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## Symphony Park: A new park for **East Somerville begins construction**



Ground has been broken for Symphony Park, a new addition to the recreational landscape of East Somerville.

#### By Gabriela C. Martinez

The groundbreaking ceremony for the construction Symphony Park was held last Thursday on October 2. The new park, which will be located between Florence and Pearl Streets in East Somerville, is part of SomerVision's long-term goal of creating 125 acres of open space.

"It's important because we are the most densely populated city in New England. We want to improve the quality of life and we want people to be within a reasonable walking or biking distance from an unique and flexible open space," stated Mayor Jospeh A. Curtatone

The park is scheduled to begin construction this fall and will be completed by summer 2015. The development of this park is partly funded by a Massachusetts PARC endowment granted by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 1 Alderman Matthew Mclaughlin, and the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development organized the groundbreaking ceremony as an initiation of the park's construction. The park is meant

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## Washington Street presents 'See Art, Talk Art, Be Art'

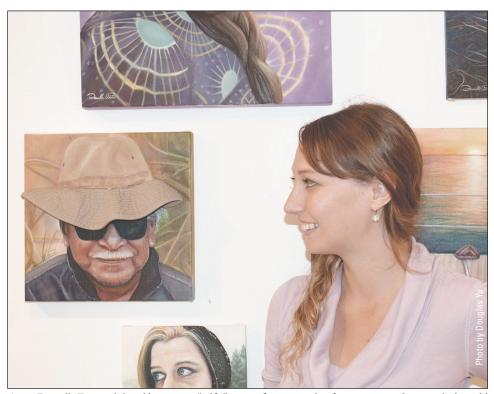
#### By Douglas Yu

Art can be explored in many ways: painting, literature, photography, handcrafts and so on. This past weekend, Somerville residents were lucky enough to breathe in these forms of art at Washington Street gallery all at once - they saw, talked and made art through interacting with local artists at the See Art, Talk Art, Be Art exhibition.

But first, let's paint a selfie. Contemporary artist Danielle Festa said she started painting since she could hold a brush. This time, she gathered selfies that people from all over the world volunteered by sending them to her through social media and painted them on canvases and fabrics.

All the characters on the wall are so realistic they are often mistaken for real pictures. Festa herself named the exhibit Ourselfies.

"My work in particular crosses a lot of boundaries for mediums, so when Continued on page 21



Artist Danielle Festa exhibited her unique "selfie" series of paintings that features textural materials that add a touch of realism to her work at the See Art, Talk Art, Be Art event at Washington St. last weekend.

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As you can clearly see this week we have the ballot for the only original "Best of Somerville." Email (thebestofsomerville@ yahoo.com) or mail your votes to The Somerville Times, 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. If we don't have a category you would like to see make sure you check out the ballot this week and next and if you call us by Tuesday, October 21, we will add it to the ballot. Let us know what your favorite hamburger is. Your favorite mac and cheese, drink, etc. Favorite doctor, favorite businessperson, favorite boss and again this year the best idea in 2014, as well as the best all around local celebrity here in Somerville.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Happy Birthday this week to some of our fans who are celebrating this week. We wish a big happy birthday to Nancy Curtatone, a busy lady with a husband who is mayor and four boys running around. We hope she has a great day for herself. Another local celebrating this Wednesday, the same as Nancy, is Michael Buckley, a great guy and family man here in the city. Best Day to another great Somerville guy who is well known here in the city, even though he lives in FLA. We wish Mike Berry the very best. A very nice guy. Happy birthday to Kevin Shackelford, who  $_{Continued\ on\ page\ 11}$ 

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to Rodent issues reviewed

#### OMG says:

OMG, all this time and they haven't even started the sterilization yet? what are we waiting for?

#### MarketMan says:

Agree with OMG. What is up with the city?? They are being lazy on this topic. I called MANY times to complain about a new neighbor that has constantly left trash all over their yard. The city never seems to do anything about it. That can't be good for rodent control.

#### LongTimeRes says:

Maybe residents don't bother calling anymore. Maybe there should be a push to call city officials like there was about calling Mass Port about the planes.

#### Uncle Rocco says:

You people are demanding! As far as the BOA goes, you already get . .

- 1. Reminders of how many phone calls they have had to listen to.
- 2. Expressions of concern.
- 3. Their commitment that they 'expect answers'.
- 4. Furrowed brows.
- 5. 2 speeches per month from the aldermanic chambers.
- 6. More expressions of concern.

Geez! What more do you guys want?

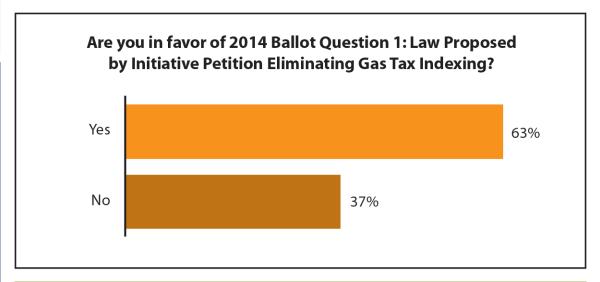
#### Johnnie Jazz says:

Our property tax dollars at work ... or not.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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## Union Square Partners LLC buys Union Sq. Post Office

By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville last week announced the sale by the U.S. Postal Service of the Union Square Post Office on Washington St. to Union Square Partners LLC.

The Cambridge-based investor group that purchased the building is associated with arts and entertainment promoter Don Law.

The group has not indicated what they intend to do with the building, but they have said that they are exploring a number of alternatives that include the possibility of installing an entertainment venue with an additional café or restaurant as part of the plan.

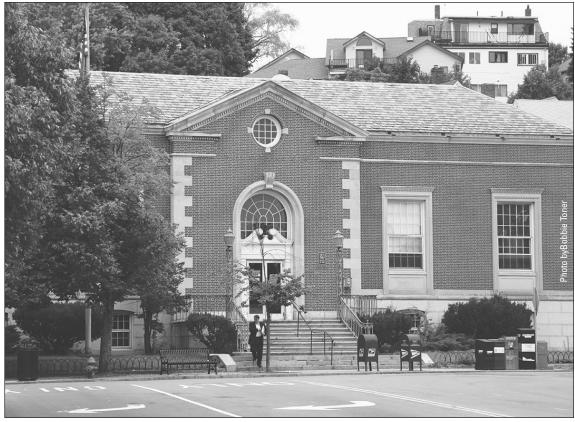
According to the city, the 1935 building is listed on the National Historic Register, is a designated Local Historic District, and is protected by historic preservation requirements. The buyer has agreed to work with the city to ensure that the historic New Deal era mural, which will remain U.S. Postal Service property, will also be preserved and that public access to it will exceed the minimum access requirements stipulated by the Post Office. Though the intent for the use is commercial, the

buyer will also begin discussions with the Somerville Arts Council to determine options for possible additional community uses of the space.

The SomerVision comprehensive plan goals to increase performing and visual arts space in the city fit well with the investment group's stated intentions, according to city officials.

"The arts are both central to the character of Union Square and an economic driver in the city, so this is welcome news, certainly in light of some of the recent proposals for the re-use of the building. It also dovetails with the clear consensus to promote the arts that has emerged from our community processes," Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone said. "Bringing live arts to this landmark building would help us move toward this shared goal, and our public processes going forward will help ensure that we do so in a way that reflects resident priorities."

President of the Board of Aldermen Bill White has said, "This is definitely good news, as many of us were concerned that the Post Office would be sold to a developer who would propose a use that would be inconsistent with the community's wishes. I look forward to the buyer work-



The historic Union Square Post Office may soon become an arts and entertainment venue under the management of investor group Union Square Partners LLC.

ing with the city to present a project that uses the former post office as an arts venue that can benefit the entire community."

"Don Law is an icon who has spent his career at the heart of the region's music scene," according to US2 President Greg Karczewski. "We look forward to working with Don and his team moving forward and supporting their efforts to reach out to their new neighbors in Union Square."





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Ward One, Precinct Three your polling place has changed

<u>From</u>: A Room in the Reilly-Brickley Fire Station, 266 Broadway <u>To</u>: The East Somerville Community School, Glen Street Entrance

Ward Three, Precinct Two your polling place has changed

From: A Room in The Cummings School, 42 Prescott Street To: The Atrium, Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue

Ward Four, Precinct Two your polling location has changed

From: A Room in the Reilly-Brickley Fire Station, 266 Broadway To: A Room in the Winter Hill Community School, 115 Sycamore Street

Ward Six, Precinct Two your polling location has changed

From: A Room in the Ciampa Manor, 27 College Avenue To: A Room in the Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Avenue

Ward Seven, Precinct Two your polling location has changed

From: Engine 6 Teele Square Fire Station, 6 Newbury Street To: A Room in the West Somerville Neighborhood School, Raymond Avenue Entrance

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# By Jim Clark

## Impatient motorist takes it out on cops

Police officers were working a paid detail in the vicinity of Beacon St. and Washington St. last week, directing traffic through a construction zone.

At one point a man in a box truck reportedly began yelling at the officers, complaining that he could not make a turn that he wanted to take. According to reports, the driver stops his vehicle in the middle of the four-way intersection, causing all traffic to come to a standstill.

The driver, later identified as Robert Bouche, 29, of Saugus, reportedly argued with an officer situated towards the rear of his vehicle, failing to notice that he was edging closer to an officer at the front of the vehicle who was back-peddling in order to keep from being struck.

The officer in front of the vehicle reportedly had to dodge a sideview mirror in order to keep from being hit with it.

Police said that Bouche then parked his vehicle in an unau-

thorized area and stood in the intersection as he continued to argue with the officers, who were eventually able to escort him to the sidewalk so that the normal flow of vehicular traffic could resume.

According to reports, Bouche continued to use insulting and threatening language with the

officers. He was repeatedly asked to leave the area, but instead remained and continued the aggressive behavior.

As the activity was gradually drawing a crowd of onlookers and Bouche refused to cooperate, he was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct.

## Unwelcome visitor removed by police

Somerville Housing Authority Investigators were compelled to ask for assistance from Somerville Police last Sunday as the attempted to have a trespasser removed from the property at a Myrtle St. location.

The man in question, Kevin Graham, 46, had been barred from the property due to alleged previous incidents of disorderly conduct. The SHA officers had reportedly asked Graham to leave the area but he refused to do so. When questioned, Graham reportedly admitted that he recalled being barred from the area and knew that a do not trespass order had been issued to him.

