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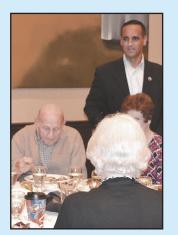


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### City reviews traffic problems in East Somerville



The city is calling for improvements in the flow of traffic in targeted areas of East Somerville. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

#### By Jim Clark

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At their latest regular meeting, the City of Somerville Board of Aldermen addressed issues relating to traffic delays in East Somerville.

An order sponsored by Alderman At Large Dennis M. Sullivan, Ward One Alderman Matthew McLaughlin, Alderman At Large William A. White Jr., Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti, and Alderman At Large John M. Connolly directing the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Chief of Police and the Director of SPCD to review the traffic problems in East Somerville and develop a traffic improvement plan was discussed and approved at the meeting.

Speaking in favor of the order, Alderman Sullivan discussed the traffic delays, mostly due to construction. "The people of East Somerville have endured a lot of traffic this past year," said Sullivan. "The construction on Broadway, Mc-Grath Highway – it's been Continued on page 4

### A Celebration of Life: Franke Rivieccio Paying tribute to one of Somerville's own

#### By Charles Lane

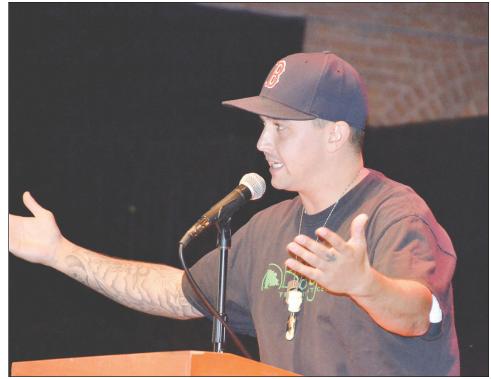
A Celebration of Life fundraiser was held in memory of Franke Rivieccio on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Arts at the Armory in Somerville.

The celebration offered food, music from WildFire and DJ Brian Ray, and poetry by Matt Ganem, who also hosted the event.

Raffles and resource tables for families dealing with drug addiction were also featured.

All proceeds benefitted Somerville Overcoming Addiction, SHS Arts Scholarship and Next Wave Full Circle.

Somerville Overcoming Addiction is a grass roots community action group that has come together to join the fight against the disease of addiction. The group is made up of family members of addicts, people in recovery, and people working in the field who have all been affected by addiction in one way or another.



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More photos from the event are on page 12.

The community came together on Sunday to celebrate the life of Franke Rivieccio and to contribute funds to local non-profit organizations, including Somerville Overcoming Addiction. — *Photo by Claudia Ferro* 

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City Hall rolled out its new website not to long ago, and although we didn't see much difference at first glance, one of our Newstalkers went online to pay a Traffic & Parking ticket and couldn't do it. They then called the department, and at first the young lady who answered the phone was extremely helpful and explained that, yes, there were some problems but she worked him through it. Then another Newstalker wanted to download election results and again ran into a problem. Half the page came out black. So we're wondering how much did this version cost? We heard it's like the third version done, and what was the cost? Maybe before they roll out a website, they might want to get some testers involved.

Ever wondered what Somerville was like back in the 60's? A special media event will be happening here in the city on Wednesday November 25 at the Davis Square Theatre at 255 Elm Street. Tickets are at a suggested price of only \$10 for a donation that is gladly accepted. The name of the show is Class of 1969 Reunion, a media event hosted by Charles Kelley, who grew up on Winter Hill and graduated from Somerville in 1969, and later became a neighborhood activist throughout the 1970's. Charlie has put together a collage of both video and still pictures of Somerville in the 60's. Next week, we will be giving more information but in the meantime you can contact Charlie Kelley at his email kelthink22@gmail.com

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Happy Birthdays this week to some of our Villen and friends as well as friends of *The Times*: To an old friend from Somerville, Artie Mason, a great guy who has not changed a bit over the years. A Vietnam Vet who served us proudly, may he have many more birthdays. Another good friend, Joe Nardella, is from Cambridge but he has done very good by us here in Somerville over the years. We wish him a very happy birthday. Another good friend whom we have known over the years as well, we wish John Hight a happy birthday. To Betty Levin, the lady of Real Estate here in the Somerville/Medford area. She's one of the best and we wish her happy birthday this week. To Joe Beckman, a funny guy and anytime you get to talk to him he can



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### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### **Response to:** Somerville #SquareFlair winners announced!

#### Mike O'Shea says:

Very nice to see these squares are being honored. Seems like Davis usually steals the glory, not that it is undeserving. Magoun is totally deserving.

#### Courtney O'Keefe says:

'Goun lovers prevail!

#### Ellie McCormack says:

I would have liked to seen Davis get it. But it's all the same really. It's a great city overall.

#### Elliot Mayes says:

Why can't they put these banners throughout the city? Just spread them out evenly. Why the meaningless competition? Kind of silly.

#### Harvey D says:

Too bad. Why not have the banners all through the city? The whole city got the award. Not just a few neighborhoods.

#### Rachel Klein says:

I fully agree. It's the city's award, not just a chosen few. Makes no sense to single out specified areas.

#### Mike J says:

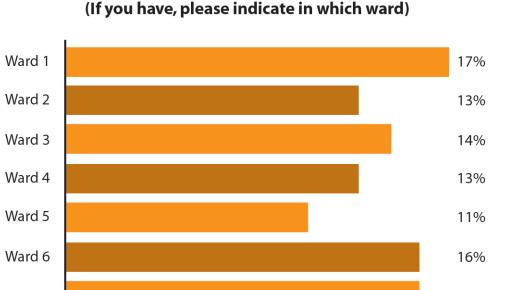
I don't see anything wrong with a little friendly competition. The banners don't mean all that much, but it can bring out some neighborhood pride, which I think is always a good thing.

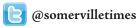
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### TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you have noticed an increase in car break-ins in your neighborhood and if so in which ward). If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

Have you noticed an increase in car break-ins in your neighborhood?





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### **City announces new Director of Veterans Services**

#### By Louise Carpenter

The City of Somerville has announced that Bryan Bishop has been named Veterans Services Director. Bishop will bring his years of service as the Deputy Commissioner and Chief of Staff for the City of Boston Department of Veterans' Services. He is a 20-year Veteran of the United States Air Force who has spent much of his life serving the country and his fellow Veterans.

Bishop will be responsible for the dayto-day operation of the Veterans Services department and will aid our local veterans and their families in accessing both federal and state veterans benefits. He will also work closely with other staff to provide strong leadership in the development of constituent engagement programs within all demographics of the Veterans community. His priority will be to advocate and give a voice to the Veterans and their families who call Somerville home.

Bishop graduated magna cum laude from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and minor in Disability Studies. During his time at UMASS Lowell, he was active in the Student Veterans Organization as well the SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society for which he



Newly appointed Veterans Services Director Bryan Bishop.

still visits local colleges and universities urging students to join this prestigious society of our Veterans' academic elite.

His military decorations include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Recognition Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

Bishop will begin his employment on December 7, 2015.



### Honoring all who served

Somerville's veterans were honored at the Somerville Allied Veterans' Council annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11 at the George Dilboy VFW Post, 371 Summer St. Residents and veterans gathered together to commemorate the annual observance of recognition of those who served their country in military service. — Photos by Donald Norton



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### Bad luck for all at the lottery table

Police officers were dispatched to DeMoulas Market on Somerville Ave. last Saturday afternoon on reports of the theft of a pocketbook belonging to one of the store's customers.

Upon arrival officers detained Meghan Thomas, of Newburyport, across the street from the store's location. They were also holding a male companion of Thomas for questioning.

Surveillance video had reportedly been reviewed by store personnel and it was believed that Thomas was identifiable as being the one who took the victim's pocketbook from the lottery table inside the store.

Thomas reportedly told police that she could get the pocketbook back if they would let her go. After she was advised that this would not happen, she reportedly reached into her coat pocket and produced three credit cards that she said she had taken from the pocketbook.

The officers then requested a viewing of the surveillance video from the store.

According to reports, Thomas was shown walking over to the

lottery table where a pocketbook was placed down by the victim. Thomas then reportedly walked away from the lottery table and conversed with her companion. Next, she walked away from her companion and went directly to the lottery table where the pocketbook was, according to reports. While the male companion proceeded to walk out of the

store, Thomas reportedly picked up the pocketbook and walked out of the store.

Based on what the officers viewed on the surveillance video and the suspect's statements, Thomas was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with larceny from a person. She was taken in for booking in the usual manner.

### SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

#### Arrests:

**Phaedra Sheets**, of 109 Pine St., Cambridge, November 9, 11:41 p.m., arrested at Mc-Grath Hwy. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

**Brandon Phillips**, of 39 Josephine Ave., November 10, 7:26 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Richard Kelleher**, November 10, 10:28 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of no inspection sticker and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Kevin Haddad, of 39 Julian Rd., Randolph, November 11, 8:58 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation over \$100.

Joyce Fisher-White, of 240 Belmont St., Malden, November 12, 8:01 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of possession of a class E drug, resisting arrest, and shoplifting by asportation over \$100.

