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Happy Thanksgiving Day From the Publisher and Staff of The Somerville Times **GLX** builders selected, approved

The Green Line Extension project's design and build team, GLX Constructors, was selected and approved over the course of the past week.

By Jim Clark

Last week the MBTA Green Line Extension project team conducted a "price opening" to select the design-build firm that will perform the design and construction for the Green Line Extension (GLX).

A total contract price offering of \$1,082,118,600 by a Joint Venture of GLX Constructors won the day. All six additive options and MBTA contingency was included in

According to the MBTA, the inclusion of prioritized additive options means that in addition to track infrastructure and seven station stops, construction will include platform canopies, additional elevators at select stations, public art, additional community connection to the community path located on Continued on page 4

Catholic Charities and United Way distribute turkeys in Somerville and beyond

By The Times Staff

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston is partnering with the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley to distribute over 6,500 Thanksgiving meals, including turkey and the fixings, to families in need throughout Boston and the surrounding communities this month.

Catholic Charities' distribution is part of United Way's effort to distribute meals to more than 12 local communities through their annual Thanksgiving Project. Thanksgiving baskets, consisting of more than 150,000 total pounds of food, are being distributed in different areas of the state, including Catholic Charities Greater Boston location at 270 Washington Street in Somerville this past Saturday.

Catholic Charities will also be welcoming volunteers from the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund and Boston College to assist with the



Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston and the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley are teaming up to help needy families in the area enjoy a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

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From all of us here at *The Times*, we hope that everyone has a great Thanksgiving holiday with your family. It's been a good year for a lot of us. Think of ten things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Somerville ranked 24th out of 25 top cities to raise kids, in a study done by National Council for Home Safety and Security. Somerville has been a special place for hundreds of thousands of us in the past and will continue to be so in the future. This doesn't surprise many of us who live here and the many who grew up here. This makes us all feel proud.

The East Somerville clothing drive, which began on November 13, continues through to Friday, November 24. Hosted by Second Chances, Inc. and Mudflat Pottery School. You can find donation boxes at Whole Foods Market, 45 Beacon St. and Architectural Openings, 16 Garfield Ave. Second Chances reuses and recycles clothing, shoes and accessories so that homeless and lower income people feel confident and valued as they take their first steps toward brighter futures. For for more details go to www.secondchances.org/clothingDrive-Mudlflat2017. Drop off Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Celebrating their birthdays this turkey week are some of the Ville's nicest people. Happy birthday to John Hight, a new grandfather who has a lot to celebrate this year. Happy birthday to Joan Puglia, a lifelong resident and a nice lady. We hope she has a great day and week on this, her birthday. Happy birthday to a good guy with a great heart, Bobbygeorge Potaris. We hope he is having a great birthday and Thanksgiving week with his family and Lauren, his better half. Happy birthday to Josh Lewin, who is celebrating this week. He is the owner of Julia's in Union Square, a successful restaurant right in the square on Washington St. Also, Happy birthday to Geraldine Nolan McLaughlin, another great lady of our city. We hope she has a great day for herself. Happy birthday John Bonner, a Somerville firefighter. We wish him the Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Building the GLX to Route 16

Mario Chamorro says:

Hopefully Arlington will one day vote to extend the Red Line and this Green Line Extension even further. Thank you for this update and your work for our neighborhood.

DATGruntled says:

"Hopefully Arlington will one day vote to extend the Red Line"

Long sailed. Arlington, and especially Lexington went heavily against the Red line extending back when it was run out to Alewife. I doubt you will find the political will to try to extend it now. As for the Greenline going out to Medford, they have been almost as opposed as Lexington was. Which is a shame. The greenline going out to Winchester or Stoneham would be a wonderful thing for the whole region.

ritepride says:

In the beginning.... the red line was to extend up Rte 2 to Rte 128 down to the Turnpike and follow up into Framingham. Arlington did not want it then so the extension of the Red Line past Alewife was killed.

Ironic that if Arlington is against it, it wont happen yet if the people in West Medford don't want the GLX, their wish is denied. Only reason the GLX extended into Medford was to satisfy Tufts. (New Mob Rule)

Seems that improved T transit areas within Boston, (Dorchester/Jamaica Plain), part of the Transit Project was to be done soon following completion of the Big Dig project, yet which was purposely pushed aside for the GLX Somerville project.

Matt says:

Planning at the regional level should Trump local nimbys.

Somerbreeze says:

Arlington voted against the Red Line going any further than Alewife because they didn't want the "bad elements: (read:Minorities) coming into the town.

Response to: They took it up with his boss

Old Taxpayer says:

Much as it was not the right thing to do I can't blame the driver. It is a tough job making deliveries in this city. Made even more difficult by our so called improvements. I can see maybe one day there will be a surcharge to make deliveries based on the fact there is no place for the truck to park to make them. Anyone who has done this would fully understand this frustration and why one would go off the deep end like this.

marvgard says:

It is illegal to close a road because you want to. All this idiot driver had to do was end the obstruction when asked to. In my opinion, the city should pass a law with stiff fines for obstruction during rush hours.

Genie Geronimo says:

Unable to make deliveries without blocking traffic because the road is now too narrow to double park & allow cars to squeeze by? Like it or not, this is how most deliveries need to be made to stores on streets like this, unless they happen to be blessed with a loading zone.

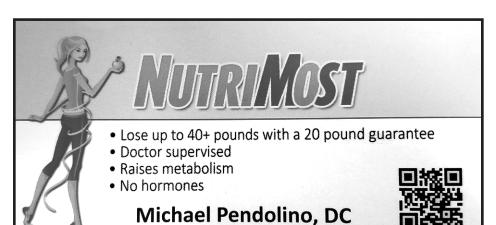
The driver should have taken off and left the business owner to take the issue up with his (new) alderman, though I highly doubt that would go anywhere.

Matt c says:

It's unfortunate that people seem to think that rules don't apply to them. As for the alderman, let's hope they do look for ways to help local businesses

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School Winter Concerts

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- + All-City Middle School Ensembles: Thursday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.
- · Somerville High School Performances Ensembles: Thursday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.

City seeks improved public information on new high school

By Jim Clark

An order was put forward and approved at the latest regular meeting of the Somerville Board of Aldermen on November 9 asking that the Director of Capital Projects or the Director of Communications share with the Board their plan for keeping community members informed on a regular basis about the high school building project.

Co-sponsor of the order, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, expressed his feeling that more communication from the Director of Capital Projects regarding the high school project should be shared with the public on a regular basis.

"Alderman Rossetti has kept us very informed about the progress of the high school project, but unfortunately the same is not true of the public," Niedergang told the Board. "There have not been regular communications. I put this item in because a number of School Committee members have mentioned this to me and say that they're concerned about it."

Niedergang indicated that the School Committee members were not aware of what the high school communications plan consists of and that the communication has not been very good.

"I'm not aware of what the communication plan is and I haven't seen regular communication," Niedergang said. "There is a lot of communication coming out of City Hall, but I haven't seen much on the high school. I hope there's a plan, and I hope to see it."

Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti

agreed, saying, "The last time I reported out to you all from our last meeting, I had been given the powers by the Committee to step it up for communication. I had raised the concern in the Committee meeting itself that we needed to increase communication."

Rossetti stated that she held multiple conversations with Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters on the matter, who is equally concerned, as well as Tim Snyder from the Mayor's Office and Robert King from the Capital Projects and Planning Department.

"Every time I see Mr. King I have that stern conversation that if you don't call me soon I'm gonna throw a major hissy fit," Rossetti said. "So, Alderman Niedergang put this order in and as early as this morning I reminded Mr. Snyder that I am still waiting for an answer on that."

Rossetti said that she is as frustrated as Niedergang is regarding the matter, and that certain School Committee members are feeling the same way.

Board President and Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr. expressed surprise that these School Committee members did not bring the issue up with him, since he attends their regular meetings.

Rossetti emphasized the need to increase communication and credited Alderman McWatters for his efforts to help improve the communication issue.

Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne asked to be added as a co-sponsor of the order, reminding the Board that she herself addressed this issue last year.

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You have until November 24 to vote for your favorite category. To cast your vote, email us at thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com or mail in your ballot to The Somerville Times, 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The winners will be announced Wednesday, November 29, 2017. If you don't see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

Best of Somerville

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Best Italian Food

Best Chinese Food

Best Mexican Food

Best Portuguese Food

Best Local Deli

Best Variety and all around Restaurant

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Best Local Bar

Best Thai Food

Best Hamburger Best Mac & Cheese

Best Hot-Dog

Best Roast Beef Sandwich

Best Pizza

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Best Convenient/Neighborhood Store

Best Somerville Non Profit Agency

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Best Idea in 2017 Worst Idea in 2017

By Jim Clark

He just wanted to be a kid again

Police officers were dispatched to the Kmart store at Assembly Row last Saturday on reports that three suspected shoplifters were being held by loss prevention staff.

Upon arrival, the loss prevention officers directed the officers to two suspects who were apprehended as they exited the store.

