Lake Eerie College with an interest in the equestrian world. She liked the idea of horses as therapy. After being bucked, however, she changed gears, showing an interest in police work and doing ride-alongs with their K-9 unit. After realizing this wasn't for her, she found work at an animal hospital. Although she didn't see herself as a veterinarian, she was seeing a common theme in her endeavors. She was already doing competitive frisbee with her own



Daisy, Dr. Sipperstein's dog, with Melissa McCue-McGrath, who has just written a very useful book for dog owners who happen to live in the city.

dog, when she was approached by a dog trainer to become his assistant. She became certified, and stuck with it.

In 2006, she began the blog Mutt Stuff as a way to share fun photos and stories with dog enthusiasts and students. Over time, more serious topics and inquiries arose that she, not being medically qualified, was uncomfortable responding to. Now she participates, along with veterinarian Dr. Sipperstein, in Car Talk Fido, a blog in the vein of car talk radio.

A book may seem like the obvious next step, but it might not have come about if not for an incident many will remember, the tragic episode involving Rocco the dog on Halloween 2013. The book is not about the case, but the case was a catalyst for its creation. "I saw the comments online, and heard the terminology being used even by the lawyers in the court case. Seeing the back and forth, and hearing this terminology that was inaccurate was incredibly frustrating."

She saw victim blaming, threats to the animal control officer, she saw an injury that is by definition multiple bites being described as "one bite." She saw a petition with three thousand signatures to save this dog. Essentially, she saw passion, on both sides.

Witnessing this lack of accurate information paired with good intentions gave the author reason to say "Hey, we've got this terminology that we're all using, let me define it a little more clearly, and may- curious body in between.

be this will bring both sides to the table." The misinformation she witnessed in the Rocco case is a small part of what is included in the book, much of it is created based on questions from her students. "I've been doing this for twelve years, and people are still asking the same questions. We can't look at them and think 'look at this bad student.' They're not understanding something because this divide is here. How do we make this smaller? How do we bridge it?" The author attributes lots of the confusion to the fact that there are no informational books for raising city dogs, who face very different issues.

The best placed to start in ensuring success with a city dog is immediately when you meet the dog – which, she says, you should absolutely do before committing to adoption.

McCue-McGrath has begun and encouraged the #handsonfirst campaign. This notion encourages contact with dogs before they enter a home. To see more about #handsonfirst, visit considerationsforthecitydog.com. There you can check out the Pet Finder loophole Melissa has discovered, find conversation on the book, read excerpts and author information, and purchase the book.

Considerations for the City Dog is not an owner's manual. It is not Rocco's story, nor Melissa McCue-McGrath's. It is a book full of insight useful to dog owners, potential dog owners, dog lovers, and any



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# By Jim Clark

# Late night snoozer leaves the motor running

A police officer in route on assignment noticed a utility truck sitting motionless at the intersection of Broadway and Central St. at approximately 2:00 a.m. Monday morning.

The officer stopped to investigate and reportedly observed that a man, later identified as Nicholas McLoud, of Dorchester, was sitting in the driver's seat of the vehicle, and apparently

unconscious. The officer further noted that the trucks engine was running and idling.

The officer attempted to wake McLoud by tapping a flashlight on the driver's side window, and after several attempts the man appeared to come to and he sat straight up. After about ten seconds, however, McLoud closed his eyes again and appeared to have drifted off once more.

Again, the officer banged on the vehicle's window in an attempt to awaken McLoud. At one point he appeared to regain consciousness and moved his hand toward the truck's gearshift, at which time the officer shouted for him to not move the vehicle and to turn off the engine.

McLoud then reportedly removed his hand from the gearshift but drifted back to sleep again without switching off the truck's engine.

A backup police unit arrived and an officer gained entry into the truck's passenger side and turned off the ignition.

Once the vehicle's doors were opened, police reported that there was a strong odor of alcohol present inside and an open container of beer was found in the center console.

When asked if he was all right, McLoud reportedly asked the officers, "What's going on?"

McLoud was removed from the vehicle and administered a series of field sobriety tests, which he reportedly failed.

He was place under arrest and charged with violation of city ordinance open container and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

# SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

#### Arrests:

Osvaldo Lima, of 5 Canal St., September 28, 10:04 a.m., arrested at Canal Ln. on a warrant charge of witness intimidation.

Florette Louissant, of 39 Bishop Allen Dr., Cambridge, September 28, 9:18 p.m., arrested at Willow Ave. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Charles Cameron, of 10 Luke Rd., Everett, September 29, 12:11 p.m., arrested at Shore Dr. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Kevin Silva**, of 460 Mystic Ave., September 29, 1:26 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on a warrant charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Shyheim Silva, of 460 Mystic Ave., September 29, 1:26 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on a warrant charge of home invasion.

Ernesto Arias, of 7 Eighth St., Cambridge, September 30, 3:47 p.m., arrested at Grandview Ave. on a warrant charge of distribution of a class A drug.

Jonathan Carvalho, of 48

Grove St., Everett, September 30, 6:08 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and improper turn.

Andrew Carneiro, of 99 Grant St., September 30, 6:23 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and unsafe operation of a motor vehicle.

**Derek McMasters**, September 30, 9:44 p.m., arrested at Tyler St. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and possession of a class B drug.

Mary Riddle, of 480 Mystic Ave., October 1, 12:35 p.m., arrested at home on charges of drug possession to distribute and distribution of a class B drug.

Kevin James, of 82 Vesey St., Brockton, October 2, 11:02 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Jorge Palacios, of 34R North St., October 3, 1:48 a.m., arrested at Professors Row on charges of possession of a burglarious instrument, home invasion, carrying a dangerous weapon, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Anna Nikitenko, of 7 Allen St., October 4, 1:46 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Nicholas McLoud, of 19 Plain St., Dorchester, October 5, 2:05 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of violation of city ordinance open container and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

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the city's investment and private development of the area, and has been the subject of several community meetings. With the Green Line extension scheduled to serve the area by train by 2020, change is quickly coming to the neighborhood.

On Monday night, Melissa Woods, Senior Planner with the city said, "We want to contribute to the momentum by bringing Team Better Block to Winter Hill."

With a strong emphasis on the project's roots in an overlooked Dallas side street, Andrew Howard of Better Block explained the concept of a Better Block to the dozens of people packed into the unfinished building.

Howard thinks city development can be too slow, and said that a Better Block project was a way to circumvent the process of proposals, meetings, and designs that characterize city planning. Instead, says Howard, Better Block allows for iteration, experiments, and low-stakes trial runs. The company's website describes the events as "living charettes," ways to test design or business ideas off the page.

Union Square experimented with a Better Block in 2014 to test bike lanes, crosswalks, and other changes to the streetscape, said Howard. The Better Block in Winter Hill will be different, with a stronger emphasis on programming.

"Great places are programmed," said Howard. He envisions a winter market on the Broadway Street parking lot. The idea comes from Europe. Many European cities host outdoor markets all winter, setting up ice skating rinks, and providing space to vendors sell-

ing food, drinks, and gifts. "You feel warm and cozy," said Howard of his experiences in European winter markets. "Maybe it's going to change some social norms on winter."

"... whatever we do here, it has to come from folks that live here, not just planners"

Better Block will be planning the event for the next three or four months. There will be several more meetings in Winter Hill to get input from residents, and to recruit neighbors to bring the vision

to life. Howard challenges residents to think about what the neighborhood is missing, and hopes the Better Block will provide an opportunity to give entrepreneurs a test-run at a business in Winter Hill. Better Block does not collect data on how many Better Block test businesses become permanent fixtures, but Howard is confident that the projects were catalysts for neighborhood development.

Andre Green hung back as the group walked through the Winter Hill Brewing parking lot last Monday. As Howard described the winter market, Green was skeptical. "We all want a nicer area, but I'm always concerned about these types of things," he said. "I want a nicer Winter Hill for the people who actually live here." He worries that the city and Better Block

are not doing enough to reach residents who are not able to attend planning meetings, such as second shift workers. "It's not a very diverse group here," said Green of the predominantly white group gathered at Winter Hill Brewing.

Alderman Tony LaFuente echoed some of Green's concerns. "We have a very good planning department. But whatever we do here, it has to come from folks that live here, not just planners."

The alderman was more optimistic about Better Block's potential to help long-neglected Winter Hill. "If it helps in a process of determining what happens here long-term, and it's been decades since anything has happened here and it'll be decades before anything happens here again, we want to get it right," said LaFuente.

# Meet the workers of Union Square

#### By Mariya Manzhos

While shopping at Market Basket, Charan Devereaux's attention was continually drawn to the name tags worn by each worker that also indicate how many years they have worked at the store. This curiosity about the people behind the uniform gradually led Devereaux on a quest to document Union Square as a community of workers and business owners.

Over a year and a half Devereaux, who has lived in Somerville and Cambridge for 20 years, documented personal narratives and took portraits of over 70 people who work in Union Square. Her project came together in an exhibition *Union Square at Work*, which opened at the Somerville Museum on Sunday, October 4.

"Sometimes we get a sense that interesting stories are far away," says Devereaux, who has written about international trade policy in the past. "This project was outside my door," says Devereaux, and with a young son, she wanted to work close to home.

Sometimes she'd meet business owners on her walks around the neighborhood early in the morning, or she'd ask if she could photograph them while she was shopping. "The more I photographed people in Union Square, the more I discovered how many different types of businesses and people with various backgrounds and experiences are here," says Devereaux.

Her collection of portraits celebrates the diversity of industries and people operating next door to each other in Somerville's densely populated neighborhood; an Argentine tango dancer, a puppet maker, a chef-turned-bicycle repairman, a homeless shelter director, the CEO of a clean technology incubator, an automotive shop owner, a parkour teacher, and numerous restaurant owners, artists and musicians, among others.