Given that Graham would not leave the area, the SHA officers placed him under arrest and the SPD took him to jail. He has been charged with trespassing.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

#### Arrests:

John McLaughlin, 46, of 57 Bristol Rd., Medford, September 29, 11:02 a.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on a warrant charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

**Jorge Gonzalez**, 54, of 350 Ridge Ave., Cambridge, September 29, 11:25 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jorge Furtado, 39, of 11 MacArthur St., September 29, 2:02 p.m., arrested on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to stop for police.

Philip Souza, 42, of 111 McArthur Rd., Stoneham, September 29, 2:49 p.m., arrested at 544 Assembly Row on a warrant charge of possession of a class A drug.

Jason Andrade, 27, of 105 Puritan Rd., September 29, 3:24 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Robert Bouche, 29, of 8 Foster St., Saugus, September 30, 10:24 p.m., arrested at Beacon St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

**Thomas Nee**, 42, October 1, 4:49 p.m., arrested at Holland St. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and felony nighttime breaking and entering.

Weekenson Louis, 31, of 11 Pine St., Hyde Park, October 2, 3:37 p.m., arrested at 1370 Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and cocaine trafficking.

Ricky Chiampi, 52, of 293 Havre St., E. Boston, October 2, 9:13 p.m., arrested at 105 Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of possession of a class B drug.

Ashley Carrier, 22, of 10 Sanborn Ave., October 3, 11:50 a.m., arrested at 1 Davis Sq. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to stop or yield, and unregistered motor vehicle.

Nicole Harris, 25, of 278 Lowell St., October 3, 6:24 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

McKenna Minson, 19, of 45 Memorial Rd., October 3, 7:02 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250 and assault and battery.

Kesner Lubin, 22, of 125 Alewife Brook Pkwy., October 3, 8:41 p.m., arrested on a warrant charge of larceny from

Chris Tardo, 31, of 62 Bradley St., October 4, 9:54 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Two juveniles, October 5, 3:10 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

**Kevin Graham**, 46, of 75 Myrtle St., October 5, 5:27 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of trespassing.

Jose Vasquez, 21, of 20 memorial Rd., October 6, 6:17 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of juror failure to attend.

#### **Incidents**:

#### Theft:

September 30, 7:08 p.m., police reported a theft at 19 Walnut St.

October 2, 12:07 p.m., police reported a theft at Great River Rd.

October 2, 2:50 p.m., police reported a theft at 472 Mystic Ave.

October 2, 8:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

October 3, 10:02 a.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave

October 3, 10:30 a.m., police reported a theft at Temple St.
October 3, 1:39 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic

October 3, 2:58 p.m., police reported a theft at Knapp St.
October 3, 4:56 p.m., police

reported a theft at Vernon St. October 4, 10:46 p.m., police reported a theft at 264 Wash-

#### Breaking & Entering:

October 4, 4:52 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

October 5, 10:40 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

#### Vehicle Theft:

October 1, 12:00 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Cambridge St.

#### Assault:

October 2, 7:06 p.m., police reported an assault at Craigie St.

October 4, 9:54 a.m., police reported an assault at Bradley St.

#### Destruction of Property:

October 1, 9:35 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Boston St.

October 1, 11:27 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Boston St.

October 1, 5:06 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Boston St.

October 3, 10:15 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Washington St.

October 3, 3:57 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Washington St.

October 5, 11:42 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 248 Holland St.

#### Counterfeiting/Forgery:

October 3, 12:44 p.m., police reported a counterfeiting/forgery at Ossipee Rd.

#### Drug Violation:

October 2, 3:37 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

#### **Disorderly Conduct:**

September 30, 10:24 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Beacon St.

October 3, 4:13 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 420 Highland Ave.

## Public and officials celebrate with opening ceremony for the Wellington underpass bridge

#### By Donald Norton

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place dedicating the long awaited underpass bridge connecting Ten Hills & Assembly Square on Monday afternoon, October 6.

This unique underpass bridge was built with over \$1M given by First Federal Realty along with \$250,000 from public monies, an example of how businesses in the private sector work to improve the city when working together.

A small crowd attended the ceremony at the Assembly Square side of the bridge, including those who worked very hard to make this a reality for Somerville. Somerville residents can now relax and enjoy the view of the water. Alderman Bill White, who is a local resident, asked who knew that Somerville had a beautiful water view with swans?

Mayor Joe Curtatone thanked everyone involved over the years who worked on this development; everyone from the Mystic View Task Force, Mystic River Watershed Association, as well as many other local groups and politicians over the years.

The bridge from Shore Drive runs under the Wellington Bridge over to the Sylvester Baxter Park on the Assembly Square side.

Sylvester Baxter Park is named after the first Secretary of the Metropolitan Parks Commission which was a predecessor of the current Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Attending the ceremony were State Representative Tim Toomey, Board of Alderman President Bill White, Mayor Joe Curtatone, State Representative Denise Provost, DCR representative Tom Lambert, State Representative Paul Donato of Medford, State Senator Pat Jehlen of Somerville and Medford, and Mystic River Watershed Director EK Khalsa, who was one of the many who worked hard to get this done.

Now those who take the Orange Line to work from Ten Hills can cross over in the morning and enjoy a nice walk along the river to the recently opened Assembly Square T Station, passing all the new stores and restaurants presently occupied, as well as those that will soon be opening.



State and local officials, along with members of the general public, gathered on Monday for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Photos by Donald Norton new Wellington underpass bridge.





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to serve as recreational space and an adaptable venue for the neighboring community, a quiet 'green' space built according to a low impact, sustainable design plan. Groundview, a landscaping architecture firm in East Somerville, is in charge of Symphony Park's design. The architectural firm has worked extensively to integrate the community's recreational and social needs.

"There were three public meetings held to work on the design of this park. The community expressed a desire for a multi-generational, quiet neighborhood park with opportunities for seating, gardening and a small performances space where musical performances can be held that honor the history of the site," said Luisa Olivera, the Project Manager of Symphony Park. Oliveira is in charge of holding community meetings and working with the designers from Groundview.

The park was named Symphony Park because the abandoned lot between Florence and Pearl streets used to be the location of the home of Samuel Hadley, a renowned American musician who was the Director of Somerville Public Schools The entire Hadley family was made up of talented musicians and composers who contributed to the cultural life of Somerville. The musical legacy of the Hadley family will be commemorated by Symphony Park. Many of the park's architectural features are meant to represent music visually.

"Growing up, people would identify themselves based on the park where they are from, so I'm very happy to have Symphony Park here. We'll have to have a Symphony Park group. We'll have events and different things. It really makes a neighborhood that much brighter," expressed Alderman Mclaughlin.

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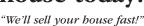
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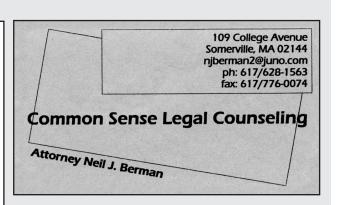
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# 2014 Ballot Questions Statewide: Getting to know the issues

Each week prior to the November election The Somerville Times will present the Statewide ballot questions, along with pro and con arguments, one at a time for examination and further consideration. We continue the series this week with Question 2: Expanding the Beverage Container Deposit Law.

## QUESTION 2: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

## Expanding the Beverage Container Deposit Law

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

#### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would expand the state's beverage container deposit law, also known as the Bottle Bill, to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic non-carbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption, except beverages primarily derived from dairy products, infant formula, and FDA approved medicines. The proposed law would not cover containers made of paper-based biodegradable material and aseptic multi-material packages such as juice boxes or pouches.

The proposed law would require the state Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to adjust the container deposit amount every five years to reflect (to the nearest whole cent) changes in the consumer price index, but the value could not be set below five cents.

The proposed law would increase the minimum handling fee that beverage distributors must pay dealers for each properly returned empty beverage container, which was 2½ cents as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. It would also increase the minimum handling fee that bottlers must pay distributors and dealers for each properly returned empty reusable beverage container, which was 1 cent as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. The Secretary of EEA would review the fee amounts every five years and make appropriate adjustments to reflect changes in the consumer price index as well as changes in the costs incurred by redemption centers. The proposed law defines a redemption center as any business whose primary purpose is the redemption of beverage containers and that is not ancillary to any other business.

The proposed law would direct the Secretary of EEA to issue regulations allowing small dealers to seek exemptions from accepting empty deposit containers. The proposed law would define small dealer as any person or business, including the operator of a vending machine, who sells beverages in beverage containers to consumers, with a contiguous retail space of 3,000 square feet or less, excluding office and stock room space; and fewer than four locations under the same ownership in the Commonwealth. The proposed law would require that the regulations consider at least the health, safety, and convenience of the public, including the distribution of dealers and redemption centers by population or by distance or both.

The proposed law would set up a state Clean Environment Fund to receive certain unclaimed container deposits. The Fund would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, to support programs such as the proper management of solid waste, water resource protection, parkland, urban forestry, air quality and climate protection.

The proposed law would allow a dealer, distributor, redemption center or bottler to refuse to accept any beverage container that is not marked as being refundable in Massachusetts.

The proposed law would take effect on April 22, 2015.

A YES VOTE would expand the state's beverage container deposit law to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic, non-carbonated drinks with certain exceptions, increase the associated handling fees, and make other changes to the law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding beverage container deposits.

#### ARGUMENTS

As provided by law, the 150-word arguments are written by proponents and opponents of each question, and reflect their opinions. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts does not endorse these arguments, and does not certify the truth or accuracy of any statement made in these arguments. The names of the individuals and organizations who wrote each argument, and any written comments by others about each argument, are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

IN FAVOR: A YES vote will improve the "Bottle Bill," where consumers put down a refundable nickel deposit on a beer or soda. People get the nickel back when they return the container. A YES vote will extend this program to cover other beverages such as bottled water.

The Bottle Bill works: 80% of beer and soda containers get recycled. Only 23% of non-deposit containers do. So every year a billion bottles get tossed away, often on playgrounds, roads and beaches. Communities have to pay to clean them up.

A YES vote equals more recycling, less trash and litter, and big savings for towns' waste management costs. That's why this idea has been endorsed by 209 of our cities and towns, as well as Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick, former Republican Gov. Mitt Romney, 350 business leaders, and independent groups like the League of Women Voters, MASSPIRG, Sierra Club and hundreds more.