Matthew Nielsen, of 17 Balsam St., Fairhaven, November 13, 12:23 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Jose Genilson, of 96 Golden Ave., Medford, November 13, 9:09 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Raymond Chen**, of 17 Rogers St., South Boston, November 13, 10:17 a.m., arrested at New Washington St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Stephen Doucette**, of 69 Governor Rd., Stoneham, November 13, 4:23 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of marked lanes violation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery.

Vincent Distasio, of 26 Brook St., November 13, 6:31 p.m., arrested on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Henry Alderman, of 58 Foster St., Everett, November 14, 12:00 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of drug violation near a school, drug possession to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug law, and trafficking of heroin / morphine / opium.

Daniel Percival, of 46 Marshall St., November 14, 12:31 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of witness intimidation and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Nicholas Schiavo, of 24A North St., Apt. 22, November 14, 12:44 p.m., arrested at home on charges of possession of ammunition without FID card, drug possession to distribute, and drug violation near a school.

Joseph Flynn, November 14, 12:44 p.m., arrested at 24 A North St. on charges of drug possession to distribute, trafficking of heroin / morphine / opium, drug violation near a school, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

**Steca Thelemaque**, of 26 North St., November 14, 12:44 p.m., arrested at 24 A North St. on charges of trafficking of heroin / morphine / opium, drug violation near a school, conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class A drug, distribution of a class B drug, and distribution of a class D drug.

Sidney Pierre, of 21 Sewall St., November 14, 7:23 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation, drug possession to distribute, drug violation near a school, and possession of a firearm with no FID card.

Meghan Thomas, of 441 Merrimac St., Newburyport, November 14, 8:12 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny from a person.

Kevin Darosa, of 33 Oxford St., November 15, 5:34 a.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and resisting arrest.



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City reviews traffic problems in East Somerville

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surrounded by construction this past year." He further pointed out that the area has not been adequately regulated by police for a significant amount of time.

"We don't have a traffic plan," Sullivan lamented. "It's the state's fault, it's this guy's fault – it's time we address it. I know aldermen are calling the state delegation. We have a traffic engineer onboard and the Chief of Police to come up with a plan to keep our neighborhood safe."

Sullivan requested an action plan to resolve the heavy traffic in East Somerville. "Enough is enough. Let's get on the same page. We should come up with an action plan," Sullivan demanded.

"The state really botched this thing up," according to Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente. "It's really incredible. It's a real mess down there. Something needs to be done, and it needs to be done right away."

Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rosetti concurred with the general sentiments expressed by her fellow Board members. "We just have to get onboard. We have to make this a priority."

Members of the Board then spoke further about specific areas with heavy traffic and the need to find a resolution.

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston recommended the city carefully review MassDOT projects, and if their impacts are not properly mitigated, reject them. "They [MassDOT] come in with elaborate schemes, and we should say 'yes' or 'no' or 'we're not sure about this," said Heuston. "This might be fine for people who want to breeze through, but what's it going to do for local residents?"

Heuston emphasized that the city does not always have to agree with MassDOT plans, and possibly does so more often than it should. "I think a lot of it has to do with us," said the alderman. "We don't have to swallow everything MassDOT presents to us."



Alderman At Large Dennis Sullivan is one of many aldermen who are outraged at the traffic delays in East Somerville.

### The Writers' Den A conversation with **Mary Skipper**

#### By Ellie Churchill and Ryann Mack

As you may already know, Mrs. Mary Skipper has been chosen to be the new Somerville public schools superintendent. She is the first woman to have that job. She has replaced Mr. Anthony Pierantozzi, who had been our superintendent for a long time. But, Mrs. Skipper has been through a lot before becoming superintendent, so she is an interesting person. She grew up in a sportsy environment, and has done several teaching and school jobs before this one, so she is experienced. Also she grew up on the Arlington-Somerville line, so she is familiar with the Somerville environment. We think you'll agree, as we have already found out, she will be interesting to learn about.

First of all, students have been concerned about the school lunch. We asked Mrs. Skipper what she planned to do about the lunches, figuring she might be able to do something about it.

"What students eat is so important. Having access to food that both is healthy and students enjoy eating is the key," she says. It seems that she is interested in seeing what students' ideas are for fixing the school lunches. We were curious about how the school lunches were when she was in school, to see if it had changed. So, we asked her that question.

She answered, "My mother worked in the cafeteria where I went to school, and my uncle delivered the lunches, so I couldn't complain much about the food." She told us that they had pizza on Tuesdays and Fridays, and it



Somerville's Superintendent of Public Schools Mary Skipper.

versity, she was in the women's softball league as well.

Emma, 12 years old, and Ellie, 10, told her "ballet is the supreme sport of all people," wondering what she might think of this statement. "Dancers are incredibly strong and disciplined. Ballet takes so much focus, strength, conditioning, and balance. It certainly is a supreme sport that tests both your mind and body!"

"It would be a sad world if we did not spend time learning and appreciating the arts, the written word, and history!" technology, engineering, and math as possible. Do you think art, writing, and humanities are just as important? How do you think we can find time for everything?"

"It would be a sad world if we did not spend time learning and appreciating the arts, the written word, and history!" she says. She thinks that projects that tie together science, technology, math, writing, history, and art and music are powerful ways to get the brain working. She suggests to google Leonardo da Vinci to learn about someone who loved all these subjects, and mastered many of them!

"Speaking of art and its importance for you and the world, what is your favorite color?" we asked.

"I love the color green!" she says. "Green is so alive and vibrant." She likes the springtime when the buds start to sprout, and the grass starts to grow. "Green is nature's way of saying 'I'm alive and so happy about it'!" Churchill, Ellie's Andrew brother and a scholar at the Somerville high school, wanted us to ask, "How does your own experience as a student affect your decisions today?" "Early on, my mom impressed upon me that working hard in school, and learning as much as I could, would help me do what I wanted in life," she says. She explains that she had great teachers through elementary, middle, and high school."They were able to spark in me a love for learning," she says.

### **The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week**



**Forgotten Fred** By Bob (Monty) Doherty

He kept them laughing throughout the twenty turbulent years which molded them into America's Greatest Generation. This was the time covering the 1930's Great Depression, followed by World War II and its recovery. There wasn't much humor to be found. Somerville's John Florence Sullivan was one of those few who provided needed comic relief during this time.



He was born in Somerville near Union Square. While growing up, his love for books and comedy writing were seeded while working at his first job in the Boston Public Library. His next undertaking was a venture in vaudeville at Boston's Scolloy Square. Here, he found his calling and gave himself the stage name of Fred Allen, which disappointed his friends and family. He had been named after John L. Sullivan, the famous Boston boxer. John L. had defeated Somerville's Jake Kilrain in the last bare-knuckle heavyweight fight in America. This would prove to be foretelling because Fred's favorite life-long form of exercise was boxing, mostly with amateur police, fire, and postmen.

Beginning his career as a juggler, he worked into comedy as the world's worst juggler. He then went to New York and began his ascent up the Broadway ladder. Early on, one of his fellow workers and good friends was a young Englishman named Archibald Leach, who would also give himself a stage name. That name was Cary Grant. Another friend was Benny Drohan, composer of the song Southie Is My Home Town. Fred acquired his love of words while working at the Boston Public Ford's out Front i Allen's Alley Library, and this, along with his stage work in Scolloy Square, made Fred a good fit for early radio. He found a home there for the next twenty-six years. As time passed, he created many popular radio shows. He became an icon, helping Americans laugh through the worst of times. His comic genius bridged vaudeville to television by way of radio. Ahead of his time, his Continued on page 10

was her favorite.

We were also wondering if she was a sports fan, so we asked: "Did you or do have a favorite sport?" and "Did you play sports?"

"I actually loved to watch all sports, but especially football and hockey," she told us. "I grew up in a family where my Uncle Frank loved to watch sports. At dinner, we would talk about how the Patriots, Bruins, Celtics, and Red Sox were doing." Growing up, Mrs. Skipper also played a lot of sports. She pitched and played shortstop and third base in softball, small forward in basketball, and goalie in soccer. After graduating from Tufts Uni-

We wanted to know what she thought of homework, to see if she would try to decrease the amount of it. She thinks that homework is important to review what the student had learned today and to prepare them for tomorrow. She also thinks there shouldn't be too much homework, because students should always have enough time to do after school activities and do their homework while still getting the right amount of rest. "It's all about balance," she says.