Anntonnette Thompson, a teacher at Bigelow Cooperative of 24 years, has been a Union Square resident for 12 years. "As long as I've lived in Union Square I didn't know that we had this many businesses. I guess they are hidden inside of these buildings," says Thompson. Featured in one of the portraits, she is wearing bright pink lipstick and a pearl necklace over a black sleeveless dress, Thompson is gazing into the camera smiling subtly. "Now that I've seen this show, I know what is here."

With music from 20 local bands playing in the background, historical images of Union Square and old businesses, and aerial drone footage of Union Square from Above Summit production studio - the exhibition takes its visitors on a walk through time.

Some businesses featured in portraits have been around for nearly 100 years and have been operated by several generations of the same family.



Greg Davidian co-owns the Union Gulf service and repair station with his brother. It was opened by his father in 1947.

— Photo by Charan Devereaux

Hub Glass Services is now run by the grandchildren of Malcom Carver, who founded the company in 1927. In the photograph Beth, Sharon, Richard stand next to their mother in their glass shop. When Malcom's son George passed away in the 60's, his wife Frances stepped in as head of the company. A young widow with three children at home, she quickly learned how to read construction plans and took a seat at the glass industry table with other men.

Malcom's granddaughter, Beth Carver, was standing near the photograph of her family at the exhibition opening. She worked at the business for 34 years, but severe allergies forced her to retire. "We all did a little bit of everything. If the phone needed to be answered or a customer needed to be helped, we did it," says Carver. Now with computers, doing billing and paperwork is easier and faster, she said.

Devereaux was particularly touched by family stories like Hub Glass's."So many stories of these family-owned businesses come back to the basic themes of life – the desire to work for yourself and to build something, trying to leave something for your children, for the next generation. There are a lot of powerful stories right here in Union Square."

Today more young creatives are joining maker places in Union Square, bringing innovative business and technology to

the creative community. Maddie Copp and her husband Justin joined p.irateship, a makerspace in the old American Tube Works building on Somerville Ave, just over a year ago. In their Copp Creature Shop, Maddie makes puppets and Justin constructs animatronic creatures with a 3-Doodler, a 3-D printing pen.

Jim Hagen, a visitor from Newport, thought that Union Square at Work is a good opportunity to place a bookmark in history. "We can pause and look at what this place is like, because it's going to change soon," Hagen said.

Despite upcoming redevelopment plans for Union Square,
Devereaux says the show is
not a response to the changes
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# **HONK! Festival turns 10 this weekend**

#### By Rebecca Danvers

Special attention must be paid to milestone birthdays. This weekend's HONK! Festival's 10th year is one of those occasions. As of this writing, the roster of socio-political activist street bands totals 28. They are coming from as far away as Paris, Los Alamos, New Orleans, Montreal and Quebec City. But it wouldn't be HONK! without some last minute surprises!

The roster also includes many Boston-area bands, including a new local School of HONK!, based in Somerville, who will be organizing "walk-in" opportunities for local musicians who are not affiliated with an existing HONK! band. The recommendation is to keep checking www. honkfest.org/2015-festival/bands-2015 early and often for updates on participating groups.

This year is quite a transformation from HONK!'s 2006 humble beginnings, when 12 HONK! bands joined forces on a mellow October Saturday afternoon in Davis Square, Somerville, immediately turning everything topsy-turvy. Those initial bands gathered in response to a call sent out by the Somerville-based Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society Brass Band, who had a need to seek out kindred spirit music makers and invite them to gather and play their collective hearts out, while raising awareness for local and global just causes. The bands played in earnest, yet always in keeping with the bons temps rouler vibe, that became especially contagious after the Katrina disaster of 2005.

That New Orleanian spirit rising again, despite all odds, is clearly something that the initial HONK!ers wanted to emulate and perpetuate. In addition to celebrating the 10th HONK!, this year also marks the 10th anniversary of Katrina. HONK! is pleased that the New Creations Brass Band and the Original Big Seven Social Aid & Pleasure Club will again be able to join HONK!, coming up from New Orleans to help us mark their milestone of recovery efforts.

HONK! continues to thrive and spread, the phenomena rippling across the planet, with yearly HONK! festivals also being held in Providence, New York City, Seattle, Austin, and Detroit, as well as in Australia and Brazil. And every year, HONK! bands circle back to their HONK! birthplace in Somerville, to roost, squawk and strut their stuff. The shape of this year's schedule will adhere to what has now become the HONK! tradition of holding primarily outdoor events, all free and open to the public, held rain or shine during Indigenous Peoples' Day Weekend, this year running from Friday-Sunday, October 9 through 11.

The HONK! events will include what has become the annual favorites:

HONK! Friday: Day of Action in Boston during the af-



The HONK! Festival will be hitting the city this weekend, bringing its own special brand of musical activism to the fore.

ternoon, early evening Lantern Parades throughout Somerville's Davis Square neighborhood, and culminating in an evening band showcase at Johnny D's;

HONK! Saturday: main event held throughout the nooks and crannies of Davis Square, with continuous band performances taking place from noon-9 p.m., rain or shine;

HONK! Sunday: the gigantic

noon Parade heading from Davis Square to Cambridge's Harvard Square, where HONK! bands will then participate in Oktoberfest, performing throughout the Square in the afternoon, and ending with a steady stream of HONK! bands showcased up on the Main Stage.

Extra HONK! curricular activities are in the planning stages, including the "Visau-

ral: Sight, Sound and Action" art exhibit, with a "HONK! Around The World" component, hosted by the Nave Gallery Annex (www.navegallery. org) in Davis Square. An opening reception is scheduled for HONK! Friday. And the word is out that a pre-HONK! gathering will take place in Union Square Somerville on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 8.

# Dorothy's Corner



#### Vegetarian/Vegan Broccoli Soup

For those of you who love broccoli, you will be happy to know the peak season is finally here! That means the nutritional value and flavor will be at its best. Always purchase broccoli that has a light green stem and tight, vibrant heads that are dark green and even purple in color for the freshest vegetable.

This soup is low fat, vibrant and creamy without using cream or any dairy. However, if you want to add unsweetened almond milk (in place of the water) to this recipe, I'm sure it could bump it up to the next level. For garnish, a slice of orange and a dollop of Greek yogurt or toasted slivered almonds with a drizzle of your favorite olive oil would be a nice addition to your dish.

3 medium sized broccoli crowns, cleaned and cut into similar size

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 medium onion, small dice

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

3 large garlic cloves, chopped

3 teaspoons ground cumin

32 oz vegetable or chicken stock (low sodium)

2 cups water

1 orange zested and juiced

Additional salt and pepper to taste

In a large pot, fill 1/2 way with water, bring



to a boil and add two tablespoons of Kosher salt. Add the broccoli including the stems and cook for 5 minutes over high heat. In the meantime, fill a large bowl with ice water. Drain the broccoli and place into the ice bath to set the color and stop the cooking. In the same pot, over medium heat, add the olive oil, onion, salt and pepper, cook for 10 minutes until the onions are translucent. Stir in the garlic and ground cumin and cook for an additional minute. Add the stock of your choice along with the water to the pot. Bring up to a simmer. Drain the broccoli and add it to the pot. Cook at a simmer for an additional 10 minutes until the broccoli is fork tender. Remove from heat. Blend the mixture by either using an immersion blender or regular blender (do not overfill your blender with the hot liquid, it can result in injury, not to mention a huge mess to clean up). Once fully blended and creamy, stir the zest and juice of the orange into the soup. Adjust for seasoning. Garnish and serve.

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# Congressman Capuano to speak at Mystic River Watershed Association Annual Meeting

By Tom Bannister

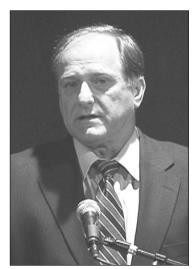
The 43rd Annual Meeting of the Mystic River Watershed Association will be held on Monday, October 19, at Tufts University at the 51 Winthrop Street function hall, Medford. The public is invited to join in for an evening celebrating the Mystic River Watershed Association's advocacy efforts on behalf of the Mystic River.

The event will begin with snacks and mingling at 6:15

p.m. and the night's program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Special awards will be given and we'll hear an update from Association staff as well as an address from keynote speaker U.S. Congressman Michael Capuano. Go to www.MysticRiver.org for more information about this free, public meeting.

Congressman Capuano will share his unique perspective on watershed protection efforts and his vision for the Mystic River Watershed. The Congressman is no stranger to the Mystic! Born in Somerville, Congressman Capuano went on to become the Mayor of Somerville for nine years prior to serving in Congress. He is now serving his ninth term as a Representative in Congress for Massachusetts' Seventh District, which includes several Mystic communities: Chelsea, Everett, Somerville, and parts of Cambridge and Boston.

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) was founded in 1972 and has largely functioned through the efforts of professional staff and community volunteers working together on a project-by-project basis. Its mission is to protect and restore the Mystic River, its tributaries and watershed lands for the benefit of present and future generations and to celebrate the value, importance and great beauty of these natural resources which play a vital role in the many cities and towns the watershed includes.



U.S. Congressman Michael Capuano.

# Beacon Street resurfacing week of Oct. 18

By Rebecca Danvers

Beacon Street will receive an overlay resurfacing and restriping in mid-October to address the deteriorated road surface until the roadway's full-depth reconstruction project starts next spring, and cyclists are strongly encouraged to seek alternate routes until that work is completed later this month.

Weather permitting, this interim repaving work is scheduled for the week beginning Sunday, Oct. 18, and will be completed within two days, with restriping done during the following week.

The work is being undertaken through a partnership between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and the City of Somerville.