One suspect, a female who claimed to be a juvenile, was immediately very vocal, and noticeably reluctant to follow the officers' commands.

Once in the loss prevention office, the female identified herself to the officers, and the male identified himself as Tyler Dejesus.

The loss prevention officers said that the two had concealed a pair of jeans, gloves, and candy in a shopping bag, but had dumped the items near the store vestibule once approached

Additionally, the two had allegedly opened a bag of candy while in the store and ate it. An unidentified male was with the two, and allegedly assisted in the shoplifting.

As both suspects insisted they were juveniles, the officers attempted to contact their legal guardians.

The officers were unable to locate information on the suspects, and they were reportedly extremely evasive in their answers, lying on multiple occasions, in the opinion of the officers.

Dejesus was reportedly adamant that he was a seventeen-year-old who left foster care in Brooklyn, NY, without being emancipated, and the female suspect repeatedly backed his story, according to reports.

The officers asked Dejesus multiple times if he had any other names, to which he reportedly replied with sarcastic remarks.

After going as far as contacting New York Child Services, and his former foster mother, a child services social worker was able to provide the officers with Dejesus's true identity and age:

Brandon Dejesus, aged 18.

The social worker reportedly told police that Dejesus had signed himself out of foster care in August of this year, after turning eighteen.

Dejesus was handcuffed, and placed under arrest conspiracy, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

The female suspect repeatedly stated she had no idea her boyfriend of ten months, who she has known for four years, was lying about his name and age. She went so far as to begin crying, and continued denying any knowledge of Dejesus's lies.

Shortly thereafter, the officers

received a call back from the girl's stepfather, with whom she said she does not have a relationship, was on vacation in Florida, and was unavailable by phone.

The girl's father gave police the girl's true name and said that she has a warrant out and is missing from a group home because she repeatedly runs away. He also reportedly stated he did not know why the two were out shoplifting, as they just got paychecks. When asked if the girl knew Dejesus's real name and age, he said she knew all along.

The girl was taken into custody as a juvenile and charged with the same offenses as Dejesus.

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Arrests:

James Capobianco, of 62 Main St., November 17, 1:20 p.m., arrested at Fremont St. on a warrant charge of disorderly conduct.

Jarod Bryan, of 141 Spring St., Cambridge, November 17, 3:42 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges

sisting arrest.

Daniel Cunha, of 9 Pinckney Place, November 17, 9:35 p.m., arrested at Highland robberv.

Brandon Dejesus, of 88 Munroe St., Roxbury, November 18, 7:00 p.m., arrested at

of larceny over \$250 and re- Ave. on a charge of unarmed Canal St. on charges of conspiracy, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

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GLX builders selected, approved

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Chester Street in Somerville, extension of the community path between East Somerville and Lechmere Stations and an enhanced vehicle maintenance facility in Somerville.

On Monday of this week, the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board accepted the recommendation to select GLX Constructors as the design-build firm that will perform the design and construction for the project.

GLX Constructors is comprised of Fluor Enterprises, Inc., The Middlesex Corp., Herzog Contracting Corp., and Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc.

Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone's public reaction to Monday's decision was brief and to the point: "We've got critical momentum on the Green Line Extension. Looking forward to getting some official timelines in the near future."

Parent-teacher conferences underway

Somerville Schools parent-teacher conferences are underway. Remaining conferences include:

- Argenziano School November 28, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- Brown School November 30, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Capuano Early Childhood Center November 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Kennedy School November 29, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- West Somerville Neighborhood School November 30, 3:00-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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2017 Wellbeing of Somerville Report released

The City of Somerville and Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) released today the 2017 Wellbeing of Somerville Report, a comprehensive look at the health of city residents. The report highlights health across the life stages: prenatal and early childhood, school age and adolescent, early adult, young adult, middle adult, and older adult.

"Using the social determinants of health in this report emphasizes the connections among health education, economy, housing, food security, safety, and health care and the impact they have on the general wellbeing of a community," said co-author Doug Kress, Somerville's Health and Human Services Director.

In addition to the life stages data, the report also contains demographic data, including population figures and information on diversity in schools, educational attainment, poverty, housing access, health care access, and more.

"CHA's mission is to improve the health of the communities we serve, and we are honored to take part in this initiative to better understand the drivers of health in Somerville across the lifespan," said Cambridge Health Alliance CEO Patrick Wardell. "We look forward to learning together from the report about what factors are impacting the wellbeing of Somerville residents. As the health delivery system that cares for more than 25,000 Somerville residents annually, CHA is committed to working collaboratively on the next steps of this community health improvement process."

"Data-driven decision making is at the core of who we are, and the data recorded in the Wellbeing Report gives us an opportunity to begin a community wide dialogue about the health of our city and the steps we want to take to improve it," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Taking cues from our SomerVision process, we're excited to embark on a collaborative planning process alongside fellow government agencies, health care and community partners, and our residents to identify community health priorities and develop a comprehensive Community Health Improvement Plan."

Among the findings in the re-

- Somerville has one of the largest populations of young adults in the country with a median age of 31.3 years, and more than 32% of the population between the ages of 25 and 34
- In 2016, 80% of Somerville High School students reported that they had an adult outside of school they could talk to and



(L to R) Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Doug Kress, Director of Health and Human Services, and Lisa Brukilacchio, Director of Somerville Community Health Agenda.

64.4% had a similar relationship with an adult in school.

- In 2015, residents ages 35-64 were least likely to have health insurance and 6.1% of residents had no health insurance.
- Alcohol and substance-related emergency department visits for adults aged 65+ were higher than the state average.
- + Lung cancer was the leading cause of death for those aged 65+; Somerville's rate of lung cancer deat hs is significantly higher than the state average.

The next phase of the report process will involve gathering community input on health and wellbeing priorities and developing Continued on page 21



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of November 13-17.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (H 4032)

Senate House 155-1, Senate 37-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that would give public school districts the power and flexibility to offer other English Language Learner (ELL) programs in addition to or instead of the current sheltered English immersion program. The current immersion program, approved by Massachusetts voters on a ballot question in 2002, requires all students, including those not yet fluent in English, to be taught English by being taught all subjects in English and to be placed in English language classrooms.

Supporters said since the year 2000, the number of ELL students in Massachusetts has doubled to more than 90,000 students or 9.5 percent of the entire student population. They argued that schools need the flexibility to implement a program that will fit the needs of their students rather than the "one size fits all" current law. They said that the English immersion mandate is not working and noted that these students continue to lag behind their peers in high school graduation rates and going to college.

The lone opponent did not respond to a request for a comment by Beacon Hill Roll Call.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHANGES (H 4011)

House 144-9, approved a bill making some major changes to the state's criminal justice system including repealing mandatory minimum sentences for low level drug offenders, restricting the use of solitary confinement, allowing for the expungement of juvenile records and strengthening laws against fentanyl trafficking.

Supporters said the bill is a balanced one that updates many laws and repeals some arcane laws while still protecting the public. They argued that the bill is a big step toward ending the vicious cycles of incarceration and crime.

"The reforms made in this bill address all aspects of the criminal justice system from a person's first contact with the criminal justice system, up until an individual leaves the system and re-enters society," said Rep. Claire Cronin (D-Easton). "We have updated and improved our laws, made the system more equitable, and are giving people opportunities to rebuild their lives, while also ensuring public safety."

"Our objective with this legislation is to reduce recidivism by removing the many obstacles facing justice-involved individuals after they have served their time," said Rep. Ronald Mariano (D-Quincy). "Individuals in our communities deserve a chance to effectively transition back into productive members of society, and this bill eliminates roadblocks toward achieving that goal. We believe these changes will be instrumental in encouraging folks that mistakes of their past will not serve as a life sentence."

Opponents said that the bill goes too far and weakens the state's criminal justice laws in many ways.

"To get rid of minimum mandatory sentences for fentanyl drug dealers is irresponsible," said Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman). "Larceny felony will no longer start at \$250 but rather \$1,000, making everything under \$1,000 a misdemeanor. That says Massachusetts doesn't consider stealing to be a serious crime. The commonwealth should be strengthening public safety, not passing a 'soft on crime' bill that fails to hold drug dealers accountable."

"We are facing a drug epidemic that is killing people every day," said Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton). "Drug traffickers are knowingly selling deadly fentanyl. Rather than applying harsh penalties, this bill eliminates virtually all mandatory sentences. This criminal justice bill is 'soft on crime,' fails to protect people, neglects victims and will exacerbate the drug epidemic we are facing."

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

DELAY HEROIN PENALTY (H 4011)

House 117-36, approved a motion that would indefinitely delay an amendment creating a new penalty for heroin trafficking that results in a death. The motion would allow the measure to take effect only after the state has furnished a study of the legislation's impact on public safety and the economy of the state and local cities and towns.

Delay supporters said these dealers can already be charged with manslaughter or second-degree murder under current law.

Delay opponents said it is time to crack down on these heroin dealers who peddle this dangerous substance and are responsible for many deaths across the state. They also noted that the motion made by the Democrats to delay the amendment is sneaky and is simply a way to help Democrats avoid a direct vote on the amendment.