Wondering if she was an artsy person, we asked her: "Most people agree that students should learn as much science,

She explains Continued on page 10



# The winners of The Somerville Times Reader's Choice results for THE BEST OF SOMERVILLE 2015

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### Readers choices for 2015

**Best Idea in 2015:** Food truck events in the city

Worst Idea: Too many road races

#### Best Somerville Food & Restaurants:

Best Breakfast: Supreme Kitchen, 233 Highland Ave Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch: Ball Square Café, 708 Broadway Best Italian Food: Vinny's at Night, 76 Broadway Best Italian Specialty Store: Dave's Fresh Pasta, 81 Holland St. Best Portuguese Restaurant: J and J Restaurant, 157 Washington St. Best Chinese Food: China Delight, 524 Somerville Ave. Best Mexican Food: The Painted Burro, 219 Elm St. Best Variety and All Around Restaurant: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway Best Seafood Restaurant: Out of the Blue Restaurant, 215 Elm St. (Honorable mention: Pescatore, 158 Boston Ave.) Best Local Deli: Victor's Deli, 710 Broadway Best Irish Pub: Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave. Best Bar for Bands: Johnny D's, 17 Holland St. Best Bar/Restaurant: Highland Kitchen, 150 Highland Ave. Best Bar Food/Creative Drinks: River Bar, 661 Assembly Row Best Thai Food: Thai Hut, 93 Beacon St. Best Hamburger: Burger Dive, 702 Grand Union Blvd. Best Hot Dog: Moe's BBQ Trolley Best Roast Beef Sandwich: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway Best Pizza: Caesar's Pizza & Subs, 401 Somerville Ave. Best Bakery: Lyndell's, 720 Broadway Best Sub Shop: Leone's Sub And Pizza, 292 Broadway Best Coffee Shop Franchise: Dunkin' Donuts, 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy. Best Local Coffee Shop: 3 Little Figs, 278 Highland Ave. Best Cook: Omar Djebbouri, Ball Square Café **Best of Somerville Services**:

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Best Eye Doctor: Dr. Alan Titelbaum, Eye Associates of Somerville, 174 Broadway

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### Racism Assessment Tools recommended for use by city

#### By Jim Clark

A resolution put forward by Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin was discussed and approved by the Board of Aldermen at their most recent regular meeting proposing that the city consider implementing the Racism Assessment Tools offered by Race Forward that were implemented in Seattle to gauge municipal bias.

Speaking in favor of the resolution, McLaughlin told the Board, "This Racial Equity Assessment Toolkit is something the city of Seattle did to gauge how the city reacts to low-income minority neighborhoods, to see if they are being treated equitably."

The alderman went on to tell the Board that he felt it is a great tool and that it should be looked into by the City of Somerville.

A Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) is a systematic examination of how different racial and ethnic groups



Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin suggested to the Board that the Racism Assessment Tools developed in Seattle might also be a good fit for Somerville.

will likely be affected by a proposed action or decision. REIAs are used to minimize unanticipated adverse consequences in a variety of contexts, including the analysis of proposed policies, institutional practices, programs, plans and budgetary decisions.

Accordingly, the REIA can be a vital tool for preventing institutional racism and for identifying new options to remedy long-standing inequities.

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— Photos by Claudia Ferro

#### Somerville #SquareFlair Winners Announced!

The votes are in! Following the week-long #SquareFlair competition, the City of Somerville is excited to announce that FOUR Somerville squares will receive commemorative 2015 All-America City banners! Taking the top spot, Magoun Sq. will be the first to receive the banners. Runners up, Assembly Sq., Davis Sq., and Ball Sq. will also receive banners in the coming weeks. During the week of Nov. 1 – Nov. 6, residents used the hashtag #squareflair to show us what you love about your square. Banners will be hung in the winning squares through Spring 2016. For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov/aac

### **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

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Somerville:



#### Rep. Christine Barber

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



**Rep. Denise Provost** 

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



#### **Rep.** Timothy Toomey

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for TIMELY DRAFTING OF REGULATIONS (H (A"Yes" vote is for the amendment.) 3650)

> House 123-33, Senate 30-6, overrode Gov. Charlie Baker's veto of a provision requiring each executive office of state government to publish on its website a list of laws approved in the prior two years for which regulations are required but have not yet been adopted by the appropriate agency. The measure also requires the agency to provide a brief statement as to its future plan to adopt the regulations.

> Override supporters said there have been long delays in some agencies' drafting of the regulations that they are required by law to develop in order to implement the law to which the regulations are tied.

> In his veto message, Gov. Baker said he vetoed the provision because "it imposes unnecessary burdens on state agencies which largely duplicate the existing requirements in state law."

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

#### **RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS (H 2339)**

House 122-33, Senate 37-0, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of a bill allowing the Boston Police Commissioner to appoint retired Boston police officers as special police officers to perform police details. Officers who have been retired more than 4.5 years or have reached age 68 are not eligible for appointment.

Override supporters said the bill will allow some retired Boston police officers to continue to serve and contribute to public safety in the city.

In his veto message, Gov. Baker said he agrees that the bill would contribute to public safety but cautioned, "The United States Department of Labor has alerted my administration that if this bill as written were to become law, Massachusetts' unemployment insurance law would no longer conform to federal requirements."

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MINIMUM WAGE HIKE TO \$15 - The Labor and Workforce Development Committee has recommended passage of a bill that would raise the minimum wage over three years from \$9 per hour to \$15 per hour for workers at franchised fast-food restaurants and big box retailers with over 200 employees.

TELEMARKETERS MUST SHOW REAL PHONE NUMBER (S 1782) - The Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee held a hearing on legislation that would prohibit "spoofing," a practice used by telemarketing companies to have a phony telephone number show up on a consumer's Caller ID. Current law only prohibits the telemarketers from blocking their phone number from appearing on Caller ID.

STIPEND FOR STATEHOUSE INTERNS (H 3283) - The Public Service Committee held a hearing on a proposal that would give each legislator \$1,000 annually in order to provide a stipend to any intern serving in his or her office.

FREE TUITION (H 2301) - The Higher Education Committee held a hearing on a proposal that would provide a 50 percent reduction in tuition at state universities, on a space-available basis, to current state workers with over five years on the job.

TRANSPORTATION HEARINGS - The Transportation Committee held a hearing on several bills:

DOUBLE THE FINE (H 2968) - Doubles the regular fine for drivers who speed in a designated zone around any school.

LIMIT MOTORCYCLE NOISE (S 1845) - Limits the noise level motorcycles are allowed to make.

ALCOHOL TEST FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (S 1827) - Requires school bus applicants to be tested for drug and alcohol prior to being hired and to agree to random, reasonable suspicion and post-accident drug and alcohol testing in the future.



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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives and senators on roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

#### DIVERSITY ON THE WORKFORCE BOARD (H 3772)

Senate 37-0, approved an amendment to a bill creating a 33-member State Workforce Development Board that would monitor and assess the success of the Commonwealth Workforce Development System, an Internet-based system that provides online access to job openings and information about employers, services and training opportunities for job seekers.

The amendment would require that the board develop strategies to promote the proportionate workforce participation of women, people of color, veterans and persons with disabilities across industry sectors.

Amendment supporters said this would help ensure the involvement of these minorities.

#### MORE HEARINGS

The Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight held a hearing on several bills:

#### NO STATE FUNDS FOR BOTTLED WATER (H

2817) - Prohibits state funds from being used to purchase bottled water for use in state buildings that are served by a public water supply except when required for safety, health or emergency situations.

#### USE GPS TO TRACK PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (H

2727) - Prohibits the use of Global Position System technology to monitor or track state or municipal workers unless the implementation and terms of use of such technology is mutually agreed to in a collective bargaining agreement.

BARS STAY OPEN BEYOND 2 A.M (S 127) - Allows cities and towns that are serviced by the MBTA to

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permit bars to remain open beyond the current 2 a.m. closing time.

MUST DISCLOSE (S 1664) - Requires businesses and nonprofits to disclose any state funds they receive by including a disclosure on their website, letterhead and all electronic and printed materials distributed to the public.

COMMITTEE ON GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH (H 2781) - Eliminates the current Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Youth that was first created by executive order in 1992 by former Gov. William Weld.

**COOLING-OFF PERIOD BEFORE LOBBYING** (S 1687) - Increases from one year to three years after leaving their jobs, the "cooling-off" period that former state employees and elected officials, including legislators, must wait before going into the lobbying business.

CREATE OFFICE OF ACCESS AND OPPORTU-NITIES (S 1647) - Creates a State Office of Access and Opportunity to promote non-discrimination and equal opportunity in all aspects of state executive agencies' decision-making and operations including employment, procurement, policymaking, implementation and access to executive agency services.

ALLOW ADS ON STATE WEBSITES (H 2833) -- Creates a special commission to study the feasibility of permitting private sector advertising on state websites.

**QUOTABLE QUOTES** - By the Numbers Edition

205,000 — According to Lew Finfer, co-chair of Raise Up Massachusetts, the number of workers in Bay State big box stores and fast food chains that would receive the \$15-perhour minimum wage approved by a committee if the full Legislature passes the bill and the governor signs it into law.

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1 hour — According to the State House News Service, the amount of time that members of the Governor's Council waited for newly elected Sen. Mike Brady (D-Brockton) to arrive at the Statehouse to be sworn in.

7 — The number of Bay State congressmen and senators who signed a letter supporting a bill updating Massachusetts' nondiscrimination law to include public accommodations protections for transgender individuals. The letter was signed by U.S. Sens. Edward Markey and Joe Kennedy and Reps. Seth Moulton, Niki Tsongas, William Keating, James McGovern and Katherine Clark.