Until the interim improvements are made, bicyclists are asked for their safety to take one of two detour options to avoid Beacon Street—one for eastbound cyclists to Inman Square and one for westbound cyclists to Porter Square-that will extend trips only minimally by using Somerville Avenue and Dane Street. Maps of these detour routes are online at somervillema.gov/beaconstreet

will also be available in hard copies placed in boxes near the Somerville/Cambridge lines along Beacon Street, where electronic message boards will alert cyclists. Temporary detour signs will also be installed.

This interim repaving measure will keep the roadway in smoother condition through the start of the full-depth reconstruction project next spring. Sewer and water repair work began along the roadway this past spring and will be completed this fall. Temporary and permanent easements needed for the project were ac-



quired this past summer, and the State subsequently placed to project out to bid. The State is expected to award a contract for the project in November,

and completion of the project is expected during the 2018 construction season.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

**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. 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. 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. Patricia Jehlen

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Second Middlesex. - Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11, inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county of Middlesex.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of September 28-October 2.

\$360 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H

3773)

House 152-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$360 million fiscal 2015 supplemental budget. The federal government is expected to reimburse \$112 million to the state, making the bottom line cost to the state \$248 million.

Provisions include \$7 million for staffing and training at the Department of Children and Families (DCF), \$29 million to fight opiate abuse, \$75 million for the state's "Rainy Day Fund," \$113 million to pay down some of the state's long-term debt obligations and \$500,000 for the Outside the Box Festival in the city of Boston. According to its website, the summer festival includes more than 100 artists and organizations performing free on Boston Common.

Supporters said the package is a balanced one that makes vital investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility.

(A"Yes" vote is for the budget.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

#### **OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION (S 2020)**

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill aimed at reducing the opioid abuse crisis in the Bay State. The legislation focuses on prevention and education. It would reduce the number of opioid pills in circulation by working with many parties involved in the process including schools, doctors, insurance companies and pharmacists. Other provisions include requiring physicians, nurses or other personnel approved by the Department of Public Health to conduct verbal substance use disorder screenings on public school students at least once annually in grades seven and ten, increasing access to chronic pain management with a focus on creating a holistic plan for each patient, requiring pharmaceutical companies to establish or participate in drug-take back programs to further reduce the number of pills accessible in homes and requiring doctors prescribing opioid medication to minors to obtain written consent from the parent or guardian.

Supporters said this landmark legislation will help stem the rising tide of drug addiction and drug-related deaths across the state. They noted there were 1,256 accidental drug-related deaths last year. They said the legislation focuses on prevention and education and will save many lives and spare the heartache of many families.

(A"Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### MENTAL HEALTH PARITY (S 2020)

Senate 10-27, rejected an amendment that gives patients the right to file suit and to recover damages and attorney's fees from health insurers that don't provide coverage for mental health and substance abuse treatment equal to what they provide for physical illnesses. Current law already requires the parity. The amendment would give individuals the right to sue and receive triple damages and attorney fees.

Amendment supporters said some health insurers routinely ignore this parity law, and patients currently have little recourse. They argued that insurers are already required to provide this coverage and the amendment sim-

ply allows those aggrieved to sue.

Amendment opponents said the Division of Insurance is already allowed to bring claims against insurers that violate the law.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

# ALLOW CITIES AND TOWNS TO OPT INTO SCREENINGS (S 2020)

Senate 11-27, rejected an amendment to a provision in the bill that requires physicians, nurses or other personnel approved by the Department of Public Health to conduct verbal substance use disorder screenings on public school students at least once annually in grades seven and ten. The provision also allows parents to opt their children out of the program. The amendment would give cities and towns the option to implement the screenings or not.

Supporters of the local option said there is research that these screenings do not work very well for students. Others argued the bill does not provide any funding to schools to implement the program and noted they opposed an unfunded state mandate.

Opponents of local option said these screenings are the heart and soul of the bill. They noted that the state already mandates hearing and vision screenings and noted that substance abuse screenings are just as important, if not more so. Ways and Means Chair Sen. Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) said the screenings are not an unfunded state mandate because the Legislature and governor intend to provide \$1.2 million to fund them.

(A"Yes" vote is for the local option. A"No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

IMPERSONATE A VETERAN, FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION, BOOKING OF PRISONERS, MURDER VICTIMS - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on several bills including a "Stolen Valor Bill" that would make it a crime for a person to misrepresent himself or herself as a veteran if he or she is not one (H 1641). Violators would be subject to a one-year prison sentence and/or \$1,000 fine.

Other proposals would make it a crime to perform female genital mutilation (H 1530), require that all bookings of persons arrested by state police officer be videotaped or digitally recorded (H 1619) and create the Murder Victims Families Assistance Fund to provide aid to immediate families of murder victims (S 951). The fund would be funded by voluntary contributions from publishers, authors and movie or television studios that create books, movies or television shows based on murders committed in the Bay State.

REDUCE SALES TAX AND CAP SALARY OF STATE EMPLOYEES (H 2450) - The Revenue Committee held a hearing on legislation that would reduce the sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5 percent and prohibit any state employee from earning more money than the governor, who currently earns \$151,800 per year.

### **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

INSURANCE RECORDS FROM HOLOCAUST

#### continued



(S 488) - The Financial Services Committee held a hearing on a bill that would require all insurance companies to provide the state with their records on all policies that were issued and in effect in Europe between 1920 and 1945. The bill is designed to help many victims of

the Nazi regime and their families who were never paid insurance claims for various policies they owned because the owners were killed and the families did not have proof of the policy.

In many cases only the insurance companies still have records of these policies. The measure would force them to release the records and either prove payment was already made or be required to pay now.

TELEMEDICINE (H 1944) - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on legislation requiring health insurance companies to cover the cost of telemedicine - the practice of physicians using telecommunication and information technologies to provide health care remotely.

LAUREATES - The Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development Committee held a hearing on bills creating several new official state laureate positions. A laureate is a person who has been honored for achieving distinction in a particular field or with a particular award. The unpaid positions include poet laureate (H 2927), architect laureate (H 2931) and musician laureate (S 1802).

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"I have lost 15 of my classmates to opiate abuse." — Sen. Kenneth Donnelly (D-Arlington) during debate on the opi-

ate abuse bill.

"Stepped-up monitoring and enforcement can save lives and prevent tragedies before they happen. Operation Safe Campus takes immediate and effective steps that result in the direct prevention of underage drinking and acts as a long-term deterrent to bar and package store owners serving and selling to minors." — State Treasurer Deb Goldberg on her initiative to target underage drinking on college campuses.

"The taxpayers aren't the piggy bank for every politically connected scheme that rolls into town. It's outrageous to talk about special road construction for a few race car drivers when the roads and bridges and public transit used by millions of people are in such bad shape." — United Independent Party Chairman Evan Falchuk on a proposal to bring the Grand Prix to Boston.

"After last winter we take all weather stuff very seriously." — Gov. Baker on how the state will handle this winter's snow.

"Despite the many positives associated with overcoming obstacles to win political office, the number of women of color elected to office today not only in Massachusetts but throughout the country remains dismal, diminishing diversity of opinion, political discourse and stunting effective and inclusive public service." — From the "Women of Color Elected Officials in Massachusetts Report" that reveals that of the 200 state legislators, there are only four women of color, including an African American, Asian American, Haitian and multi-ethnic woman.

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.

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the

During the week of September 28-October 2, the House met for a total of six hours and 22 minutes while the Senate met for a total of eight hours and 33 minutes.

Mon. September 28 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:48 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

No House session Tues. September 29 No Senate session

Wed. September 30 House 11:04 a.m. to 4:29 p.m.

No Senate session

Thurs. October 1 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.

Senate 11:05 a.m. to 7:25 p.m.

Fri. October 2 No House session

No Senate session

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

## The Somerville Times **Best of Somerville 2015** Cast your vote!

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Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch

Best Italian Food

Best Chinese Food

Best Mexican Food

Best Portuguese Food

Best Variety and all around Restaurant

Best Seafood

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Best Local Bar Best Thai Food

Best Hamburger

Best Mac & Cheese Best Hot-Dog

Best Roast Beef Sandwich

Best Pizza Best Bakery Best Sub Shop

Best Coffee Shop Franchise Best Coffee Shop local

Best Bar Food

**Best of Somerville Services** 

Best Electrician Best Plumber

Best Attorney

**Best Teacher** 

Best Politician

Best City Worker

Best Receptionist Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor

Best Real Estate Rental Agent

Best Bank Teller

Best Bank Employee

Best Waitstaff

Best Bartender Best Cook

Best Caterer

Best Barber

Best Hair Salon

**Best Doctor** 

Best Nurse

Best Coach

Best Police Officer

Best Fire Fighter Best Photographer

Best Somerville Historian

Best Eye Doctor

**Best Orthodontist** 

Best Mortgage Officer

Best Somerville Artist Best Somerville Poet

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# COMMENTARY

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# MCAS scores show Somerville Schools lead the way for urban districts



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The Spring 2015 MCAS results show that Somerville Public Schools are continuing to help all students realize their potential in the classroom. For three years running, Somerville has been the sole urban district in the top 15 percent of school districts across Massachusetts for student growth, as measured by MCAS Student Growth Percentile. This year, Somerville actually ranks among the top 12 percent for student growth, which measures a student's change in academic performance compared to their peers from across the Commonwealth with similar test scores in previous years. These results show that our students' performance is improving more Public Schools also saw imthan similar students; in short, they are learning more in the course of a year.

Public Schools also saw improvement there. The Compostite Performance Index (CPI) score measures whether stu-

This is particularly significant because socioeconomic status is the strongest predictor of test scores and we are not a homogenous community. More than two-thirds of our high school students are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Yet our scores show that students from every income level and background are learning more than their peers in other districts. Somerville is reaching all of its students and helping them to improve academically. And it's not the case that our students have further to go in their academic careers, and by playing catch up, our growth scores are higher. Districts that are higher performing on the MCAS also consistently rank higher on student growth. Like Somerville, those are the districts that are helping all students continually improve.