(The vote was on delaying the amendment. A "Yes" vote is for delaying the amendment. A "No" vote is against the delay.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

DELAY HEROIN AND FENTANYL PENALTY OVERRIDE GOV. BAKER'S VETOES (H4011)

House 110-41, approved a motion that would indefinitely delay an amendment that would impose up to a life sentence, of which a minimum of five years must be served, and a \$25,000 fine on anyone who manufactures, distributes or dispenses heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamine, lysergic acid or diethylamide or phencyclidine (PCP) that causes the death of the user.

The motion would allow the measure to take effect only after the state has furnished a study of the legislation's impact on public safety and the economy of the state and local cities and towns.

Some delay supporters said the amendment is not necessary because under existing law the district attorney can charge the offender with second-degree murder or manslaughter. Others said addiction is a disease and often people who are selling these drugs don't know what they

are selling and are simply dealing to support their habit. They noted that recriminalizing and incarcerating a person with a drug problem does not offer any solutions to the drug problem.

Delay opponents said these dealers are killing our children and argued that they need to know that there will be major consequences if they kill the children of the commonwealth. They noted that fentanyl caused many of the more than 1,933 opioid-related deaths in the Bay State last year. They also noted that the motion made by the Democrats to delay the amendment is sneaky and is simply a way to help Democrats avoid a direct vote on the amendment.

(The vote was on delaying the amendment. A "Yes" vote is for delaying the amendment. A "No" vote is against the delay.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

FELONY THRESHOLD (H 4011)

Under current law, a person who commits theft under \$250 is charged with a misdemeanor and above \$250 with a felony which carries a stiffer sentence.

A section of the criminal justice bill debated last week proposed raising the \$250 threshold to \$750.

House 117-36, approved an amendment that would increase the proposed \$750 threshold to \$1,000.

Amendment supporters said the \$250 threshold has not been raised since it was established in 1987 and has not kept pace with inflation. They argued that as a result, what used to be misdemeanor thefts have been charged as felonies and Massachusetts ends up charging thefts at the felony level far more often than other states.

Amendment opponents said the hike to \$1,000 would result in serious theft being categorized as a minor misdemeanor.

(A "Yes" vote is for the hike to \$1,000. A "No" vote is against the hike.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

The next four roll calls are on overriding some of Gov. Charlie Baker's cuts of \$320 million in spending in the \$39.4 billion fiscal 2018 state budget. A two-thirds vote in both branches is needed for a veto to be overridden.

House and Senate Democratic leaders say the budget is balanced and that it is necessary and fiscally responsible to override Baker's cuts that would hurt many people including the sick, seniors, children and minorities.

The governor and GOP leaders question if the state can afford to restore this funding. Some Republicans said that because of this uncertainty they voted to sustain all of Gov. Baker's vetoes, even though it meant voting against restoring funding for many good programs they would otherwise have supported.

\$100,000 TO PACE FOR CAMPUS COLLABO-**RATIONS (H 3800)**

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



Senate 31-6, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of the entire \$100,000 for the Partnership to Advance Collaboration and Efficiencies (PACE), a collaborative initiative of the Bay State's nine state universities and 15 community colleges.

According to its website, the PACE mission is to "lead a systematic effort for campus collaborations which will benefit each institution, their geographic region and the commonwealth. It is designed to promote cost savings and operational efficiencies, increase productivity and improve service delivery."

(A "Yes" vote is for spending the \$100,000. A "No" vote is against spending it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PUNISH SANCTUARY CITIES AND TOWNS

(H 1107) - The Municipalities and Regional Government Committee held a hearing on legislation that would withhold local aid from any cities or towns that do not enforce federal immigration laws. The withholding would also apply to communities that have established themselves as "sanctuary" cities or towns that offer protection in a variety of ways to illegal immigrants. Massachusetts currently has five sanctuary cities and towns: Cambridge, Chelsea, Northampton, Somerville and Springfield.

Supporters of the bill say cities and towns that encourage law-breaking are hurting this nation. They argued the state should do everything it can to dissuade those who seek to come here illegally.

Opponents of the bill say it is mean-spirited and noted that some individuals are here because of political asylum. Others said they oppose sanctuary cities but do not support cutting off local aid as punishment.

FINGERPRINT UBER AND LYFT DRIVERS (H

535) - A bill before the Joint Committee on Financial Services would require the state to conduct fingerprint checks of the state and national criminal history databases for applicants looking to drive for Uber and Lyft. Sponsor Rep. Danielle Gregoire (D-Marlborough) said while there are current laws that go a long way toward fairly regulating these services, there is more the state can do to protect the public safety. "Massachusetts residents should be able to utilize these services with the knowledge that lawmakers have done everything possible to ensure their safety," said Gregoire. "It is our job to ensure that the playing field is level for all ride for hire services and this bill is an attempt to further that goal."

COUNTERFEIT AIRBAGS (H 1803) - The Committee on Transportation held a hearing on legislation that would make it illegal to import or sell counterfeit airbags in Massachusetts. Over the past few years, thousands of counterfeit airbags have made their way into the Bay State through purchases on the Internet. "I filed this bill to protect Massachusetts drivers from being injured and killed when counterfeit airbags fail to deploy properly," said Rep. Jennifer Benson (D-Lunenburg).

FINES FOR JAYWALKING (H 1834) - The Transportation Committee's hearing also included a bill allowing cities and towns to fine pedestrians for jaywalking. Violators would be fined \$25 for a first offense, \$50 for a second offense and \$100 for subsequent offenses.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the

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 13-17, the House met for a total of 26 hours and 58 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 24 hours and 17 minutes.

Mon. November 13	House 11:01 a.m	. to 6:36 p.m.
	Senate 11:15 a.m	. to 4:56 p.m.
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Tues. November 14 House 1 2:01 p.m. to 9:09 p.m. Senate 1:13 p.m. to 4:51 p.m.

Wed. November 15 House 11:59 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Senate 1:11 p.m. to 8:40 p.m.

Thurs. November 16 House 11:05 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:10 p.m.

Fri. November 17 No House session
No Senate session

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	Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Ov	er the Past Mo	nth:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
15 Hanson Street	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	11	\$648,000	\$729,000
18 Forster St	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	33	\$779,900	\$845,000
14 Bartlett St	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath Victorian	33	\$799,900	\$800,000
54 Prescott St	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Colonial	14	\$799,900	\$815,000
46 Highland Rd	8 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	7	\$1,275,000	\$1,300,000
7 Cedar Street Place	10 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Contemporary	17	\$1,469,000	\$1,490,000

	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over	the Past Month	:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
290 Highland Ave U:3A	4 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath Low-Rise	22	\$975,000	\$1,015,000
290 Highland Ave U:PH B	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Low-Rise	1	\$1,032,000	\$995,000
39-A Oxford St U:Left	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	287	\$1,099,995	\$1,025,000
2 Loring Street U:C	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Low-Rise	18	\$1,195,000	\$1,160,000
12 Clyde St U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Townhouse	36	\$1,324,900	\$1,315,000
10 Clyde St U:1	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	36	\$1,369,900	\$1,349,000
8 Clyde St U:1	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	70	\$1,399,900	\$1,355,000
38 Chandler Street U:B	9 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	38	\$1,775,000	\$1,735,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over	the Past Mon	nth:	
Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
2 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	49	\$1,150,000	\$1,000,000
3 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,375,333	\$1,390,000
2 unit, 13 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	5	\$1,425,000	\$1,550,000
2 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	43	\$1,678,000	\$1,570,000
3 unit, 22 total room, 9 total bedroom 3 Family	34	\$1,689,000	\$1,700,000
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Tri-Club Thanksgiving luncheon



















This past Tuesday afternoon the three services clubs of Somerville came together once again as a tradition to celebrate Thanksgiving. Hosted by Somerville Rotary at the Holiday Inn, joining in with the members of Somerville Rotary were the Somerville Lions and Somerville Kiwanis clubs. All three clubs presented checks to the Somerville Homeless Coalition and Catholic Charities here in Somerville. Both organizations do a lot to help many people here in Somerville especially around the holidays. All three clubs are very active here in the city, and all three have websites. If you are a business owner, in management, or a non-profit, and are looking to get involved here in the city, you can go online and read about all three clubs. They do a lot of charitable work here for many organizations. — Text and photos by Donald Norton

Dorothy's Corner



Semolina Kitchen & Bar

If you're a fan of Dave's Fresh Pasta, you're in for a treat. Semolina Kitchen & Bar opened in late July of this year by Dave Jick, the owner of Dave's Fresh Pasta. They offer a lunch and dinner menu featuring starters of meatballs, olives, salads with your choice of protein, sub sandwiches, like eggplant, pasta dishes like seafood fra diavlo using Dave's pasta and offer an array of wood oven pizzas, including the Margherita. Be sure to check out the specials of the day listed on the chalkboard. Many more options are available, so check out the link below to view the menus.