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**AGAINST:** Massachusetts should be a recycling leader, but Question 2 will keep us in the past. Ninety percent of households now have access to curbside and community recycling programs. Let's focus on what works instead of expanding an outdated, ineffective, and inconvenient system.

Everyone wants to increase recycling rates—but expanded forced deposits are the wrong approach.

Question 2 would:

- cost nearly \$60 million a year, more than three times the price of curbside programs (while increasing recycling rates by less than 1 percent);
- waste taxpayer dollars on expanding an uneconomical, 30-year-old system;
- raise your nickel deposit and additional fees every five years—without your vote.

Today, more than \$30 million of your unclaimed nickels go into the state's general fund and into the hands of politicians – not to environmental programs. Let's stop throwing money at an inefficient system and invest in modern recycling technology.

Vote NO on Question 2.

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## **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. 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.

This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call looks at Question 3, one of the four questions on the ballot that will be decided directly by the voters in November.

The question asks voters if they want to repeal a 2011 law legalizing gambling and allowing three casinos and one slot parlor in the Bay State. The state's Gaming Commission has already awarded licenses to Penn National Gaming for a slot parlor at the Plainridge Racecourse in Plainville. It has also chosen MGM Resorts to build the Western Massachusetts casino in Springfield and Wynn Resorts for the Eastern one in Everett. The commission anticipates the Southeastern license will be awarded in August 2015.

Here are the official arguments, gathered by the secretary of state, by each side of the question:

FOR REPEAL: Written by Repeal The Casino Deal

Committee. For more info, go to www.Question3Facts. org or call 617-701-7823.

"Massachusetts can do better than casinos. Just ask the 'experts':

Governor Patrick, Speaker DeLeo and Senate President Murray agree: No casino in their hometowns.

The former CEO of American Gaming said he would 'work very, very hard against' a casino in his hometown. Ledyard, Connecticut's mayor said there has been 'no economic development spin-off from (Foxwoods). Businesses do not come here.'

Moody's downgraded its casino outlook from 'stable' to 'negative'and Fitch Ratings said the casino market 'is reaching a saturation point.'

Indiana prosecutors needed an additional court just to handle casino-related crimes.

Listen to the experts. Vote Yes: Stop the casino mess."

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AGAINST REPEAL: Written by Domenic Sarno, Mayor of Springfield. For more info, go to www.Protect-MassJobs.com or call 617-520-4559.

"A 'no' vote will preserve the state's Expanded Gaming Law, generating thousands of construction and permanent jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for our cities and towns. Every year Massachusetts residents spend close to \$900,000,000 at casinos in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maine, adding millions to their state budgets.

The law already has provided voters in several communities, including Springfield and Plainville, an opportunity to bring much-needed jobs and economic activity to their communities through first-class development projects. At the same time, the law has ensured that no

community opposed to a casino within its borders will have one. To help further protect residents, the law contains industry leading consumer safeguards and dedicated public health funding.

Vote 'no' on Question 3 to create jobs, economic growth and much-needed new revenue in Massachusetts."

Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

NURSE STAFFING RATIO - A new law that establishes nurse staffing ratios in intensive care units of hospitals went into effect last week. The measure limits the ratio to one nurse for one patient, or one nurse for two patients in special circumstances as assessed by the nurses on that unit.

Supporters say this will protect and even save the lives of critically ill patients. They note this is the first step toward the goal of having staffing ratios in every unit in every hospital.

ALLOW LIQUOR STORES TO OPEN EARLIER ON SUNDAYS (H 228) - Some liquor stores are gearing up for Sunday, October 25 -- the first Sunday that liquor stores will be allowed to open at 10 a.m. Prior to passage of this new law in July, these stores were prohibited from opening until noon. A total ban on Sunday sales of alcohol was state law until 2003 when the ban was repealed.

Supporters say the measure will allow Bay State liquor stores to compete with those in border states that open before noon on Sundays.

Opponents say studies have shown the earlier hours do not increase liquor sales but rather spread existing sales out over a longer period of time.

WASTE DISPOSAL BAN - Last week the Patrick Administration's statewide commercial food waste ban went into effect. The ban, regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), requires any entity that disposes of at least one ton of organic material per week to donate or re-purpose the useable food. All remaining food waste must be shipped to a facility where it will be converted to clean energy or sent to composting and animal-feed operations.

"The food waste disposal ban is a critical piece of the Commonwealth's strategy to reduce solid waste generation and support the production of clean, renewable energy," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Maeve Vallely Bartlett. She said the ban will help the state reach its goal to reduce the waste stream by 30 percent by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050.

Officials say the ban, which does not apply to private residences, will affect approximately 1,700 businesses and institutions, including supermarkets, colleges, hotels, convention centers, hospitals, nursing homes, large restaurants, and food service and processing companies.

CREDIT UNIONS (S 2379) - The Senate approved a bill allowing the banking commissioner to expand from

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the current 50 miles to 100 miles from the main branch the distance at which credit unions are permitted to have a branch office. Supporters said the measure also makes other changes that will help credit unions provide better services to their members.

TASER GUNS (H 3315) - A bill that would require all newly purchased taser guns used by police officers to include an audio recording device is languishing in a House committee since it was give initial approval there on June 26. The proposal would only take effect in cities or towns that approve it and also "grandfather in" existing taser guns already owned by the city or town.

Supporters say this will ensure there is an accurate audio recording when a taser gun is used so there won't be any questions about what was said by the police officer or the person who is tased.

TELEFUNDRAISERS ON "DO NOT CALL" LIST (H 190) - Also stuck in committee is a bill that would add telefundraisers to the "Do Not Call Registry," which restricts telemarketing companies doing business in the state by allowing consumers to sign up for the list and fining companies up to \$5,000 if they call an individual on the list. Telefundraisers are private for-profit companies that raise money for charities but also take a percentage of the money they raise. The charities themselves would not appear on the list and would still be free to call anyone.

Under the bill, the phone solicitors would be required on each phone call to state the name of the private company for which they are working and, if asked, reveal how much of the money raised actually goes to the charity. Under current law, companies are allowed to say that 100 percent of the money goes to the charity because technically it does -- at least until the charity pays the company its fee and the 100 percent is reduced to as low as 20 percent.

Supporters say many people, especially seniors, are being misled and fooled by these companies. They note the bill will increase the amount of money that goes directly to charities. The bill is being spearheaded by Pearl Cohen of Bridgewater, who was a telefundraiser for 17 years but is now working to expose and ban what she calls "unethical and deceptive practices" by these companies.

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

During the week of September 29-October 3, the House met for a total of 33 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 46 minutes.

Mon. September 29 House 11:05 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.

Tues. September 30 No House session No Senate session

Wed. October 1 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. October 2 House 11:04 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:31 a.m.

Fri. October 3 No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

## Somerville Kiwanis Club Annual Officers Installation

The Somerville Kiwanis Club Somerville Community. The held its Annual Officers Installation on Sunday, September 28, 2014. New officers for the 2014-2015 administrative year are: Tony Ciccariello, President; Toni Shelzi, President-Elect; Mike McWilliams, Vice President; Pauline D'Aurora, Treasurer and George McLean, Secretary.

During the last fiscal year, the Kiwanis Club provided over \$20,000 in donations and services to benefit children and the

Somerville Kiwanis Club provides annual scholarships for Somerville High School students and sponsors programs such as: Reading Is Fundamental, Historical Perspectives, and a Bike Safety Day in Somerville Elementary Schools. The Club also sponsors a Senior Thanksgiving Dinner for the Council on Aging.

The Somerville Kiwanis Club will be celebrating its 90th anniversary in the Spring of 2015.



Club Officers for 2014-2015 (L to R): Secretary, George McLean; President-Elect, Toni Shelzi, President Tony Ciccariello; Vice-President Mike McWilliams; Immediate Past President, Rui Domingos; Board Secretary, Jay Lynch.

## The Somerville Times Best of Somerville 2014 Cast your vote!

You have until October 31 to vote for your favorite category. To cast your vote, email us at thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com or mail in your ballot to The Somerville Times, 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The winners will be announced Wednesday, November 5, 2014. If you don't see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

#### **Best of Somerville Foods & Restaurants**

Best Breakfast

Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch

Best Italian Food

**Best Chinese Food** 

Best Mexican Food

Best Variety and all around Restaurant

Best Seafood

Best Irish Pub

Best Local Bar

Best Thai Food

Best Hamburger

Best Mac & Cheese

Best Hot-Dog

Best Roast Beef Sandwich

Best Pizza Best Drink Best Bakery **Best Sub Shop** 

Best Coffee Shop Franchise Best Coffee Shop local

#### **Best of Somerville Services**

**Best Chef** 

Best Electrician

Best Plumber

**Best Attorney** 

**Best Teacher** 

Best Politician

Best City Worker

Best Insurance Agent

Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor Best Real Estate Rental Agent

Best Bank Teller Best Bank Employee **Best Waitress** 

**Best Waiter** 

Best Bartender

Best Cook

Best Barber Best Hairdresser

**Best Boss** 

Best Employee Best Doctor

Best Nurse

Best Eve Doctor

**Best Orthodontist** Best Mortgage Officer

Best Somerville Artist

Best Somerville Poet

Best Somerville Writer

Best Somerville Celebrity

Best City Elected Politician

Best City Employee DPW

Best City Employee City Hall/Annex

#### **Best of Somerville Businesses**

Best Somerville Bank

Best Real Estate Company

Best Insurance Agency

Best Creative Business in 2014

Best Gas Station

Best Auto Body Shop

**Best Tow Company** 

Best Law Firm

Best Convenient/Neighborhood Store

Best Travel Agency

Best Somerville Non Profit Agency

Best Newspaper

Best Idea in 2014

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**COMMENTARY** 

# An opportunity to erase domestic violence misconceptions



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Fifteen people were victims of domestic violence homicide last year in Massachusetts, and including perpetrators, there were 22 domestic violence deaths last year in our state. So far this year, there have been seven domestic violence homicide victims and 14 deaths in total. Last week,

we once again walked through Union Square for our Annual Candlelight Vigil in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We walked to remember those we have lost to this continuing epidemic, and we walked to stand up together, as a community, and let victims and witnesses alike know—you are not alone. I am glad that as a community we stand up and speak out on domestic violence, but if the events of the past year have taught us anything, it's that we have a long way to go, and a

This year, it seems as if more people are paying attention to domestic violence than ever before. The outrage over the NFL's handling of Ray Rice knocking his now-wife unconscious has cast a national spotlight on domestic violence and our response to it. Locally, the murder of Jennifer Martel by Jerry Remy and the resulting timeline laid out in the Boston Globe has cast another spotlight on a judicial system where, too often, leniency is the rule when it comes to alleged abusers.