Even though socioeconomic status is strongly correlated with raw test scores, Somerville

provement there. The Composite Performance Index (CPI) score measures whether students are moving toward proficiency on the MCAS exams, and Somerville's overall district CPI has improved in every subject for the last four years. We are seeing more Somerville students who scored in the warning or needs improvement categories on past MCAS exams now scoring in the proficient or advanced categories. Our students' growth isn't merely incremental progress—it's catapulting them into proficient or advanced scores on MCAS exams, too, with terrific progress on the math exams specifically.

Now, there is always room for improvement, and in particular, the Grade 3 reading exam results highlight an area that requires attention. Fortunately, Somerville Public Schools has already put into place programs and initiatives that address this area. Getting every student off on the right foot is key to improving those results, and our district is looking to support students and

families before they even enter kindergarten. Somerville Public Schools has hired its first Director of Early Education and launched SomervilleHub.org, a website that provides a single portal of entry for all families to receive the services and education they need, whether from our public schools, non-profit agencies, or private providers. High-quality preschool education narrows the achievement gap by as much as half, the research shows, and if we want to improve our students'- reading skills in Grade 3, we have to start even earlier.

Somerville Schools also recognize that a student's academic success is not determined solely by what goes on in the classroom. Helping all students reach their greatest potential means supporting them both inside and outside the classroom. It's why this year's budget adds critical positions including an assistant to the Director of Student Services, a psychologist, and a board certified behavior analyst. These are investments in holistically supporting

our students. Meanwhile, our new Community Cabinet is bringing together leaders from both the school side and the City side to address issues that affect academic achievement and cannot be addressed by the schools alone, including after school and summer programming, housing, transportation and more.

A grade on a standardized test is not and cannot be the only measure of success, and the MCAS results are not the end goal in and of themselves. That said, every piece of data has value, and these scores are one way to measure our progress. These results are an achievement that belongs to every student, their families, and the teachers and educators who are working with our students every day. Our families and teachers have embraced the challenge and the opportunity to make sure that every child in our district has the opportunity to succeed. It's a testament to your hard work that Somerville Public Schools lead the way for all urban districts in Massachusetts.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send letters to the editor to The Somerville Times. Please email your letters to News@TheSomervilleTimes.com or mail them to 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The Somerville Times Reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and length. All letters must include an name and contact information. Contact information will not be shared with the public. We look forward to hearing from you.

To the Editor:

When we first moved to Boston, it took time to adjust to the driving culture here. Horn use is a part of the daily commute and an accepted form of communication. Rather than a warning of danger or call to attention, the horn—often accompanied by hand gestures and choice words—acts as the means of making a commentary on another's driving. In order to drive here, awareness is paramount but you must develop a certain tolerance to the aggression of others.

Perhaps, that's why I did not think too much of the initial honking of the black pickup last Tuesday September 29. Commuting on my bicycle, I try to stay focused on the road and everything ahead. On Webster Avenue, filled with construction, potholes, and intersections, there are plenty of obstacles for both bike and cars. Moreover, without a bike lane, cars and bikes are largely left to negotiate spacing. However, I noted it when the pickup truck driver demonstrated his continued frustration by honking a second time and calling for the "crazy f\*\*ing cyclist" to "get off the road."

Having passed a few other cyclists, I moved to the right. One car passed us. Then I heard the black pickup pulling next me extremely close and fast. As he proceeded to drive into my bicycle rather than around, I knew there was only one end to this.

As I came to awareness on the ground, I do not remember much. I do remember the other bikers asking if I was all right, the sudden realization that my wrist was bent in directions it should not be able go, my frustration at being late for work, my desire to call my wife, and my thankfulness of being alive all amidst a growing sensation of losing consciousness.

The blue pickup sped away without stopping. I was taken to MGH where I had surgery on my broken wrist. While many witnesses came to my assistance, no one got the truck's license plate. Without this, the police made it clear the likelihood of finding the driver was minimal.

At first, I wanted to write and ask for help to find him. An-

gry and hurt, my desire was and is for justice. Justice for the fact I cannot hold my 7-week old daughter for the next 1-2 months. Now at eight pounds, she is above the weight limit for my wrist, so I cannot rock and calm her. Nor can I wrestle with her two older brothers.

But instead of a plea to help find this driver, I want to invite our community into a dialogue. Are these the type of incidents we want to characterize us? Road rage where hitting the horn escalates to hitting a person? Running from accidents where others are hurt? Being delayed as justification for reckless driving and hurting others?

We can and should think about ways to systematically make the roads safer. We should advocate for more bike paths and protected bike lanes. But we should also consider the culture of our roads.

In the end, while the driver has no idea what happened to me, I forgive him. I am thankful that it was only my wrist, and I do plan on biking again. But as we have started teaching our oldest son to ride a bicycle, I am lost as how best to prepare him for the danger and the anger present on our roads. As drivers, bicyclists, fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, sons, and daughters, can't we do better than this?

— Geren Stone gerenstone@mail.harvard.edu Physician at MGH and Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program and committed cyclist

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# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

# **Illustrated by Jim Clark**



# **Our View Of The Times**

Communication: The cornerstone of community.



With the rhetoric having been so hot and divisions among us so stark in the past year or so, getting an opportunity to engage in some serious and hopefully heartfelt discussions between people across racial, ethnic and economic lines can be viewed as a very useful thing.

The city's latest round of its Community Conversations Series kicked of on Monday at Clarendon Hill Presbyterian

Church, where a small group of residents gathered to discuss race and racism and perhaps learn some things about themselves and others in their community.

The series will continue through the month of October, with meetings scheduled at various venues throughout the city, with each of the seven wards being represented in turn. Dates and locations of the meetings can be found online on the city's

website (www.somervillema.gov).

While not intended to serve a multitude of participants, those who choose to show up and participate may find meaningful discourse and good fellowship at any or all of the scheduled events.

Few would disagree that more understanding and tolerance is needed between people of all ethnicities, especially in consideration of the tensions that have developed between law enforcement authorities and the African American community.

Small-scale events such as this cannot hope to provide solutions to the bigger problems that society paces, but they can represent a beginning. Perhaps in the long term they can serve as a model to take the dialogue farther, which seems like a very worthwhile thing.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

4, Jamie O'Leary, has made huge inroads walking the streets with her husband campaigning. Jamie is smart and would make a good member of the School Board. We wish her the very best.

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We still hear - and frankly are not surprised - that Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters is tireless in his efforts to get re-elected. He has no opposition but wants his constituents to know he's very grateful for the opportunity to serve them. One person told us he came knocking at their door and they asked him why he was out door-knocking, since he didn't have anyone opposing him in the election. His answer was that is his job is to work for the residents. We're always happy to support Alderman McWatters, one of Somerville's finest.

We also saw Alderman at Large Bill White out campaigning while walking his dog along the river almost every day, talking and greeting all the residents who followed along with him, taking advantage of the beautiful scenery along the shores of Somerville.

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Happy birthdays this week to some of our Villen friends as well as friends of

The Times: First of al, there are many locals celebrating this week. We wish good guy Dan O'Meara a special day, celebrating with his lovely wife Joan and friends at S.O's. Happy birthday to Gay Koty this week. A nice lady who is always considerate of others. We guess that goes with the job of being a nurse. We hope she has a great time this week. To Sal DiDomenico, we wish him a happy birthday this week. He's another long time Somerville guy. Our good friend from East Somerville, Russell "Rusty" Smithe - nice guy - happy birthday Russ, and many more. Another very nice and great lady, Annmarie Browne is also celebrating this week. We know Mike and the kids will give her a great birthday this week. A Happy Birthday to Nancy Murphy-Curtatone this week as well, surrounded by four great kids and a husband who is also the mayor. We assume Nancy will be treated like a queen, as she should be this week. Happy birthday Nancy, from The Times staff. Another local great guy, Mike Buckley, is celebrating this week as well. We wish him the very best. To a real nice guy from the Ville, who is now living in Florida, Mike Berry. A great family man. We wish him the very best. Happy birthday also to Kevin Shackelford. He's celebrat-

ing this week as well. We hope he has a great day. Mike Capuano, the younger, is celebrating this week. We hope he has a great day and a happy birthday to him as well. To our good friend, Dr. Halim Osgur Muslu, who has moved back to Mass now. He is a Gastroenterologist specialist and a great one as well. A nice guy. We know he's going to have a great time in his new home back here in Mass.

There's a new web site in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com.

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There's still time to register for evening classes at the Somerville Adult Evening School. Register in person at Somerville High School located at 83 Highland Ave, SHS Main Office from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. or check them out online at www. somerville.k12.ma.us/eveningschool. Classes begin: Tuesday, September 29 and/or Thursday, October 1, 6:00 -9:00 p.m. Classes include: Academic Recovery, Drivers Ed. Sewing, Computers, Spanish, ESL, Real Estate License, Medical Interpretation and for the following special Zumba or YOGA 5 classes for \$25 or walk in \$7Why not enroll and begin your fall learning something

new. Real Estate 40 hour license course offered by the school for more than half of what the cost is elsewhere. Hurry and register in person or call the school for further information at 617 625-6600 ask for "evening school."

Word of the Week: Egomania - according to Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, Egomania is also known as an obsessive preoccupation with one's self and applies to someone who follows their own ungoverned impulses and is possessed by delusions of personal greatness and feels a lack of appreciation. Someone suffering from this extreme egocentric focus is an egomaniac. Sound familiar?