When you first walk into the dining area, it's one large open spaced, industrial styled room with an L shaped bar and about 12 tables. The walls are made of glass, allowing much natural light coming in throughout the day. The staff is friendly and quite knowledgeable about the food and of the

many wine offerings. In my opinion, it's one of the best wine lists in the area.

There is a substantial wine list featuring wines from Italy, France, Greece, Australia and the United States. Most of these wines are available for purchase at Dave's Fresh Pasta located at 81 Holland St., Somerville, Davis Square. Cocktails and beer are also available.

I've been here multiple times already aiming to try different items on the menu. But, there's one item I always have to order, and that's the fried semolina calamari with a cherry pepper aioli dipping sauce. The lightly battered, tender and flavorful pieces of goodness are too addictive to skip. The meatball appetizer is another favorite, meatballs nestled in a simple tomato sauce using San Marzano tomatoes, herbed ricotta and grilled bread for mopping up the sauce. And if seafood is your thing, the seafood fra diavlo is packed full of mussels, calamari, cod, shrimp and scallops served in a rich tomato sauce over fresh pasta. This



dish is big enough for two people!

If you're looking to take out items like breakfast pastries, desserts and coffee, check out the pastry case for a variety of items.

For information on parking and takeout, please see the link to the website.

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Developers destroy Somerville Ward 4 residents' homes, ISD sitting on their hands

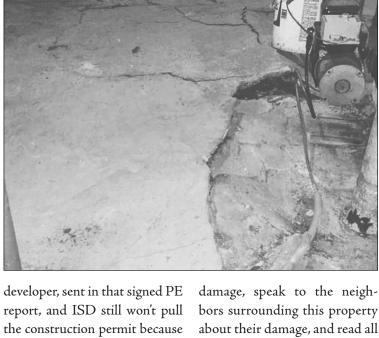
To the Editor,

I say this without exaggeration: My home was seriously damaged by the developers at 400-406 Mystic Avenue, and I am not alone. We were forced out of our homes along with 2 other families, and other properties surrounding the construction site are also severely damaged. And Somerville Inspectional services won't do a thing to protect us.

I live in a typical 3 unit Somerville home. The house, like most in Somerville, is 100 years old, and the properties are very close to each other. In the lot next to mine, a big developer came in looking to build a big multi-unit apartment complex that would have commercial space at the bottom. We were initially excited about the project, as we welcomed development in our area (Winter Hill) and we had seen the drawings online from meetings and the building looked like it was going to be great.

When they started building the foundation however, our house, and houses around the property were subject to insane vibrations, that were on the level of an earthquake. I was scared to be in the house during construction, but I figured the developers knew what they were doing. That was until myself and the other unit owners noticed that our foundation walls were now bowing and cracked, basement floor was cracked and bulging a foot off of its normal ground, and there was cracking all up the walls of both common areas and in our individual units.

We started the process of asking ISD to investigate (they told us someone came out but we later found out no one actually did, they told us they wouldn't do anything unless we had a structural engineer's stamped report). Independently we had an engineer come look at the damage and we were told that our foundation was on the verge of imminent collapse. My husband and I, along with the second floor owners (who were 9 months pregnant) and the first floor residents (who have two newborn twins), were forced to leave our home in fear of it collapsing and us being hurt. We sent the report to the ISD as this is what they asked for in order to revoke the construction permit and they told us they wouldn't pull the permit unless we could show that the developers caused the damage. We showed them pictures of the before situation we had from early 2017 of a basement that did not have the damage we were currently seeing, and our reports from mid 2015 when we purchased the unit that said our foundation was in good shape; this was not good enough to show cause according to ISD. So the impetus was on us, citizens of Somerville who pay taxes and own modest units, to pay for more engineers to come out and prove cause, instead of on the developers building a multi-million dollar building to show they did not cause the damage. We had another structural engineer come out to determine that the damage was in fact caused by the



they received a letter from the developers' engineer (the engineer did not put the PE stamp on the letter, and the engineer never visited our house and saw the damage).

Luckily, we have the funds to have a lawyer pursue this matter, but we are not sure that our neighbors, who also have damage do. I think we need to get visibility on this issue, as it affects many Somerville families and is a clear case of the ISD not protecting the citizens, and instead caring for the interests of large developers. I invite you to come to my house to see the

bors surrounding this property about their damage, and read all reports that we have gathered to shed light on this so maybe this doesn't happen to anyone else. The Boston metropolitan area is a developing one, and we can't have developers ruining people's homes and putting their lives at risk.

— Lynn Sargent Somerville

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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

A monthly look at ways to get involved with your city: Don't just live in Somerville, be Somerville

While my staff has provided many ways below for you to stay civically engaged with your city over the next few weeks, I want to encourage you get involved in your community this holiday season in other ways too. Support our students at this Saturday's Somerville High School Holiday Craft Fair or attend a fundraiser for Puerto Rico at Flatbread in Davis Square. Perhaps you can make a charitable contribution to one of our many local nonprofit organizations or head out on Small Business Saturday and support our local economy. Whatever avenue you choose, I hope you embrace the spirit of giving this holiday season.

From my family to yours, happy Thanksgiving, Somerville! I wish you all a safe and joyful holiday with friends and family. Community Members Sought to Serve on GLX Working

As part of a regional partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and the Cities of Cambridge and Medford, the City of Somerville is seeking residents to serve on the Green Line Extension (GLX) Working Group. The Working Group's role will focus on community impacts from construction activities, and members will assist with planning and implementation of community meetings related to construction. The City of Somerville is seeking applicants with knowledge of or experience with GLX planning, community planning or advocacy, and/or construction management, as well as strong social networks in the neighborhood and multilingual capacity. Interested residents should submit a letter of intent by Friday, November 24, to transportation@somervillema.gov or by mail to Transportation & Infrastructure Division, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Additional information is available at www.somervillema.gov/glxgroup.

Volunteers Needed to Administer Student Health Survey

The City seeks volunteers willing to give up approximately two hours of their time to help administer the student health survey to high school students in February 2018. Are you interested in meeting new people and helping out your community? If so, contact Cory Mashburn at cmashburn@somervillema.gov for more information or to sign up.

SHS Renovation: Changes to Central Hill Campus Parking Meeting, 11/27

With construction on the new Somerville High School set to begin early next year, gradual changes to the parking options on the Central Hill Campus (City Hall, Somerville High School, and the Somerville Public Library), will also begin at that time. Join City staff to review the parking study conducted by consultants from Nelson\Nygaard and to discuss the upcoming parking changes. More information, including the study's executive summary, can be found online at www.somervillema.gov/shsparking.

When/where: Monday, November 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Somerville High School Library, 81 Highland Ave.

Union Square District Improvement Financing (DIF) Hearing, 11/28

Residents are invited to attend and be heard at a public hearing of the Board of Aldermen Finance Committee around the proposal to create a Union Square Development District that will allow for Union Square District Improvement Financing. Mayor Curtatone will open the meeting with a brief presentation, and then it will be opened up for public testimony. Visit www.somervillema.gov/usqdif for more information about the proposals.

When/where: Tuesday, November 28, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Ave.

Union Square Coordinated Development Plan, 11/30

Master Developer US2's final proposed plan, the Union Square Coordinated Development Plan is before the Planning Board, and all interested persons are invited to attend and/or comment. Spoken testimony will be taken at the meeting, and written testimony can be submitted through November 30 by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617.625.0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov. Staff reports, plans, and Board decisions for the project can be viewed at www.somervillema. gov/unionsquareplanning.

When/where: Thursday, November 30, at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

Somerville Redevelopment Authority Seeking New Member

The Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) is a five-person board tasked with implementing the City's urban renewal plans. Interested Somerville residents with experience in community planning, public transportation, transit-oriented development, real estate development, housing or financial services, or design and architecture are encouraged to apply by submitting a resume and statement of interest to planning@somervillema.gov by close of business on Friday, December 8.

'Villens at Work' Scavenger

Hunt

The City of Somerville has begun a Workforce Development Strategic Plan to help guide investment in the local workforce system and we need your input. The 'Villens at Work' scavenger hunt will help the City learn about your career goals are as well as introduce you to the many businesses, workers, and skill-building programs in the city. Complete the tasks and you'll be entered to win a \$200 gift card to a Somerville restaurant of your choice. New challenges, along with additional bonus prizes, will be released every two weeks. The scavenger hunt ends December 1. For more information, visit somervillema. gov/departments/programs/ workforce-and-talent and click on the 'Strategic Plan' tab.

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What happened to Christians?



By William C. Shelton

I was raised by fundamentalist Christians. Between daily Bible readings and five-timesweekly church services, I had memorized large portions of the Scripture by the time I was in my teens. But what I read in the Bible seemed inconsistent with what I heard at church.

In church, I was taught that dancing, drinking alcohol, watching movies, playing cards, and listening to rock and

When I pointed out that Je- of-hell-free card. sus's first miracle was turning water into wine, I was told that it wasn't really wine, it was grape juice.