We have been rightly horrified by these events, although in both cases we were horrified too late—we had to see the video of Rice punching his fiancé, as if the video of him dragging her unconscious from the eleva-

tor was not enough. Only after Jennifer Martel was dead did we express our shock that Remy's history of violence against women never led to any consequences in a court of law.

Despite our horror, we are unfortunately seeing the same, infuriating story play out. In the case of Rice, some are blaming the victim, insinuating that somehow she deserved to be knocked unconscious, and asking, why didn't she just leave? But the victim is never to blame and escape is rarely that simple. With the spotlight now on domestic violence, we have an opportunity to educate ourselves and erase the misconceptions

that lead some to blame the victim and fail to understand how abusive relationships become a cycle.

Writer Beverly Gooden took this opportunity by starting a hashtag on Twitter, "Why I Stayed" (#WhyIStayed). Within a day, tens of thousands of domestic violence victims had shared their own intensely personal stories. These perspectives help educate those who don't understand the cycle of domestic violence. And they tell other victims: You are not alone. Soon after, another hashtag began circulating on Twitter: "Why I Left" (#WhyILeft). These stories provide Continued on page 17

## There's a sucker born every minute



By William C. Shelton

Going to the voting booth imagining that casinos will benefit your family, community or state is equivalent to going to a casino imagining that you'll leave as a big winner. In both cases someone will end up with a lot of money, and it's a sucker's bet that it will be you.

Family

For excellent moral, health, and

economic reasons, U.S. casinos were only in Nevada until 1977, when a state that didn't have much else going for it was joined by a city in New Jersey that didn't either. As in Monte Carlo and Macao, the early Las Vegas casinos tended to draw high rollers who could afford to lose at big-stakes table games and often travelled long distances to do so.

In the late 1980s, Casinos began metastasizing into mainstream America. An unholy alliance of grifters and government promoted them as good clean "fun" rather than criminal enterprises.

The "gaming" industry laughably calls today's casinos, "resorts." Instead of entertaining

high rollers who travel long distances, the "resorts" extract as much as possible from working people and retirees who travel less than 70 miles.

Their primary means of doing so is slot machines. The Wynn Resorts casino sited across the river from us anticipates offering 3,000 slot machines and only 150 table games. Even those table games are often run by a computer, which affords greater profit margins than paying a human would.

Today's slots are not the machines that beloved New York Mayor La Guardia called "mechanical pickpockets" when he campaigned to eliminate them. They are sophisticated com-

puters that gobble credit cards rather than coins and make multiple bets with the push of a single button.

They and their environment are carefully designed to put players into a hypnotic "zone," where bets are fast and continue until a player reaches the point that the gaming industry calls, "extinction," meaning "broke." Slot machines sucker players by delivering small wins that are less than the amount bet, but ultimately maximize "REVPAC," another industry term meaning, "revenue per available customer."

People who play slots are more likely to become addicted than those engaged in any other form of gambling. A particularly well-designed study found that the machines themselves were responsible for their users' addiction rather than gamblers' personal traits or pre-existing conditions.

Casinos' revenue base depends on what the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* calls "problem gamblers." One study found that casual gamblers comprise 75% of players but contribute only 4% of net gambling revenue.

The impact on problem gamblers' families is brutal. Bonds of trust disintegrate. Families endure debt burdens, loan defaults, bankruptcy, loss of homes and businesses, divorce, and sometimes homelessness. Continued on page 17

## Life in the Will by Jimmy Del Ponte

## I love that song!



Lots of songs remind us of growing up in Somerville. My dad graduated from Somerville High in 1938, and my mom

in 1944. Somerville's swinging teens back in '38 were boppin' to songs like *Jeepers Creepers* (where'd you get those peepers). The top song in 1944 was Bing Crosby's *Would You Like To Swing on a Star?* (carry moon beams home in a jar). It's cool to imagine my young mom and dad strolling through Davis Square singing those two songs as they "saw the movie for a nickel and had a coke for 2 cents!" (after walking uphill, barefoot, in

a snowstorm to school!!)

Fred and Gerry Del Ponte were married in 1951 at St Anthony's Church on Somerville Ave. The band's playlist at the wedding reception may have looked like this: On top of Old Smokey, The Tennessee Waltz, Aba Daba Honeymoon, Mockin' Bird Hill, Come-On-A-My-House, Because of You, Jezebel, and Be My Love (Mario Lanza of course!). My mother used to sing Mockin' Bird Hill to me as a kid, and I'm sure she had fond memories of her wedding. I sang Smoke On The Water to my kids!

When I graduated Somerville High School in 1971, some of the top songs were Maggie Mae, Won't Get Fooled

Again, I Feel the Earth Move, Here Comes That Rainy Day Feeling Again, Theme From Shaft (they say this cat Shaft is a bad ...well I'm talkin' about Shaft!)

When I finally graduated, I played the Rare Earth hit I Just Want to Celebrate until the needle on my phonograph wore out the 45! Some other songs from 1971 were Proud Mary, Gypsies, Tramps, and Thieves, (aka, my friends at the time!) and You've Got A Friend. For the rest of my life, any time I hear any of these songs, I am automatically magically transported back in time. That's what music does to us all. When we hear an old song, we are young again. We hear a certain tune and we are hanging on the street corner



with our friends, with long hair, wearing bell-bottoms, and Members Only jackets. (Fill in the fad for your particular era.)

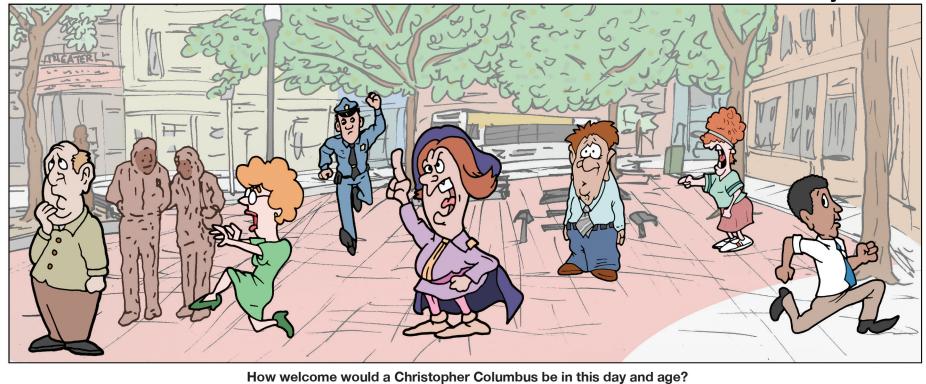
In my latest survey I asked: What song, past or present reminds you of Somerville when you were growing up? Ready? Strike up the band! (this is by no means a complete list ... there

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## COMMENTARY

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

#### **Illustrated by Jim Clark**



## The View Of The Times



It's so unfortunate that what was once an innocuous and pleasant holiday such as Columbus Day has been politicized, vilified, and become a major controversy across our land.

Not that there aren't some justifiable concerns voiced by various interested parties. It's just that it used to be so

much a part of the fabric of celebrating our national identity, not to mention the pride that Italian-Americans have taken for countless generations in the explorer's accredited contributions to our history as a nation.

The simple fact is, however, that a good deal of debate has been raging for a sig-

nificant amount of time regarding the true nature of the man's exploits, casting doubt on the legacy that once was his.

History is a changeable thing, especially in this current age of enlightened fact gathering. If we must revise our history books, then we will do so with the best intentions of bringing truth to the light.

In the meantime, perhaps we can relax a bit during the upcoming holiday weekend and reflect on what is good in our lives at this time of year. The winding down of the summer months, intermingling with the onset of autumn with all its glorious warmth of color. This is part and parcel of what makes life here very special.

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is also from a great Somerville family. Kevin is one of Somerville's finest and we wish him the very best for his birthday. A good friend of ours who reads the paper online, Dr. Halim Ozgur Muslu, a specialist down in Georgia but who lived here in the city for awhile while attending medical school. We wish him the best and a big happy birthday. Happy birthday to the younger Mike Capuano, who is celebrating this week. Mike is like his father, very active here in the city. We wish him a good one. To all the others we are sure we missed who are celebrating this week, happy birthday. If you'd like us to extend birthday wishes let us know.

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We know that one guy who has passed away would have celebrated his 92nd birthday this week. A true Somervillen, Mr. Fred Del Ponte. He was a good guy and friend to all he met. No matter who or what you were, he liked everyone. Then again, if he didn't you'd know about it, which he would always say with a smile.

We finally got the answer to our question, who was Sylvester Baxter? The park along the Mystic River at Assembly Square was named after him a long

time ago. It appears that Sylvester was

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the first Secretary of the Metropolitan Parks Commission, which was the first name of our present Department of Conservation and Recreation. We still say it should have been named after someone local, but at least we now know who he was. The dedication of the new under Wellington walking bridge was dedicated officially connecting Assembly Square to Ten Hills. A short and pleasant walk without dodging speeding cars, connecting two popular sections of the city.

We hear that if you like \$20+ hamburgers then head over to Earl's in Assembly Square. We will check it out and let you know. But we have to tell you, you can probably get two lobsters for that price along with baked potatoes at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant.

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The newest in the city's programs for youth, Songwriting for Beginners will teach students the basics of song structure, and the use of melody, lyrics, and rhythm. This is a free class that meets in the afternoon twice weekly from October 20 through November 26, from 3 to 4 p.m. The class is open to the first five applicants. To enroll or for more information about these or other youth arts programs, contact Jimmy Del Ponte at JDelpon-

te@somervillema.gov, or call 617-625-6600 ext. 2616.

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The Airplanes are back. This past Sunday morning you could hear them flying low again. Itmust be the full moon or something, but remember if you want to voice your concern over the flight pattern of these planes, especially early weekend mornings, then call Massport directly at 617-561-3333. If you want to help stop the planes flying over Somerville, please go here and follow the links: http://www.massport.com/environment/environmental-reporting/noise-abatement/noise-complaints/.