\$1.25 billion — The current balance of the state's Rainy Day Fund, far short of the estimated \$2.5 billion to \$3 billion the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation predicts is needed to meet the next fiscal downturn.

100 percent — The amount of the cost of a single-family home or condominium that can be financed under the state's new mortgage program designed to make it easier for Massachusetts veterans to purchase their first home.

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 Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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 November 9-13, the House met for a total of 51 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 15 minutes.

Mon. November 9	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.
Tues. November 10	No House session Senate 1:05 p.m. to 1:42 p.m.
Wed. November 11	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. November 12	House 11:06 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Senate 11:09 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.
Fri. November 13	No House session No Senate session







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### COMMENTARY

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# Fossil fuels are bad investment the future of our finances and our planet



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The saying goes, "first they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win." According to that timeline, it appears that we're in the third stage of the movement to divest from fossil fuel companies. Opponents argue that fossil fuel divestment is a poor financial strategy, or make straw man arguments about the unfeasibility of immediately ending fossil fuel use or investments. Simple research shows that these arguments are unfounded, and I stand by my call for the Somerville Retirement Board to divest from fossil fuel companies.

If divestment were a poor financial strategy, why did the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (yes, that Rockefeller, of Standard Oil Company fame) announce in September of last year that it would no longer invest in fossil fuels? And what has happened since that time? The price of oil has almost been cut in half and energy has been the worst performing sector in the stock market this year. Rockefeller Brothers Fund President Stephen Heintz said that the fund divested because of the moral imperative to tackle climate change, but it's more than a moral obligation-it's upholding the fund's obligation of sound financial management."People are beginning to see a shorter horizon for the fossil fuel economy," Heintz told CNN.

That horizon is not only rapidly approaching—it's already here. Massachusetts' own Pension Reserves Investment Trust Fund (PRIT) lost \$521 million on oil, coal and gas holdings in fiscal 2015, according to Trillium Asset Management. That's more than a half billion. Over three years, PRIT's fossil fuel investment only yielded a return of 1%, while the broader market gained 61% cumulatively. Meanwhile, California's pension funds lost more than \$5 billion on their fossil fuel investments in fiscal 2015.

The financial outlook is unlikely to improve from here. We already know that fossil fuel reserves are overvalued because of climate change agreements made by the United States and 113 other countries, and that because of it, there is a looming \$20 trillion carbon bubble. The market won't get any easier. The president of the World Bank has called upon investors and fund managers to act, saying, "Rethink what fiduciary responsibility means in this changing world. It's simple self-interest. Every company, investor, and bank that screens new and existing investments for climate risk is simply being pragmatic."

More and more investors and fund managers are making that pragmatic choice. In light of the investment losses that public employee pension funds saw over the last fiscal year, the California legislature passed a coal divestment bill in Septemberand they have two of the world's largest pension funds. Norway's \$900 billion sovereign wealth fund, the largest in the world, is divesting from coal. Ten universities in the United Kingdom with endowments worth almost \$175 million in U.S. dollars are, in varying ways, divesting from fossil fuel companies. The facts are all too clear now: fossil fuel divestment is not only the sound moral choice, it's the financially responsible choice.

Some still try to claim that divestment is not an effective tool for scaling back our contribution to climate change. But companies like Shell are pulling back on expensive drilling explorations not because of protests, but economic forces. Divestment is the kind of economic force that companies focused on profits will pay attention to first and foremost. Others make the straw man argument that divestment alone will not solve climate change, but none of us in favor of divestment are saying that is the case. It's just one necessary step we have to take as part of a larger effort. Or, they point out

that completely divesting from fossil fuels immediately is unfeasible. But again, nobody in favor of divestment is saying that's the goal. Rockefeller Brothers Fund is divesting over the course of three years. Others are starting with divestment from coal and tar sands. There is a reasonable, logical and sound way to divest from fossil fuels while protecting people's investments.

I applaud the Somerville Retirement Board for the work it has done so far on divestment. They are tackling this issue the way we tackle every issue in Somerville: collecting the data and studying the facts, before making prudent, patient investments and decisions today with an eye on tomorrow. The Retirement Board should be thanked for its commitment to a fair and honest appraisal of this issue. As they continue their work, I will continue to advocate for what I believe the facts say: Fossil fuels are a bad investment, both for our financial future and our planet's future. We must begin to divest from fossil fuel companies.

### A conversation with Mary Skipper CONT. FROM PG 5

that at Tufts, she set out to be a teacher so she could make a difference on student's lives, the way her teachers made a positive difference in hers. Then, she became a principal so that she could support teachers and students. Now, she became a superintendent so that she could support principals, teachers, and students! "As usual, my swim at the Dilboy MDC. She learned to bowl at Sacco's. She worked through high school and college at Johnnie's Foodmaster supermarket. She even went to Tufts University!

"I have such great memories of growing up in Somerville, and coming back to be the superintendent is really a dream.

"I love the spirit here and the sense of pride in Somerville! SPS is a strong district with such dedicated staff, students, and parents." She explains that she thinks both civilizations have contributed to our art, architecture, language, dates, calendar, and even our legal system! Also, if she had to pick one thing, it would be our sense of the idea that people need to get a say in government—democracy.

"As we all know, last winter was a terrible winter, weathshe says. But, she promises to work with the mayor and always put the safety of students first in whatever decision they make.

"What can we learn from this harsh winter and having to go to school until the end of June?"

Mrs. Skipper explains that she thinks the past few winters have been harsh with cold temperatures and lots of snow. "I think we have learned just how unpredictable New England weather really is and that it is better to start school before Labor Day to build a few extra days on the calendar. Let's hope Mother Nature is nicer to us next year!" grew up in a sporty background and has had several school-related jobs. Also, she has grown up in the Somerville area, so she is familiar with it. We are very excited to find what more she will bring to us.

Ellie and Ryann are 5th grade students at the Healey School. They have been hanging out at

mom was 100 percent right!" she says. "School has helped me do exactly what I love and want to do in life."

Steve Churchill, Ellie's father, had this question: "Why did you want to come to Somerville?" Mrs. Skipper grew up on the

Arlington/Somerville line, near Dilboy field. She learned to Mrs. Skipper studied Latin and Greek at Tufts and Harvard, so we asked, "What do you think are the most important things you can learn from Greek and Roman civilizations?"

### Historical Fact c

brilliant ideas of "the man on the street" comic construction have been and are still used today. The long list of his beneficiaries has included Red Skelton, Jack Benny, Johnny Carson, Jay Leno, Garrison Keillor, and Jon Stewart. Two stars honor Fred Allen on CONT. FROM PG 5

he the Hollywood Walk of Fame: one for radio and one for television. He was inducted into the as Radio Hall of Fame in 1988. Ny, A street in downtown Boston ri- honors Somerville's forgotten Fred Allen and one of his most famous skits ... "Allen's Alley." er-wise. Do you think you should put a rule about snow or cold if it's for example less than 15 degrees that students shouldn't have school?"

"I think New England weather can be very tricky and I don't think one rule would be enough to cover the conditions for which we would call off school,"

Mrs. Mary Skipper is our first woman superintendent. She the middle-school Writers' Den for 5th through 8th graders at the Somerville Public Library since a year ago when, as fourth graders, they crashed it. The Writers' Den meets on Monday evenings and welcomes motivated young writers. Contact Alan (aball@tuftsmedicalcenter.org) for more information.

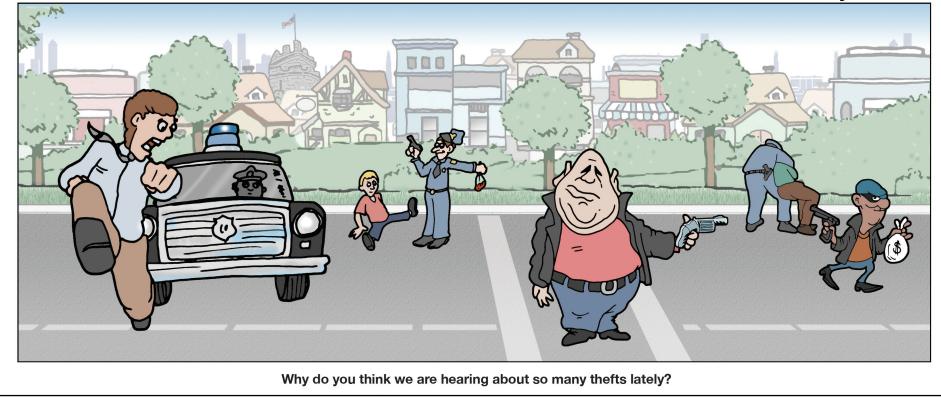
#### Free flu vaccine clinic

The Somerville Health and Human Services Department has scheduled an additional free public flu vaccination clinic. While there is no charge for vaccinations, attendees are asked to bring an insurance card if available. Those wanting a vaccine should wear clothing that allows easy access to the upper arm. Flu clinic will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19, City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave., 4 - 6:30p.m. Nasal mist and senior high dose formulations of vaccine will be available. Clinics are open to Somerville residents over the age of 7, however a parent or guardian must be present for youth to receive vaccinations. If you have any questions, contact the Somerville Health & Human Services Department at 617-625-6600 ext 4300.