I don't remember what I was told when I questioned the passage where "David danced before the Lord." But I remember that the explanation strained credulity.

More pervasive and profound was the contrast between the church's judgmental and joyless culture and what I read as Jesus's message - a call to love and be generous to all.

What I heard in church was that humanity was intrinsically tainted. Were it not for Jesus's sacrifice, we were all doomed to eternal suffering. But "believing

roll were sinful and forbidden. in Him" was a kind of get-out-

And then there were the proclaimed-from-the-pulpit political injunctions. They all seemed to be at odds with what Jesus taught.

The "religious right" is not just preaching the same heresies today. They seem intent on establishing a theocracy that imposes them.

The roots of this movement were the reaction to legally mandated racial integration - the creation of Whites-only "academies," then universities, political organizations like the Family Research Council, PACs, and the mobilization of cultural warfare to capture for the Republican Party working people whom the Democrats had abandoned.

As blogger Charles Pierce medicine," increase mandatory wrote, "The religious right was not born out of opposition to Roe v. Wade. It was born out of opposition to Brown v. Board."

Jesus did not preach political activism, no matter how much some on both the left and the right want to believe. He did say that we should pay taxes, ("Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's...), but he emphasized that his kingdom is "not of this world."

He enjoined all who would listen to defend the powerless, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the prisoner, care for the sick, and give all that we can to the poor. But politically organized evangelicals work today to slash welfare and food stamps, exterminate "socialized minimum sentences and solitary confinement, and build a wall.

I'm thinking about all of this

because I've been reading a won-

derful new translation of the

New Testament, while unavoidably observing the spectacle of evangelicals rallying to support Donald Trump and Roy Moore. David Bentley Hart is an Eastern Orthodox Christian and a fellow at the University of Notre Dame. He has gone back to the earliest available Greek texts and translated them in the spirit of etsi doctrina non daretur. That is, "as if doctrine is not given." He has done his best to illuminate the original Greek for English readers, rather than to accom-

modate the meaning to the the-

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Our View Of The Times



Giving thanks for our blessings is normally an easy thing to do. We may often get caught up in the day-to-day trappings of scratching out a living, ducking misfortune, and seeking out an occasional highlight to add to our mental scrapbooks. Usually, though, we come around to feeling and expressing that special sense of appreciation and gratitude that comes in

moments of quiet reflection just in time to validate ourselves as worthy recipients of such blessings.

Thanksgiving Day gives us that little nudge we sometimes need to take stock in what is most important for us and to share in the sense of appreciation that we feel amongst one another.

Of course, for those of us who may be

blessed with material abundance, it is also important to help the less fortunate who may be in need as the winter holiday season unfolds. Consider giving a little of your time or money to make another's life a little better, particularly during the winter months to come.

For those among who may be struggling to keep it all together, remember to look

at what is good in life and remain faithful that change for the better is always waiting just around the corner.

May this holiday provide a meeting ground for all of us. One in which we can share in the goodness of life and fellowship between us all.

There's no better way to express our gratitude.

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very best of birthdays and thank him and his brothers and sisters at the fire department for their service. Happy birthday to Karen MacLeod Fraser, who grew up in East Somerville. Married to another Villen, we hope she has a great birthday for herself. Happy birthday to a good and kind person whom we have known many years, Diane Johansen is celebrating this week. We wish her all the best. Finally, to a good friend of ours who used to live here for many years and, Malitta Knault, a great lady, smart and with a good heart. We certainly hope she has a great day with her family. To all others here in Somerville celebrating this week, we send our birthday wishes and may all your wishes come true.

The "Winter Hill Yacht Club for Criminals" still has convicted felons as members of the club. We can't understand why the club who rents that beautiful piece of land from the STATE which has a huge fence around it, not to mention a gate to keep out residents, we guess - can still occupy the location. We understood that the lease to DCR states that no criminals can be members, or is that the club rules? We get confused sometimes. We also under-

stood that over 90% of the membership doesn't even live here in the city, and we know that many from the city have applied, but must wait their turn. Maybe because they don't have a criminal record that might be a reason that the club won't open its membership. Just saying. There needs to be an investigation by someone on their membership list and their application process. We raised this question before and we will keep raising it until the club cleans up its act. Don't forget, some of us here use to be "life members" until the E board changed the rules. It seems like they always want to change the rules when it suits them. We happen to think that the club should become a public marina for the residents of Somerville, especially now that 90% of the current club membership lives outside the city. We think the gates should be open to all of us here in Somerville. Maybe when the lease is up that will happen.

The Somerville Times Best of Somerville voting is still going, but will be wrapping up soon. When you see a business or person on the ballot (on page 3) that you like let us know. If you don't see a category that you think should be in-

cluded also let us know. You can email your choices (thebestofsomerville@ yahoo.com) or mail them to the office (The Somerville Times, 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144). Show your pride in a person or business or place you like and want to vote for.

******** Join Ward 3 Alderman Robert McWatters, and the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community **Development**, for the third in a series of community meetings to discuss upcoming renovations to Prospect Hill Park. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m., in the Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Ave. For more information about the planned park renovations visit www.somervillema.gov/prospecthillpark, or contact Luisa Oliveira at Loliveira@somervillema.gov.

The Somerville High School varsity football team has a neutral non-conference game vs. rival school Cambridge Rindge & Latin on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Russell Field. This in place of the traditional Thanksgiving Day game.

Don't forget the Wreath Sale Fundraiser in support of programming and maintenance at the Growing Center. The wreaths include handmade bows, in choice of three colors (red, burgundy or purple), cones and other natural materials. To order go to: https://goo. gl/forms/INrDIEB2EcCXvqP73. Wreaths will be available for pick-up at the first day of the season of the Winter Farmers Market at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., on Saturday, December 2, 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Wreath orders received before November 25 are \$35, later order wreaths are \$40.

This is strictly unofficial, but the word is Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne will be voted in as the new Board President, with Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin tapped as Vice President. We won't know for sure until the vote is taken after the swearing in ceremony early next year, but we wouldn't bet the farm against it. Congratulations to both - unofficially, of course. ********

One final note this week: do you hear crickets over there? We do, but we're not surprised. Are you?

Thanksgiving dinner for senior residents

On Tuesday evening, November 14, members of the Somerville Kiwanis Club - with a lot of help from the students and staff from Somerville High School Culinary Arts Department – served turkey dinners with all the fixin's to nearly one hundred senior residents at the Somerville High School Field House.

After dinner and dessert, everyone had an old time sing along and a few very lucky seniors left with a little more cash in their wallets.













































SPORTS

Outdoor fun for students at the Fells Reservation





A great day in the woods with adventurers from Somerville Public Schools was had on Wednesday of last week, with the help of Waypoint Adventure. They spent the day "noticing" - things like squirrels, crunching leaves, crisp air and the view of Boston. When's the last time you took time to notice?

Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge #604

- 1. Approximately how many feathers does a full grown turkey have?
- 2. What is a group of turkeys called?
- 3. How many days did the Mayflower take to across the Atlantic Ocean?
- 4. Who was the first baby boy born on the May-flower in the harbor of Massachusetts?
- 5. Who were the first pilgrims to be married at Plymouth Colony?

- 6. Who was the captain of the Mayflower?
- 7. How do you tell when a cranberry is ripe?
- 8. Who once banned the eating of pie?
- 9. What is a cordwainer?
- 10. What is Jamie Foxx's real name?
- 11. How much did a ticket cost for the Woodstock festival in 1969?
- 12. What fruit is in a Bellini cocktail?

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PHA Boys Soccer wins MCSAO State Championship



On November 11, the Prospect Hill Academy Boys Varsity Boys Varsity soccer team won the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO) Championship. It was a close game, with a 1-0 final score against Salem Academy Charter School. Congratulations to the players and coaches, as well as the families and fans who supported the team throughout their incredible season.

Celebrate the holidays in Somerville



Join Mayor Curtatone and City staff for Somerville's annual holiday celebrations, kicking off on Thursday, December 7, with the Christmas Tree Lighting and visit from Santa Claus, on the City Hall Concourse. Also part of the 2017 events are the Somerville Arts Council's Illuminations Tour on December 16, and a ceremonial lighting of a Menorah on the City Hall Concourse on December 19, coinciding with the final night of Hannukah.

The annual Christmas Tree lighting will start the holiday festivities on Thursday, December 7, at 5:30 p.m., followed by a meet and greet with Santa Claus in the Somerville High School Culinary Arts Bistro (atrium entrance). Santa Claus will be escorted by the Somerville Fire and Police Departments for the ceremony and will be available for photos following the tree lighting. All children attending the ceremony will also receive a gift from Santa. Live entertainment for the event will feature: The Somerville High School Band and Chorus, the Somerville Community Chorus, and El Sistema Somerville. Following the tree lighting, refreshments will be served at SHS, where children will be able to meet Santa.