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Somerville Rocks! is more than just

a community-wide youth talent show

for Somerville youth ages 12 and older. It's an opportunity for youth performers to polish their act with twice-weekly rehearsals with performer and musician Jimmy Del Ponte. Whether you're in a band, a solo singer, a comedian, or you have any other talent you want to showcase to your peers, this program is for you!

te. Whether you're in a band, a solo singer, a comedian, or you have any other talent you want to showcase to your peers, this program is for you! Auditions will be held on Thursday, October 9, at 6 p.m. in the City Cable studio, located at the far-right of the shared City Hall and SHS parking lot, beneath the library (look for the City

Cable sign). The show will be held on

November 7 in the awesome new auditorium at the East Somerville Community School. Rehearsal sessions begin in mid-Oct. Participation is free.

As part of their ongoing collaboration with the Somerville Fire Department, the Council On Aging will continue to offer free smoke alarms/carbon monoxide detectors. There is a limited number of Photoelectric Smoke Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe available to residents who qualify on a first-come, first served basis. These smoke alarms are for residents who are hearing impaired or deaf, 60 years of ago or older, own or rent and are residents of Somerville. If you are interested in having one of these special smoke alarms/carbon monoxide detectors installed please give them a call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or you can use our TTY number at 866-808-4851.

Attention Somerville Youth Hockey fans: Learn to Skate (LTS)/Learn to Play Hockey (LTPH) for ages 4 and up begins October 18 and runs until early March, 2015. Sign up at the Somerville Rink Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. until the program begins, then on or after October 18, from 8-10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. \$90 registration fee for LTS/LTPH. For more information, Continued on page 20

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# 'A Taste of A Cappella'

A Cappella groups converged at the Prospect Hill Monument on Sunday, Oct. 5, for a fun day of song and hanging out in the sun at the 'A Taste of A Cappella' event.

Somerville's own The Eight Tracks performed, along with Fermata Town, Sound Off A Cappella, Boston Accent, and Bostonality.

The crowd was amply fed by food trucks Benny's Crepe Cafe and Renula's Greek Kitchen.

The event was sponsored in part by the Somerville Arts Council.







































Photos by Claudia Ferro

## **SPORTS**

## Somerville Youth Soccer League October events

Somerville Youth Soccer League (SYSL) is organizing two events in October to show our support for both the Somerville High School (SHS) Girls and Boys Soccer programs. Please join them as they celebrate the young women and men who represent the city and sport they love.

#### SYSL Supports SHS Girls Soccer

Monday, October 13 (Columbus Day - No School)

+ Tailgating 1:00 p.m.

- + Game (vs. Whittier Regional Vocational Tech) 2:00 p.m.
- Dilboy Stadium

#### SYSL Supports SHS **Boys Soccer**

Saturday, October 25

- + Tailgating 11:00 p.m.
- + Game (vs. Cambridge Rindge and Latin) 12:00 p.m.
- Dilboy Stadium

Please mark your calendars. They hope to see you at both events.





## 'Jingle Bell' donation



it's first donation of \$1500 to the Somerville High School Girls Soccer Team. Paul Collyer of the Somerville Striders Athletic Club made the presentation to the Somerville High School Girls Soccer Coach, Tony Diaz at the Somerville Recreation Center. Please go to http://www.baevents.com/jinglebell/ for more information on the 2014 event.

# Ms. Cam's 120 uiscellaneous #443

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What musical theme played at the beginning of The Green Hornet radio series?
- 2. Which drink did The Spice Girls promote?
- 3. What was Sam Goldwyn's real name?
- 4. What two dwarf's names begin with "D" in Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs?
- 5. Which ocean was the island setting for Lord of The Flies?
- 6. Who invented charcoal briquettes?
- 7. Who directed *The*

Godfather in 1972 and its two sequels in 1972 and 1990?

- 8. For what sport is The Heisman Trophy presented?
- 9. What was the first hurricane named after a man?
- 10. What is Batman's real name?
- 11. How long does it take for the Earth to spin once on its axis?
- 12. What do Sword, Square, Floral and Barn have in common?

Answers on page 17

Local Somerville company needs part-time home telemarketers to make calls for appointments. Experience preferred, but if you're self motivated, home during the day and think you can handle making calls to get sales leads, contact us at 617-623-6605 and ask for Tom.

Somerville Rocks! is a community-wide youth talent show for Somerville youth ages 12 and older. Whether you're in a band, a solo singer, a comedian, or you have any other talent you want to showcase to your peers, this program is for you! Auditions will be held on Thursday, October 9 at 6 p.m. in the City Cable studio, located the end of the SHS parking lot, beneath the library (accessible from parking lot and door adjacent to Atrium entrance). The show will be held on Friday, November 7 at the East Somerville Community School. jdelponte@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2616 for more info.

## **Honey Bee Day** in Somerville

Honey Bee Day was held on Satur- are to our survival. day, September 27 behind the office of Best Pest Control Services at 63 Elm St., Somerville.

The event was attended by about 50 adults and children who learned some basic honey bee facts from Rod Kreimeyer about how the bees help our urban environment, the way the bees work and live and how important bees

Everyone had the chance to sample some fresh honey right off of the comb from the hive along with refreshments of honey-based foods prepared by Chef Jana DuPree.

Many attendees, including the children, suited up and got a chance to get an up close view of the bees in action and work the hive with Kreimeyer.





## **Get ready to HONK!**



The 9th Annual HONK! festival hits the streets of Somerville next weekend. The festival of activist bands is fun, colorful, and LOUD. Don't miss the spectacle and the roar!

## What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

Somerville Neighborhood News is a community service production of Somerville Community Access Television. If you don't have TV or the time to watch the full episode, you can watch the individual news segments online at www. somervilleneighborhoodnews.org. Here are some headlines from the latest newscast.



Head to a Dashain celebration with one of your neighbors, hear what health and school officials have to say about the dozens of kids who recently arrived here from Central America, hit the streets to learn what Somerville residents think about local news, get the highlights from the Winter Hill planning meeting, head to the Fluff festival with all the band, chorus and orchestra kids and what about those pigeons?

For this full news story and other SNN stories, visit www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org or watch it every Tuesday at 7 p.m. on SCATV Ch.3. To get involved, email news@scatvsomerville.org.

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

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION** 

> LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

771 McGrath Hwy: (Case #PB 2013-05) Applicant, CPC-T Holdings, LLC, and Owner, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company LLC, seek an amendment to a Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on Sept 6, 2001 and Nov 1, 2001 under SZO §16.11 to construct a 75-unit residential building. Waivers are requested for a reduction in the requirement for landscaped area, signage area and height and reduced setbacks under SZO §16.5.4 and 16.5.5. BA / PUD-B zone. Ward 1.

ASQ Block 7 (Foley Street) (Case #PB 2014-29) Applicant Street Retail, Inc. & Owner FR Sturtevant Street, LLC, Street Retail, Inc, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, as tenants in common & others seek Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A under SZO §7.11.11.10 for a parking lot with approx 284 spaces to serve retail/restaurant in Blocks 1, 2,3 & 4. ASMD, PUD-A Zones. Ward 1.

144 Broadway: (Case #PB 2014-31) Applicant, Marcelino Alarcon, and Owner, Walter Valdivieso and Ana Margarita Alarcon, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.5 to alter the façade and signage on the building. CCD-55/Ward 1.

North Point: (Case #PB 2014-30) Applicant and Owner CJUF III North-Point, LLC c/o The HYM Investment Group, LLC, seeks a Neighborhood Development Plan Review under SZO §6.6.3 for review of the North Point Neighborhood Development Plan. NP-SD zone. Ward 1

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 www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases 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@somervil-

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

To be published in The Somerville Times on 10/1/14 & 10/8/14.

10/1/14, 10/8/14 The Somerville Times

A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday October 20, 2014 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Rebel Restaurant Somerville, LLC d/b/a Tony C's Sports Bar and Grill, for an All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License and Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by Performers and Devices at, 699 Assembly Row, Suite 240, Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek **Administrative Assistant** 

10/8/14 The Somerville Times

A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday October 20, 2014 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 - Brewer and Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by Devices at, 15 Ward St., Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

10/8/14 The Somerville Times

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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION** 

> LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Av-

73 School St: (Case #ZBA 2014-89) Applicant and Owner, Pasang Bachantsang, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming 2-family structure under SZO §4.4.1 to add dormers to the structure. RA/

8-12 Main St: (Case #ZBA 2014-97) Applicant and Owner, Nguyen Trivan, seek a Special Permit per SZO \$9.13 for parking relief to establish 2 residential units. NB Zone. Ward 4.

10 Webster Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-98) Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, D & M Nominee Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.13.I and SZO §14 to add equipment to an existing wireless communication facility, NB zone, Ward 2.

200 Inner Belt Rd: (Case #ZBA 2014-96) Applicant, White Skanska Kiewitt, JV, and Owner, NorthRiverII LLC, d/b/a North River Art seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §7.11.14.B.2 to establish manufacturing use of greater than 10,000 square feet conducted outside an enclosed building, IA zone, Ward 1.

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 www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases 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>.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

As published in The Somerville Times on 10/1/14 & 10/8/14.

10/1/14, 10/8/14 The Somerville Times

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS** MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT **The Trial Court** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141

Docket No. MI 14P5063PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTED ORDER PURSUANT TO G. L.c. 190B, ss5-304& 5-405

In the matter of: Florence Mulcahy

RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)

Of: Somerville, MA.

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Olga Batista Cambridge, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that Florence Mulcahy is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that

Michael R Conture, Esq.

Somerville, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The netition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return day 10/27/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness: Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 29, 2014

Tara E. De Cristofaro **Register of Probate** 

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

**NOTICE AND ORDER Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor** 

Docket No. MI14P3848GD

In the interest of Brooke L. Clements

of Somerville, MA

#### **NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

1) Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 07/24/2014 by

Paula L. Bussolari of Somerville, MA James J. Bussolari of Somerville, MA

Will be held 10/29/2014 9:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 121 Third Street, Cambridge MA 02141 Courtroom #7

2) Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3) Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that the counsel be appointed for the minor.

4) Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds it is not in the minor's best interest.

#### **ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)**

IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor, (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner), the Guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date listed above.

If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, IT IS ORDERED that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the hearing listed above.

If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party is not known, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date by mailing first class mail and by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in Somerville Times, Somerville publication to be at least Seven (7) days prior to hearing date.