### COMMENTARY

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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



### **Our View Of The Times**

Is it just our imaginations, or are we experiencing an alarming up-tick in the number of thefts in the city?

It seems as though car break-ins and other forms of petty larceny are at an all time high. Why is this so? Most people we hear from are blaming the drug problem – specifically opioids abuse – for the sudden surge in crime.

Clearly, opiate abuse has grown to ep-

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

go nonstop. A great Somerville guy. We wish him the very best and many more to come. A big happy birthday to Bobbygeorge Potaris, a good guy, and although he has strong opinions he's very well liked by many here in the Ville. We wish him the very best. Earlier this month we meant to say happy birthday to a good guy, – smart when it comes to many things, but math is his specialty – we wish Charlie Chisholm, a lifelong Villen who loves Somerville,

idemic proportions throughout the region, and Somerville in particular has been hard hit with an extraordinarily disproportionate amount of overdoses and deaths due to the scourge of this pitiless addiction.

Our community is generally compassionate and patient. We recognize this problem for what it is, a disease that must be treated clinically, while we lend support and solace to those who are genuinely committed to turning their lives around and getting clean.

It's more than a bit problematic when those who are afflicted show no such inclination towards bettering their situations, instead opting to continue being a drain on mainstream society, often resorting to criminal activities in order to sustain their habits. Law enforcement authorities can only do so much to curtail the damage and loss that is occurring in our community. To a large extent, it is up to each one of us to look out for ourselves and our neighbors, to make sure that doors and windows are closed and secured. That porch lights are left on at the rights times. In short, we all need to pitch in and cover one another as we ride out this particular storm.

here and there, or slightly exaggerating the truth once in a while, the pathological liar lies about literally every aspect of his or her life. From how much was spent on dinner last night to talking about the last time the dog was bathed, the pathological liar feels that every bit of communication has strategic meaning positioned for his or her gain. Being lied to on a consistent basis is not only frustrating but also disrespectful to the other person. So how do you determine if you're dealing with look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They offer an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. day Uniforms and on-the-job training provided Personal vehicle is preferred but not required, Work BOTH mornings and afternoons based on school year calendar. Must pass a pre-employment CORI and drug screen, Applications are available and must be submitted at the City Hall Personnel Office, located at 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Inquiries can be sent to School Safety Officer Sean Sylvester at (617) 625-1600, ext. 7248 or by email: ssylvester@

#### a Happy Birthday.

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We hear a good guy, Dan O'Meara, is at MGH. We hope he's home shortly and in good spirits. He's a nice guy and is married to a great lady, Joan. Get well soon Dan!

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

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Word of the Week: Pathological Liar. The term "liar, liar pants on fire" takes on new meaning when dealing with a pathological liar. This person may not be completely rooted in reality, believing the lies they tell, often in an effort to remedy low self esteem. Unlike telling a few fibs someone who may drop a few fibs on occasion versus a true pathological liar? A few clues and steps may help you draw a sensible conclusion. Sound familiar?

One more ResiStat meeting is taking place this fall, in Ward 1. Updates from City staff as well as the Mayor and aldermen regarding ongoing projects and initiatives. Ask questions and share your feedback with neighbors. Wed., Nov. 18, East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. The meeting will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Come by at 6 to enjoy pizza and other refreshments while you talk with neighbors.

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Those who might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should

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Next week at www.shoebuy.com look for their ad with a promo code in it and use it for up to 25% off on purchases on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It's a great company with fantastic deals. Easy to do business with from the comfort of your office or home. Our own local guy Zachary Zasloff is VP of the company and a great friend of *The Somerville Times*. Now don't forget look for the "promo code" on Wednesday, November 25.

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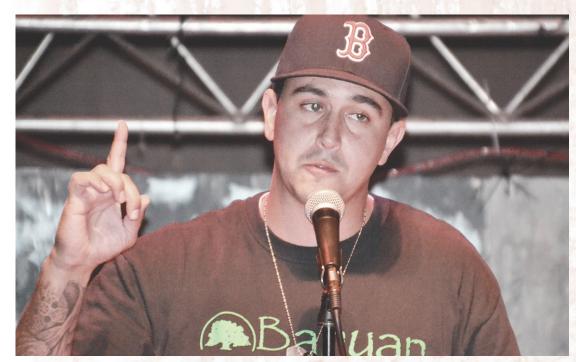
The Somerville School system is still looking for anyone interested in becoming a crossing guard. Crossing Guards provide essential public safety by ensuring safe student crossing at intersections along the routes to school. Salary is \$33.66 per

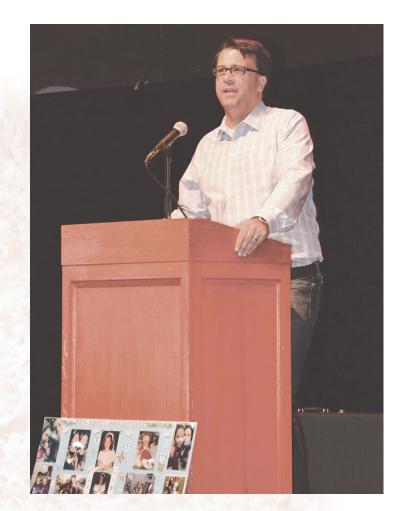
#### police.somerville.ma.us.

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Join Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Ward 1 Alderman Matthew Mc-Laughlin on Friday, Nov. 20 at 10:30 a.m. for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Symphony Park. Located at the corner of Pearl and Florence Streets, Somerville's newest park is inspired by the legacy of the Hadley family who created music on this site and beyond. It features: a lush planting pallet that creates a contemplative garden; a small performance stage and pergola; a water feature and steps created from the original granite steps of the Hadley house; a recirculating irrigation system that captures storm water and uses it to water the plants; small herb garden plots; and Continued on page 20

## A Celebration of Life: Franke Rivieccio















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#### Photos by Claudia Ferro





# Thanksgiving with the Mayor

Mayor Joseph Curtatone hosted his Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 14 at the Holiday Inn in Somerville.





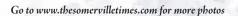












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### **SPORTS**

### **Ryan Morrissey Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser**

#### By Charles Lane

The Ryan "Duce" Morrissey Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser 2nd annual basketball tournament was held at St. Clement High School in Medford beginning last Thursday evening, and continuing through Sunday night.

Many came out in support of the teams and the event, making full use of the many concession items that were available for purchase. Raffles offered great prizes, including a Celtics Package consisting of two game tickets, two hats, two pairs of gloves and a pair of Marcus Smart game worn and signed sneakers.

All this in support of the scholarship fund established

in memory of Ryan "DUCE" Morrissey, a student at St. Clement, who was brutally shot to death outside a Charlestown convenience store on November 9, 2014.

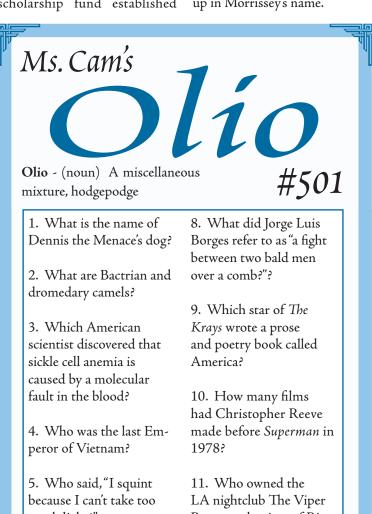
Shortly after that tragic event, Morrissey's classmates established the basketball tournament/fundraiser to honor his memory. This year's event was the second of its kind, and will likely not be the last.

Teams from nearby schools participated in tournament, including players from Saint Raphael's, Somerville 8th grade Tradition team, and the Greater Lawrence YMCA team.

All proceeds from the event go towards a scholarship fund set up in Morrissey's name.



Saint Raphael's 5th and 6th grade school team.





Saint Raphael's 5th and 6th grade CYO team.



much light?"

6. Who was the first freely elected Marxist president in Latin America?

Room at the time of River Phoenix's death there in 1993?

7. In 1993, who tried to buy the rights of his first movie Sizzle Beach USA? 12. Which future First Lady had walk on parts in Becky Sharp and Small Town Girl in the 30s? Answers on page 16

Somerville 8th grade Tradition team.

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### **Family Literacy** Celebration



#### By Louise Carpenter

Somerville families are invited to celebrate Family Literacy Month on Saturday, November 21 at the 2015 Somerville Early Childhood Fair – Family Literacy Celebration.

Somerville early education and care schools, programs, providers and other local community agencies will participate in this annual event from 10 a.m. to noon at the Arthur D. Healey School.

Families are invited to stop by to learn about a wide range of community resources available to Somerville families with young children, explore books with their children, partake in fun family literacy activities, and meet other parents and friends in the neighborhood.

Walking fruits and vegetables will be an important part of the day's events as a celebration of health and wellness. Children aged birth to six years old can enjoy

a multitude of fun activities, including activities that promote youth and family health and wellness, presented by early education providers and community agencies. Each family will receive a free copy of the children's book Feast for 10 by Cathryn Falwell, a counting book that features a family shopping for food, preparing dinner, and sitting down to eat.