On Saturday, December 16, residents and visitors are invited to the Somerville Arts Council's Illuminations Tour. Tour guides will lead trolleys past some of the City's most spectacular displays of holiday lights, sharing stories about the families that decorate and providing local historic trivia en route. Tours depart from the City Hall Concourse every 45 minutes beginning at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments, choral music and craft activities will be available inside City Hall. Trolley Tour tickets will be available at the Blue Cloud Gallery, 713 Broadway, beginning Sunday, December 3. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children and seniors. For more information, visit http://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/

Finally, a ceremonial Menorah Lighting will take place on Tuesday, December 19, at 5:30 p.m., with Rabbi Eliana from Temple B'nai Brith. All members of the community are invited to join Mayor Curtatone and City staff for a brief ceremony and photo on the City Hall Concourse. The Menorah will be lit each night of Hanukkah, though the ceremony will officially take place on the final night of Hannukah. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information on the City's holiday events, please call 311 (617-666-3311 from outside the City).

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SNN on the Street: GLX Quiz

With the Green Line Extension moving forward at an exciting pace, SNN hit the streets to see what locals know about the project.



Profile: Somerville Homeless Coalition

Check out our profile of the Somerville Homeless Coalition - an organization that provides shelter, food assistance, and guidance for the homeless in and around Somerville.

Create, Innovate & Educate: with the Somerville Public School

On this episode of CREATE, INNOVATE & EDUCATE: Uri Harel, Curriculum Coordinator for K-8 at the Somerville Public Schools, discusses STU-DENT INSIGHTS - a new tool that helps teachers and staff understand students' needs.



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

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

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

3 Royce Place (ZBA 2017-74): Applicant and Owner, Black Wolf Special Opportunity II, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter an existing three-family structure and convert it into a two-family structure and a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under SZO §7.2 and a Variance under §5.5 and §8.5 to construct a single dwelling unit in a second principle structure on the lot within the required front yard setback. RB Zone, Ward 1.

86 Fremont Street (ZBA 2017-106): Applicant, Feng Zhao, and Owner, Pinnacle Development, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to perform alterations to the nonconforming three-family dwelling including constructing an addition in the rear and modifying the front entry porch. The Applicant and Owner also seek a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief.

23-25 Boston Avenue (ZBA 2017-100): Applicant and Owner, 23-25 Boston Avenue, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the FAR by more than 25%, add dormers and an areaway within the non-conforming right side yard setback, and finish basement. RA zone. Ward 4.

57-59 Franklin Street (ZBA 2017-109): Applicant and Owner, Mattos Franklin, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the FAR by more than 25%, install three front entry doors, open rear porches and install areaways within the right side yard setback. Parking relief under §9.13. RB zone. Ward 1.

69 Concord Avenue (ZBA 2017-108): Applicant and Owner, George Meeker, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to make alterations to a non-conforming structure. RB zone. Ward 2.

If you have an interest in receiving updates on when an Applicant of a particular case requests a continuance to another hearing date, you may sign up for updates by visiting the URL for that case.

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Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at www.somervillema.gov/

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending a meeting. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 11/15/17 & 11/22/17.

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

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

374 Somerville Avenue (PB 2017-16) Applicant and Owner, 374 Somerville Ave, LLC, seeks approval of design and site plan review (DSPR) under SZO §6.1.22.D to construct a rear addition to the existing structure. Retail and office space will remain on the first floor and the second and partial third floor will become five dwelling units. A Special Permit under SZO §9.13 is also being sought for parking relief. CCD-55 zone. Ward 2. http://eepurl.com/c_kZsT

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#18-41 DPW Vehicle: Ford Super Duty F-350's With Plows & Sanders

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Bid Advertisement

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for SHA Project number 1633, Roof Replacement (AMP-2) Properzi Manor in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the Plans and Specifications prepared by EHA Design, Inc. 284 North Avenue, Weston, Massachusetts 02493.

The scope of work includes: Removal and legal disposal of the existing ballasted membrane roof, all associated membrane flashings, sealants, metal flashing and sheet metal, as required for the installation of a new insulated, granular surfaced, three ply cold process built up roofing system that includes, but is not limited to, the installation of all membrane flashings, metal flashings and all other associated work required for a complete and thorough installation.

The work is estimated to cost \$325,000.00, and take 60 calendar days to complete. Bids are subject to HUD Procurement Regulation #7460.8 Rev.2 and 24 CFR Part 85, and to the minimum wage rates required by U.S. Department of Labor's minimum Federal Wage Rates.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instruction on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 8, 2017 and publicly opened online forthwith. All Bids will be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com on November 15, 2017 (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of \$50 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc. Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. The deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon the return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise, the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00. Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$ 40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

General bidders shall be certified by the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for the category of Roofing. General bids shall be accompanied by a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility for the appropriate category, and an Update Statement. Failure to provide a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement will result in the bid being rejected.

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount. Bid deposits shall be in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, or a treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the **Somerville Housing Authority**.

A pre-bid conference will be held at Properzi Manor, 13-25 Warren Ave, Somerville, MA 02145 on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 2:00 PM, at which time access to the roof will be made available to prospective bidders. It is strongly recommended that prospective bidders

For additional information regarding this project contact the Somerville Modernization Department, at 617-625-1152.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

President William A. White, Jr. and Finance Committee Chair Tony Lafuente have called for a meeting of the Board of Aldermen's Finance Committee to conduct a Public Hearing on the Mayor's proposal to create a Union Square Development District (BOA #204437), and a Union Square District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development Program (BOA #204517). Information on this proposal can be found on the city's website at www.somervillema.gov/usqdif.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 6 PM, in the Aldermanic Chambers on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG **CITY CLERK**

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Snow Removals and Dumping 2017-18

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#18-36 DPW Vehicle

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NPW Vehicle

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#18-37 Bituminous Concrete

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Bituminous Concrete

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#18-40 DPW Vehicle: Ford Super Duty F-150's With Liftgate

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#18-43 DPW Vehicles: SM Ford Super Duty F-150

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#18-42 DPW Vehicles: Mack 6 Vehicles

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DPW Vehicle: Mack 6 Vehicle

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#18-38 Ready Mix Concrete

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB 18-29

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Bike Path Drainage Upgrades Between Willow Ave. and Grove St.

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Please contact Michael Richards at $\underline{mrichards@somervillema.gov}$ for more information.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Thursday November 23

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Friday November 24

Library Closed

Monday November 27

Central Library

Sing Along

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave Middle School Writers' Den 5:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday November 28

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library

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

Wednesday November 29

East Branch Library

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

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Wednesday November 22

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

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P.A.'s Lounge

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

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Thunder Road

Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Sheppard Romes

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Hearth Book Club

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Starstruck: Close Encounters of the Awkward Kind 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Thursday November 23

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Happy Thanksgiving! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm

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Friday November 24

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band | 6 p.m. HearNowLive presents \$10 cover|9

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The Burren

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Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

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379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

My Mother's Moustache 8 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet|7 p.m. B.U.M.P.|9 p.m.

Dirty Disney|10:15 p.m.

255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory THANGsgiving 2017 10 a.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hall

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday November 25

Sally O'Brien's

The Loop

Patsy Hamel Band | 6 p.m. Sonya Rae & Ryan Taylor, Nicole Berke & The Gems, Chris Kaz & Velcro Soul \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room: Porch Party Mamas Cover Up|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

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Broca's Area (Future Soul) 9 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Le Prestige 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Herbstalk Wintergreen Market 11 a.m.-5 p.m.| Performance Hall Iliza Shlesinger Live 7:30 p.m.| Performance Hall |191

Highland Ave The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew 7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Sunday November 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Benefit to Fight Parkinson's: Cooper Bros + Sean Danehy, Brad Meyer & Amy Lohman, Julie Dougherty & Woody Woodward, Chip Canty & Charlie Ortolani, Carolyn Waters & Rick Demers, Bill & Sam McQuaid + Ed Loechler, Lorraine & Bennett Hammond, Larry Flint's Road Scholars, Bucky Bear & Jimmy Ryan. Checks large or small payable to A.P.D.A..|1 p.m.

Roy Sludge Trio 6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3

p.m. Los Goutos 9 p.m.

Back Room Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

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Thunder Road

Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma, Andy Santospago, and Paul Chase. 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Connor Storms & His Boys|2 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

SLF Holiday Market 2017 11 a.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hall Sole Durato 3 p.m.| Café Songs of the Gilded Age 3 p.m.|Cafe

Cafe Raqs 7 p.m.| Cafe |191 Highland Ave

Monday November 27

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-

Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Bur-Run

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

Back Room

Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

The Tree That Falls*Sheri Ryder*Craig Lagrassa*Julia Anne Cohen 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia

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Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Dr Sketchy|7 p.m. Mike Gent (from The Figgs) John Powhida|7 p.m.

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Sally O'Brien's Bar

156 Highland Ave

Board Game Bonanza 6:30 p.m|14 Tyler Street

Tuesday November 28

SYM Tuesdays

The Burren Front Room

Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

p.m.

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

345 Somerville Ave

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First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

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PI Rvan's Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland

St.|617-625-8200 **Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m.