If required, services on the United States Veteran Administration and Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least **Seven (7)** days prior to hearing.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: August 6, 2014

Tara E. De Cristofaro **Register of Probate** 

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> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

10/8/14 The Somerville Times

A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday October 20, 2014 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Off Larsen Lane, LLC d/b/a The Kirkland for a Transfer of Stock at, 421-427 Washington St., Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek **Administrative Assistant** 

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## An opportunity to erase domestic violence misconceptions CONT. FROM PG 10

inspiration and hope to those still caught in that cycle of violence.

But we need more than inspiration and hope. We need to provide the support that will allow every victim to have their own "Why I Left" story. Somerville is fortunate to have groups like RESPOND that provide that needed support.

We need to continue to educate about domestic violence and advocate for more support, because too many victims still

don't get the services they need. On September 17 last year alone, 343 domestic violence victims that day could not get the services they needed, and almost two-thirds of those unmet requests were for housing, according to the National Network to End Domestic Violence's annual count. That's 334 people who could not get the support they needed in one day to keep themselves out of danger. They couldn't get help because of lack of staff or re-

duced funding, either from public or private sources. Our own Women's Commission, Jane Doe Inc. and other organizations should be thanked for their work around education and for their continued advocacy to expand, not contract, services available for domestic violence victims.

We need a judicial system where leniency is not the rule. We should look to domestic violence courts across the country as models of reform.

The Justice Department has started a mentor court initiative, through which successful domestic violence courts from across the country can share the strategies that have helped them keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable, acting quickly and effectively. Nationwide, we now have more than 200 domestic violence courts, but that is sadly not enough to address this epidemic. Whether through specialized domestic violence

courts or by incorporating those strategies into our existing system, our judicial system must improve.

It is sad that we need events like those in the news this past year for us to pay more attention to this ongoing epidemic. But the spotlight is on. Perhaps now, with enough people paying attention to not only domestic violence itself, but how we respond to it as a society, we can finally turn the corner and together end this epidemic.

## There's a sucker born every minute CONT. FROM PG 10

The spouses of problem gamblers attempt suicide at a rate three-to-four times that of the general population. Kids frequently feel abandoned and literally are, seeing the funds that would support their wellbeing and future education enriching casino owners instead.

#### Community

Suckers like Everett mayor Carlo DeMaria imagine that a casino will boost local businesses sales, stimulate demand for new businesses, and employ lots of grateful voters. They should listen to what Steve Wynn himself told local businessmen when he was hustling to put a casino in Bridgeport:

"There is no reason on earth for any of you to expect for more than a second that just because there are people here, they're going to run into your restaurants and stores just because we build this [casino] here."

Consider Atlantic City. Before casinos came it had 242 eating and drinking establishments. Three years later there were 160, and that decline has con-

tinued. There isn't even a large supermarket there now. New Jersey has spent \$30 million on a marketing campaign to bail out Atlantic City, but it remains a dump.

Casinos take business away from local enterprises, and they divert money that would otherwise be spent on local activities. They buy their needed goods and services from large regional and national vendors rather than from local businesses.

Moreover, states afford casinos privileges that local businesses do not enjoy. The Massachusetts Legislature, for example, has decreed that the three proposed casinos can give away free alcohol to keep suckers in the zone, but local bars are not allowed to heavily discount drinks for happy hour.

Twenty-five years of American "resorts" tell us that certain businesses do multiply when casinos come to town. They are pawnbrokers, payday lenders, auto title lenders, check-cashing operations, and divorce attorneys.

A study that looked at casino gambling in 300 Metropolitan Statistical Areas found that the presence of a casino reduces voluntarism, civic participation, family stability, and other forms of social capital within 15 miles of a community where it is located. Other studies have tracked declines in property values surrounding a casino.

And what about the 8,689 jobs that Massachusetts casino owners promise to create by sometime in 2017? A majority of them won't pay a living wage.

That may be one reason why the industry has a 40% turn-over rate. Another is suggested by a growing body of evidence that casino workers have more health problems than the general population.

Then there's a real question regarding how many of the higher paying jobs will go to locals. By year's end, between 8,000 and 10,000 casino workers who have lost their jobs this year to four Atlantic City casino closures will be looking for work in their field.

#### State

For thirty years, Massachusetts legislators voted against legalizing casinos. Between 2006 and 2011, the gaming industry spent \$11.4 million lobbying state politicians, and they hooked three highly placed suckers: Governor Deval Patrick, House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Therese Murray.

These three were able to engineer the November 2011 vote to approve casinos, even though they each subsequently acknowledged that they didn't want one in their own communities. If they took their oaths of office seriously, they wouldn't want one in their state either.

Massachusetts operates the most successful lottery in the U.S. It delivers about 20% of its revenues to the state treasury. That's just under a billion dollars a year, 89% of which goes to unrestricted direct local aid. 'Villens are in the top 10% of state aid recipients.

Casinos would deliver only about 2% of their revenues to state government, while analysts

estimate that they would cannibalize between 10% and 24% of the lottery's current revenues.

The new bureaucracy required to regulate Massachusetts casinos would cost as much as \$20 million. But that's a fraction of what the state would shell out.

Extensive peer-reviewed studies find that casinos bring increased substance abuse, mental illness, and suicide. Violent crime, theft, and bankruptcy go up 10% in communities that allow gambling. Researchers from Baylor and the Universities of Illinois ad Georgia found that crime increases cost residents of counties with casinos about \$65 per person per year.

No matter how you look at it, casinos are a bad deal for families, communities and states. But as P.T. Barnum, Paper Collar Joe Bessimer, Michael Cassius McDonald and a dozen other grifters are all reported to have said, "There's a sucker born every minute." They'll be the ones voting against Ballot Question 3 in November.

## I love that song! CONT. FROM PG 10

were so many!) Dirty Water, Dream On, Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree, Goodnight Irene, Dream On, Itchycoo Park, Cherry Hill Park (sung to Powder House Park) Smokin' the Boys Room, Sugar Sugar, Hotel California, Heart Of My Heart, and Paradise By The Dashboard Lights.

Electric Avenue's lyrics were changed by a wise guy pal of mine to "We're gonna rock down to, Mystic Avenue, and then we'll steal your tires." Of course, they never really did that because we were all little angels back in the day.

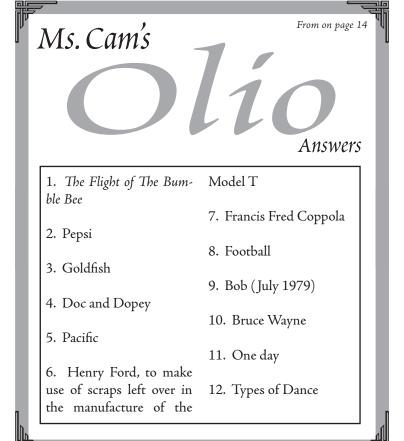
Lincoln Park kids used to

gather together and sing Beatles songs at night. Some more faves of Somerville kids growing up were, Magic Bus, Purple Haze, and of course the classic Stairway To Heaven, or Stairway to Prospect (Hill), Pinball Wizard, In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida, The Night Has A Thousand Eyes, Baba O'Reilly (aka Teenage Wasteland), American Pie, and Save The Last Dance For Me were also mentioned.

Let's not forget the classic Somerville High School fight song, Somerville Leads The Way, and the less classic KISS 108 tune from the '90's, Somerville (Let's go down to Davis Square, see the girls with great big hair) by yours truly.

So there you have it. Just the tip of the musical iceberg featuring some blasts from the past, oldies but goodies, and music of our lives here in the city of the Seven Hills. In closing, I will tell you about one of my favorite songs growing up in Somerville, and that is (I Love You) More Today Than Yesterday by the Spiral Staircase. I played it in every band I was in, all over The Ville. It really never meant that much to me but Then Came You, Michele, Because, I Honestly Love You.

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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday October 8

**East Branch Library** Preschool: Storytime

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

#### **Central Library**

Fall Poetry Workshop for Middle School Students with Alan Ball Cathy Piantigini|617-623-5000 x2950 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Thursday October 9

#### **Central Library**

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

#### West Branch Library

Lego Club

Annamarie Almeida|617-623-5000

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College

#### Friday October 10

#### **Central Library**

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

#### **Central Library**

Teen Game Day Sujei Lugo 617-623-5000 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Monday October 13

**Columbus Day - Libraries Closed** 

#### Tuesday | October 14

#### West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue

#### **Central Library**

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

Tammy McKanan 617-591-0216 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland

#### Wednesday October 15

East Branch Library Preschool: Storytime

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

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#### **MUSIC**

#### Wednesday October 8

#### Iohnny D's The Strumbellas plus Traveling Broke

and Out of Gas|8 p.m. 1/ Holland St|61/-//6-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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Front Room

Exile on Elm Back Room

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#### On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

The Nephrok All Stars

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### Ioshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia

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

#### Thursday October 9

Johnny D's

Marc Broussard|9 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room

Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.

**Back Room** 

Scattershot |10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### PA'S Lounge

WEMF Radio|Uncle Rusty|TBA|Work-

#### 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### Bull McCabe's

Dub Down Featuring The Scotch **Bonnet Band** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### Somerville Theatre

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

#### Arts at the Armory

FOLK New England Presents: Jon McAuliffe

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday October 10

#### Sally O'Brien's

Frank Drake Friday Night Combo |6

Nowhere Lights, The Social #11 \$5 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room

Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

#### PA'S Lounge

WEMF Radio|Anjimile|Meg Lynch|Rocco D'Angelo|Magnatite 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

The Surviving Keneallys 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Joshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

#### Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

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

#### Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

#### Arts at the Armory

Ginger Ibex

7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Saturday October 11

#### Johnny D's

Fat City Band|7 p.m. Milo Z|10 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band | 6 p.m. Hear Now Live presents SubPar Co-Star \$10 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Back Room **Spitting Vinnies** 

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Karaoke 65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge

WEMF Radio|TBA|lessica Labus|Passin' Jack|Slapback|Jon and The Jones 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

#### On the Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Bull McCabe's

Live DI Music

Julie Rhodes 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Joshua Tree

DI El Sid!