This annual event continues to grow each year. An estimated 400 people attended the Literacy Fair last year. We expect more than 25 early childcare centers and community agencies and organizations to join the fair again this year.

The Somerville Early Childhood Literacy Fair is sponsored by the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC), a department of the Somerville Public Schools, and SomerPromise.

Any questions regarding the Literacy Fair can be directed to: ndavidson@k12. somerville.ma.us.

#### Winter concerts just around the corner

#### **Brown School Winter Concert**

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

6:30-8:00pm

in the Somerville High School Auditorium, Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue

The Brown School Winter Concert will feature performances by the Kindergarten-grade 6 general music classes, grade 3-6 string students, grade 5-6 band students, Junior Chorus, and Senior Chorus. Students will share what they have learned so far this year in their music classes.

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

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents. This week's headline:

Somerville Public Schools Welcome English Language Learners with a Formula for Success.



In Somerville, 50% of kids in elementary and secondary school have a mother tongue other than English. And 17% of them are enrolled in English Language Learner classes. In Somerville Public School, the English Language Learner (ELL) program serves more than 900 students.

Sarah Davila is the Director of English Learners Programs for the Somerville public schools, and the District Administrator for families and partnerships.

"More than half of the students in the Somerville Public Schools come from homes where another language is spoken. So we have a program that meets the needs of each child by providing them English as a second language instruction. That's what we call Shelter English Immersion. It uses special instructional techniques to make the content meaningful and accessible to every child," she says.

For the full news story and others, visit: www.somervilleneighborhoodnews. org. You can watch SNN Tuesdays on SCATV Ch. 3 at 7 p.m.

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#### Capuano Kindergarten Winter Concert

Friday, January 29, 2016

9:15-10:00am

at the Capuano School, 150 Glen Street, Somerville The Capuano Kindergarten Winter Concert will celebrate the musical growth of students at the Capuano Early Childhood Center and will feature performances by all eight of the kindergarten classes.

### **Next Wave/Full Circle Holiday Wreath Fundraiser**

It's that time of year again! Next Wave/Full Circle students are selling beautiful 14" balsam wreaths with red velvet bows for \$15.00 apiece. Orders will be delivered to schools the first week in December. All money raised goes directly to fund student activities, field trips, and incentives for the school's reward system. Contact Agnes Gallant at agallant@k12.somerville.ma.us to order your wreath or if you have any questions about this annual event. Checks can be made payable to "Next Wave/Full Circle" and sent to Agnes Gallant at 8 Bonair St., Somerville MA 02145.



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#### ADVERTISEMENT

The Somerville Housing Authority (the Awarding Authority) invites sealed bids for Pest Control bid number P-PES-012016 for multiple locations located in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority Purchasing Department.

This is a One (1) year contract with two-one year options to renew to be exercised at the Authority's sole discretion.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 \$ 39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 \$\$26 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 11:00 PM, December 16, 2015, and publicly opened forthwith, at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245. Bid documents available November 18, 2015 at our Administrative Building listed above.

Bids may be mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received before the time specified. Somerville Housing Authority is not responsible for lost or late bids.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority

Mailed Bids should be sent to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145, and marked PEST CONTROL BID P-PES-012016, Attn. Anthony Crespo, Purchasing Manager, and received no later than the date and time specified above. SHA not responsible for bids lost or not received on time.

A walk through of the properties will be held for this project at 9:30 a.m., November 23, 2015. Bidders are requested to meet at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA. Bidders are required to contact the SHA's Purchasing Manager, Anthony Crespo 617-625-1152, extension 336 to make arrangements to attend.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a public hearing before the Board of Aldermen on **Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at 7:00 PM**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, to determine the percentage of local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for Fiscal Year 2016, as required by MGL c40 s56. At this public hearing, Marc Levye, Chief Assessor and Chairman of the Somerville Board of Assessors, will provide all information and data relevant to making a determination, including the fiscal effects of the available alternatives. The public will have the opportunity to present oral or written testimony.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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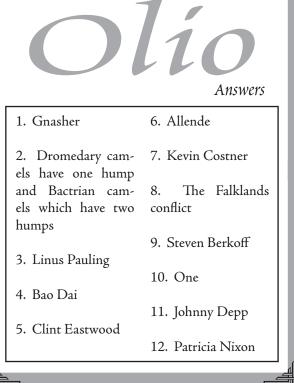
### Little Sisters of the Poor Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Little Sisters of the Poor on Highland Ave. held their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 14. Beautiful Christmas items were on sale and their wonderful raffle prizes were a highlight of the occasion. The bazaar has become a cherished Christmas season tradition in the city and is highly anticipated by the many who attend each year. — *Photos by Donald Norton* 









### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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.

**Cross Street Center** – 165 Broadway –There are programs and services for YOU at our Cross Street Center we have low-cost, healthy, hot lunch program, English Conversation Practice, Creative Arts Programming, Multicultural Programming and Fit-4-Life exercise. Our English Conversation Practice Group meets every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 A.M. The Conversation continues through a healthy home-made lunch. For more information or to make a reservation for lunch please contact Janine Lottie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335. She will be happy to tell you about the group and other programs we have to offer at our Cross Street Center.

**Fabulous array of vocal**, cabaret, and instrumental programs at Berklee School of Music. Dates: Monday, December 7th: Cabaret showcase; Monday, December 14th: Backgrounds and Beyond background vocal ensemble; and Tuesday, December 15th: Berklee Marimba Concerts 1 and 2. Space extremely limited. Please call Janine Lotti at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2300 for details and to sign up.

**Mind Full, or Mindful?** – Monday, November 30 – 9:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. This is a free workshop. Mindfulness & Stress Management – when you are mindful, you focus active, open attention on the present. You observe your thoughts and feelings from a distance, without judging them. Come practice and learn more with Patty Contente, LICSW. Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register or for more information.

A Christmas Carol –Tuesday, December 1 – At the Four Points Sheraton in Norwood. Be entertained by a performance of A Christmas Carol as Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the ghost of Christmases, Past, Present and Future. Meal choices are Holiday Chicken with Potato and Vegetable or Baked Meat Lasagna – includes: salad, bread, dessert, coffee and tea. Departing our Holland Street Center at 9:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:00 P.M. For additional information or to reserve your spot please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Third Annual Multicultural Day at Cross Street Center – Thursday, December 3rd - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Learn more about the many languages, music, foods, time of 8:00 P.M. There is a \$40.- fee which includes transportation, a chicken dinner with all the fixings at Wright's Chicken Farm, Father Pat's concert (an hour of traditional holiday music), and the amazing Festival of Lights. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Illumination of Lights Tour – Saturday, December 19 – Check-in time is 4:15 P.M. at the High School Concourse. Hop on the trolley and be amazed at the Holiday Lights in Somerville. Fee is \$5 For more information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300

Mind Full or Mindful? Painting as a Tool for Stress Management and Wellness – Monday, January 11 – 10:00 at our Holland Street Center – This free workshop is back by popular demand. Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register or for additional information. Space is limited.

**Men's Group** – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

**Friendly Caller Program** - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. The day trip to LaSalette Shrine scheduled for Thursday, December 17 is SOLD OUT.

The Holiday celebration at the Winter Hill Yacht Club scheduled for Monday, December 14 is BOOKED SOLID. The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for January 10, 11 & 12 of 2016 is SOLD OUT.

#### LGBT EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 11, 2016. We are looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

LGBTQ Holiday Party – Tuesday, December 1 – 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Johnny D's Uptown Restaurant & Music Club, 17 Holland Street (Davis Square), Somerville – Thanks to the generosity of Johnny D's the wine & cheese tasting Holiday party is our gift to you. There is no charge for this event but you must RSVP as an accurate head count is a must. Please RSVP by noontime on November 23rd to Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email MBastardi@Somervillema.gov supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

#### Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

#### Mondays:

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

#### **Tuesdays**:

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

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life\* Group A
9:55 Fit 4 Life\* Group B
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi
\*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration\*\*If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please

istration\*\*If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

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

#### Wednesday November 18

10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ) 12:00 Lunch (C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

#### Thursday November 19

10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
10:00 Current Events (H)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)
12:00 Lunch (C)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

#### Friday November 20

and cultures of Somerville's older adults. Call Janine no later than November 23rd at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to sign up.

Holiday Bazaar – Thursday, December 10 & Friday, December 11 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center

Jaunts with Janine – Concord Museum's 20th Annual Family of Trees – Friday, December 11th - A Celebration of Children's Literature – Departing our Holland Street Center at 11:15 A.M. \$28. Price will include transportation and museum admission. Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600. Ext. 2300 for additional information or to reserve your spot.

**Patriot's Place & Wrentham Outlets** – Sunday, December 13 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:00 P.M. For more information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

La Salette Shrine – Thursday, December 17 – departing Holland Street at 9:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return \*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBT Lunch, Dinner & Movie or the Advisory Group please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her at MBastardi@ Somervillema.gov.

