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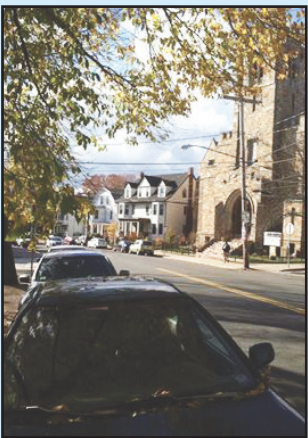
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Thanksgiving with the mayor



Turkey Day came early this year for some area seniors and veterans as Mayor Curtatone hosted his 1st Annual Thanksgiving dinner last Saturday. More pictures on pages 12-13. — Photo by Claudia Ferro

City honors veterans, police, firefighters

By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville Board of Alderman issued a special citation at their regular meeting on Nov. 11 commending those Somervillians who have honorably defended our nation with their dedicated military service in the post-9/11 era.

The following individuals were specifically named in the citation: Virginia Hussey, Keith Benichasa, Orlando Jacquet, Thomas Gorman, Christopher Clark, James Roderick, Josue Veleny, David Farino, Jr., Gravin Guillen, Henry Diaz, Randy Isaacs, Michael Holland, Ernie Nadile, Jr., Diogo DeOliveira, Daniel Donegan, Matthew Kane, Alex Dasilva, Michael Marino, Christopher Theopil, Michael Finnegan, William Halloran, Michael Jefferson, Justin Bonner, John O'Connor, Robert Ankenbauer, Paul Anderson, Samir Messaoudi, John Tam, James Pefine, James Marques, Laura McCann, and Matthew McLaughlin.

The citation thanked these veterans "who have honorably defended our nation and our community with selfless, dedicated military service, serving in Iraq,

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Centennial Auditorium re-opened

By Donald F. Norton

After Hurricane Sandy struck the city back in 2012, the Somerville High School auditorium and cafeteria were hit the hardest, with over two million dollars in damages.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Superintendent of Schools Tony Pierantozzi, Somerville High School Headmaster John Oteri, members of the Board of Aldermen and School Committee as well as members of the general public gathered on Monday evening, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m. for the reopening ceremony of the newly refurbished auditorium.

Somerville High School Orchestra, Drumline, and Chorus led off the event while people entered the auditorium for the first time in two years to view the beautiful work that has been done to restore it.

There was a lot of talk about how the auditorium used to look back when they went to school there and what it meant to the school and to the city.

Superintendent Pierantozzi welcomed everyone and talked a little bit

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City officials and residents gathered on Monday night to celebrate the renovation of the Somerville High School auditorium. — Photo by Donald F. Norton

Dear Somerville Community,

You are invited to the SCATV studios to record and share your holiday greeting this season! The date is scheduled for Saturday, November 22nd between 10am & 4pm at SCATV (90 Union Square).

You can share this short video with friends, family and neighbors. It can also be aired on Channel 3 and online. To sign up, please visit www.scatvsomerville.org/holiday or call 617.628.8826. Happy Holidays!

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Tonight at Sally O’Brien’s Alderman Ward 3 Rob McWatters, the “constituent service Alderman,” will be holding a fundraiser. He’s very popular here in the city and we wouldn’t be surprised to see the place packed. We did hear he’s going to have some surprise guest of honor, the newly elected Middlesex District Attorney will be present. A nice person who is from Somerville and Ward 3.

Well, Ball Square is going to miss having a local bank in the neighborhood. Winter Hill Bank has decided to close its branch there. All the personnel at the branch are to be reassigned throughout the other branches. We wish everyone at the Ball Square branch all the very best and thanks for being a great neighbor. Everyone in the Square will miss them.

Now that the Somerville by Design has finished its assignment, we heard through a certain source that something big is coming to Winter Hill Star lot. Very soon, maybe in January. Get ready for a huge announcement by the Mayor’s Office.

Katjana Ballantyne cordially invites you to a fundraiser reception to benefit her election committee and her commitment to continued progress in Ward 7. Wednesday November 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Sabur Restaurant, 212 Holland St, Somerville.

The Board of Alderman will be addressing the assessment issue very soon. We heard that a substantial increase on residential properties here in the city is coming. One rumor was has an increase of 8-10%.

There will be a fundraiser for Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Casey’s Bar, 173 Broadway, Somerville. Matt’s another alderman who has been fighting hard for the people of East Somerville. Please attend and donate so that he can continue to represent the people.

Another Alderman having a fundraiser who has been doing a good job representing the residents of Ward 5, Mark Nierdengang, is having fundraiser. Thursday,

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Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville’s ‘bikeability’ milestone

jeannie says:
Safe? At least once each day I turn onto a one-way street and nearly hit a biker riding the wrong way. At least once a day I watch as a biker runs a red light or a stop sign and nearly collides with a car or a pedestrian. If you call them on it their response is not, shall we say, polite.

MarketMan says:
jeannie: I agree that biking around here is not always safe, especially if the cyclist isn’t being careful to follow traffic rules. I’m not saying you are saying this... But people are always quick to point out the bad cyclists as a reason why biking shouldn’t be encouraged as much. There are plenty of bad drivers in the area too.

Freebie says:
This is just the beginning, soon we will be the Amsterdam of America

philb says:
Yes bike riders should be ticketed for unsafe behavior.
Yes, bike use should be encouraged and car use doesn’t need to be discouraged, it just doesn’t need to be subsidized and encouraged like it is now.
Becoming the Holland of America sounds good to me.

Bad drivers says:
Yes, lots of bad drivers. The difference? Do so at the risk of large fines, surcharges, possible court visits. Your insurance goes up. Keep it up and you risk losing the car or license. Hurt someone and all of the above happens. What do bikers risk? Zippo.

Bill Shelton says:
The best way for city government to promote peace between cyclists and drivers is to rigorously enforce cyclists’ obedience of traffic laws. Since that’s not happening, increased bicycle commuting produces increased driver/cyclist antagonism.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

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 think bicycling in Somerville is properly organized and regulated. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

Do you think bicycling in Somerville is properly organized and regulated?



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North St. Veterans Playground opens



Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne invited all residents to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new North St. Veterans Playground on Saturday, Nov. 15. The new park will include new LED lighting; security cameras; ADA accessibility; a water spray feature; children's play area; climbing structure; café-style seating area; permeable rubber surfacing; ½ basketball court; tennis backboard; combination street hockey and soccer goal; and enhance plantings and green space. The playground will also be increased in size by one-half. For more information on parks and open space projects in the city, visit <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/parks-and-open-space>.

LETTER OF THANKS

I am writing to thank my supporters during my bid for the 34th Middlesex District seat. Although I did not win the race, I know that Medford and Somerville will continue to thrive. I have walked the streets of this district, knocked on almost every door and talked to the residents and listened to their concerns. Although there is still a lot of work to be done in the district, I believe the commitment the residents have to their community will prevail. Many of you have helped me

along this journey and I am deeply grateful. There were those that walked with me and knocked on doors, those that held signs, those that reached out to friends and family in order to help a local man get his name and message out there. I am humbled by the amount of support and know that I must continue to work for this community. Medford and Somerville are two cities that have a rich and diverse history and I am incredibly proud to say that I grew up here and where I

continue to live. Although I will not be your State Representative at this time, I promise to continue this journey by working hard and to fight to address the concerns and issues that many of you have expressed to me while on the campaign trail. Thank you again for all for the support I have been shown. That support is my driving force to push forward and make this a community we are all proud to call home. Thank you, Nick Lanzilli

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Afghanistan, or elsewhere in the post-9/11 era."

Additionally, the Board commended Police Officers Guerdy Legros and Timothy Nostrand, who were recently awarded the Alexander McQuestion Award, presented by American Legion Post 19 to the Police Officer of the Year.

The citation states: "Through their heroic actions, Officers Legros and Nostrand have demonstrated their dedication to the police service and to the people of Somerville."

Likewise, Fire Captain Wil-

liam Fitzpatrick and Firefighter John Fitzgerald, who were recently awarded the Thomas Chatham Award, presented by American Legion Post 19 to the Firefighter of the Year, were also issued citations of commendation. Their citation reads: "Through their heroic actions, Fire Captain Fitzpatrick and Firefighter Fitzgerald have demonstrated their dedication to the fire service and to the people of Somerville. The entire Membership extends its best wishes for ongoing success in all endeavors."

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Pick a card, any card

A police officer en route to a call at the Home Depot store on Mystic Ave. last week got side-tracked when he spotted a vehicle running a red light at the corner of Grand Union Blvd. and Revolution Dr.

According to the officer's report, the vehicle turned right onto Grand Union Blvd. on a red light, which is only allowed after coming to a full stop. The officer said that the vehicle did not even slow down as it made the turn.

The officer pulled the car over and approached the driver, Khieam Mallory, 42, of Roxbury. The officer reportedly noted that Mallory was sweating profusely as his paper temporary license

was examined. The officer asked if Mallory was all right and, after apologizing for the infraction, said that he was just nervous, police said.

The officer went back to his cruiser to run Mallory's name through an RMV check and reportedly learned that the driver's license had expired and was on non-renewable status.

An additional officer arrived at that time and also remarked that Mallory was perspiring uncontrollably.

When confronted, Mallory admitted that he did not have a valid driver's license and explained that he was driving his girlfriend's car. She too, he ex-

plained, did not have a valid license at that time.

Because Mallory was unlicensed and appeared to be very nervous, the officers asked him to shut off the vehicle and step outside. He was placed into handcuffs as he exited the vehicle.

During a customary search of the vehicle, officers reportedly found woman's wallet containing credit cards and ID belonging to a female.

When asked about it, Mallory reportedly told the officers that the wallet belonged to a friend of his girlfriend. When asked to describe the woman, Mallory was reportedly unable to.

A continued search of the vehi-

cle turned up a brand new PS4 console, which Mallory reportedly said he had bought that day.

Two more wallets, each containing credit cards, were reportedly found in the vehicle's trunk. Mallory was asked repeatedly where the wallets came from but offered no explanation.

It was soon learned that one of the wallets had been reported to Brockton Police as having been stolen.

Mallory was then formally placed under arrest and transported for booking.

An inquiry at the Target store where the PS4 had been bought revealed a lot about what had apparently hap-

pened, according to police.

The store's loss prevention staffer and manager was not surprised to see the police in regards to the PS4's purchase, according to reports. The Target personnel reportedly told officers that Mallory had bought the item about an hour earlier, but had trouble getting any of the several credit cards he held to clear. One card eventually did clear and he made the purchase, police said.

Mallory has been charged with failure to stop or yield, credit card fraud over \$250, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, credit card forgery, receiving a stolen credit card, and receiving stolen property under \$250.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

William Cruz, November 10, 9:04 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering and larceny over \$250.

A juvenile, November 10, 2:35 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on charges of failure to stop or yield, credit card fraud over \$250, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, credit card forgery, receiving a stolen credit card, and receiving stolen property under \$250.