Aeronaut Brewing Co Indie Trivia

156 Highland Ave

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Pub Sing at The Armory 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday November 29

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

Backroom Series: The Moxie Strings and The Eamon Sefton Quartet 7:30

Comedy Night With Jordan Han-

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

P.A.'s Lounge

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Unotheactivist Thouxanbandfauni, Warhol.ss 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Lara Murray 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

New Play Reading Series

Arts at the Armory

Library Closed

7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

Thursday November 23

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).

Friday November 24

Saturday November 25 Union Square Farmer's Market

For more info call: 781-762-6629

9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

Family Groups

Library Closed

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 26 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday November 27 **West Branch Library** Book Talk & Craft

Central Library Creative Drama Workshop 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

7 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway

East Branch Library

West Branch Library Drop in Knitting at West Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday | November 28

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Books & Brews Book Club 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|14 Tyler St

Central Library NaNoWriMo: Come Write In 1 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday November 29

Central Library Mystery Book Club

7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

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 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

Afternoon at the Movies - Tuesday, November 28 starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. This month we are showing Megan Leavey, a moving drama about marine corporal Megan Leavey's bond with a military dog Rex as they detect explosives in Iraq. Runs approximately 1 hour and 56 minutes. RSVP to Josephine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Be SEEN! (Be Somerville Energy Efficient Now) -Tuesday, November 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. This program educates residents about city, state and federal programs to help make homes more energy efficient. Tenant, landlord or homeowner - there is a program for you. Please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 with questions or to RSVP.

Holiday Festival/Bazaar - Friday, December 1 at our Holland Street Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bake sale, raffles, wreaths, lunch, crafts, trees and many more holiday items.

Winter Wonderland Art Class with Linda Cohen - Friday, December 1 and Friday, December 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Holland Street Center. This class will combine glass painting and watercolor into a winter scene. Class size is limited. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register for this class. All supplies will be provided.

Michael Buble Tribute with artist Scott Keo – Tuesday, December 5 - \$83 includes transportation, lunch and show at Danversport Yacht Club. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot contact Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Illumination of Light Tour - Saturday, December 6 -Check in is at 4:15 p.m. at the High School Concourse - \$5 – Hop on the trolley and be amazed at the Holiday Lights in Somerville. For more information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Memory Café - Thursday, December 7 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant. A safe and comfortable place to share your stories and socialize with others who worry about their memory. RSVP by calling Natasha or Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Holiday Luncheon – Monday, December 11 at the Highlander Café (high school atrium) \$10 - to RSVP please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Holiday Party & Bingo - Thursday, December 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cross Street Center. Seating is limited. For more info or to reserve your spot please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Atlantic City - Wednesday, January 31 to Friday, February 2 - \$189 per person double or \$259 per person single - Includes: motorcoach transportation, 2 nights lodging, \$25 slot dollars, 2-\$30 meal credit and 2 casino show tickets. For additional information please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays

Keep Moving Walking Club** - 9:15 a.m. (H) Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Tuesdays

Strengthening - 9:15 a.m. - \$3 per class (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C) Bike Club - 12:15 p.m. (H)

Wednesdays

Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) - 8:45 a.m. Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m.

Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H)

Group C (nutrition) - noon (H)

Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H) Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

Thursdays

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H) Strengthening - 9:30 a.m. - \$3 per class (RJ) Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C) LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)

Fridays

Fit-4-Life - Group A - 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life - Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H)

Adventure Group - Please call for details

*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

** Keep Moving Walking Club is on hiatus until the Spring

Every Monday

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C)

Every Tuesday

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C, RJ) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Every Wednesday

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays (RJ)

Every Thursday

10:00 Current Events (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H) 11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ) 1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

Every Friday

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo (H)

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What happened to Christians? **CONT. FROM PG 10**

day, as have virtually all previous translators.

that in some places is awkward, and others, eloquent, as the New Testament's authors varied considerably in their writing skills. But it is all raw in its intensity and immediacy. It is the testimony of people who have been transformed by what they personally experienced and are compelled to share it. And what they share is provocative, at times confusing, and subversive of the Christianity we know today.

I will focus on one just one example: The first Christians were more communist than Karl Marx. This was always there but ignored - in the most popular translations. But this one makes it glaringly obvious.

just greed, or wealth obtained or Christian without being Jewish. What emerges is language used immorally. Rather, they condemned wealth, in and of itself, as evil. In the original Greek, the well-known eye-of-the-needle passage makes clear Jesus's statement that it is not humanly possible to save the rich.

> The apostles continued these admonishments. James, for example, writes, "Come now, you who are rich, weep, howling out at the miseries that are coming for you," and implies that wealth is theft from the workers.

Jesus repeatedly told his followers to sell their possessions and give them to the poor. That's exactly what the Christians of the apostolic age did. They lived in communes and held everything in common. And by the way, Christianity was a form

that in the Jerusalem church, a couple named Ananais and Sapphira held back part of the proceeds from the sale of their property and lied about it. Peter confronted them, and God struck them dead.

Even Karl Marx didn't condemn personal possessions. For him, "private property" meant the means of production. And wealth, not poverty, was to be shared by all.

So what happened to Christians? As late as the Fourth and Fifth Centuries, church leaders still denounced "private wealth as a form of theft, and stored riches as plunder seized from the poor."

But others were making doc-

They, and Jesus, condemned not of Judaism. One could not be trinal accommodations to the powers that be, suggesting that The book of Acts recounts the New Testament's condemnations of wealth were really condemnations of attitudes about wealth's acquisition and misuse.

Meanwhile, Christianity was becoming fashionable with aristocratic women, including the Emperor Constantine's mother. Constantine credited the Christian god with his military victory in 313, legalized the Church, and gave it lavish gifts.

Being a Christian went from being risky to being advantageous, attracting the upwardly mobile, opportunistic, and politically ambitious. This became a stampede in 380 when Christianity became the state religion. With a few wonderful exceptions, most Christian churches have managed to ignore their

Bible's plain text ever since.

In truth, it would be very difficult to live today as the early Christians did. I know that my own pettiness often gets in the way of following the simplest of Jesus's teaching. Yet it was challenging for those first Christians as well—often lethally so.

And "falling short" is rather different from fighting for public policy that is the opposite of what Jesus taught, while promoting politicians who embody everything that he condemned.

I think that Reverend Eric Elnes has stated this succinctly: "I've never understood why certain Christians are so eager to turn the United States into a Christian country when their time would be so much better spent turning their churches into Christian churches."

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a comprehensive Community Health Improvement Plan. Information regarding how to get involved with that process will be released soon.

The 2017 report represents a

continuation of more than 25 years of periodic review and analysis of Somerville public and community health data. The previous community-wide health data report was published

in 2011. The new report can be accessed online by visiting www. somervillema.gov/wellbeing.

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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	SCOUTV	4:00pm	SMC Special Programming	11:30am	DW conflict Zone
7:00am	Art at SCATV	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:30pm	SMC Community Media day	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:00pm	This Week at NASA	5:00pm	SCOUTV	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	TUTV	5:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
9:00am	DW Global 3000	11:00pm	Public Access Boyz	6:00pm	Road to Recovery	2:00pm	Science 360
9:30am	Esoteric Science	11:30pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions	7:00pm	Startup TV Boston	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
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10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	12:00am	Signs of Life	8:30pm	TUTV	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
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12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	1:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:30pm	The Kamla Show
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	2:00 am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	The summer house	7:00pm	Road to Recovery
1:30pm	Green Card Voices	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	Sunday, N	lovember 26	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
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4:00pm	NASA TV News feed	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	6:00am	Abugida TV	11:00pm	The Summer House
5:00pm	Physicians Focus	10:00am	This Week at NASA/ISS In-Flight Event	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes		
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8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	1:30pm	Road to Recovery	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	7:30am	Legacies
9:30pm	Don't Forget to Rock	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series	2:30pm	Hello Neighbor	12:30pm	The Literati Scene	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
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1:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm 6:30pm	Real Estate Answers	5:00pm	African Television Network	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	7:00pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	6:00pm	Duck Village: Beer During the Great War	1:00pm	Words On Film
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10:00am	The Kamla Show	'	,	10:00pm	Bioneers Uprising	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
10:30am	Somerville Pundits		November 25	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
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7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium	11:00am	Mens Soccer NCAA DIII Tournament	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
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9:00am	Rally Point	8:40pm	Inclusion Drives Innovation	12:00pm	Inclusion Drives Innovation	1:00am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17
9:30am	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	9:35pm	SomerViva en Espanol	1:00pm	Green Line Extension Public Meeting	2:17am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony
11:30am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	10:05pm	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	3:00pm	SomerViva em Português	2:30am	Raising Families "Immigration Law"
11:40am	Talking Business	Friday, N	lovember 24	6:30pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	3:00am	Talking Business
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 11.20.17	12:00am	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	8:08pm	Talking Business	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout
6:30pm	Rally Point	12:30am	TPS Solidarity Rally at State House	8:22pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	9:00am	TPS Solidarity Rally at State House
7:00pm	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17	1:35am	Congressional Update	8:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol	11:30am	Congressional Update
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Thursday	, November 23	12:00pm	Rally Point	2:17am	SomerViva em Português	8:01pm	BOA Finance Committee Meeting
12:00am	School Committee Meeting - 11.20.17	12:30pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	9:00am	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	9:30pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout	2:08pm	School Committee Meeting - 11.20.17	11:30am	Congressional Update	Tuesday	, November 28
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9:30am	Talking Business	8:23pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	12:30pm	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	1:38am	Talking Business
9:43am	SomerViva en Espanol	8:30pm	The 26th Yankee Division in WWI Lecture	12:53pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	2:00am	Inclusion Drives Innovation
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12:00pm	Senior Circuit	Saturday	, November 25	2:30pm	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17	9:00am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17
12:30pm	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	12:00am	Talking Business	6:30pm	Congressional Update	11:30am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
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Wednes	day, November 22
9:00am	Student of the Qtr - WSNS
9:30am	Student of the Qtr - Healey School
10:00am	SHS Fall Sports Rally 2017
12:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline
2:00pm	Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational
3:00pm	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Peabody - Playoff
5:00pm	Student of the Qtr - WSNS
5:30pm	Student of the Qtr - Healey School
6:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Latin
8:30pm	SHS Fall Sports Rally 2017
10:00pm	SHS Football vs CRLS
Thursda	y, November 23
12:00am	SHS Football vs CRLS
2:30am	SHS Fall Sports Rally 2017
9:00am	SHS Football vs CRLS
11:00am	SHS Football vs Watertown
1:00pm	SHS Football v Triton Reg'l.
3:05pm	SHS Football v Lynn Classical
5:30pm	SHS Football vs Lynn English