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DI

## 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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Johnny D's

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Wednesday October 8

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#### Sunday October 12

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7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq Wednesday October 15

## PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

#### HAPPENINGS: CENTER SENIO

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.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 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

#### Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

4th Annual Health & Wellness Fair - Thursday, October 16 – 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Blood pressure screenings, glucose screenings, hearing screenings, reiki treatments, mental health nutrition resources, Housing resourses, door prizes and more. Lunch and transportation available upon request. Please RSVP to 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Luncheon at the Highlander Café – Tuesday, October 21 – Doors will open at 10:45 A.M. The Highlander Café is located at the atrium of Somerville High School (closest to the library.) Luncheon choices: Chicken Pot Pie or Baked Haddock - \$9.00 fee - Seating is limited so please call Connie to RSVP, with your lunch choice or if you have any questions 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Mohegan Sun - Monday, October 27 - For a fee of \$25.00 you receive your transportation, \$10.00 Food Coupon and \$10.00 Free Bet. Check in times are 8:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 8:15 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 8:00 P.M. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

Honor Flight. Documentary – Monday, October 27 - 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Honor Flight is a heartwarming documentary about four living WWII veterans and a Midwest community coming together to give them the trip of a lifetime. Holland Street Center in the Atrium - lunch is available by request - to register please call Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318

Halloween Super Bingo – Friday, October 31 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at our Holland Street Center – 167 Holland Street. Your \$10. Fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards & prizes. Come & have a fun filled day. Limited seating and transportation available so please call Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

Thanksgiving Super Bingo - Thursday, November 20 -11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center – 9 New Washington Street. Your \$10. Fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards & prizes. Come & have a fun filled day. Limited seating and transportation available so please call Kim at 617-666-5223 to reserve your spot or if your should have questions.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Halloween Super Bingo scheduled for Friday, October 31 is **SOLD OUT**.

The monthly Hanscom BINGO for September has been CANCELLED.

Back by popular demand are the Holiday Inn Dances. Lunch and dance to music provided by Hank our resident DJ. All dances are on Mondays and from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., beginning October 20 through June 29. A \$15.00 fee is required along with a RSVP so please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

All our Centers will be closed on Monday, October 13th for Columbus Day.

The Mobile Farmer's Market is at our Holland Street Center every Thursday throughout the summer from 1:00 to 3:30 PM.

#### **LGBT EVENTS:**

LGBT Advisory Group - Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month

**LGBT Lunch** – Due to a Columbus Day holiday there will be no LGBT lunch in October. The next LGBT Lunch will be Monday, November 10. More info to come.

LGBT Advisory Group – Due to a holiday, Columbus Day, the monthly Advisory Group meeting has been changed to Tuesday, October 14 at 4:30 P.M.- for this month only. We are always looking for new members and would love to have you.

LGBT Dinner & Movie – Monday, October 20 – 5:30 meal time – 6:30 movie time –October's movie is Pariah and we continue with our pizza & salad dinner theme. \$5.00 fee. Must RSVP by 10:00 AM on Monday, October 20.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6 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 our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

#### The Moonlighters

Have you heard of the SunSetters? How about the Moonlighters? The Moonlighters are an older version of the Sunsetters! Interested in joining? Led by Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, Jimmy Del Ponte, the Moonlighters meet every Monday at 10:30 at our Holland Street Center and sometimes take their skills on the road. This year the Moonlighters will be performing with the Powers School of Music for a Holiday Concert in December. Keep an eye open for more details.

#### **IMPORTANT NEWS:**

The Somerville Council on Aging in conjunction with the Somerville Fire Department are installing free, new smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors to eligible Somerville older adults as part of the Senior SAFE Program. If you are an older adult (60 years of age or older) and live in Somerville (own or rent) please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to find out how to get yours. Please note that due to the high demand we are still waiting for a new delivery of detectors and future installation dates will not be until sometime in September.

On Thursday, October 16 from 9:00 AM to Noon, the Somerville Council on Aging will be holding its 4th Annual Health & Wellness Fair. This year the fair is entitled "Mastering the Aging Process" and will be held at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. If you are interested in being a participate or one of our sponsors please contact Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318 to register or if you go to the SCOA's portion of the City's web site and go to the "Department Calendar" on that day you will be able to access a registration form.

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

#### Mondays:

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H)

Fit 4 Life\* Group C, 1:00 P.M. (H)

#### **Tuesdays:**

Strengthening, 9:15 A.M., \$3 per class (H) Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Free, 1:00 P.M., (H) LBT Fit 4 Life\*, 6:00 P.M., (H)

#### Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 a.m. (H)

Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9 a.m. (H)

Fit 4 Life\* Group C, Noon (H)

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1 p.m.

Zumba for All, 5:15 p.m.., \$3 per class (H)

#### Thursdays:

Strengthening, 9:30 a.m. \$3 per class (RJ) LBT Fit 4 Life\*, 6 p.m.

#### Fridays:

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 a.m.

Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9 a.m.

Fit 4 Life\* Group C 12 p.m.

\*Fit 4 Life classes \$10/month & require pre-registration.

### **Upcoming Schedule:**

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

#### Wednesday October 8

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

#### Thursday October 9

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (RJ)

10:00 Current Events (H)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

1:00 Mobile Farmers Market (H)

#### Friday | October 10

11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday October 13

#### Columbus Day

All Centers Closed

#### **Tuesday October 14**

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Knitting scarves for soldiers (RJ) 10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:30 Low Vision Group (H) 10:30 Brain Games (H)

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

4:30 LGBT Advisory Group (H)

#### Wednesday October 15

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H,RJ,C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

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The new boxes for *The Somerville Times* are in, they were delivered last Friday, now the task remains of putting them in places where Somerville readers of *The Times* can get to them. Over the past few weeks we asked and we received some calls. We have taken the suggestions and are carefully looking over the city to see where we can add the boxes. We even have brand new ones for the squares and Assembly Square. Six of the boxes are different, but you'll be able to recognize them as Somerville Times boxes. By the end of this year

we will have 45 boxes in the city and still over 100 other locations. We have even increased our print edition to accommodate them. Starting this week we will some of the boxes out there on the street, every week adding more and more. Have a suggestion? Call us at 617 666-4010 and let us know.

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Thanks for all the kind words and thoughts for Patti Norton, who is home from MGH after two heart attacks and other complications. She's doing well and the cards are great. Her address is 9 Melville Road, Somerville 02145.

Another local celebrity of sorts, the very popular Alderman at Large Dennis Sullivan and his equally popular wife Melissa Hurley-Sullivan are celebrating five years of wedded bliss. Happy anniversary to the both of them. This year is very special to them with the arrival of their

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daughter. May they all have a great anniversary for themselves.

Masonic Open House at 125 Highland Avenue is coming up on Saturday, October 11. Open to the public for tours and Q&A. The only Somerville Masonic Lodge is King Solo-

mon's Lodge AF & AM founded in 1783 in Charlestown and moved to Somerville in 1899.

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Somerville/Somerset Savings Bank Reunion. All former employees and guests are welcome. Friday, October 17 at the Kowloon Restaurant, Rte. 1, Saugus from 7 p.m. to midnight. Cost per person \$40. Includes buffet,DJ, dancing, and karaoke. Cash bar. Send check to Marylynn Cabral c/o Rockland Trust, 399 Highland, Ave., Somerville, MA 02144. Please call Joe Ferraro 857-269-0686 if you have any questions.

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## The Somerville Times

## Washington Street presents 'See Art, Talk Art, Be Art'

**CONT. FROM PG 1** 

I try to sew in a particular material that is really difficult, I go next door to people that know how to sew," Festa said.

Festa's exhibit features selfies from around the world. One of them displays a woman turning her head to the side. She has dark blond hair and wears a black fur collar. However, this is not a flat art; if you take a closer look at the canvas, the woman's black fur collar actually stands out.

Like so many portraits in the exhibit, Festa cut through certain parts of the pictures and replaced them with the actual materials that those characters wear to make them look more realistic.

"I experimented a lot in a lot of these pieces," Festa said. "The first time I cut into a piece with an Extacto knife it was scary. But I realized that I used that effect for a few times, and there are things coming out, like the yarn coming out, and the hat and stuff, it's the best way to make it look like part of the piece."

Festa says that Ourselfies makes her step out of her comfort zone and take on a new approach to reach out to subjects.

"Usually, when I want my subjects, I want to paint them, I'll take the photo. But this was allowing people to take a photo themselves, send it to me... and there is no limit to location," Festa said. "There are people from Germany, Indian and Ghana coming into my inbox. It was exciting to see what I get, and insofar as fashion and fabrics, the range just opened up. And I got some really fun references to work from."

In many of her portraits, Festa chose to decorate the background with the same patterns that the characters wear. One of the examples is a woman who wears in a bright yellow dress that is dotted with tiny elephants. And her background is the exactly the same as her dress.

Festa explained that people sometimes quickly decide what a person is like based their clothing. "We don't really think about it, so I'm trying to get people to think about that," she said. "I just like the variety of the different kinds of clothing that people wear, and so I'd like to focus on their kind of individualism."

Another portrait that stands out at the gallery is featured with Festa's sister in-law's sister. In the picture, her brown

eyes are beaming with the reflections of objects in the distance, a lock of hair on one of the side of the face curves as if it was blown with the wind. She also "wears" a delicately knit scarf that is, again, added by Festa with real fabric. And her background is the world-renowned Eiffel Tower.

"She has the gorgeous skin with freckles, and I just had so much fun painting it," Festa said, smiling.

Besides the realism art works at the gallery, there was also a workshop to show people how to seek beauty in reality. The director of Washington Street, Lee Kilpatrick, rolled out a series of the cameras of different eras on a table in chronological order, among which was Brownie Hawkeye camera that was once popular in the fifties, and a Horizon panoramic camera.

Along with the different types of cameras, Kilpatrick also showed his booklets of photographic works. Each of them has different effects in lighting, themes and meanings.

One of Kilpatrick's pictures captures a farmhouse and a barn in northern Maine with gloomy grey clouds above it.

"That's where I'm from," Kilpatrick said. "I mostly do photos of people, but I have a lot more landscape in this one. You can see in the picture, the houses are very isolated and the photo is very isolated because of the large sky. There is nothing

Adding to the rich tapestry of Somerville's artistic offerings, Anna M. Warrock brought her collection of lyric poems called Horizon to the event. At the same time, she also created poetry at the scene through the words given by the audience.

"I use a landscape or perhaps a personal landscape to open up a horizon, so my readers are taking on a journey to identify both what's going on in the poem and their response to it as it goes on," War-

Warrock's poem My Father Waves describes a touching moment when her father was about to be sent to a nursing home and then died two weeks later.