Khieam Mallory, of 44 Linwood St., Roxbury, November 10, 5:48 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on charges of failure to stop or yield, credit card fraud over \$250, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, credit card forgery, receiving a stolen credit card, and receiving stolen property under \$250.

Alfred Smith, of 101 Highland Ave., November 11, 5:59 p.m., arrested at 110 College Ave. on a charge of open and gross lewdness.

Sarah Cunningham, November 12, 5:04 a.m., arrested at 155 Walnut St. on charges of disorderly conduct, malicious and wanton defacement of property, and threat to commit a crime.

Jude Norman, November

12, 1:42 a.m., arrested at 159 Union Sq. on charges of open and gross lewdness and lewd, wanton and lascivious conduct.

Kristina Elliot, of 221 Pearl St., November 15, 10:13 a.m., arrested at 282 Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Andrew Varelas, of 20 Redstone Dr., Longmeadow, November 16, 2:20 a.m., arrested at 187 Highland Ave. on a charge of nighttime breaking and entering of a boat or vehicle.

Jose Aguilar, of 25 Sewall St., November 16, 2:55 a.m., arrested at 359 Broadway on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and alcohol from an open container in vehicle.

Incidents:

Theft:

November 10, 2:11 p.m., police reported a theft at North St.

November 10, 2:35 p.m., police reported a theft at Grand Union Blvd.

November 10, 4:26 p.m., police reported a theft at Ten Hills Rd.

November 11, 8:05 a.m., police reported a theft at Broad-

way.

November 12, 8:09 a.m., police reported a theft at Knapp St.

November 12, 9:08 a.m., police reported a theft at Howard St.

November 12, 9:48 a.m., police reported a theft at Grove St.

November 12, 10:36 a.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.

November 12, 2:31 a.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

November 12, 7:14 p.m., police reported a theft at Dimick St.

November 13, 11:29 a.m., police reported a theft at Bond St.

November 13, 12:14 p.m., police reported a theft at Alewife Brook Pkwy.

November 13, 4:26 p.m., police reported a theft at Museum St.

November 13, 4:30 p.m., police reported a theft at Museum St.

November 13, 4:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Partridge Ave.

November 15, 2:28 a.m., police reported a theft at Cross St.

November 16, 4:29 p.m., police reported a theft at 22 McGrath Hwy.

Robbery:

November 14, 2:58 p.m., police reported a robbery at Mystic Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

November 11, 8:48 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Hall Ave.

November 16, 2:20 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

Vehicle Theft:

November 10, 1:30 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Washington St.

November 15, 11:53 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Webster St.

November 15, 1:26 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Cross St.

Assault:

November 11, 10:32 a.m., police reported an assault at 400 Somerville Ave.

November 11, 9:05 p.m., police reported an assault at Cameron Ave.

November 16, 2:05 a.m., police reported an assault at Somerville Ave.

Destruction of Property:

November 10, 12:55 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Shore Dr.

November 10, 5:15 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 2 North St.

November 10, 11:33 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Morrison Ave.

November 12, 10:39 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 91 Highland Ave.

November 13, 8:16 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Dartmouth St.

November 14, 11:45 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Hancock St.

November 15, 10:29 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Memorial Rd.

November 15, 3:55 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Lexington Ave.

Disorderly Conduct:

November 10, 10:57 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at College Ave.

November 10, 6:35 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Carlton St.

November 12, 5:04 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Walnut St.

November 12, 1:42 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Union Sq.

November 11, 5:59 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at College Ave.

Liquor Law Violation:

November 16, 2:55 a.m., police reported a liquor law violation at Broadway.

Somerville Police's Weekly Most Wanted



The identity of the individual in this photo is sought by the Somerville Police in connection with a string of thefts from local athletic clubs. Please contact Det. Paul Duffy if you know this person's identity: pduffy@police.somerville.ma.us, 617-625-1600 x7219

— The Somerville Police Department

Assessor's Office to release FY15 assessments

By The Times Staff

As a courtesy to property owners, the City of Somerville Board of Assessors is making fiscal year (FY) 2015 assessments available early and holding evening mobile office hours to answer property owner's questions. Usually, property owners receive notice of their new assessed values in their third quarter tax bill in late December/early January. This year, to allow residents and property owners additional time to review their new values and request changes, the new values, which have

been approved by the State Department of Revenue, are being made available as of Wednesday, Nov. 19. As always, formal appeals will be accepted, this year from Jan. 2 to Feb. 2, 2015. This year for the first time, owners may also request changes during an additional three-week period from Nov. 19 to Dec. 9, 2014.

Where to find assessed home values:

As of Nov. 19, FY15 assessed values will be available for review at the following locations:

- Online at www.somervillema.gov/AssessedValues
- All three Somerville Public Libraries during normal business hours:
Central Library at 79 Highland Ave.,
East Branch Library at 115 Broadway,
and West Branch Library at 40 College Ave.

- The Assessor's Office at City Hall during normal business hours, 93 Highland Ave.

Evening Mobile Office Hours:

In addition to their daytime office hours, the Board of Assessors will hold nighttime mobile office hours to provide all property owners an additional opportunity to discuss their FY 2015 assessments. Information will be available in one-on-one sessions with staff regarding how to request an abatement (a reduction in value), how to apply for exemptions or tax deferrals, and other related topics. The first round of mobile office hours will be held on the dates below:

- Wednesday, November 19, 6:30-8 p.m. at West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd.

- Thursday, November 20, 6:30-8 p.m. at East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St.

Owners may also visit, email or call the Assessor's Office during normal business hours:

City Hall, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA

Mon., Tues., Wed.: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Assessor's Office at 617-625-6600 x 3100 or assessing@somervillema.gov.

Somerville law: on top of the bar

By The Times Staff

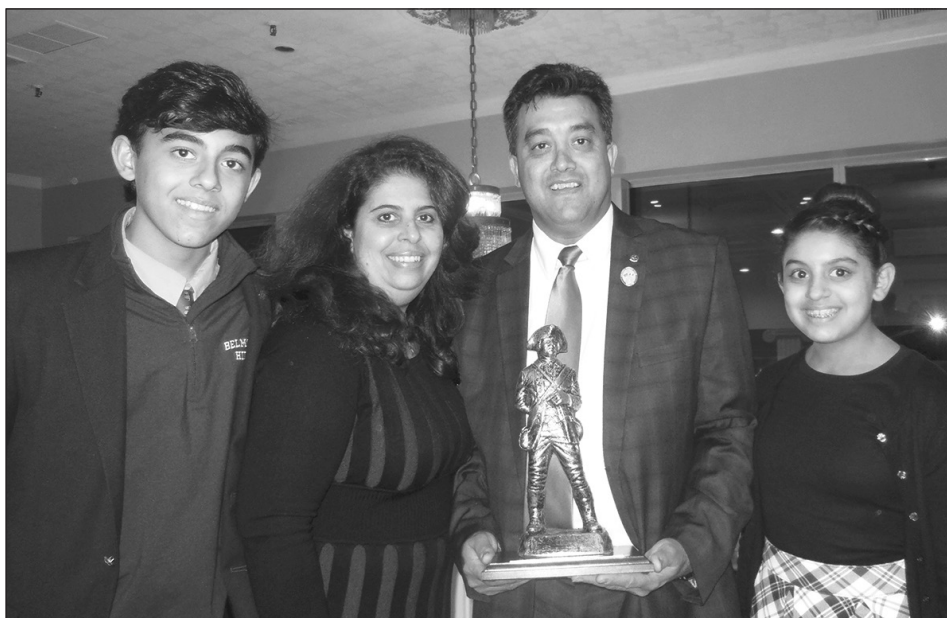
On November 6 2014, Somerville Attorney Philip J. Privitera was honored by the Middlesex County Bar Association in appreciation of two terms of service as President of the Bar Association (2012-2014). The 114th Annual Bar Association Banquet was held at Montvale Plaza in Stoneham. That evening, the Bar Association also honored State Senator Michael Barrett and Former Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone.

During his term, Privitera honored U.S. Congressman and Somerville native Michael Capuano; U.S. Secret Service Agent in Charge of New England during the Marathon Bombing investigation, Steven Ricciardi; 40 Year Decorated E. Providence Police Lieutenant and actor (The Departed and American Hustle) Armen Garo; the Consul General of Italy Giuseppe Pastorelli; Former Attorney General Martha Coakley; Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan; Watertown Police Chief during the Marathon

Bomber standoff, Chief Edward Deveau, and many others.

Humbled by his own honor, Privitera commented during his acceptance that he only wished his mother could have lived to share the accomplishment. Privitera's mother, Jennie "Jean" Privitera, once commissioned the mural of George Washington raising an American flag that adorns Barristers Hall in Union Square, where Privitera keeps his office.

Commissioning the mural was her selfless effort to beautify Union Square for the Community, in an era when the Square was arguably in neglect, and today's current focus on revitalizing urban squares was either minimal or simply non-existent. Privitera heralds those who always believed in the beauty and full potential of Union Square. While he dreams of a Union Square that will someday attract people from far and wide to visit and enjoy, he hopes, however, that Union Square will always remain a community created "by" local citizens and "for" the local citizens.



After being honored, the Privitera Family share the moment. Pictured Left to Right: Payton Privitera; Toni-Ann Privitera; Philip J. Privitera; Presley Privitera.



Left to Right: Attorney Francis D. Privitera; Former Middlesex County District Attorney Gerry Leone; Malden Court Presiding Justice Lee Johnson; 2012-2014 Middlesex County Bar President Philip J. Privitera; Middlesex County Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian.



Left to Right: State Senator Sal DiDomenico; State Senator Michael Barrett; Clerk of Courts Michael Sullivan; Middlesex County Bar Association 2012-2014 Philip J. Privitera.

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Readers choices for 2014

Best Idea in 2014:

Choosing Somerville Police Deputy Chief of Operations, David Fallon as the new Somerville Police Chief

Worst Idea:

Making Lower Broadway one lane traffic

Best Somerville Food & Restaurants:



Best Breakfast: Neighborhood Restaurant, 25 Bow St.

Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch: Kelly’s Diner, 674 Broadway

Best Italian Food: Pescatore, 158 Boston Ave.

Best Portuguese Restaurant: J and J Restaurant, 157 Washington St.

Best Chinese Food: China Delight, 524 Somerville Ave.

Best Mexican Food: Papagayo, 331 Great River Rd.

Best Variety and All Around Restaurant: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway

Best Seafood Restaurant: Legal on the Mystic, 301 Great River Road

Best Local Deli: Victor’s Deli, 710 Broadway

Best Irish Pub: Burren, 247 Elm St.

Best Bar for Bands: Johnny D’s, 17 Holland St.

Best Bar/Restaurant: East End Grill, 118 Broadway

Best Bar Food/Creative Drinks: Daddy Jones, 525 Medford St.

Best Thai Food: Thai Hut, 93 Beacon St.

Best Hamburger: Olde Magoun’s Saloon, 518 Medford St.