SHS Football vs CRLS

SHS Football vs Watertown

8:00pm

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Friday, November 24

12:00am SHS Football v Triton Reg'l. 2:05am SHS Football v Lvnn Classical 4:30am SHS Football vs Lynn English Our Schools, Our City - Early Education 9:00am 10:00am Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational 11:00am Student of the Otr - WSNS 11:30am Student of the Otr - Healey School 12:00pm SHS Fall Sports Rally 2017 SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline 1:00pm 3:00pm SHS Football vs CRLS Our Schools, Our City - Early Education 5:00pm 6:00pm Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational 7:00pm Student of the Qtr - WSNS 7:30pm Student of the Qtr - Healey School 8:00pm SHS Fall Sports Rally 2017 9:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline 11:00pm SHS Football vs CRLS Saturday, November 25

12:00am SHS Bovs Soccer vs Brookline SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott 2:00am 3:30am Public Domain Theater SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere 9:00am 11:00am SHS Boys Soccer v Medford 1:00pm SHS Fall Sports Rally 2017

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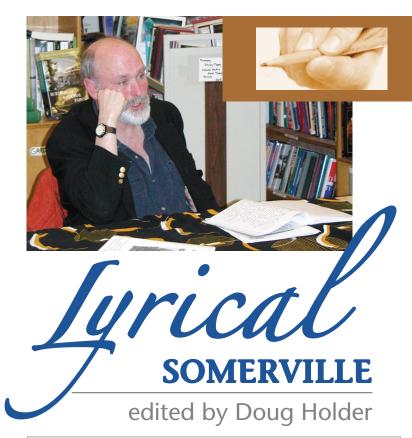
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Tuesday, November 28 12:30am Public Domain Theater Chris Herren Speaks to SHS 2:30am 9:00am SHS Boys Soccer v Beverly Student of the Qtr - WSNS 10:30am 11:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Masco 1:00pm SHS Boys Soccer v Danvers 2:30pm Our Schools, Our City - Early Education 3:00pm Student of the Qtr - Healey School 3:30pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm

Student of the Qtr Awards - ESCS SHS Football vs CRLS SHS Boys Soccer v Beverly Student of the Qtr - WSNS Student of the Qtr - Healey School Student of the Qtr Awards - ESCS SHS Football vs CRLS



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On the Train

Sometimes I dream of being on a train with no destination. An old fashioned train like the one in the Polar Express. It is night and it is snowing softly in the middle of December. There are Christmas lights on the horizon.

Red, green, white, purple, blue,

The blue ones are my favorite.

Inside the train, the seats are soft velvet

The color of maroon.

I'm sipping a hot, caramel coffee and I feel like

I'm holding happiness in my hands.

It is smooth and soft and tastes like home.

I can watch "The Office" on Netflix and laugh as loud as I want Because there is no one else on the train with me.

No passengers, no conductor

The train moves of its own accord with no destination in sight. I can talk to myself and no one will think I'm crazy. It is just me and my coffee and the Office, alone. And I am comfortable.

— Rianon Prushinski

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From on page 14 Ms. Cam's Answers

- 1. 3,500
- 2. A rafter
- 3.66
- 4. Peregrine White, son of William and Susanna White
- Susanna White and Edward Winslow on May 12, 1621
- Capt. Christopher Jones, Jr. (1620 voyage)

- 7. It will bounce
- 8. Oliver Cromwell in 1644, declaring it a pagan form of pleasure
- A shoemaker who makes new shoes from new leather
- 10. Eric Marlon Bishop
- 11. \$7 for one day, \$13 for 2 days, and \$18 for all 3 days (advance sale)
- 12. Peach

OFF THE

by Doug Holder

Steve Glines wins the Kathleen **Spivack Generosity Award**

Longtime Ibbetson Street Press designer, and founder of the Wilderness House Press, Steve Glines, has won the Kathleen Spivack Generosity

Kathleen Spivack has been a visiting professor of American Literature/Creative Writing (one semester annually) in France since 1990. She has held posts at the University of Paris VII-VIII, the University of Francoise Rabelais, Tours, the University of Versailles, and at the Ecole Superieure (Polytechnique). She was a Fulbright Senior Artist/Professor in Creative Writing in France (1993-95). Her poetry has been featured at festivals in France and in the U.S. She reads and performs in theatres, and she also works with composers. Her song cycles and longer pieces have been performed worldwide.

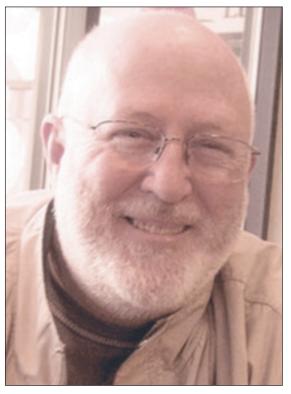
She has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts; Bunting Institute; two Radcliffe Institute fellowships; Massachusetts Council for the Arts and Humanities; the Fulbright Commission and others. A Discovery winner, she has held residencies at Yaddo, MacDowell, Ragdale, Karolyi, and the American Academy in Rome. Some recent prizes include: Allen Ginsberg Poetry Award 2010, the 2010 Erica Mumford Award, the 2010 Paumanok Award, Solas/Best Travel Writing Awards, and others. An international writing coach, Kathleen Spivack directs the Advanced Writing Workshop, originally created through the NEA, an intensive program for professional writers. She has taught in the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Barbados, in Greece, at the Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center in its early days, and for the Holland America Line. She also teaches in Santa Fe, Taos, Aspen, IWWG/ Skidmore, Brown and other programs throughout the United States and abroad.

Here is a letter from Kathleen:

Dearest Steve

I came into a very little bit of money very late in life, and from that and my earnings from teaching & coaching and writing have set up a very small fund to recognize people who have been extremely generous in facilitating writing and the arts in our community. I do not advertise, nor solicit applications or nominations. It is very small and personal. It recognizes generous people within my sphere.

This small award is for the unsung and often your advice and expertise, unpaid heroes who have given writers a forum over time. It stands for quiet appreciation and



Thank You.

This is not for the artists and writers themselves: nor for their body of work, there are plenty of competitive moneys around for the work itself. This award is for those who support the work of other writers.

It recognizes individuals in our community who, from my point of view, long standing and over time, work behind the scenes to contribute to and promote so many writers' work right here among us. I try to take into account factors such as timing, encouragement, need, and when this small recognition might make a difference. There are lots of people in our lives who qualify. Te amount varies. Last year the individual recipients were Elizabeth Doran and Harris Gardner.

This little award acknowledge for instance, book designers, independent booksellers, publishers, printers, readings organizers: the resources for the community such as yourself, Steve

You are one of our most precious resources, dear Steve: your knowledge, competence, unstinting willingness to share your expertise, your selflessness, your kindness. You are so important to us all.

Please accept this check for \$ with all my esteem in recognition of your generous service to writers in the Boston area and for your continued work,

Kathleen

Jumbo Knish Factory: A Fistful of Gelt

The Tufts University Department of Music presents Jumbo Knish Factory: A Fistful of Gelt in the Fisher Performance Room in the Granoff Music Center on Wednesday, December 6 at $8{:}00~p.m.$ The return of the klezmer dance party with special guest dance leader Malka Benjamin and some pre-Chanukah gelt. Michael McLaughlin, director.

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