"To be a honest, it's somewhat difficult for a poet to write about his or her self without being too egotistical and getting too involved in the self as opposed to



what the poem is about," Warrock said. "So, I not only need to balance the relationship with my father, but also who my father was as far as I could see him."

As a renowned Somerville poet, Warrock has received Somerville Arts Council fellowship and project grants. One of her poems was also carved into the Davis Square train station when it was being built.

"When they were building the subway at the time, it was actually one half of one percent of the federal monies to build the project that is devoted to the arts," Warrock said. "In our case, they chose six submitted poems from Somerville writers."

The See Art, Talk Art, Be Art event presented by Washington Street also included Gretchen Ann Graham explaining how darkroom developing works and Athena Moore demonstrating pamphlet-stitch bookbinding.

"There are a lot of different things that people can learn about from people that are practicing these art forms," Kilpatrick said, "and how they approach different types of art works."



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Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Dr Gangrene Presents	1:00pm	Health is Wealth	6:30pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	7:00am
The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Henry Parker Presents	2:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	7:00pm	Life Matters	7:30am
Net Neutrality Panel Discussion	10:00am	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Active Aging	7:30pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am
Nossa gente e Costume	11:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	4:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	8:00pm	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	
The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Culture Club	4:30pm	Meh Kyown's Television Ship	9:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am
Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	1:00pm	Tele Kreyol	5:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	10:00pm	Art at SCATV: Aaron Ellerbee	10:30am
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## City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

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9:00am:	Somerville By Design – Winter Hill Visioning
12:00pm	: School Committee Meeting –
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3:30pm:	Connecting Communities
6:30pm:	Somerville By Design – Winter Hill Visioning
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11:00am:	Our Schools, Our City -
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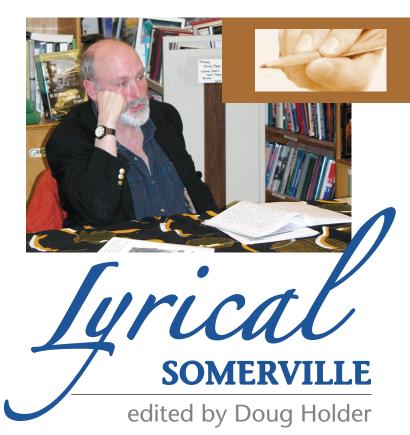
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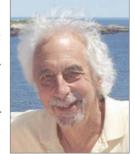
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Wednesday, October 15 SHS Football v Peabody - 9/19 2:00am: Seniors' Post High School Planning Night

## The Somerville Times -



Somerville Bagel Bard Krikor Hohannesian is our feature this week. He wrote the LYRICAL: "The poem was written with the intent to contrast the Church Street of 1970 with what it is today as a sort of social commentary. As some of us "elders" remember the Chez Dreyfus was a somewhat upscale French restaurant with a separate bar room area. A Runyonesque group of characters, myself included, came to hang out at the bar on Friday afternoons - one would be hard-pressed to create a more disparate group of characters. The conver-



sations were loud, raucous, lively and reflective of the socio-political sentiments of the times. The Chez, is of course, long gone and, as the end of the poem depicts, the scene on the Church Street of today is in stark contrast other than the Christian Science Reading Room still being there!"

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOONS AT THE CHEZ

In the rain and wind on Church Street a stone's throw from The Square a gust of nostalgia eddies the gutter trash - crushed beer cans, dog-eared flyers and soppy snipes some things never change. I flash on the Swiss jeweler, a gremlin in perpetual stoop, loupe screwed to his right eye, Bulovas staring out the shop window. The corner bookstore where you could hang all day with no "can I help you?" And why was there never a soul in the Christian Science reading room? But most of all, the Chez Dreyfus bar, Friday afternoons anytime after three. South Boston Eddie the barkeep, white shirt starchy, black bow tie askew, polishing shot glasses, pilsners and snifters ready for his posse - once he told us he'd thought he'd seen everything until we came along: black, brown, white and everything in between. There was Billy C, "the borstal boy" with the crapulent kisser Judas to a lifetime of too many shots of Bushmill's washed down with a growler

or three, regaling all with Irish-laced banter and Boston politics. Cherubic Carl who sipped his Hennessey's with pinkie extended and blew blue smoke from his meerschaum all the while expounding on Sartre and Descartes. And the Friday round table of the cats from the Ed School. Willy B., once right hand to Dr. King, swearing that melanin was the only difference between him and me. Gerard the epicene, milk chocolat, "wha's happ'nin', man!" always on the prowl for good reefer. Roosevelt from Bed-Stuy, equally at ease with raps on the foibles of public education or the attributes of the fine young fox two tables over. And my main man, Emmett, truck driver from Paterson on his way to two doctorates, his brother in for a stretch at Attica. That

was then and this is now: a chi-chi salad bar, upscale boutiques anorectic mannequins empty-eyed, students with cell-phones jammed tight to their ears, eyes cast down to the pavement soaked with the silence of a thousand stories.

— Krikor Hohannesian

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## 'What's Next in Poetry?'

## A discussion about the future of poetry

What's Next in Poetry? -a discussion about the future of poetry, hosted by the Grolier Poetry Bookshop on Friday September 13, with guests Adam Kirsch, Philip Nikolayev, and Marjorie Perloff.

— Article by Michael Todd Steffen

Marjorie Perloff, retired Florence Scott Professor of English Emerita at the University of Southern California, widely known for her writing on experimental and avant-garde poetry.

Adam Kirsch, senior editor of The New Republic and a contributing editor to Harvard Magazine, has been described by John Palattella as "the offspring of the New Formalists."

Philip Nikolayev, editor of Fulcrum, an Annual of Poetry and Esthetics, which has included the poetry of Paul Muldoon, John Kinsella, Billy Collins and many others.

Maybe the main point about an unrecorded meet-up in an intimate, iconic space like the Grolier is being there, and the wisest thing to comment about it: You'd have to be there. The event was spirited and to the day, and with renowned critic Marjorie Perloff, as well as her co-panelists Adam Kirsch and Philip Nikolayev, the evening generated vital ideas on the topic, What's Next? What's upcoming, what does the future hold for poetry?

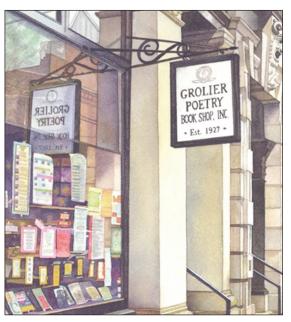
Some of the main ideas discussed by the panelists included: How poets evolve from different traditions in poetry to new voices; how our technical-visual-image oriented culture posed a different challenge to poets than the book-word oriented culture of the past before television, movies, pcs, iphones; what has come to be the standard anecdotal poem prevalently turned out by MFA writing programs and published in the major poetry journals; and the terrible difficulty of discerning which poets among the virtual sea of new emerging poets each year would survive.

On that last topic, Marjorie Perloff noted that while it's easy for most commentators and anthologists to agree who the major Modernist poets are, T.S. Eliot, Ezra Pound, William Carlos Williams, Marianne Moore, Elizabeth Bishop, agreement on the great voices of the ensuing generation (the "models" for today's poets) has been more elusive, while names like John Ashbury, Frank O'Hara, James Merrill, Robert Duncan, Derek Walcott and Mary Oliver were brought up. The notion of a central tradition for poetry in the English language such as the one Eliot established, beaming back through Tennyson, the Romantics, Pope, Milton and Shakespeare, has given way to a new stable of potential poets from university programs, most of whom are not even familiar with Theodore Roethke.

So far, all is well. A grim outlook, with much to complain about, despair of: these have forever only nourished poets and their rankling, poetry.

Adam Kirsch notably observed that writing and reading poetry in our time has been affected by the consumerist tendencies of the culture. We go through more poetry (that is less carefully written), we go through it faster, and the poems seem to mean less, they are shelved in schools for packaging rather than for contention, scrutiny, debate, genuine dialogue, where wide acceptance of origin is the rule.

Some of the highlight points made by Philip Nikolayev, after much meandering consideration, paradoxically yet convincingly in the broad allowance of the discussion were that there remained a nobility to the expression of true poetry, a challenge of betterment to the self. At the end of the day



among those in the practice of the art, Nikolayev offered, there were "poets and non-poets," which drew many silent nods of acquiescence around the closely felt space in the historic book shop.

Marjorie Perloff engaged the audience in a more specific, animated, and I think very timely talk about Frank O'Hara's book Lunch Poems upon the 50th anniversary of that book's publication in 1964 by San Francisco's City Lights Books. Perloff gave extended attention to O'Hara's 17-line composition Poem ("Lana Turner has collapsed"), significantly pointing out the very human—"trotting", rushing to meet somebody, weather conscious, fallible "I have been to a lot of parties/and acted perfectly disgraceful"-elements of O'Hara's language (vernacular) compared to the remote, very technically neutral and uncompromising voice that dominates poetry in the journals being published today. Perloff's tribute to O'Hara ramified to comments about conceptual poets, using others' texts in original arrangements, with a fairly direct critique about how censored and cautious today's poets seem compared to O'Hara and on back to Cummings, Pound and Eliot, the poets who were ready and able to scope out the challenge of their societies' ponderous expectations of language and to overthrow those expectations necessarily to emerge as new meaningful voices. This doesn't seem to be happening today, whether due to its failure by the poet at the page or by editors unwilling to take risks beyond current standards.

One of the hopes offered in the course of the evening, I thought—and no two accounts of this discussion could possibly be the same—was Kirsch's observation that while new scientific (and technological) breakthroughs supplanted and to an extent obsolesced those of their predecessors, the cycles of human experience, witnessed especially by poetry, in the songs of words and their arrangements, although successive and changing, were renewably meaningful. We still read Homer and Sappho and find much insight, inspiration and pleasure that cannot be substituted by reading, say, Robert Pinsky and Louis Gluck, wonderful and plentiful as their poetry is. The mark of great poets is indelible. Pertinently and plainly, Nikolayev reiterated that the viable poet of today heading for tomorrow had to be "steeped in poetry," a nearly amorphous vast reservoir of the past constantly attracting addition and alteration.

I think everybody present would want to join me in thanking the guests for their very considerate thoughts, and to thank Ifeanyi Menkiti, his wife Carol and Elizabeth Doran for organizing the event at the Grolier, "the oldest continuously run bookshop in the country."

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