Best Hot Dog: Moe’s BBQ Trolley

Best Roast Beef Sandwich: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway

Best Pizza: Flatbread Company, 45 Day St.

Best Bakery: Patsy’s Pastry Shop, 182 Broadway

Best Sub Shop: Leone’s Submarine Sandwich, 292 Broadway

Best Coffee Shop Franchise: Dunkin’ Donuts, Davis Square

Best Coffee Shop Local: Bloc 11, 11 Bow St.

Best Cook: Omar Djebbouri, Ball Square Café

Best of Somerville Services:



Best Doctor: Dr. Parra Tomkins, MD, Hallmark Health, 645 Broadway

Best Eye Doctor: Dr. Vincent Patalano, 236 Highland Ave.

Best Dentist: Marhama Alvi, DMD, West Somerville Dental, 124 College Ave.

Best Electrician: Charles Salvato

Best Plumber: T.J. Sillari, Inc., 99 Albion St.

Best Law Firm: Dropkin & Matza 424 Broadway

Best Attorney: Edwin Smith, 403 Highland Ave.

Best Insurance Agency: Wedgewood- Crane & Connolly, 19 College Ave.

Best Bank: Winter Hill Bank

Best Bank Employee: Sylvana Sabatino, Middlesex Federal, Teele Sq. office

Best Receptionist: Carolyn Jean Gillis, Little Sisters of the Poor

Best Answering Service: OD Answering Service

Best Real Estate Company: The Norton Group, 699 Broadway

Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor: Clifton Verdieu, The Norton Group

Best Real Estate Rental Agent: Bill Murphy, Colony Real Estate

Best Drain Cleaning Business: The Drain Guy, www.thedrainguy.com

Best Florist: T.F. Murphy Florist, 346 Highland Ave.

Best Laundromat: Spin Cycle, 6 Main St.

Best Liquor Store: Downtown Liquors, Davis Square

Best Wait staff: Waitstaff at the Ball Square Café, 708 Broadway

Best Bartender: Bill Hausar, Mt. Vernon, (40 years), 14 Broadway

Best Barber: Paul McGlashing, Alibrani’s Barber Shop, 194 Holland St.

Best Hair Salon: Amal Niccoli, 731 Broadway

Best Gas Station: Good Gas, 345 Medford St.

Best Auto Body Shop: A Plus, 297 Medford St.

Best Carpenter: Bobby Potaris, Potaris Construction

Best Painter: Bill Faber, Heath St.

Best Employee: Vinnie Sabatino, Walgreens, 343 Broadway

Best Pest Exterminator: Best Pest Control Services, 63 Elm St.

Best of Somerville Municipal Services:



Best Somerville Department: City of Somerville’s Water Dept.

Best Somerville Official: Nancy Gaudet-Bacci, Dir. of Human Services

Best Somerville DPW Supervisor: Mike Browne

Best Teacher: Adam Epstein, Music teacher, ESCS

Best Politician: Bob McWatters

Best Nurse: Laurie Foley

Best Police Officer: Officer Albert Gee

Best Fire Fighter: Mike Avery

Best Coach: Mr. Paul O’Halloran, SHS Girls Basketball

Best City Elected Politician: Maryann Heuston

Best City Employee DPW: Kevin McDevitt

Best City Employee City Hall/Annex: Dawn Pereira, City Hall

Best of Somerville Arts/Entertainment:



Best Somerville Poet: Doug Holder

Best Photographer: Claudia Ferro

Best Writer: William C. Shelton

Best Somerville Celebrity: Jimmy Del Ponte

Best Somerville Historian: Bob “Monty” Doherty

Best Somerville Non Profit Agency: Little Sisters of the Poor

Best New Creative Business in 2014: SNN, Somerville Neighborhood News

Shawna Shea Film Festival Year 3

By Rebecca Danvers

The 3rd annual Shawna Shea Film Festival (SSFF) has grown this year with two full days of indie cinema at the Somerville Theatre on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22 in Somerville.

SSFF honors the independent spirit of the late Shawna Shea, the daughter of local filmmaker Skip Shea, and brings together independent filmmakers and while supporting young women graduating from high school and starting off on their path in the world.

"Our family is very excited to see such a tremendous interest in our mission and what has become a fantastic annual gathering of independent filmmakers from the U.S and around the world," said Shea. "Shawna loved theater, performing and acting and she would really appreciate this kind of film festival, one that brings together the best and brightest of indie film and showcases innovative creativity in this corner of the film world. It's the best way we can honor Shawna as an independent spirit."

Tickets are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shawna-shea-film-festival-tickets-14100455843>.

The festival lineup is:

Friday Nov. 21

Local Block, 2 to 4 p.m.

Monae's Room by Raeshelle Cooke; *Always a Reason* by Chris Esper; *Raising Matty Christian* by Christian De Rezendes.

Horror Shorts Block, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Demon Deep In Oklahoma by Lance R. Marshall; *Silk* by Rob Himebaugh; *Slow Burn* by Stephen Martin; *Deception* by Josh Zini; *M is for Mundane* by Andrea Wolan; *Picket* by Izzy Lee; *Gloom* by Randy Memoli.

Horror Feature Block, 7 to 9 p.m.

Opens with short film *Cyclic* by Sean Carmichael; followed by feature *Alice D* by Jessica Sonneborn.

Saturday November 22

Foreign Block, 2 to 4 p.m.

Butterfly Fluttering by Roman Kayumov; *Silence* by Pegah Arzi; *Luminaris* by Juan Pablo Zaramella; *Mi Ojo Derecho* by Josecho de Linares; *Porque Hay Cosas Que Nunca Se Olvidan (Because There Are Things We Never Forget)* by Lucas M. Figueroa.

Feature Block 4:30 to 6:30



p.m.

Opens with trailer for *The Loudest Sound* by Jason Miller; and short *Out of the Night* by Skip Shea; followed by feature *Complicity* by CB Harding.

Feature Block 7 to 9 p.m.

Opens with short *The Actor* by Mike Messier and Skip Shea; and short *Alright* by Sean Carmichael; followed by feature *Lies I Told My Little Sister* by William J. Stribling.

The film awards ceremony follows immediately after in the theatre at 9:30 p.m.

SSFF benefits the Shawna Shea Memorial Scholarship that was established in 1999 after Shawna at 16 tragically lost her life in an automobile accident. Her twin sister Erin and her classmates memorialized Shawna by raising \$10,000 and establishing this unique scholarship, which is awarded annually to a female Uxbridge High School graduate who exhibits Shawna's special individualism that imprinted a lasting impression on everyone she touched in her short life. Since then, dozens of young women graduates from Uxbridge High School have received this award to continue their education.

"We are truly blessed to provide this support in Shawna's name since we know she would always want to help her friends and anyone who lives on the margins and deserves everything beautiful that life can give," said Shea. The Shawna Shea Memorial Scholarship Fund also includes a memorial award in the name of Michael Liberty, Shawna's cousin. This award is presented to a male Uxbridge High School graduate who exhibits the qualities of inclusion and respect for all abilities and interests. Each year, Shawna's family members and friends create fun and meaningful events to sustain The Shawna Shea Memorial Scholarship Fund to continue this legacy that honors Shawna, her character and her values.

The Villen Gourmet

BY ROSS BLOUIN



Somerville begins at the Mount Vernon

It's been a long time since I last mentioned Mount Vernon Restaurant in East Somerville. The Mount Vernon is an institution in Somerville as generations of local citizenry have eaten and drank there. John Henry opened the bar in 1935 just after Prohibition ended. John was the consummate host and bartender. He believed in the basics of hospitality: a good drink, good food and a reasonable price all served with a warm smile. John has passed on now but his son and grandchildren are carrying on the tradition. Mount Vernon Restaurant is still a great place to go and has not lost its charm. Years ago I coined the phrase "Somerville Begins At The Mount Vernon." It is the first restaurant you come to when you exit the Orange Line at Sullivan Square.

The Mount Vernon is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week and also features weekend brunch and private dining rooms for special functions. They will even come to you and cater your special event and they will customize the menu just for you.

A visit to the Mt. Vernon is always a fun event. If you are feeling casual and want to hang out with your friends, you can go to the bar side and enjoy the Bar Menu, play Keno, and schmooze with the "Villens." Don't be surprised if you spot a few notable faces in the crowd, some very interesting, famous and infamous people have been known to frequent this establishment.

You will want to try the main dining room, especially cozy in the wintertime when the fireplace is lit. The banquets are comfortable and there are plenty of secluded spots for your dining comfort. Order a drink and be prepared for the classic pony glass served in a glass bowl of ice. The last time I remember seeing this style of beverage service was at the Ritz. Somehow my Manhattan tastes better when I can adjust the water and the ice.

The Menu is an eclectic collection of traditions past. The seafood is the standout here. Four people can try the Baked New England Sampler for \$16.99 with Oysters Rockefeller, Clams Casino and Scallops wrapped in bacon – goes great with cocktails. They also have Thai Calamari, Shrimp Cocktail, a Fried Clam Appetizer and more.

Soups and salads are well represented with Lobster Bisque, Clam Chowder, Crock of Onion Soup, etc. There are always salad selections available and they will make anything your heart desires.

The meat selections are always good. Understand, this place is steeped in tradition so the meats are your basics, served in Flintstone proportions. If you like Prime Rib, Steak, Roast Beef Turkey, Pork Chops, etc.



you cannot go wrong. There is also a sandwich menu available and I have to tell you that the corned beef is about as good as you can find above New York City. They are also famous for their Roast Beef Sandwich...a staple that old John Henry insisted on from day one. Again, there are specials available like the Two-For-One Dinners at \$22.00 for two people. There is also a list of Dinner Specials. The October Special was a Baked Stuffed Pork Chop with applesauce, potato and vegetable for \$12.99. By the way, dinner begins with the homemade popovers that remind me of my grandmother. Giant popovers hot out of the oven served with butter are a great way to start the meal.

The real star here is the seafood. The Mount Vernon has its own lobster supplier and there are always lobster specials, sometimes Sundays and Mondays. The Haddock is really good, baked-stuffed, fried or plainly broiled. The Fried Fisherman's Platter at \$29.99 is enough to feed 3 people. The Hot Fudge Sundae for dessert is enough to write home about.

Boston was once dotted with O'Henry era restaurants but now the Mount Vernon stands as one of the last of its class. I think O'Henry would have liked the Mount Vernon.

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Fri-Sun 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

Ross Blouin is a well-known real estate broker in Somerville who has had a lifetime of cooking experience. At age 18 he apprenticed under Anthony Degalis, a distinguished Russian Chef from the Biltmore Hotel chain. Ross worked for Homer Vine, longtime Chef of The Old Mill in Westminster, MA. While attending Northeastern University, Ross worked at The Top Of The Hub, in Boston. He then went on to a two-year stint at the Ritz Carleton Hotel in Boston, under famous French Chef, Yves Menez, Meilleur Ouvrier De France, 1982. Ross worked under Robert Bergeron, Chef of The Ritz Grill, and with Jim Heywood, who would go on to become famous at The Culinary Institute Of America. Ross ran the hot food section at McKinnon's in Davis Square, 1992-1995. Ross and McKinnon's owner, Jim Kontos, cooked and donated over 1,500 meals for The Committee For A Response To Aids, directed by Robert Publicover. Ross was given honorable mention in The Boston Globe three times while at McKinnon's and has been lauded for his many contributions of culinary expertise to various community organizations and charities.