Our 40th annual "Best of Somerville Awards" the ballot is out so look it over and vote for your favorite and if you don't see the category let us know or send in your recommendation. You can email, call and leave a message or drop off at the mail box at the office located at 699 Broadway in Ball Square. Vote your favorite and the winners will be announced in the November 4 edition of The Somerville Times. Best of Somerville is done every year. You can go online to our website and Continued on page 20

# **TEDxSomerville** Reinvent

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Balinese motor-bike-commute on a borrowed Indonesian Yamaha Jupiter MX. 10,000 Indonesian Rupiah, less than one U.S. Dollar, filled the gallon gas tank. An open kitchen abutting dense jungle vegetation replaced Charlestown's apartment amenities. Her planned three-month stay soon became two years of volunteer work, blogging, and self-exploration. Co-Curating TEDxUbud 2011 exposed Bramhall to community organizing, a skill developed to combat loneliness in Bali.

TEDx events are independently planned and coordinated community forums. License-based subsidiaries of the global non-profit TED conference [Technology, Entertainment, Design]. Individual presenters prepare compact speeches for their event audience. Each recorded speech has the potential to reach TEDx's online audience of millions. Bramhall's current career endeavors in Somerville are socially motivated; efforts to connect with local innovators.

"TEDx is such a tremendous forum of people from different backgrounds, different everything actually"

As Executive Director of TEDx-Somerville 2015, she organized the September 27 show hosted in Tufts University Aidekman Arts Center. Bramhall shares motivations for organizing, "What I get to do through this is meet a ton of people in my community, and find out what they are doing. I have lived in Somerville three years now. It wasn't until I did this last year that I was like oh right I live here.' I wasn't connected as much here. Last year gave me the itch, and then being the organizer this year, I can't imagine doing anything else."

TEDxSomerville focused on twelve community speakers in varying professional disciplines. The show theme, "Reinvent," connects presenters through what Bramhall describes as a "global conversation of our shared future." Chosen topics varied: culturally relevant concerns, thought provoking ideas, and presenter's passions were condensed to 15-minute monologues. With each rehearsed presentation

came a new idea: Youth-centric coders proving financial alternatives to hustling drugs, teddy bears that teach type-1 diabetes and mental discipline taught through Parkour. Presenters shared stories on stage and mingled with attendees during intermission. Guest artist, Victor Genel, discusses his "MeconoMorph" business card creation featured on stage.

With minimal alteration Genel creates multimedia art with conventional objects. "Business cards can make a special ratio: 3.5" by 2". If folded it produces exactly thirty and sixty degrees" says Genel as he confidently shakes his geometric paper structure. Folded business cards form sturdy geodesic orbs. Each orb resembles the metal dome structure found in school playgrounds or parks. The geometry allows for seventy-two thin, folded paper business cards to become efficient, weight bearing structures. The design holds together with money clips and paper binders. "You can put like ten pounds on it and it will hold," says Genel. "This whole thing stands on three orbs, just three; it could be more. To me, the structure is more important than any other use for the business card." Genel's work is a process he describes as Deutilization: "Taking perfectly functional 'useful' objects, and making them completely dysfunctional in terms of their original intent."

In his Natick home basement he turns hundreds of scissors into potentially painful soccer ball-like orbs. Genel deems money the most universal example of an object's intended purpose made dysfunctional through art. His folded money cubes are unable to fit in ATM machines. Storage of this basement artistry is not his primary concern. "Finding enough room is a struggle, but more important is finding a place to expose it," says Genel. "TEDx is such a tremendous forum of people from different backgrounds, different everything actually." Genel feels as though he is an artistic steward delivering ideas using existing pieces. Literally, these pieces are his business cards, scissors, traffic cones, and paper money. What he creates is unique perspective on established convention.

TEDxSomerville 2015 was recorded Sunday, September 27. Recorded presentations will be made available online at: tedxtalks.ted.com.

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# **Meet the** workers of **Union Square**

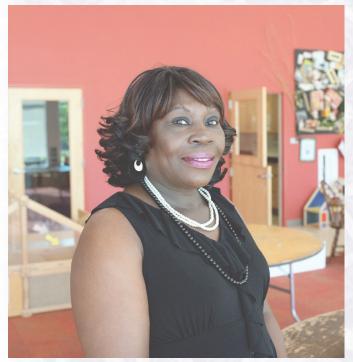
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Somerville. "I was just interested in ideas about work, the meaning of work and local business," she said.

While Devereaux is not a photographer by vocation, she has come back to photography over the years. She has photographed Boston-area writers, academics, and musicians for their album art, books, and promotional materials. While working on Union Square at Work, she took classes at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and the New England School of Photography. Through masterful composition and use of light the photos capture something more than just workers in their spaces. We get a glimpse of complex personalities with rich experiences from all facets of life.



Sheila Borges's father Manuel Borges first moved to Somerville to cook at PA's Lounge on Somerville Avenue. Eventually he bought the buildling at 25 Bow Street where his family still lives and works today. The Neighborhood Restaurant & Bakery started with Sheila's brother baking Portuguese sweetbread using their grandmother's recipe.



Anntonnette Thompson has worked at Bigelow Cooperative preschool for over 20 years. Thompson is known around the school for her innovative classroom creations using recycled materials.



Harpreet Singh first moved to Boston in 1991 and wanted to start his own barbeque fusion restaurant, combining Indian and American barbeque traditions. He also founded Singh's Cafe in Wellesley. Now, Singh has plans to expand Barbeque International into the space next door.



Eli Epstein runs Union Press, a letterpress print shop at 440 Somerville Avenue. His company specializes in prints made from hand-set wood and metal type, as well as hand-cut wood and linoleum blocks.



Frances Budd with children Beth, Richard and Sharon, Hub Glass Services, 216 Mc-Grath Highway.

# **SPORTS**

# Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK)







#### By Rebecca Danvers

On October 9, Patty Lanier from the SPARK Institutes, University of Florida, will present a new and exciting participatory workshop for physical educators and after school staff members.

The goal of SPARK, which is funded through the PEP (Physical Education Program) grant is

to assist Somerville schools and organizations that work with youth to collaborate enabling our "kids" to get at least one hour of physical activity per day.

SPARK enters its second year of implementation with professional development and support for school, afterschool, and recreation program teachers. The October 9 program for staff will

be a refresher for some, while expanding and reinforcing prior SPARK initiatives.

Starting off, SPARK lessons "build a foundation" for learning by addressing boundaries and routines, activity from the start, involvement by all, instructional cues, and supervision and feedback.

Activities are fun and active! For an Active As Soon as Possible (ASAP) start to a lesson, one might see, "Meet Me in the Middle". This is an active warm up in which students jog to the middle, meet a partner and perform a task (high 5, jump and turn, jump and high 10, do-si-do, swing on elbows), jog back, and each time add a task to the old one.

Social skills are a primary focus in SPARK. Those introduced and practiced are: K - kindness and caring, 1 - courtesy and showing appreciation,

2 – self-control and respect for others, 3 - responsibility and helpfulness, 4 - encouragement and acceptance of personal differences, 5 - competition and positive disagreement, 6 sharing ideas and compromise, 7-8 responsibility, respect, acceptance and appreciation. All students learn and use "rock, paper, scissors" to solve issues of sharing, taking turns, and resolving disagreements. All students are included by starting the year with fun and humorous physical activities involving trust and cooperation. During "Hog Call," for example, blind-folded partners find one another using only their specific animal sounds! In "Designated Driver," one partner steers their blind-folded partner through obstacles. In "Stepping Stones," groups strategize to move from one place to another with specific rules and without touching the ground.

What about tag? "Partner tag", "double tag", "flag tag", "triangle tag", "four corners scramble", "elbow tag", "tunnel tag", "side by side tag", "addition tag", "hospital tag", "catch the dragon's tail tag", and "clothes pin tag" are just a few in the tag repertoire of our students and teachers. There are no longer "I'm safe areas," and there's always a quick way to re-enter after being tagged. "TAG! YOU'RE IT!"

Visit http://www.sparkpe.org/ to learn more about SPARK. Learn more about Somerville PEP and ways in which you and your family can stay healthy and active year-round by visiting www.somerville.k12.ma.us/ pep for more information and a list of resources. The PEP program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

# Ms. Cam's Dlío

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. John Cusack runs what type of business in the 2000 film High Fidelity?
- 2. Who was the man behind The Chipmunks?
- 3. Where in England was Dame Judi Dench born?
- 4. Which name is given to the heart chamber that receives blood?
- 5. William Christensen of Madison, New Jersey, has claimed to have the world's biggest collection of what?
- 6. In which decade did Billboard magazine first publish an American chart?

- 7. Heath Ledger played which nemesis of Batman in the 2008 film The Dark Knight?
- 8. Which William wrote the novel Lord Of The Flies?
- 9. Which innovation for automobiles was developed by Prince Henry of Prussia in 1911?
- 10. The VS-300 was a type of what?
- 11. What is the threshold of noise-induced pain, measured in decibels?
- 12. What is a squab? Answers on page 19

## Somerville Youth Hockey's Learn to Skate (LTS) and Learn to Play Hockey (LTPH) Clinics

Rolling registration begins Saturday, October 17th, at the Veterans Memorial Rink on Somerville Avenue, and will run every Saturday until early March. LTS begins at 8 a.m.; LTPH at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$90 for Somerville residents/\$150 for non-residents. Make checks payable to Somerville Youth Hockey Association. All skaters must use hockey skates (no figure skates allowed) and wear a hockey helmet with face cage. Elbow and knee pads are also recommended. Questions? Please contact David Zraket at dzraket@somervilleyouthhockey.org.

Youth Arts Arise: Registration for the Youth Arts Arise free afterschool arts education fall program for students ages 11 to 19 is now open! Fall sessions are October 6th to December 9th; workshops run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00pm. Participants can explore creativity in a wide range of artistic mediums and disciplines. To learn more, visit http://artsatthearmory.org/learn/ youth-arts-arise/.