#### STAY ACTIVE:

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

**The award winning Fit-4-Life Program** is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct 11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

#### Monday November 23

**No Programming at all centers** 11:30 Lunch – Holland Street Only

#### **Tuesday** November 24

**No Programming at all centers** 11:30 Lunch – Holland Street Only

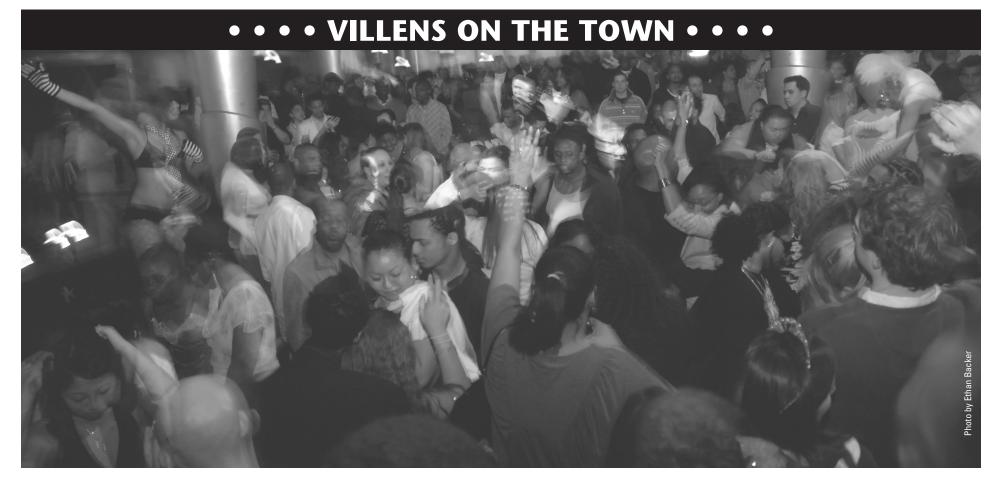
#### Wednesday November 25

No Programming at all centers 11:30 Lunch – Holland Street Only

#### DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Facebook page. Check us out at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

You can receive our monthly newsletter that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.



#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday November 18

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

#### **Central Library**

Night of the Mics Stephanie Santiaqo-617-625-6600 ext.225 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

#### Thursday November 19

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

#### **East Branch Library**

Good CRAFTernoon! Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 115 Broadway West Branch Library Lego Club

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

**Central Library** The Beautiful Stuff Project Cathy Piantigini 617-623-5000, x2950 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Friday November 20

**East Branch Library** Fun Friday Sing Along with Matt Heaton Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.| 115 Broadway

#### Avenue West Branch Library

Jeff Jam Annamarie Almeida-617-623-5000 x2977 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 40 College Avenue

**Central Library** Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball-617 636-9033 6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

#### Tuesday November 24

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

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

#### Wednesday|November 25

Thanksgiving Eve - Libraries Close at 5:00 p.m.

#### **MUSIC** ARTS Wednesday November 18

Johnny D's Veteran's for Peace 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### 6045

**Highland Kitchen** 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Arts at the Armory Red Cross Blood Drive 2 p.m.-7 p.m.|Performance Hall \*SOLD OUT\*\* A Musical Concert with Marian Call 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** Shit-faced Shakespeare 7p.m.|255 Elm Street

**Thunder Road** Magic Hat Presents: Bearly Dead 379 Somerville Ave

#### Thursday November 19

Johnny D's Chick Singer Night Opposite People, DJ Pussywillow, and special funky friends 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's The Ugly Beats (Get Hip Recordings), Muck and the Mires, The Downbeat 5 \$10 cover|9p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. Back Room Backroom Series Behind the Scenes with Paul Rishell & Annie Raines 7 p.m. L80's night with Scattershot|10 p.m,. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge Keith Kenny Meticulous Women **Tips Fedora** Fixtures 345 Somerville Ave **On The Hill Tavern** 

Dub Down Reggae 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 Castle of Comedy 8:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** Shit-faced Shakespeare 7p.m. Strange Behavior 9 p.m. 255 Elm Street

**Thunder Road** 

Nova 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### Friday November 20

Johnny D's A Cappella Masters: Similar Jones + Fermata Town The Macrotones + Party Bois 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Wooden Leg |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Low Sparks, The Inebriations, Shotgun Waltz 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Irish Session 9:30 p.m. Backroom Series: The Honeycutters 7 p.m. Young Love & The Thrills|10pm 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge Daeves Wolf Blitzer Calvinball end of set Junior Classics 345 Somerville Ave **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** DJ 10 p.m.|65 Holland St **On The Hill Tavern** 499 Broadway |617-629-5302 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's** TBA 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|617-718-9177

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

**Davis Square Theatre** Shit-faced Shakespeare 7p.m. Karnegie Hall 9:30 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Richard Cambridge's Poets' Theatre 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Thunder Road** Lez Zeppelin - All Girls, All Zeppelin – Classic Concert Series Performing The Song Remains The Same '73 In Its Entirety! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### Saturday November 21

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch Jeff Jam Dance Party The Band That Time Forgot Alex Alvear & mango Blue, Hasta La Vista Baby! A farewell to Johnny D's 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Saturday November 21

#### **Central Library**

Family Yoga with Erin Carter Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

#### Monday November 23

#### **Central Library** Sing Along with Liza Kitchell Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. 79 Highland

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge **Renegade Cartel** Supersona Horse Mode The Darker Hues 345 Somerville Ave **On The Hill Tavern** 499 Broadway 617-629-5302 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez – Funk & Soul

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's

Sally O'Brien's Johnny Come Latelies |6 p.m. One Thin Dime 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Backroom Series Ashley Jordan and Stains Of A Sunflower 7 p.m. Fightin' Fridays|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### P.A.'s Lounge Hot Letter

City of Dis Secret Rhythm Project Left Hand Does TBA 345 Somerville Ave **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke 65 Holland St

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#### On the Hill Tavern Live DJ Music 499 Broadway/617-629-5302

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

Joshua Tree DJ El Sid! 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

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

Arts at the Armory Special Music by Elison Jackson 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** Shit-faced Shakespeare 7p.m.|255 Elm Street

#### Thunder Road Lez Zeppelin – All Girls, All Zeppelin – Classic Concert Series Performing Knebworth '79 In Its Entirety!

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### Sunday November 22

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Annual Parkinson's Benefit with Rick Demers & Sean Danehy, Davis Sweet,Ryan & Ortolani & Fleming, Jackie Damsky & String River, Bill & Sammy McQuaid with Ed Loechler, Lorraine & Bennett Hammond, Larry Flint & The Road Scholars | 2 p.m. Roy Sludge Trio|5:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room

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

#### Back Room

Loving Jeff Berlin BenefitShow 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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

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

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

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

#### Arts at the Armory

Mass Appeal 12 p.m.|Café Cafe Raqs 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** Battle of the Bands|4 p.m. 255 Elm Street

#### Monday November 23 Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Gygax Strikes Back (Tabletop Game Comedy) Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren** Front Room

Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room Solas Nua Theatre|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge** Americana Mondays 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's Pub Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Thunder Road

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The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Series 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory The Loop 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Tuesday November 24

Johnny D's Roberto Morbioli (of Morblus) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Josh Lederman & the CSARs|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge

Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

**PJ Ryan's** Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Arts at the Armory Pub Sing at the Armory Cafe 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Wednesday November 25

Johnny D's The Lynguistic Civilians+ Talkin' Shop 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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9177 Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia

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

Arts at the Armory notloB Music Presents Julian Pinelli, Ethan Setiawan and Noah Harrington 7:30 p.m./Café/191 Highland Ave

**Thunder Road** Magic Hat Presents: Bearly Dead 379 Somerville Ave

#### CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday November 18

Central Library Night of the Mics Stephanie Santiago-617-625-6600 ext.225 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

#### Thursday| November 19

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2) 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 40 College Ave Central Library Memoir Writing Workshop with Judah Leblang 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.| 79 Highland Ave

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

#### Friday November 20

Central Library Inclusionary Housing Lottery Vicki Wairi-617 652 6600 x2588 9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Saturday November 21

**Central Library** Family Yoga with Erin Carter Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 12 p.m.- 1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

#### Sunday November 22

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Our condolences go out to the friends and family of David M. Racicot, of Boca Raton, FL, formerly of Somerville, who passed away suddenly on November 8 at the age of 66. David's greatest passion was golf and those who shared that with him. He will

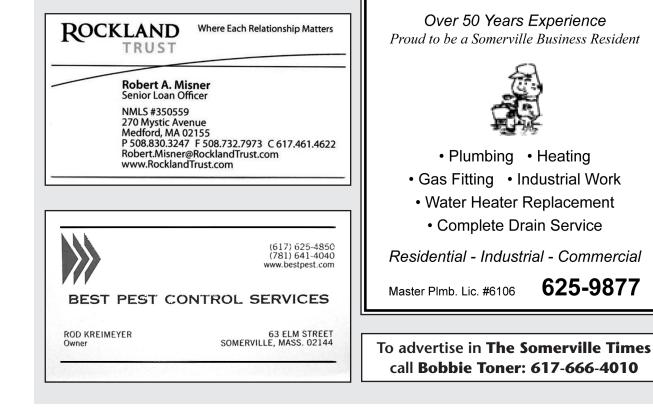
be missed by many neighbors and friends in the Florida community. A Funeral Mass will be held in St. Clement Church,71 Warner St. Medford on Thursday morning at 10:00. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Calling hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway, Somerville Wednesday 4-8 p.m. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory can be made to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - Massachusetts Chapter, 9 Erie Drive Suite 101, Natick, MA 01760.