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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

Beacon Hill Roll Call this week examines the voting records of local representatives on Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick's 87 vetoes during the 2013-2014 session.

A two-thirds vote is required to override a gubernatorial veto. The number of legislators in the House during 2013-2014 fluctuated based on a number of resignations and special elections. In a full 160-member House, there were 131 Democrats and only 29 Republicans. The governor needed the support of 54 representatives to sustain a veto when all 160 representatives voted – and fewer votes if some members were absent or a seat was vacant.

The House overrode all 87 vetoes including 46 that were overridden on unanimous votes. The most support Patrick received on any veto was 35 votes.

Ironically, it was mostly GOP members who voted with the Democratic governor to sustain the vetoes. The

number of times each GOP member supported Patrick ranged from a low of 10 to a high of 35 by GOP Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading).

The vetoes had little support among Patrick's fellow Democrats. Only nine of the chamber's Democrats voted with Patrick to sustain any vetoes including Rep. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut), the Democrat who gave him the most support, siding with him six times.

PERCENTAGE OF TIMES REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORTED GOV. PATRICK
Here is how local representatives fared in their support of Gov. Patrick on the 87 vetoes.

The percentage next to the representative's name represents the percentage of times he or she supported Patrick's vetoes.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times he or she supported Patrick's vetoes.

Rep. Denise Provost	0 percent (0)
Rep. Timothy Toomey	0 percent (0)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

DISABLED RETIREES CAN MAKE MORE OUTSIDE MONEY (S 2343) - The House approved a Senate-approved measure increasing from \$5,000 to \$15,000 the maximum a disabled state employee can earn outside of his or her disability benefit.

Supporters said the cap has not been raised since 1982. They argued the \$5,000 figure is no longer reasonable and must be changed.

The bill still needs additional approval by both branches before it goes to the governor's desk.

DAVID F. MARCELLI LAW (H 4378) - A law that prohibits any body part or organ from being retained following an autopsy without consent from the deceased's next of kin took effect on November 6. The law does allow retention of the organ if it is being kept for the purpose of determining the cause of death.

The measure was filed on behalf of Cathie and Donald Marcelli, whose 18-month-old son David died suddenly in 1996. David's organs were retained without his parents' knowledge or permission following a hospital autopsy.

Supporters say the family suffered untold anguish when they had to bury the body parts four months after David's death.

CHILDREN OF POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS (H 2222) - November 6 is the day that a new law went into effect allowing a child of a corrections officer killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty to receive preference in his or her placement on all entry-level police officer, firefighter and corrections officer eligible lists. Current law gives this preference only to police officers and firefighters. The applicant must also pass the required written, medical and physical examinations.

TAX AMNESTY RAISES \$39 MILLION PLUS - The Department of Revenue (DOR) announced that during the two-month tax amnesty program from September 1 to October 31, the state collected just over \$39

million from 49,000 taxpayers. The tax amnesty program, approved by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Patrick several months ago, waived the penalty for unpaid taxes if you received a "Tax Amnesty Notice" from DOR and paid the full amount of tax and interest due by October 31, 2014.

MAKE IT EASIER FOR CITIES AND TOWNS TO FUND COLLECTION PROCESS FOR TAX TITLE FORECLOSURES (S 2298) - The House approved a bill that would allow Massachusetts cities and towns to establish a revolving fund into which legal and administrative fees and charges recovered during legal proceedings for tax title foreclosures would be deposited. The municipality could then use the money directly to pay for the necessary expenses the community incurs during the collection process. Current law places the funds into the community's General Fund. The fund could be created only in cities and towns that receive local approval to do so through passage of a by-law or by a vote of the town meeting or city council.

Supporters said this new fund would make collections easier by providing a dedicated source of funding without the problems and delays that come with having to get the money from the General Fund.

WEBSITE FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT BAKER'S TRANSITION - Governor-Elect Charlie Baker announced the creation of a website for his transition to the governor's office. The site includes a resume upload tool for citizens who want to apply for a job with the new administration. Communications Director Tim Buckley said, "Building a strong, experienced, and bipartisan team is the top priority ... our goal is to cast a wide net for qualified applicants. We encourage anyone interested in joining the Baker/Polito Administration to use this online resource to contact us." The website is www.begreatma.com

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special "Gov. Michael S. Dukakis Transportation Center Edition."

Gov. Patrick last week rededicated South Station as the "Governor Michael S. Dukakis South Station Transportation Center" in recognition of the former governor's devotion to public transportation and advocacy. The Legislature approved the renaming in April as part of an estimated \$12.7 billion transportation borrowing bill.

"I am honored to rename South Station ... to celebrate his lasting work to improve public transportation and through it the economy and quality of life in the Commonwealth." — Gov. Patrick.

"Public transportation is designed to be efficient, dependable, and professional – just as Michael Dukakis was throughout his career." — U.S. Rep. Bill Keating.

"Gov. Dukakis is not just a proponent of public transportation, he is one of the MBTA's best customers." — MBTA General Manager Beverly Scott.

"Gov. Dukakis was a visionary who blazed a trail for future transportation infrastructure and needs." — Boston City Councilor Stephen Murphy.

"No one has done more to promote rail transportation across the United States than former Gov. Michael Dukakis." — Sen. Cynthia Creem (D-Newton).

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

and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of November 10-14, The House met for a total of 22 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 17 minutes.

Mon. November 10 House 11:04 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.

Tues. November 11

No House session
No Senate session

Wed. November 12

No House session
No Senate session

Thurs. November 13

House 11:02 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.
Senate 11:06 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Fri. November 14

No House session
No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Old fashioned cider tasting in Somerville



Joe's Liquor on Broadway hosted a tasting event featuring Downeast Cider House cider last Thursday evening. The tasting was followed by a promotional event at Casey's Tavern.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro

Centennial Auditorium re-opened CONT. FROM PG 1

about the history of the auditorium, which dates back to 1872. In 1972 a major renovation was done with new seating and electrical systems.

This time around a complete renovation with new seating, a new sound system, new cur-

tains and new lighting was done, while retaining as much of the old as could be saved, such as the wood floors.

The Superintendent said that the new focus as time moves on is to work on a new HVAC system installed.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone spoke about how pleased and determined he was after Hurricane Sandy, with all of its destruction, that the hall was back and ready to be used once again as a showcase, not just for the high school but for the rest of

the city as well.

Mayor Curtatone thanked the people responsible for bringing everything back and making it even better. He was, along with everyone there, very happy about the work that was done.

The Principal of the high

school, John Oteri, thanked all of those who worked so hard on the renovation and remarked how the school will be able to once again use the auditorium for the benefit of the students and the community as a whole.



The Somerville High School Orchestra, Drumline, and Chorus entertained as city representatives and the public marveled at the tremendous job of renovation that was accomplished. — Photos by Donald E. Norton



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COMMENTARY

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Gas tax repeal an opportunity to get transportation funding right



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Governor-elect Charlie Baker faces a huge challenge on the first day he takes office—how to maintain an aging transportation system that is the backbone of our economic strength. Last year, the Legislature passed the first gas tax increase in 22 years

and, in doing so, also linked the tax to inflation rates. On Election Day this year, Massachusetts chose to roll back that provision linking the gas tax to inflation, which will cost the state \$1 billion over the next decade in transportation funding. This is a challenge for Gov. Baker and all our state legislators, but it's also an opportunity to address the inadequacies in our transportation funding. If we're going to stay economically competitive as a region and a state, we must explore bold and innovative ways to fund the strong transportation system we need if our economy is to thrive.

Tying the gas tax to inflation was never a panacea for funding our transportation system. Even with that link, it wasn't enough to bring in the revenue we need to maintain our current system, never mind improve and expand it. Last year's gas tax increase raised our state gas tax by 3 cents, bringing it to 24 cents, to a total of 44.9 cents of tax per gallon of fuel – still five cents below the national average. If the gas tax had kept up with inflation since 1991; the tax would actually be 36 cents a gallon.

Linking the gas tax was, despite the best intentions of the Legislature, a half-measure at

best. A 2007 state commission report estimated that Massachusetts needs \$1 billion simply to maintain our current and, in some spots, still antiquated transportation systems. Gov. Deval Patrick took the bold step last year to address this problem in his "Way Forward" plan that would have raised \$1.2 billion in transportation funding. Unfortunately, despite the proven need for this level of revenue, the compromise bill that ultimately passed the Legislature only provided \$800 million.

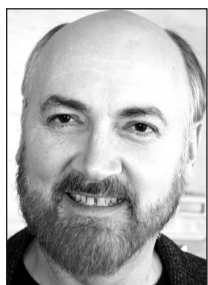
So with the gas tax no longer tied to inflation, further decreasing the funding for an

already inadequate plan, the question is: Now what do we do? Whether voters supported Question 1 or not, everyone will likely be howling in protest when a bridge is closed because it's unsafe, or when they get stuck with a big car repair bill because of poorly maintained roads, or when the T breaks down in the cold of winter.

And we'll all be looking for answers if faced with revenue shortfalls that lead to budget cuts because our economy is lagging, at least partially, due to a deteriorating transportation system that fails to support our businesses and

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Goodbye, Tommy – we'll miss you so



By William C. Shelton

I once told a psychiatrist acquaintance of mine that he should stop prescribing medications for patients suffering depression. Instead, he should prescribe an hour a day of *Car Talk*, National Public Radio's syndicated show wherein Tom and Ray Magliozzi dispense weekly wisdom on car repair and life.

I know that I can't listen to Tom's infectious and omnipresent laughter without laughing myself. By the end of a show, I'd have a dopey grin plastered on my face, and my personal troubles would seem more manageable.

Tom died November 3rd at a family home in Belmont, from Alzheimer disease complications. He had lived 77 years. My Saturday mornings will never be the same.

Tom was born and grew up in East Cambridge, where his father worked in the home heating oil business. Even though his brother Ray was twelve years his Junior, when Tommy attended

Cambridge High and Latin, he made Ray his frequent companion on outside-the-home adventures.

Their companionship continued while Tom attended MIT and earned a degree in chemical engineering. Upon graduation in 1958, Tom, did his six months active Army Reserve duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where his wisecracking kept him continually performing punishment assignments. He claimed to have peeled 6,000 potatoes during one KP shift.

His first job after active duty was at a Sylvania semiconductor facility in Norwood. Joe Nissenbaum tells me that Tom's hiring

manager emphasized that all employees must be at their desks by 8:00 AM, regardless of their positions. Still living in Cambridge, Tom seriously miscalculated the drive time to Norwood on his first day and showed up egregiously late.