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# Farm to School Annual Corn-Shucking Event



#### By Tom Bannister

Students, staff members, community partners, and parent volunteers kicked off the start of Farm to School Month by shucking an estimated 3,000 ears of corn during its annual Corn Shucking event held on Thursday, October 1, at schools throughout the District.

Corn Shucking teams everywhere were hard at work starting at 7:30 Thursday morning to get the 3,000 ears of local corn from Tavares Farm in South Dartmouth shucked and ready for students to enjoy fresh corn on the cob at lunch that day.

This mammoth task was made possible through the collaborative work of students and teachers, parent volunteers, Food & Nutrition services staff members, custodial staff members, and awesome community partners including Ground-

work Somerville, Shape Up Somerville, UMass Extension, and Physical Education Program (PEP), who worked side-by-side to ensure that it was a positive learning experience for all.

For many, the anticipation of this annual event had them at school early, eager to partake in the fun. They arrived before 7:30 as the corn shucking areas were being set up and stayed until it was time to go to class. One student fondly recalled how his grandfather used to shuck corn daily on his farm in Puerto Rico, while another shared how he had enjoyed shucking corn with his family in Brazil this summer.

Some parents and students also had a little creative fun, making mustaches out of the corn silk. In the end, students learned about teamwork, locally sourced products, and how a delicious and healthy food item gets from the farm to their plate.

# Mt. Auburn Cemetery exploration



For the first time this year, Somerville High School is offering Environmental Science classes (AP and College Prep). On September 28 this year, students in Ms. Quigley's Environmental Science classes took a field trip to the Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge to learn about Mt. Auburn's ecosystem.

# What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

In the Somerville Neighborhood News #50 you can expect these news stories:

The opioid reversing drug Narcan is saving the lives of overdose victims. Getting the drug to victims quickly can make the difference between life and death. Karisma Desai reports on the efforts to make this tool in the battle against opioid deaths more available.



Police body cameras are also getting a lot of attention these days. Somerville is among the Massachusetts cities and towns that are taking steps to add the cameras to their policing strategy. Pilot programs around the state are getting a good response. But the new technology requires new policies, protocols and extensive police training. Ellie Romano reports.

Another news story focuses on printmaking. Printmaking is one the world's oldest arts, and today's printmaking techniques may be some of the least understood. Reporter Kelly Thomas takes us to two printmaking studios in Somerville that are bringing artists together and keeping the process vibrant.

These stories and more on SNN #50. Watch SNN Tuesdays at 7 p.m. or online at somervilleneighborhoodnews.org. SNN is a community service production of SCATV.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

161 Linwood St: (Case #ZBA 2015-49) Applicant, Herb Chamber I-93, Inc., and Owner, Tauro Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Review per SZO §7.11.11.1 Motor Vehicle Sales and Service to establish a car dealership over 5,000 square feet. IA Zone. Ward 2.

38-42 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2015-67) Applicant, Kenneth Lanzilli and owner 38-42 Medford Street LLC, seek a special permit with site plan review to demolish an existing single story garage, and construct a seven unit residential project with ground floor retail; they also require a Variance for parking relief. BA Zone, Ward 2.

96 Cross St: (Case #ZBA 2015-83) Applicant and Owner, Conness LLC, seek a special permit to modify a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1, by adding a single family addition on top of an existing garage, adding a retail/office space to the garage. A special permit for parking relief for one space under SZO §9.1 is also required. RB Zone. Ward 1.

70 Craigie St: (Case #ZBA 2015-80) Applicant/Owner, Somervista, LLC, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming 3-family structure by adding an approx. 2,500 sf addition and a dormer on the existing house. RB zone. Ward 3.

35 Moreland St: (Case #ZBA 2015-78) Applicants and owners, Kevin Slattery & Marie Mullarkey, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to substantially alter a non-conforming single family structure in order to construct a 3-family structure. Applicants also seek a Variance for parking relief per SZO §9.5.1.a. RB zone. Ward 4.

32 Lexington Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-75) Applicant/Owners, Fariba Abbasi & Michael Lagasse, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming 2-family to add living space in the basement. RA zone. Ward 5.

12 Beacon PI: (Case #ZBA 2015-81) Applicants Anthony Fava & Ryan Hunt, and Owner Kathleen M. Connors, seek a special permit to modify a nonconforming structure, and add a second principal structure under SZO §7.2. by adding a two unit structure in the side yard. A variance is also required for parking relief. RB Zone. Ward 2.

346 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2015-85) The Applicant and Owner, Paul Lavelle, seeks a special permit to modify a non-conforming structure by moving the rear egress stair to the outside of the structure, and adding decks at the second and third levels. RA Zone, Ward 6

Copies of these applications 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 <a href="https://www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning">www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning</a>. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will 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 <a href="mailto:dpereira@somervillema.gov">dpereira@somervillema.gov</a>.

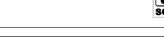


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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP #16-21

Shape Up Somerville Magazine Printing Services

The City of Somerville is seeking a qualified vendor to provide magazine printing services for the Shape Up Somerville magazine. The selected vendor will be responsible for generating content and printing an annual magazine of all of the restaurants and eateries in the City of Somerville.

Bid packages for may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema. gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Wednesday October** 7th. 2015.

Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 11:00 A.M. Wednesday October 21st, 2015.

Please contact Michael Richards, Procurement Analyst, 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email <a href="mailto:mrichards@somervillema.gov">mrichards@somervillema.gov</a> for information and the bid package.

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

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#### IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) announces a PUBLIC HEARING regarding the Annual Plan 2016 on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., at Properzi Manor, 13-25 Warren Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts. The Plan and related documents are available at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road and the City of Somerville, Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave, Somerville, Massachusetts during regular business hours. A forty-five (45) day review and comment period will commence on October 8, 2015. Any questions may be directed to Paul Mackey, Deputy Director, at 617-625-1152.





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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) will extend the <u>CLOSURE</u> of the <u>Standard State Family</u> one (1), two (2) and three (3) bedroom waiting lists and the <u>Standard Federal</u> one (1) and two (2) bedroom waiting lists for one year, from October 15, 2015 to October 15, 216. The SHA will continue to <u>accept Emergency applications</u> for the State one (1), two (2) and three (3) bedrooms and Federal one (1), and two (2) bedroom waiting lists.

The SHA will continue to **accept STANDARD** <u>applications</u> for the **STATE** four (4) and five (5) bedroom waiting lists and **FEDERAL** three (3), four (4) and five (5) bedroom Waiting Lists State and Federal Elderly/Disabled Public Housing Programs and all Section 8 Rental Assistance Programs.

Applications can be obtained on line at <a href="www.sha-web.org">www.sha-web.org</a>, by phone at 617-625-1152, and/or in person at the Administration Office, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville and at the Tenant Selection Office, 530 Mystic Avenue, Somerville. The office is open Monday through Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon).

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A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as TIER II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On October 2, 2015, Mr. Dennis C. Serrano, filed a TIER II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Mr. Michael Bingham of Apex Companies, LLC at 617-728-0070. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at the MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-32477 at http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx or at MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA, 978-694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, October 22, 2015** at 6:00 p.m at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA.

197 Washington St: (Case #PB 2015-10) Applicant, Nu Café Somerville, LLC & 197 Washington Street LLC, and Owner, 197 Washington Street LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to establish the Eating and Drinking Use (SZO §7.13.D) of approx. 3,760, a Special Permit for reduction in parking spaces (§9.17.2.A) and a revision to the original approval, Case PB 2014-01, that permitted the construction of two mixed use buildings of approx 46,305 nsf and approx 38,040 nsf under \$6.1.22.D.1 and \$6.1.22.D.2. The uses included small and medium retail of approx 6,000 sf. 65 residential units per SZO §7.13.B, \$7.13.C, & \$7.13.E. The approval also included a reduction in the number of parking spaces SZO 9.13.F and 9.17.2.A and a shared driveway and access and shared parking per SZO §9.17.2.B.

Copies of these applications and amendments 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 <a href="www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning">www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning</a>. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board 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 planning@somervillema.gov.

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Amendment to Rules and Regulations for Permit Granting Authorities Chapter 6 Pertaining to Site Plan Approval per SZO §5.4.5 regarding minor project classifications.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday October 19, 2015** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Somerville Brewing Company, Inc, for a Farmer Series Pouring Permit – Farmer Brewery, a Common Victualler License and an Entertainment License by Performers and Devices at 301 Canal Street, Somerville, MA

For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Executive Secretary

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### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers. Everyone 55+ is encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. Our centers are open to everyone from Somerville and surrounding communities. 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.

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

**Cross Street Center:** 165 Broadway Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (617) 666-5223.

Attention! The summer hiatus is over! Bowling, Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Yoga and Walking Group are back! Please call Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information on any of our Health & Wellness programs, start dates and times and for registration.

The Moonlighters are back – Running through June, 2016 – Somerville's Swinging Singing Seniors will be meeting at our Holland Street Center from 10:30 – 11:30 every Monday. Sing One – Sing All – Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 if you require additional information.

The Farmers Market is back – Running through Friday, October 30. The Mobile Farmers Market will be at the Holland Street Center every Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market sells fresh, local and reasonably priced produce. Anyone using SNAP or WIC receives a 50% discount. Cash, credit, debt & farmers market coupons accepted.

Halloween Super Bingo – Wednesday, October 7 – at our Ralph & Jenny Center from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – There is a \$10. Fee – Price includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Limited seating and transportation – Please call Kim Moss at 617-666-5223 to reserve your spot.

**Drop-in Creativity Time** - At Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway, with Connectionlab Artist Emily Bhargava on select Wednesday afternoons in October. Working with art materials generously donated through Beautiful Stuff in East Somerville, you can work with Emily to create a take-home art project. Wednesday, October 7 from 1-3 p.m. and Wednesday, October 21 from 1-3 p.m.