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Also, our condolences go out to the friends and family of Mrs. Barbara E. (Melley) of Somerville, who died peacefully surrounded by family and friends November 13. She was 73. Barbara graduated from Matignon High School and the Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She was a dedicated public servant as a nurse for more than 40 years in the Somerville Public Schools. Funeral procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway, Somerville on Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral mass celebrated in St. Clement Church at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Calling hours are Tuesday 4-8 p.m. Interment Westview Cemetery, Lexington. In lieu of flowers donations in Barbara's memory can be made to the MSP-CA-Angell at www.mspca.org.

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12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 11.16.15	12:30am
3:00pm	Ames Historic Project - Family Interview	12:47am
3:32pm	Congressional Update	1:16am
6:30pm	SomerViva en Español	9:00am
7:00pmMet	al, Cars, & Meat: History of Boynton Yards	12:00pm
8:03pm	Inside Market Basket	12:49pm
9:00pm	Voices of Somerville	1:41pm
9:28pm	Congressional Update	6:30pm
10:00pm	George Dilboy & the Second Battle	7:00pm
	of the Marne	7:30pm
Thursday.	November 19	8:22pm
12:00am	Somerville: Past & Present	9:30pm
12:53am	SomerViva nan Kreyol	10:00pm
1:15am	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015	10:28pm
2:30am	George Dilboy & the Second Battle	Saturday
	of the Marne	12:00am
3:15am	SomerViva em Português	12:30am
12:00pm	Senior Circuit October 2015	1:33am
12:30pm	Metal, Cars, & Meat: History of	2:42am
	Boynton Yards	3:09am
1:33pm	ADA Presentation	9:00am
3:54pm	Domestic Violence Vigil	12:00pm
6:30pm	SomerViva nan Kreyol	12:17pm
7:00pm	Aldermen at Work	12:39pm
7:30pm	Inside Market Basket	1:09pm
8:22pm	Congressional Update	

Wednesday, November 18

#### 8:52pm Navigating Addiction: A Community Forum y, November 20 SomerViva nan Kreyol am Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville am Voices of Somerville am m Navigating Addiction: A Community Forum Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony Espiritu Latino pm Inside Market Basket pm ADA Presentation m m Aldermen at Work Congressional Update m Inside Market Basket m Honk! 2015 m SomerViva em Português m pm Voices of Somerville Somerville: Past & Present om day, November 21 Aldermen at Work am Ames Historic Exhibit Opening Reception am Union Square Walking Tour - 9.20.15 m SomerViva en Español m Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015 m

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	12:30pm	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony
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		of Boynton Yards
	2:00pm	Inside Market Basket
	2:52pm	Honk! 2015
	6:30pm	Aldermen at Work
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	9:00pm	Talking Business
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		of the Marne
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7:00pm	Congressional Update
7:30pm	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville - 10.18.15
7:47pm	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015
9:01pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda
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12:14am	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015
1:30am	Somerville: Past & Present
2:23am	Congressional Update
9:00am	Talking Business
9:30am	Winter Safety Tips from the SFD
12:00pm	Senior Circuit October 2015
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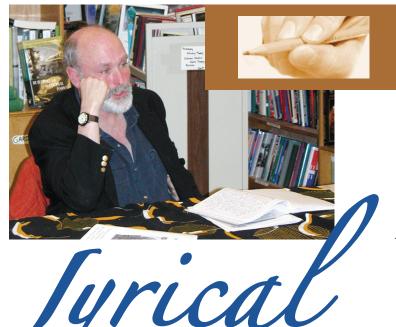
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### **OFF THE SHELF** by Doug Holder

### In the Wellspring of the Ear: New and Selected Poems

Our guest columnist this week is Michael Todd Steffen. Steffen reviews a new book of poetry by his fellow Somerville Bagel Bard member Tomas O'Leary.

Forty Years and Forty Nights: Tomas O'Leary's In the Wellspring of the Ear: New and Selected Poems

#### Article by Michael T. Steffen

One of the values of a collection of "new and selected poems," in most cases featuring the new poems at the front of the book, involves this intrigue, tracing recurrent images and themes from the new poems back through the former ones. Defeat and (bad pun with a drum roll and crash of cymbals) the feet (prominent in the accents of an Irish lyricist), this haunts the muse of Tomas O'Leary from the outset of the new book, In the Wellspring of the Ear (Lynx House Press, 2015). For O'Leary, characteristically adept at managing disappointments, this first poem House on the High Road surprises and nearly troubles the reader with tones of supplication, genuine remorse, and a plea of innocence on behalf of the offering of words which, it is suggested, have breathed on the first domino of a reaction that has gone awry ("the red treasure/Again on my hands...the dogs burn for my own blood"). Were it not for language, and the concentrated expressions of poetry, this grace of a medium for arbitration...

my intention I swear was words only A reasoned package to deliver her...

The concentration delivering a phrase as fertile as "to deliver her" with its possibilities—of a physical birth, from a spiritual dilemma, or as the content of the parcel itself?

The "her" evoked first in the book and juxtaposed with the poet's trek of humility—

#### High Lady low road

—remains otherwise unspecified, and harkens back to a poem from a previous collection, placed in section III of the new selected, *Love's Virgin*, a tour-de-force of brevity and choice, making its margins and silence resonant. This earlier expression asserts the poet's confidence with paradoxical terminology (magnified in "emerald of slime") for the ambiguous experiences with inspiration, which James Joyce's young Dedalus identified in the hot and cold faucets of the hotel room sink, James Merrill as the "up and down" journeys of the ski slopes. "Praise Death!" O'Leary exclaims, then more softly,



ing and talking with him would attest, Tomas O'Leary's manner and speech come across with enough Irish as to have you wonder that he was in fact raised in Somerville—by Irish immigrants. While sincere and gentle, O'Leary is full of character and wry humor tempering his playful, musical bearing, as one of the new poems describes his father:

A genius of blather, a serious man to boot...

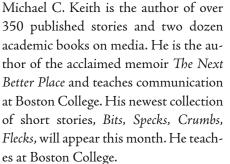
My Father, My Sons is a wonderful meditation on generations, preceding and ongoing, with a hint of the poet's awareness of mortality in time that has passed, yet with the odd gift of memory that revives and retains his father's speech:

He died it seems almost forever ago, yet here he is to tell me this: "Sure eternity doesn't take but a day, and day turns to day, and nothing ever missed...

and in the evocation of his sons and their inheritance of the genetic/cultural wellspring, with a marvelous fairy-tale-like image of the deflected passage from father to sons:

My sons, alive and well, have never met the old man who was father to their old man, the mythic fish who barely missed their net. He's theirs, though, surely as he's mine.

Yeats is unmistakably present in O'Leary's diction; though it is Yeats only in that Yeats widely embraced and appropriated the poetry of his nation's speech, much as Whitman did for 19th century America. It is admirable and astonishing that O'Leary resists falling too mechanically into the stamped lyrical pattern very often, though the tetrameter (four-beat) line autographs his verse even in the poems lined in freer forms.





#### **Divine Directives**

Everything you can make harsh, you should make harsh. Everything you can make sweet, you should make sweet. Everything you can make hurt, you should make hurt. Everything you can make wise, you should make wise. Everything you can make fear, you should make fear. Everything you can make sing, you should make sing. Everything you can make weep, you should make weep. Everything you can make envy, you should make envy. Everything you can make crave, you should make crave. Everything you can make laugh, you should make laugh. Everything you can make fail, you should make fail. Everything you can make bleed, you should make bleed. Everything you can make heal, you should make heal.

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Everything you can make dance, you should make dance.

Everything you can make grieve, you should make grieve.

Everything you can make listen, you should make listen.

Everything you can make love, you should make love.

Everything you can make doubt, you should make doubt.

Everything you can make vicious, you should make vicious.

Everything you can make believe, you should make believe.

"Did I leave anything out, son?" asked God.

— Michael C. Keith

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The determined trochaic meter and chiming couplets are the phonic inheritance, or *Wellspring of the Ear*, particularly of the folk of the isle of song and music.

As anybody who has had the pleasure of meet-

A good deal of the notes taken down for this article won't have space here. The reader is left with much to discover, new and reorganized and presented anew. O'Leary is seasoned, wise with his allowance of scope about his subjects yet subtly poignant where he intends to be (notably in *Portrait of Alvarez* and *The Pleasures of Mourning*, a relentless go at the decorum and delicacies of a funeral wake). It will be one of the best collections from a Cambridge poet in 2015.

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