His boss told him that if he wanted to work there, he would have to be punctual. Tom thought to himself, "I'm not sure that I want to work at all." This would become a recurring theme.

From Sylvania, Tom went to work for the Foxboro Company, first managing marketing in the Far East, and then as its strategic planner where, Tom said, "I



Tommy during his high school years.

would spend my days with my feet on the desk contemplating the future."

After twelve years there, he was driving his little MGA to work one morning when he had a close encounter with a tractor-trailer

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

College Ave. Speedway



My stories are usually lighthearted looks back at Somerville in days gone by or some other hopefully amusing local subject. This article however is a bit more serious because it is about safety. As a lifelong resident of the College Ave. area, it is time to speak out about the horrendous habits of drivers on the dangerous stretch between Powder House Rotary and the lights near Wedgewood-Crane and Connolly.

In September an elderly pedestrian was struck by a bus on College Ave. Trying to cross this part of College Ave. is crazy. And if you try to cross between 6 and 8 a.m. you'd better be extra, extra careful. This stretch of College Ave. is

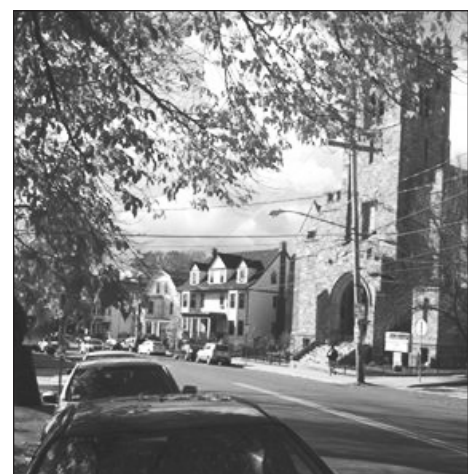
nothing less than treacherous. I walk my dog there every morning and I can't believe the speeders that recklessly disobey the law. Let's start with the cars coming up to the blinking red light and stop sign on Broadway in front of Dunkin' Donuts. Some cars will stop. Most will simply blow through it. God forbid there is a person trying to cross College Ave. near the park.

What makes this stretch of College Ave. even worse is that the road turns just past Hall Ave. and creates even more danger. A speeding vehicle cannot see someone who is in mid-cross. And even if they did see a person trying to cross, it would be very difficult to stop their speeding vehicle. If you want to take your hot, fresh, newly purchased cup of Dunkin' Donuts

coffee across the street and sit on a park bench, you'd better be very, very careful.

About ten years ago, I was trying to cross College Ave. near the rotary with my then 8-year-old son. One of these speeders bombed around the corner from Broadway and just missed hitting us. I will never forget that day. The driver of that vehicle was later involved in a fatal traffic accident. We were lucky. My son is now a freshman in college instead of a sad memory and a painful statistic.

I have even seen cars fly through the pedestrian crosswalk/traffic light in front of the public library when it is RED. And while we are on the subject, these are things I can't believe I have seen. People driving with a cigarette in one hand and a cell phone in their other hand held



up to their ear. I have seen drivers with headphones on. HEADPHONES! Are you kidding me? And let's eat at home, not in our cars.

When a vehicle is traveling on this hazardous section of

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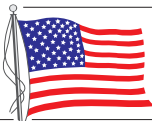
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Welcome back, Somerville High School Auditorium!

The View Of The Times



What’s in an old building anyway? Memories, and plenty of them. That’s for sure. Such is the case with the much-beloved Somerville High School auditorium, which just this week celebrated its official reopening with a short ceremony that brought city officials and the public together to welcome the old landmark back into service in grand style.

How many precious memories of past students, teachers, parents and regular citizens haunt the confines of those four walls and balcony? The shows and concerts, the meetings and special presentation, too many to mention. This is a place with heritage. Deep and meaningful to so many. The restoration job done on this facility is staggering in

its scope. The damage done by Hurricane Sandy back in 2012 was heartbreakingly extensive, putting both the school auditorium and cafeteria out of commission for all this time. While students and their programs were severely disrupted, the city made sure that a return to the facility’s former functionality would be restored, with

many improvements made in the process. This landmark while stand for a long time to come, thanks to the hard work of all those involved with its return to form. So, what’s in a newly revived old building anyway? A future full of memories yet to be made by untold multitudes of students and others yet to pass through. That’s for sure.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

December 4 at Daddy Jones in Magoun Sq., 525 Medford St. Mark’s special guest is our own very popular Congressman Mike Capuano. Cong. Mike is a former mayor of Somerville and some will remember he once served as Ward 5 alderman in the seventies.

One alderman not having a fundraiser, but is busy being a new parent, is Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gerwitz. She, along with her husband Andrew Kuller, had a baby girl recently, by the name of Nina. We congratulate Rebekah on her new role as a parent. We wish her family well.

The dedication of the renovated auditorium at Somerville High School took place this past Monday night. What a beautiful job they did. It has a brand new look. Just over 2.5 million was spent and hopefully this will last a long time. If only those walls could talk about years past.

The Vinfen controversy on Central Street is on the road to being resolved shortly. They met again with some of the neighbors last week and will finalize their corrective measures at another neighborhood meeting at the Winter Hill School on December 2 at 630p.m.

Congratulations to both Fire Captain William Fitzpatrick and fireman John Fitzgerald, who recently were presented with the Thomas Chetham Award by American legion Post 19 to the firefighter of the year. Last week the Board of Alderman recognized their efforts and also congratulated them on the award and for service to our community.

Also, Congratulations to Somerville Police Officers Guerdy Legros and Timothy Nostrand, who were as well recognized by American Legion Post 19, presenting them with the Alexander McQuestion Award for demonstrating their dedication to the police service and residents of Somerville.

It looks like NSTAR will be proposing a huge increase in their rates beginning shortly. Our question is why? Fuel charges are down at the gas pump, so why are all the electric companies increasing their rates?

It’s that time again! Next Wave/Full Circle is selling beautiful 14” balsam wreaths with red velvet bows for just \$15 apiece. All money raised through this annual fundraising event goes di-

rectly to fund student activities, field trips, and incentives for Next Wave’s and Full Circle’s reward system. Contact Agnes Gallant (agallant@k12.somerville.ma.us) to place your order, or if you have any questions about this fundraiser. Make checks payable to “Next Wave/Full Circle” and send c/o Agnes Gallant at Next Wave/Full Circle, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville MA 02145.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz invite you to attend a Ward 6 ResiStat neighborhood meeting on Thurs., Nov. 20, at the Somerville Community Baptist Church at 31 College Ave. The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and topics will include discussions of neighborhood and citywide issues, as well as other City data. Please also join them before the meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and a chance to speak one-to-one with City officials.

The Brown School Winter Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Capuano School, 150 Glen Street, Somerville. The Brown School Winter Concert will feature performances by the Kindergarten-grade 3

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. The Capuano Kindergarten Winter Concert is Friday, January 23, 2015, 9:15-10:00 a.m. 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.

The next Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014, 5-7 p.m., at Center for the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., Somerville. Please join in at the Chamber’s special holiday Business After Hours. This is an excellent networking event featuring free appetizers and a free business card drawing with cash bar. Guests are welcome to bring unwrapped Toys for Local Children. Sponsored by Bonney Automotive and the Law Offices of Isaac M. Machado. Hosted by Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Chair Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil & Energy.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone's 1st Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The mayor held a Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings for Somerville older adults and Somerville veterans on Saturday, November 15 at the Somerville Holiday Inn located at 30 Washington Street.





Photos by Claudia Ferro



Celebrating 40 years of Vernon Street Studios

By Mariya Manzhos

In 1974, the Rogers Foam Factory on Vernon Street made the sixth and seventh floor of their building space available to new tenants. However, the conditions were not exactly inviting. “When we first came there it was filthy dirty, there were no walls, it was just an empty space with pigeons everywhere,” recalls Karen Moss, an original member of the small group of artists to rent the space.

Undaunted, the group rolled up their sleeves, installed dry-wall, sanded the floors, and transformed the grimy and barren area into a series of art studios. But the hard work brought other benefits. “We had a wonderful community,” says Moss. Since then, Vernon Street Studios has grown into the largest group of artists in Somerville and one of the oldest in the Boston area to open their studios to

the public. In celebration of the 40th anniversary, Vernon Street Studios is showcasing the work of over 60 Vernon Street artists in the galleries of the Somerville Museum. “We’ve always wanted to do a show here, so we said let’s make this a big celebration,” says Heather Balchunas, coordinator at Vernon Street Studios and one of the artists. “You get a nice flavor of what Vernon Street has to offer.” The exhibition opened on November 14 and will run until December 31.

The diversity of the mediums on display is striking: among the works are abstract oil paintings, a cityscape weaved on cloth linen, giclee iphoneography, a colorful collage of bratz dolls, small figures of rats having a conversation, a paper mache boat, and mixed media pieces from street materials. A screen adjacent to the gallery wall plays interviews with the Vernon Street artists in



Fans of Vernon Street Studios attended the opening of their 40th anniversary celebration at the Somerville Museum on Friday.

their studios. There are close to 100 studios in the Vernon Street complex, but some artists share or sublet their space and balance their art-making with their “day jobs.” Jeanne-Marie Crede, iconographic mixed medium artist who has been sharing studio #82 for 10 years, comes in the morning and usually stays until 1-2 p.m. before heading to her day job. Dana Mueller, an established photographer and adjunct professor in Boston, uses her studio primarily for educational workshops. There is no fixed criteria for getting a studio at Vernon Street. Professional and novice artists work side-by-side. Despite the gentrification that has occurred in some areas of Somerville, Vernon Street Studios, which still shares the facilities with the working foam factory, has remained an affordable option for artists and other creative workers, and is the biggest mixed-use working space in Somerville. “We should acknowledge the Rogers family for embracing you and bringing you in,” said Gregory Jenkins from the Somerville Arts Council in his remarks to the artists at the anniversary exhibition opening. “The beauty of Vernon Street is in their low cost studio space where a lot of younger people who are coming out from school can afford space,” Jenkins said. Vernon Street is one of the last studios in the area that is not evicting artists. Alex Farrell, a 32 year-old mixed-medium art-

ist, had to leave his old studio in Somerville after the building was bought to be remodeled for condos. He found his current studio at Vernon Street through Craigslist. “I got really lucky finding a space at Vernon Street,” says Farrell. Getting space is not always so easy, however, and there is currently is a waitlist for studio rentals. Jenkins affirmed his belief that Vernon Street Studios are essential to Somerville. “What you’re bringing is the vitality of how you work together, the vitality of how you are creating and engaging with the community.” The artists are gearing up for the Vernon Streets Open Studios on December 6-7 at 6 and 20 Vernon Street from 12-6 p.m.



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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#449

1. What does an Enologist study?

2. What is Xylography?

3. What did skyscraper mean before it meant a tall building?

4. Raquel Welch once had a job as a what?

5. A paddling is a group of what kind of animals?

6. What is the name for the science or study of plants?

7. What five pairs of U.S. Presidents share the same last name?

8. What was Marie

Osmond's one and only solo hit?