All Aboard! Hart's Turkey Farm & The Tilton Outlets – Thursday, October 8 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 8:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 8:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. A fee of \$86. Includes, transportation & lunch in the dining car (roast turkey, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, beverage an dessert.) Beautiful fall foliage, great gift shop and a mystery stop that is sure to sweeten your day. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you would like any additional information.

Annual Health Fair - Thursday, October 15th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Holland Street. ALL CENTERS CLOSED FOR REGULAR PROGRAMMING. Information and demonstrations, as well as screenings for blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, posture, and hearing. Random prize drawings all day. Keynote speakers: John Brusch, MD, and Daphne Schneider, MD.

Fabulous array of vocal, cabaret, and instrumental programs at Berklee School of Music. Dates: Monday, October 19th: "A Tribute to Jazz, Blues, and Good News; Thursday, October 22nd: Strings and Things; Tuesday, November 3rd: Vox One a cappella; Monday, November 9th: Classical and Jazz Chamber Music; Monday, December 7th: Cabaret showcase; Monday, December 14th:: Backgrounds and Beyond background vocal ensemble; and Tuesday, December 15th: Berklee Marimba Concerts 1 and 2. Space extremely limited. Please call Janine Lotti at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2300 for details and to sign up.

Halloween Celebration – Monday, October 19 at the Winter Hill Yacht Club - from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. – There is a fee of \$10. Limited seating and transportation – Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to

reserve your spot.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. Please note that all our Centers are closed on Monday, October 12, Columbus Day.

Please note our Ralph & Jenny Center will be closed on Thursday, October 8.

Please note that our Ralph & Jenny Center will be serving lunch only (at 11:30 A.M.) on Wednesday, October 21st and Wednesday, October 28.

The trip to New York City scheduled for November 7 and 8 is SOLD OUT.

The Holiday celebration at the Winter Hill Yacht Club scheduled for Monday, December 14th is BOOKED SOLID. The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for January 10th,

11th & 12th of 2016 is SOLD OUT.

Please note that the Monday morning Fit-4-Life Walking / Talking Group is now scheduled to start at 9:00 A.M.

Bowling at Flatbreads has resumed on Wednesdays at 1:00 P.M.

#### **LGBT EVENTS**:

for the next seven weeks.

**LGBTQ** Advisory Group – Will not be meeting in October due to the Columbus Day Holiday. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

**LGBTQ Monthly Lunch** –Will not be happening in October due to the Columbus Day Holiday. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBTQ Monthly "Movies To Come Out To" – Monday, October 19th – 5:30 P.M. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. Yet to be determined dinner & movie. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

\*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBT Lunch, Dinner & Movie or the Advisory Group please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her at MBastardi@ Somervillema.gov.

#### STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. Become more active – make new friends – boost your brain power – feel healthier. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

#### **Weekly Exercise Class Schedule**

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

#### Mondays:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H) 8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) 12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

#### **Tuesdays:**

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 10:30 Fit-4-Life Cross Street\* (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics - \$2.00 (H) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 10:30 Fit 4 Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life\*

#### Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life\* Group A 9:55 Fit 4 Life\* Group B

11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

\*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration\*\*If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

#### Wednesday October 7

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Let's Get Healthy with Mimi (H)

11:00 Halloween Super Bingo (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:00 Lunch (C)

1:00 Drop-In Creativity (C)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

#### Thursday October 8

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:00 English Conversation (C)

12:30 Lunch (C)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Turkey Train Day Trip

Ralph & Jenny Center Closed

#### Friday | October 9

10:30 Farmers Market (H)

11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

#### Monday October 12

All Centers Closed

Columbus Day

#### Tuesday October 13

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 10:30 Low Vision Support Group (H)

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:00 English Conversation (C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

12:30 Lunch (C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

#### Wednesday October 14

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:00 Lunch (C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

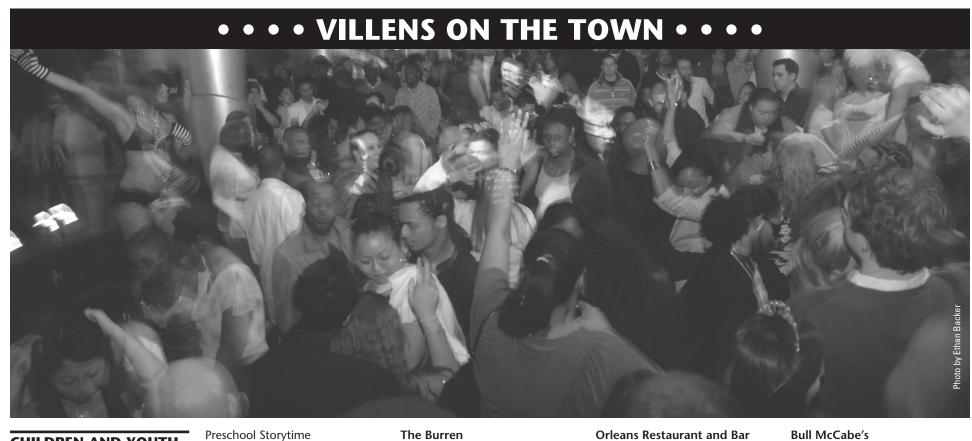
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Supper & Bingo at HAFB

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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday October 7

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

#### Thursday October 8

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds 10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. 79 High-

land Avenue **Central Library** 

Somerville Reads - Create A Space Wallet 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Friday | October 9

**Central Library** 

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

#### Saturday October 10

**Central Library** 

Lacan Reading Group Dominique Stassart-617-784-8163 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library** 

**Precious Bane** Miriam Raiken-Kolb 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m..|79 Highland Avenue

#### Monday October 12

**Columbus Day - Libraries** Closed

#### Tuesday October 13

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 12-14 Tammy McKanan 617-591-0216 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland

**Central Library** 

Avenue

Somerville High School Anime Emmanuel Mukadi

2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m..|79 Highland Avenue

**West Branch Library** 

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College

#### Wednesday October 14

**East Branch Library** 

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

**Central Library** Night of the Mics 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m..|79 Highland Avenue

#### MUSIC ARTS

#### Wednesday October 7

Christiane Karam / Rakiya 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm **Back Room** Archie Fisher & Garnet Rogers|7:30 p.m. Comedy @ 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Faulke You Andrew Soucy Eddie Pinero and Chris Moreno Megan Burtt 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway 617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617)

623-9910 Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

#### 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Thursday October 8

Johnny D's

The American Symphony of Soul 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Paa Seck Diery Band \$10 cover 335 Somerville Ave|617-666The Burren

Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. Back Room Backroom Series EBASS Showcase

Scattershot

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Hollywood Ghosts Erin & The Project The Breakfast Project Sydney Eloise & the Palm 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

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

**Bull McCabe's** 

Dub Down Reggae 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Ioshua Tree** 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

**Somerville Theatre** 

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

Arts at the Armory

**Broad Appeal Comedy Night 1** Year Anniversary Show! 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday October 9

Johnny D's

HONK! fest kickoff 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Hashtag Hoedown | 6 p.m. presents Daryl Hance Powermuse, Renegade Cartel, The Generous Poor, Mailman Carl \$10 cover 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

3589

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. **Back Room** Jimmy's Down 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Skunkpilot Ambushed

345 Somerville Ave

Spo Edison 10 p.m.|65 Holland St 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** 

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

DI McRiddleton 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Davis Square Theatre** 

Shit-Faced Shakespeare 7 p.m. The Wrathskellar | 10 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

The Dubious Brothers 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday October 10

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch Roy Sludge (Rockabilly) Peter Prince & Moon Boot Lover 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Subpar Co-Star, Frequency 7, The Bugs 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

**Back Room** Slam Artist Market | 12pm - 4pm Eleanor McEvoy |7 p.m. Spittin' Vinnies10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge The Head

Underwater Bear Ballet **Shallow End Divers** 345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke 65 Holland St

On the Hill Tavern

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**Bull McCabe's** 

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617-625-5195

Arts at the Armory

Lines West with Special guests Mark Gilday Jr & Ivan Homeless 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** 

Shit-Faced Shakespeare 7 p.m. The Wrathskellar 10 255 Elm Street

Sunday October 11

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The People an Alzheimer's benefit!|6:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room

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Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller 7 p.m.

Back Room

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

**Dub Apocalypse** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** 

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

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Arts at the Armory Swinging Jam Session 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** The Wrathskellar 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### Monday October 12

Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Interesting Points (Panel Show)

Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.

Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room Bur-Run

Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.

**Back Room** 

Science by the Pint 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### P.A.'s Lounge

Americana Mondays 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

**The Davis Square Theatre** 

The Woman in Black 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

### Tuesday October 13

#### Johnny D's

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Josh Lederman & The CSARs 7:30

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room

Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.

**Back Room** 

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

#### PA's Lounge

Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

#### On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Highland Kitchen**

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

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#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

#### **The Davis Square Theatre** The Woman in Black

#### 8 p.m.|255 Elm St Wednesday October 14

#### Johnny D's

Brian Thomas / Alex Lee-Clark Big Band (Big Band/Funk/Hip-Hop) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm

**Back Room** 

Comedy @ 10 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### P.A.'s Lounge

Jenine Irabagon Phileep

Joe Holt

The Please Please Me

345 Somerville Ave

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

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

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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#### **Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

#### Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

#### Arts at the Armory

Teen Open Mic Night 6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

### **Davis Square Theatre**

The Woman in Black 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday October 7

#### **Central Library**

Somerville Positive Forces Lovelee Heller-Bottari-617-625-6600 x4322 1p.m. -3 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue

#### **Central Library**

**Board Game Night** Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000 x29 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Thursday | October 8

#### **West Branch Library**

Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2) 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 40 College Ave

#### **Central Library**

**Historic Preservation Commission** Meeting

5 p.m.-6:30 p.m..|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Central Library**

Johanna Prindiville, author of Unrepentant

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m..|79 Highland Avenue

#### 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

#### Saturday October 10

#### **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

#### Sunday October 11

#### **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.

#### Monday October 12

**Columbus Day - Libraries** Closed

#### **Tuesday October 13**

#### **Central Library**

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue



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#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

check out the previous winners, and maybe they will be again?