9. Who had seven members of a rival gang killed on St. Valentine's Day, 1929?

10. Who said in 1973, "There can be no white-wash at the White House"?

11. What is Alice Cooper's real name?

12. How many sets of letters on the standard typewriter and computer keyboard are in alphabetical order – reading left to right, of course?

Answers on page 23

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SPORTS

Winter Hill Liquors Softball Team wins Championship

By Donald F. Norton

The Softball team sponsored by Winter Hill Liquors recently won The Somerville Fall Softball League Championship, beating the Wicked Cheesy, April Fools, US Fuel, and Baros Finest, winning number one in the League.

In recent years, US Fuel was usually the winner, but this year with a strong team the players from Winter Hill Liquors were victorious.

The members of the Winter Hill Liquors team, pictured here, are Mark Moran, Steve Aiello, Tommy Barry, Joe Maures, Bobby Allen, Cody Skeff, Ian Comack, Gerard Contaldi, Jason Vroom and Paul Cousins.

Congratulations to the team for a great victory and for being number one.



Your 2014 Somerville Fall Softball League champions, the team from Winter Hill Liquors.

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

We have some interesting headlines for the latest Somerville Neighborhood News show, a community news production brought to you by the dedicated staff, volunteers and interns at Somerville Community Access TV.



Attend the recent Winter Hill meeting about the group home and another about Lowell Street traffic and the community path, find out how the city and restaurants are coping with the ban on expanded polystyrene containers, learn about a new restaurant job training program, find out how one Somerville agency is helping people sign up for health insurance and learn about some of the root causes that drive to risk their lives to flee Central America. These stories and more on Somerville Neighborhood News #27, watch it on Channel 3 if you have cable TV, or online at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.



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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP 15-46**

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Emergency Environmental Remediation Services

A request for proposals (RFP) may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **November 17th, 2014**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **December 3rd, 2014 at 11:00am ET**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The City of Somerville is seeking proposal from qualified technical firms having the multi-disciplinary expertise to provide two categories of environmental remediation services: Emergency Response and Immediate Response Action Support Services (ER/IRASS).

Please contact Michael Richards at mrichards@somervillema.gov for more information.

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

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 46 FRANKLIN ST
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER: TINA-MARIE COYLE FISHER & WILLIAM GREGORY FISHER
DEMAND: **05/06/2013** PARCEL ID: **104-D.00023-000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **04166090** SQUARE FEET: **2,813**
TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 25506, Page: 247.

Fiscal Year 2013 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$5,408.61
Interest to Date of Taking	\$1,338.12
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$7,115.73

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 46 FRANKLIN ST
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER: TINA-MARIE COYLE FISHER & WILLIAM GREGORY FISHER
DEMAND: **05/05/2014** PARCEL ID: **104-D.00023-000000**
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TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 25506, Page: 247.

Fiscal Year 2014 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$5,926.48
Interest to Date of Taking	\$847.81
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$7,143.29

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 1 MYRTLE ST. UNIT 12
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): TUAN QUOC TRUONG
DEMAND: **05/09/2012** PARCEL ID: **105-A.00029-000012**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **00870135** SQUARE FEET: **0**
TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 19539, Page: 21.

Fiscal Year 2012 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$495.75
Interest to Date of Taking	\$174.16
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$1,038.91

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 1 MYRTLE ST. UNIT 12
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): TUAN QUOC TRUONG
DEMAND: **05/05/2014** PARCEL ID: **105-A.00029-000012**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **00870135** SQUARE FEET: **0**
TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 19539, Page: 21.

Fiscal Year 2014 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$168.40
Interest to Date of Taking	\$13.43
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$550.83

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP # 15-45**

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Design Services for Draw Seven Park

Nature and scope of work: **The City of Somerville is seeking to procure a Consultant for a full range of landscape architectural/ engineering design services for the complete renovation of the Draw Seven Park, located on the banks of the Mystic River in the Assembly Square neighborhood of Somerville.**

The RFP will be available form 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, Fridays, at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 starting **Wednesday, November 12, 2014**.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 until **December 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.**

Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3400, or email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

Angela M. Allen
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617 625-6600 EXT. 3100**

The City of Somerville Board of Assessors, as a courtesy, has made available fiscal year 2015 assessments as approved by The Department of Revenue. All assessments reflect full and fair cash value as of **January 1, 2014** as determined by the Board of Assessors. Values are based primarily upon calendar 2013 and 2012 sales as well as 2013 income & expense information. **On average**, city-wide, residential values increased by approximately 11% and commercial values increased by approximately 1%.

All values will be available for viewing prior to the setting of the tax rate, **beginning on Wednesday, November 19, 2014** at the Assessor’s Office and the Main Library and Branch Libraries. Values can also be viewed on the City’s website at www.somervillema.gov (go to City Departments, Assessing, and Assessor’s Database). Questions and requests for changes regarding values should be addressed to the Assessor’s Office no later than Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

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FORMAL APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED BY ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT FROM JANUARY 2, 2015 through FEBRUARY 2, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.

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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 25, 2014, at 7 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 2015, as required by MGL c40 s56. At this public hearing, Marc Levy, 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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Goodbye, Tommy – we'll miss you so

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and his own mortality. When he arrived, he walked into his boss's office and resigned. Years later he explained, "If I had bought the farm out there on Route 128, wouldn't I be bent at all the life that I had missed?"

He took to hanging out in Harvard Square, quaffing coffee, and living spontaneously. Or, I should say, more spontaneously. Meanwhile, Ray too had gone through MIT and was teaching middle school in Vermont. Their mother, who was concerned about Tommy's aimless lifestyle, asked Ray if he couldn't motivate his brother to be more productive.

The result was Hacker's Haven, a garage where do-it-yourselfers could rent tools and space for a few dollars an hour to repair their cars. In a 2001 *Fresh Air* interview, Tom described Hacker's Haven customers as "complete wackos. But man were they fun. And they weren't worried! When the guy jacked up his Lincoln Town Car and drove the floor jack through his oil pan, did he cry? He said, 'Uh oh.' I mean people could take a joke!"

"What was really sort of spiritual about it was that nobody ever got hurt. I mean, in all the years that we did that, [with] complete rank amateurs using very dangerous equipment... We didn't know any better either! You wanna use the torch, yeah? Go ahead! We'll be standing on the other side of the brick wall."

It was during that period that the Magliozzis encountered two other brothers, Allen and Joe Nissenbaum, who with their father Max conducted an auto recycling operation in Boynton Yards. The Magliozzis became the Nissenbaums' frequent customers and sometime companions. When the Nissenbaums celebrated their

hundredth anniversary in the same location in 2010, Tom and Ray were on hand, purveying smiles and laughter.

Allen says that Tom's dress code was not that different from a street person's. One day Allen asked Tom if he knew he was wearing one white sneaker and one black sneaker. Tommy responded, "They're great, aren't they? I've got another pair just like them at home."

After several years of making a scant profit at Hacker's Haven, the bothers founded Good News Garage. Ray was the business's driving force; Tom, its free spirit.

In 1977 they got a call from a WBUR producer asking them if they would participate with five other mechanics in a panel show on the following Saturday. Ray took a pass. Tom showed up and discovered that he was the only mechanic who had. After a few minutes of on-air discussion, he suggested that they take calls. The queue stacked up with avid listeners who wanted advice about their auto problems.

After the show, the producer asked Tom to return the following Saturday. Tom asked if he could bring his brother. The next week, Tommy and Ray learned that the producer had been fired, and they had the show to themselves. Thus began 37 years of Klik and Klak, the Tappet Brothers, dispensing good humor and car advice.

They were both engineers, but they could explain how cars worked using tortured and hilarious analogies that were understandable to anyone. They applied similar analogies to life lessons

One day a lady who was buying a set of used radial tires asked Allen Nissenbaum if he knew which side of the car



Ray and Tom broadcasting from Nissenbaums in Boynton Yards.

each tire had been mounted on, since "those two brother on the radio" say that they shouldn't be switched side-to-side, only front-to-back.

Allen told her, "Those two brothers don't know anything about cars." Startled by a familiar laugh a few feet behind her, she turned to see a tall bearded man who, in an equally familiar voice, said "He's right. Those brothers know absolutely nothing."

After a few years at the garage, Tom left to pursue a less-structured work life, which eventually involved teaching at Boston University and consulting on marketing and planning. He continued shenanigans with his brother, including broadcasting *Car Talk*,

holding court in Harvard Square, and playing the acoustic bass on the street. When passersby at Faneuil Hall put coins in Ray's guitar case, few knew that the three musicians before them were the Tappet Brothers and their sister Lucille.

Car Talk's fame spread among NPR personages, and Sunday *Week End Edition's* host Susan Stamberg began regularly including a *Car Talk* segment. It became the most popular part of her weekly show, so in 1987 NPR syndicated *Car Talk* nationally. Eventually 700 stations broadcasted it to 4 million listeners.

So much of public radio in those years was...stuffy, even its

attempts at humor. The Tappet Brothers' human warmth and freewheeling humor changed all that. It is unlikely that shows like *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me*, the *Moth Radio Hour*, and *This American Life* would exist if *Car Talk* had not gone before.

Two years ago Tommy's Alzheimer's symptoms became severe, and he stopped participating in live broadcasts. But he didn't stop laughing. Until this month.

Remembering Tommy, the brothers' characteristic humor shone through Ray's grief when he remarked, "Turns out he wasn't kidding ... He really couldn't remember last week's puzzler."

Gas tax repeal an opportunity to get transportation funding right

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industries. This is true for the Commonwealth and for the nation. During the last decade, the country's roads fell from 7th to 18th in the World Economic Forum's rankings. Our country's investment in transportation lags behind our economy's growth, according to the Council of Economic Advisers and National Economic Council. While other countries are pouring money into complete streets that service cars and bikes alike, expanded public transportation, high-speed rail and more, we continue to try and get by with what we have. At some point, this will catch

up with us—and other countries will catch up with our economic might.

We must explore bold and innovative ways to fund a strong transportation system, and this is not a concept that divides along traditional party lines. Voters in Texas approved a ballot question that amends the state constitution and re-directs billions in oil and gas production revenues from the state's rainy day fund to road projects. Oregon and California are both piloting a vehicle miles driven tax, where drivers would pay their gasoline taxes not based on how many

gallons they use but on how many miles they travel. Washington, Virginia and Illinois all have regional transit taxes that directly fund public transportation, and Oklahoma is now exploring a similar system. Kentucky and North Carolina link their gas tax rates to the wholesale price of gasoline. Wyoming passed a gas tax increase last year.

We can debate whether vehicle miles driven taxes, regional transit taxes and other ways of generating revenue are right for Massachusetts, but there's no debate—whether in red states or blue states—that a

well-funded transportation system is critical to the economic and financial health of their states. Gov. Patrick put forth a strong proposal last year to truly address the magnitude of the problem we face. We fell

short in matching that vision. With the gas tax inflation link repealed, we have no choice but to revisit how we're funding our transportation systems. We have an opportunity to get it right this time.



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Preschool: Storytime
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Central Library
Middle School Student Publishing Workshop
Alan Ball|617 636-9033
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|November 20

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

East Branch Library
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Meghan Forsell
617-623-5000 x2970
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday|November 21

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

Monday|November 24

Central Library
Sing-along with Raquel Leburn
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|November 25

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 11-13
Tammy McKanan617-591-0216
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 26

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

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|November 19

Johnny D’s
Earley Birds Special: Free Bar Side Show
Veterans for Peace|7:30 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

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

Davis Square Theatre
notioB Music Presents: David Grier, Michael Barnett & Dominick Leslie
21+ with valid ID
9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Thursday|November 20

Johnny D’s
Afropop Night featuring: Balla Kouyate & World Vision, plus Paa Seck Diery Band, and DJ Afro-Marc
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thurs-

days |7 p.m.
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The Burren
Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Scattershot |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
WEMF RADIO|Far Above The Ground|Mile Marker Zero|Lady Pilot
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe’s
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band
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Joshua Tree
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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
Performing Fusion Theatre presents: Hunger, lies & History
7 p.m./9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Friday|November 21

Johnny D’s
ALT CT Invasion Part 1 featuring The Hoolios
Free Friday Presents: ALT CT Invasion part 2 with Vince Thompson & next Fun Thing plus Guests from Locodare Records
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m.
Dizzy Bats, Boomp, Joe Kenneally, Box of Birds \$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

PA’S Lounge
WEMF Radio|Daniel Amedee|The Natural Disasters|Straight Up|Phamily|First Sigh of the Skyline
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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499 Broadway |617-629-5302

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

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Richard Cambridge’s Poetry Theatre
7:30 p.m.|Cafe
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8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Performing Fusion Theatre presents: Hunger, lies & History
7 p.m.
Sparkletown after Dark - 21+ with valid ID
10 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Saturday|November 22

Johnny D’s
Jeff Jam Dance Party
Duke Robillard CD Release
Joshua Tree - Premier U2 Music Tribute
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Johnnie Mac & The Local Forecast |6 p.m.
Liz Frame & The Kickers \$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Back Room
Scattershots
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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Live Band & DJ
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Casey’s
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Davis Square Theatre
Sparkletown after Dark - 21+ with valid ID
10 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory
“Illuminations” featuring Bivolía, Jason Anick’s Rhythm Future Quartet, & Vessela Stoyanova’s Balkan Project
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
Stand-up Saturdays
8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|November 23

Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band|4 p.m.
Mirkelam
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Dave Sammarco Band |7 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
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Dub Apocalypse
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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

Davis Square Theatre
CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF by Tennessee Williams (presented by Emerson Shakespeare Society)
2 p.m./7:30 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory
Tongue in Cheek
5 p.m.| Performance Hall
Cafe Raqs
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|November 24

Johnny D’s
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Presents: Interesting Points
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Cater’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.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA’S Lounge
Americiana Monday
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Stump! Team Trivia
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Tuesday|November 25

Johnny D’s
Open Mic Night w/Dr. Grant
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA’S Lounge
Open Mic
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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 Café
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|November 26

Johnny D’s
Earley Birds Special: Free Bar Side Show
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
rock night with Helen, more! \$5 cover
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy@10
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PA’S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

Arts at the Armory
Red Cross Blood Drive
10 a.m.| Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
The Irish Comedy tour - 21+ 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|November 19

Central Library
SCALE ESOL classes library visit
Lori Segall|617-776-0503
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday|November 20

Central Library
Fair Housing Commission Meeting
Vicki Wairi
617.625.6600 x 2588
12 p.m.-12:55 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
A Bout to Benefit 2015 Kickoff Meeting
Eoin Barry|207-992-8442
7:30 p.m. -9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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 Avenue

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

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

Saturday|November 22

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 23

Central Library
Health Care + Social Justice Conversation
Oren Pilinger
3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Unity Church of God
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday|November 24

Central Library
Pocket Change Occupational Interest
Laura Denison617-776-5193 x 237
3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East 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.
115 Broadway

Tuesday|November 25

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

Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com
7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday|November 26

Central Library
Housing Lottery for 88 Wheatland Street | Vicki Wairi
617.625.6600 x 2588
10 a.m.-11 a.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Thanksgiving Eve - Libraries Close at 5:00 p.m.
Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

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

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

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

Luncheon at the Highlander Café – Tuesday, December 9 – Doors will open at 10:45 A.M. The Highlander Café is located at the atrium of Somerville High School (closest to the library.) Luncheon choices: Chicken Piccata or Baked Haddock - \$9.00 fee – Seating is limited so please call Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to RSVP, with your lunch choice or if you have any questions.

Illumination Of Lights – Saturday, December 13th – Join the SCOA & the Somerville Arts Council for its annual tour of the holiday lights in Somerville. There is limited seating - \$5.00 fee – check-in time is at 4:15 P.M. at the High School concourse. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Hu Ke Lau & Bright Nights – Tuesday, December 16 – Are you ready for an unbelievable day? Departing the Holland Street Center at 9:30 A.M. and the Ralph & Jenny Center at 9:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. For a fee of \$58.00 you will enjoy a delicious lunch at Hu Ke Lau in Chicopee and be mesmerized by the beautiful dancers, soothing music and colorful costumes in the after lunch show. It will be as if you were spending the holiday season in Hawaii. (Time and weather permitting a side trip to the Holyoke Mall will follow the show) Then dinner – with a choice of Prime Rib or Scrod followed by a spectacular illumination tour through Forest Park - more than 2 miles and over 500,000 lights that will take your breath away. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP, with your dinner choice or if you have any questions.

Multicultural Day – Wednesday, December 17 – At our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway – from 10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Learn more about different languages, music, foods and cultures. One day of international adventure begins with a music selections from the East Somerville Community School chorus, delicious food samplings, various exhibitors will be on hand to promote multiculturalism. For more information or to reserve a space please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 before Wednesday, December 11th.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

All centers will be closed Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28.

Thanksgiving Super Bingo scheduled for Thursday, November 20 is **SOLD OUT**.

The trip scheduled to Atlantic City on January 11th is **SOLD OUT**

The trip scheduled to Wildwood, NJ on May 11th – 15th is **SOLD OUT**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Ralph & Jenny Center will remain closed on Mondays and will resume Mondays after the first of the New Year.

Our **Holland Street Center** will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

LGBT EVENTS:

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

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, December 8, 11:30 A.M., Somerville Cambridge Elder Services will provide a hot or cold lunch – suggested contribution of \$2.00 – RSVP required no later than 2:30 P.M. Thursday, December 4th. This event happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

The Moonlighters

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

IMPORTANT NEWS:

The SCOA is NO LONGER excepting applications for free smoke alarms / carbon monoxide detectors.

The Ralph & Jenny Center will remain closed on Mondays and will resume Mondays after the first of the New Year.

Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

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. Come chat about what is on your mind! If you have any questions or require additional information, please give us a call at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Caregiver Support Group – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Our Social Worker, Suzanne Norton, leads this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 and ask to speak to Suzanne.

Veterans Group – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Suzanne Norton, leads this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. If you are interested or require additional information, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. Our Social Worker, Suzanne Norton, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. Please call Suzanne at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending, have any questions or require additional information.

Book Club – Meets the first Friday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. Senior Project Manager, Janine Lotti, facilitates this group. Join this group to read and discuss a different book each month. In most cases, copies of the book are available in the COA office. Contact Janine at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2321 or JLotti@Somervillema.gov if you require additional information.

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 A.M. and running for an hour most times. Our volunteer, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive “green-houses.” Please contact Senior Project Manager, Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2321 or JLotti@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or require additional information.

The Moonlighters – Meets every Monday at 10:30 A.M. and runs September through June. Led by Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, Jimmy DelPonte, the Moonlighters are an older version of the SunSetters. If you like to sing then this group is for you. Sometimes taking their skills on the road and this year The Moonlighters will be performing with the Powers School of Music for a Holiday Concert in December. Contact our main office at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you should require additional information.

Brain Games – Meets the first Tuesday of each month starting at 10:00 A.M. This group is facilitated by our volunteers Eileen Jones & Jan Ciganelli. Engaging as a group in brain healthy activities. Proven that keeping the mind active can actually reverse the signs of aging and improve memory and cognitive functioning. Contact the main office at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up!

STAY ACTIVE:

Mondays:

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H)

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

Tuesdays:

Strengthening, 9:15 A.M., \$3 per class (H)

Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Free, 1:00 P.M., (H)

LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M., (H)

Wednesdays:

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

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

Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1 p.m.

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

Thursdays:

Strengthening, 9:30 a.m. \$3 per class (R)

LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6 p.m.

Fridays:

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

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

Fit 4 Life* Group C 12 p.m.

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

Upcoming Schedule:

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

Wednesday|November 19

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (R)

11:30 Lunch (H, R, C)

12:45 Bingo (R)

1:00 Whist (H)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Hanscome Air Force Base

Thursday|November 20

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H, R)

11:00 Super Bingo (R)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)

Friday|November 21

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday|November 24

11:30 Lunch (H)

Tuesday|November 25

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (R)

10:00 Cards (R)

11:30 Lunch (R, C)

Wednesday|November 26

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (R)

11:30 Lunch (H, R, C)

1:00 Whist (H)

No Bowling

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College Ave. Speedway CONT. FROM PG 10

College Ave. from the Powder House rotary heading towards Davis Square, it reaches Kidder Ave., proceeds past Francesca Ave., and then hits Hall Ave. As I stated, after you pass Hall Ave. the road basically curves, creating a diabolical blind spot. This is where I think it is the most harrowing for a pedestrian. By the time a speeding vehicle rounds

the curve, a person has no time to get out of the way. So what should we do? Should vigilante residents get out the road spikes? Not yet. As Simon and Garfunkel said in a song, "slowdown, you move too fast!" If it were up to me, I'd put a few a speed bumps on this insidious segment of road. Big speed bumps. I would also

have a cop with a radar gun stationed near Francesca Ave. and also in the driveway of the public library. I don't know about you but I'd like see my grandkids grow up. I'd like to enjoy the retirement I've been working so hard to achieve. One of the perks of living near Davis Square is being able to walk there. Please don't take that simple pleasure

away from me and my neighbors. To my friends in the area, don't ever assume that a car is going to stop for you on the College Ave. Speedway. To drivers, please put the cell phone down, lay off the gas pedal, and pay attention to the road. Thank You. Next week we will go back to light hearted stories, but I just had to get this off my chest.