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Our good friend Irving Johansen is home resting and on the fast track usual Thursday afternoon luncheon very shortly.

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This past Monday was National Teachers Day. Say thank you this week to your favorite teacher here in Somerville. We are fortunate to have many. Two of our favorites are Sophia Carafotes, who teaches at the West Somerville, and Scott Weaver of the East Somerville. Each one is dedicated to their profession.

The public hearing on the proposed Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance was held last week by the Legislative Matters Committee of the Board of Aldermen. They heard testimony by several residents in favor of the proposed ordinance. The Committee Chair, Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti, mentioned that the Committee will hold a Committee of the Whole meeting on October 15 to continue the discussion.

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On Saturday, October 24 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 90 Union Square - don't to be back in shape and joining his buy a new one, make your old one better! The Fixer Fair celebrates repair! Our condolences to the family and Don't recycle it, FIX it. Repairing things helps the environment, is more economical, and teaches engineering to adults and kids. Blenders, cell phones, toasters, bikes, art objects, clothes, rice cookers, vacuums, laptops. How many items in your home need repair? At the Fixer Fair attendees can bring things that need repairing and learn how to repair them or find someone who can. Local businesses that repair items can promote themselves and perform on-site repairs. They'll have workshops about how to take apart, maintain and repair things. What do an auto mechanic, a computer technician and a tailor all have in common? They FIX things and they can help you fix things too. Rain Date: Sunday,

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Driving down a street here in the Ville, one of our Newstalkers saw candidate Sean Fitzgerald knocking on doors in Ward 3. He's working hard. Do the incumbents do this?

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friends of Bob Quinn, who was a Somerville Firefighter. He passed away recently and suddenly. He's being waked at Doherty's Funeral Home this Thursday, October 8, 2:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral Mass out of St. Ann's on Friday at 10 a.m.

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East Somerville Main Streets and the Somerville Arts Council Present: This Is East Festival, Sunday October 11, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Chuckie Harris Park. Join in at their grand celebration of their This Is East community arts projects. The This Is East Festival represents the culmination of months of work between local artists to both express and enhance the uniqueness and cultural wealth of East Somerville. They will celebrate the grand opening of three community murals at Chuckie Harris Park, the East Somerville Library and Caldwell Park through a jam-packed afternoon of live music by Federator No.1 and Banda Bahia, a performance from True Story Theater, parkour, a skateboarding park and more.

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Assembly Row's biggest shopping event of the year will return to the neighborhood on Oct. 10 from 6-9 p.m. Fashion's Night OUTlet will feature fall fashion on The Row, and visitors can enjoy free mini-style consultations, giveaways, and discounts from retailers. The evening will also include cooking demonstrations from Le Creuset, shopping totes for the first 1,000 guests, and a photo booth. Assembly Row restaurants will serve pink drinks to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and customers can get a preview of Bliss Nail Salon (opening 2016 at Assembly Row) when they receive a free pink statement nail. Part of the proceeds from stores and pink drink specials will benefit the American Cancer Society.

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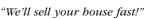
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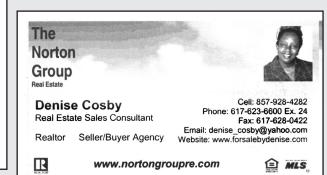
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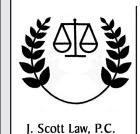
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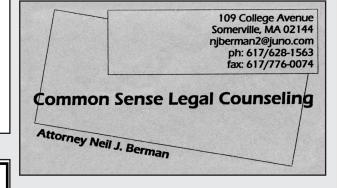
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6:30am	Shrinkwrap!	5:30pm	All Things Victorian	2:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group
7:00am	The Struggle	6:00pm	Color in your Life	3:00pm	Telemagazine	2:00pm	The Literati Scene
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	6:30pm	SNN	4:00pm	The Somerville Line	2:30pm	The Hollywood Show
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	9:00am:	What the Fluff '15					
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	12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - 10.5.15					
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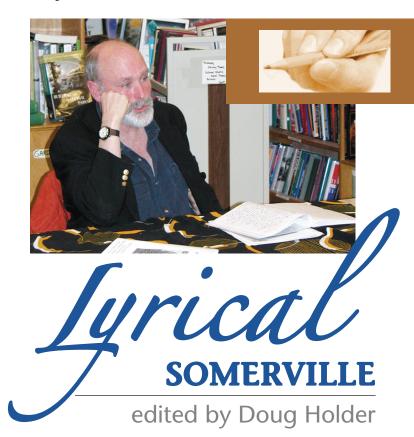
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Whole Child Education



Paige Roberts works as an archivist at Phillips Academy in Andover when she's not swimming or hiking. Her work has appeared in the Muddy River Review, and the Bagel Bard Anthology.



#### Standard Time

All that's been is all that will be, every moment arising anew.

I am going nowhere when I would be playful and whole (though the ego noise is deafening). Am I invisible--hidden, unseen, overlooked-self protection by concealment?

Almost everything (that matters) is imperceptible, only a sliver of the universe. An ache of loneliness, yearning for the celadon of connection. my timelines of lost chances what I would want it to be about if you were nearby

Incongruity of the change of seasons: feathery rime ice on rock cairns and birds poking at purple lilacs. The tenacity of existence is conditional.

Reconciling my self--limitless but never inviolate (even when intoxicated with desire)-to the movable conversational frontier.

Do I seek the power to control the transition between the visible and invisible?

Dismantling duration.

— Paige Roberts

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by Doug Holder

# **Interview with Somerville** poet Afaa Michael Weaver:

## A poet with a strong sense of responsibility

Afaa Michael Weaver does not just write pretty poetry. He pens poetry that addresses things like the recent tragedies in Baltimore, South Carolina, Ferguson and elsewhere, where African Americans were killed—victims of hate crimes, and questionable actions of the police. His poetry does not consist of rants, and hopefully his art is a potent catalyst for people to think about injustice and change.

Weaver is a recent winner of the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Prize, and a Professor of English at Simmons College. I had the pleasure to talk to him on my Somerville Community Access TV show Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer.

Doug Holder: You have written in response to the hate crimes, etc. against African Americans across the country. Recently, The Somerville Times published a poem of yours that dealt with the killing in Baltimore. Does the artist have a responsibility in a time of social crisis?

Afaa Michael Weaver: I think he or she does. It is a complicated situation—as we saw in Ferguson, Baltimore, N.Y., etc. It is not always easy to write a poem in response to these things. But I felt compelled to write one in response to the situation in Charleston, where a young white man went into an African American church, and killed folks in a prayer meeting. We have to face facts about how influential we can be with our work - how influential our poems can be. We have to ask, "How can we move people?" I am always of the opinion that when I write a poem, I try to write the best poem that I can. I try not to write a poem that is political and that is a very difficult thing to do. It could turn into a rant. With the poems I wrote in response to the crisis, I tried to move people emotionally.

DH: You published a chapbook of poetry A Hard Summation (Central Square Press) that covers African American history from the Middle Passage to the present day. How did this project come about?

AFW: About 3 years ago I was asked by friends in Wisconsin to write poems about African Americans. At the time I was finishing up a draft of a memoir, so I decided to work on a pocket-sized collection of poems about this subject. My friends in Wisconsin are conservative Catholic Republicans. We are part of an international group of poets for peace. They are people that want to bring together different spiritual and ethnic communities for the common good. My friends didn't know much about African American history, so I wrote a series of 13 poems with the intent of educating and inspiring my friends. I wanted them to think about race and racism. I knew they would uncover things that they never heard of. I was afraid of how they would respond to the book, especially with regard to slavery.

Not many people know very much about slavery.

Certain basic facts are not well known. There were two periods to slavery. There was the Atlantic Slave Trade that went right up until the 19th century when it was outlawed. When the cotton industry boomed—the



demand for labor was huge—so slave owners, etc., got involved in breeding. The African American population went from 800,000 to 4 million before and after the Civil War. Slave pens were common on the city streets. Slaves were considered to be animals. And part of the problem today is that people are tied to this perception—and it is ingrained in the language.

DH: How do you mean it is ingrained in the language?

AFW: I mean value designations that are placed on certain words—black visual coding. For instance, Hollywood, for years, has not wanted to portray African Americans in romantic relationships because it was believed they didn't have a romantic life. Even African Americans are guilty of decimating themselves with Gangster Rap and Rap music lyrics. These can be very destructive forces to African Americans, with its glorification of violence and drugs.

DH: You are working on a play titled Grit right now. I know the playwright August Wilson was an influence on you, and he wrote a series of plays about Pittsburgh. You are a native son of Baltimore. Is this play going to be part of a series too?

AFW: I am not looking to write a series. But I am looking to write a lot of plays about Baltimore. I am also studying acting, to add to my skills as a playwright.

**DH:** What exactly is the play about?

AFW: I can only talk about the play generally. It involves generational shifts in demographics in the city.

DH: You studied with the playwright Paula Vogel at Brown University, right?

AFW: After my first two professional play productions I basically concentrated on poetry. But I continued to write poems when I went to Brown. Paula Vogel encouraged me around playwriting. Grit is in its second draft; it needs a third. I am going to the Playwrights' Center in Minneapolis to have it looked at by accomplished playwrights who act as advisers.

DH: What is the new generation of American poets emphasis on?

AFW: The younger poets are more concerned with craft and the application of theory. But it is hard to make a general statement.

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