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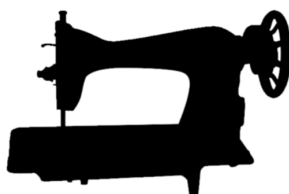
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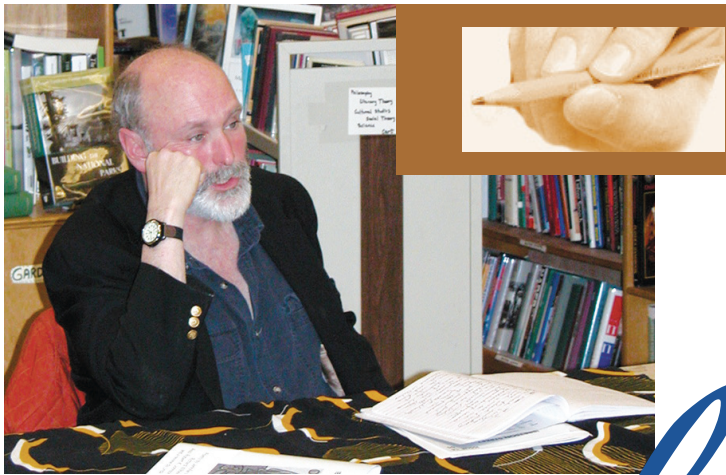
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Wednesday, November 19					
6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	1:00pm	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading
7:00am	Somerville Film Group	6:00pm	Tails of the City	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector
7:30am	Life Matters	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	7:30pm	Active Aging	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:30pm	Culture Club
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Dixie Manley	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
11:00am	Abugida TV	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	6:00pm	Down the Lynde
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	11:00pm	Bay State Biking News - Rerun	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	Friday, November 21		7:30pm	Fluff Festival
2:00pm	Physician Focus	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)
2:30pm	Tap Water - a SCATV Production	7:30am	Shrink Rap	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
3:30pm	What the Fluff Festival	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm	Energy Theater	10:00am	ArtBeat 2014	Sunday, November 23	
6:00pm	Trance: A Romantic Journey	11:00am	The Art of Animation: A series of Karen Aqua	6:00am	Program Celebrai
6:30pm	US2 100 Days of Engagement	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe
7:00pm	Inside Talk	1:00pm	Tap Water	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
7:30pm	Crossroads: A Search for An American Dream	2:00pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	International Church of God
8:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)		Active Aging
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:00pm	Somerville Jazz Festival 2014	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
10:00pm	Art at SCATV: Dixie Manley	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour		Taking Back Your Health
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11:00pm	Tele Galaxie	6:30pm	Art at SCATV: Dixie manley	12:00pm	Somerville Film Group
Thursday, November 20		7:00pm	Somerville Film Group:	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Friday Shorts	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Energy Theater - haunted Halloween		Life Matters
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	2:30pm	Rompendo em Fe
9:00am	Cancer Explained!	10:00pm	The Somerville Line	3:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade
9:30am	Girls Talk	11:00pm	Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)	4:00pm	International School of Boston Presents
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:30pm	Somerville ArtBeat 2014	5:00pm	Honk Festival
11:00am	Greater Somerville	Saturday, November 22		6:00pm	Abugida TV
11:30am	Ablevision	6:00am	Arabic Hour	7:00pm	African Television Network
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	The Somerville Line	8:00pm	Tele Magazine
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	10:30pm	100-Second Film Festival
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	Monday, November 24	
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	11:00am	Dead Air Live		Ablevision
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City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22					
Wednesday, November 19					
9:00am:	Capable Somerville	12:00pm:	Interfaith Panel at Somerville Library	1:00pm:	Winter Hill Charrette: Housing
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 11.17.14	1:00pm:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	2:00pm:	Talking Business
		1:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	2:30pm:	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner
3:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	2:00pm:	Union Sq. Utility & Streetscape Study & Design	4:00pm:	BOA Agenda for 11.25.14 Meeting
6:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	6:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – LIVE
7:00pm	Connecting Communities – Student Nursing	7:00pm	Haitian Community Meeting	12:00am:	Senior Circuit
7:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	7:30pm:	SomerViva an Kreyol Ayisyen	12:30am:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults
8:00pm:	Veterans’ Day Observance	8:00pm:	The Somerville Guard “Race to Laurel Hill”	1:00am:	Winter Hill Charrette: Housing
8:10pm:	Unearthing Lost Somerville	9:00pm:	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	2:00am:	Talking Business
9:10pm:	Greentech RFI Launch	9:45pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	2:30am:	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner
9:30pm:	Somerville By Design – Winter Hill Presentation	Sunday, November 23		EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15	
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1:00am:	Connecting Communities – Fire Safety	1:00am:	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	10:00am:	Somerville Rocks!
1:30am:	SomerViva en Espanol	1:45am:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00pm:	Playoff Football: SHS vs Marblehead
2:00am:	Congressional Update	2:05am:	The Somerville Guard “Race to Laurel Hill”	3:30pm:	Student of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS
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9:15pm:	HONK! Festival	9:30pm:	Unearthing Lost Somerville	11:00am:	SHS Football v Danvers - 11/7
10:15pm:	Talking Business	Monday, November 24		1:00pm:	SHS Football v Medford - 10/24
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1:00pm:	Unearthing Lost Somerville	1:00pm:	Union Sq. Utility & Streetscape Design	1:30am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lynn - 9/8
2:30pm:	Connecting Communities – Student Nursing	2:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	3:30am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Matignon - 9/19
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Saturday, November 22		Tuesday, November 25		10:00pm:	Connecting Communities - School Nursing
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'A Hard Summation' by Afaa Michael Weaver

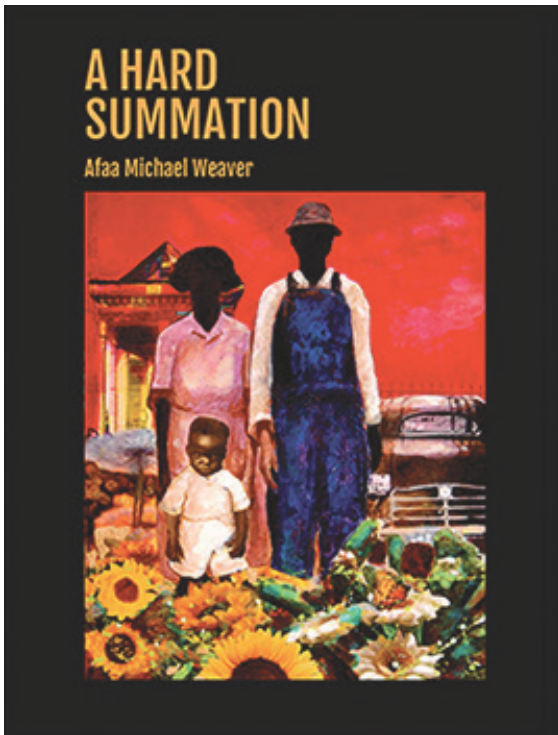
A Hard Summation
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It is always a pleasure to get a new book published by a new local press. A colleague of mine at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, Enzo Silo Surin, the founder of the Central Square Press, has published a new book of poetry, *A Hard Summation* by poet and Somerville resident Afaa Michael Weaver. Weaver is a professor at Simmons College in Boston, and recently won the prestigious Kingsley Tufts Award. He has penned a collection of 13 poems that cover the history of African-Americans from the Middle Passage to the present day. Weaver's intention, according to Surin, is to give the reader, "an opportunity to listen, celebrate, commemorate, and appreciate the success and failures of the past in order to develop a current and contextual understanding of what it means to be an African-American."

In the poem *In Charleston, the Slave Market* Weaver gives us the visceral feel of a human being, being treated like a shank of beef by prospective slave brokers. Like the slaves, the poem is stripped down and naked, with powerful short bursts of metaphorical language:

"...the markets where they stand naked,
white women poking at them, looking over places
only mothers should touch, shopping for black pets
for white children, for girls who can grow and make
more black children, as it they are gardens..."

The two part poem *Migration, the Big Cities* concerns the thoughts of a husband and wife about their exodus from the sweaty, unforgiving fields of the South, to the Northern industrial cities, with their relative freedom and broader horizons. Weaver, attuned to the telling detail gives us the



before and after with crystal clear brushstrokes. Here the husband thinks of his new life with his wife and the past he left behind:

"Steelworker now, ain't no farmer no more,
met my wife in the mills, not a juke joint floor.
I got a time clock to punch and work shoes too,
no mule to prance behind and feed hay to chew.

My dreams touch the sky and tickle heaven
as we forget the night riders and the evils of men,
while we save money for our little house
where we can feed our children a plate of souse."

Weaver, a respected academic, was a factory worker in Baltimore for many years. He knows his lineage and was part of the next generation of African-Americans to leave their blue-collar jobs to join the professional class. It is amazing what Weaver can do with thirteen poems. But a top shelf poet, with an economy of words, can create a whole world, a whole history for his reader. Weaver has achieved this.

Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Professor William Harney of Endicott College has the gimlet eye of a newspaper reporter and the sensibility of a poet. Look below and see why.

Street Scene

This was road rage before we had given it a name.
The assailant swung a baseball bat over his head with the
confidence of a circus performer;
A second boy was weeping on his knees. Was it his uncle
Who tried to intervene, draw the violence to himself?
The rest of us were frozen to the walk
When a woman coming out of a bodega
Set her bags down and ran into the
Middle of the street, hands up to make peace.
And then, the oddest thing: she walked up to the
Boy who had made us cower, took him by the ear and
led him off.
The boy smiled sheepishly as though found out,
Threw the bat into the back of his car and was gone.
We should have carried the woman on our shoulders, but no--
A friend helped her pick up her things. That was all.
And then the woman was gone, too.

— William Harney

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| 2. Wood Engraving | and Franklin; and Bush,
George H. and George W. |
| 3. Tall sailing ships masts | |
| 4. Weathergirl | 8. Paper Roses |
| 5. Ducks | 9. Al Capone |
| 6. Botany | 10. Richard Nixon |
| | 11. Vincent Furnier |
| 7. Adams, John and
John Q.; Harrison, Wm.
and Benjamin; Johnson, | 12. Three sets: F-G-H,
J-K-L, and O-P |

Somerville illuminated

Nave Gallery to showcase holiday photos

By Rebecca Danvers

In advance of the rapidly approaching holiday season, Nave Gallery will be presenting *Illuminated: A Photographic Essay of Holiday Lights* from November 15 to December 14 (closed Thanksgiving weekend) at their main gallery, 155 Powder House Blvd., Somerville. The gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, 1-5:00 p.m. The exhibit will feature the photographic works of local artists turning their eyes towards the city's varied array of holiday decorations, with an emphasis on the lights that illuminate the festive season.

Some of the featured artists include Jim Baab, Kelly Burgess, Melissa Eder, MaryAnne Hinkle, Bill Kouwenhoven, Rachel Mello, H.D. Motyl, Robert Thurlow, Lenny Rigione, V Van Sant,



The annual illumination of Somerville is the subject of Nave Gallery's newest photographic exhibit.

and Jill Waterman. The exhibit will be juried by Carlene Campbell, Heather Balchunas, Greg Jenkins and Rachel Strutt of the Somerville Arts Council.

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