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Somerville Police Dept. Chief Fallon affirmed his commitment to pursuing a policy of encouraging rehabilitation over making arrests in dealing with the drug addiction problem in the city. — Photo by Claudia Ferro

By Josie Grove

"We face a very big issue," said Alderman at large Jack Connolly at the beginning of last week's Public Health and Public Safety Committee meeting. Somerville's Health and Human Services Department, together with the Somerville Police Department, has put together a new plan to deal with opioid abuse in the city. The plan will attempt to rehabilitate people in the community, rather than arresting them.

"Every community is different but in Somerville, possession-only offenses, excluding the Good Samaritan situations, 76% of the time we're resolving those issues without arrest," said Fallon, referencing the practice of not arresting people who call 911 for help Continued on page 4

Kiwanis Thanksgiving dinner for seniors

By Ross Blouin

The Kiwanis Club of Somerville held its annual Thanksgiving Dinner For Seniors on Tuesday November 17th. at the High lander Café on the campus of Somerville High School at Highland Ave., in Somerville.

The Highlander Café is part of the Culinary Arts program at Somerville High School. The Turkey dinner was expertly prepared by the students under the supervision of the teaching staff of the Culinary Arts Program.

Dinner was served to 102 Seniors who were invited though the Somerville Council on Aging. The dinner was a presentation of a mixed salad, turkey, stuffing, vegetable, mashed potatoes and gravy with a dessert of fresh apple pie with apple crisp topping and whipped cream.

The dinner was served by members of the Somerville Kiwanis Club. Dinner was followed by a songfest with the Kiwanis Karaoke Singers. Five door prizes were also handed out to lucky winners who received \$20 and \$50 bills.

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Seniors invited by the Somerville Council on Aging were treated to a Thanksgiving Dinner, prepared by Somerville High School Culinary Arts and Served by members of the Somerville Kiwanis Club.

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We here at The Somerville Times wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving Day this week. This is a time for all of us to be grateful for what we have. To reflect on the many blessings we have, in family and friends.

We are having a contest here over the next few weeks. We are asking anyone here in the Ville who would like to write a poem on the Christmas holiday and what it means to them to send it in to us. Deadline is Friday, December 18. You can email it to news@thesomervilletimes.com, mail it or drop it off at 699 Broadway, Somerville 02144. Poems will be selected by The Times staff and the three top winners will have their poem published in time for Christmas. The best one submitted will receive a \$100 gift certificate for the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, a \$50 Mt. Vernon certificate for second choice and a \$25 Mt. Vernon gift certificate for third place. Submit your poem to be published by The Somerville Times in time for the holiday.

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

Our sincere condolences to the family of Maria E. Nunes who passed away on the 17th. She was way too young to leave her very close family and many friends. Maria was well liked by everyone, always cheerful and helpful and will certainly be missed. The Nunes family, from Winter Hill, is a large and very close and well known family. She was waked this week at Dello Russo Funeral Home in Medford, and Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Fossil fuels are bad investment for the future of our finances and our planet

Markie P. says:

Agreed. There are so many alternatives this Board could select. Clinging to the fossil fuel option makes no sense at all.

gregtowne says:

"bad investment for the future of our finances" isn't that rich!

A. Moore says:

The time and effort for this mayor to write this would be far better served by working on the problems within the city. Homelessness has increased so much here and little is done to solve it. Think people without a bed or food really care about divesting? We have kids, senior citizens and others from all walks of life without shelter yet he goes on and on about divesting. Really?

freebie says:

A. Moore you always bring up the homeless when you disagree with a topic. We need to think about more than just one issue. Climate change could make a whole lot more people homeless.

A Moore says:

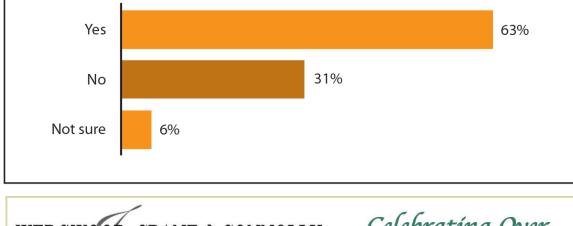
Yes Freebie, I do bring it up as it should be addressed and never seems to be. I think taking care of our fellow human being is important and I see no real effort outside of the SHC which does not have the resources to help. I wouldn't feel this way but after meeting some homeless and had some living with us and learning how some of them got that way it was a rude awakening. I see Charlie Baker is even working on this problem. I think it should come before some of these other things we have done here as it is more of a priority. This is my personal belief. Same as diversity being a waste of time and energy. I have read much on the subject on both sides of the issue and both have their points. I also think at some time technology will bring some of the answers. Regardless I am a firm believer in preserving our earth's resources. I do as much as possible to use as little as possible. I do believe the biggest problem is population. Having said all this I am not one to set my mind in stone. As I learn and read I can change my mind. These are my personal beliefs as of today and I think we have to get our priorities in order. I have tried to keep this as short as possible but I think you will see my point as I do see yours. Since I am many years older than you it could be the reason for some of my views.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you think a walkout is an effective way for students to express their opinion. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

Do you think a walkout is an effective way for students to express their opinion? 63% Yes 31% No Not sure 6%





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Legislators react to announced rail service cuts

By Charles Lane

Massachusetts State Legislators issued a statement on Monday in response to MassDOT's announcement of imminent cuts to its commuter rail service:

"As elected representatives of communities north and west of Boston that are negatively impacted by recently announced cuts to commuter rail service, we and our staffs met with representatives of the Massachusetts Bay Transportations Authority (MBTA) and Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass-DOT) earlier today.

We explained to the MBTA what we have heard from our constituents - that the service cuts represented in the schedule create substantial hardships, and we also explained that the lack of public process surrounding the development of the

new schedules was deeply concerning.

We requested that the MBTA suspend implementation of the proposed new schedules that would create substantial hardships on the day-to-day lives of our constituents, and implement a public process prior to any future service cuts.

We also shared stacks of constituent feedback as well as the names of more than one thousand residents who had signed an online petition requesting service cuts be restored.

The MBTA agreed to respond tomorrow to our request to suspend implementation."

— Senators Jason Lewis, Michael Barrett, Ken Donnelly, Pat Jehlen, and Thomas McGee; and Representatives Paul Donato, Paul Brodeur, Michael Day, Donald Wong, Sean Garballey, and Christine Barber.



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Ribbon Cutting at Symphony Park

Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin hosted the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Symphony Park on Friday, Nov. 20. Located at the corner of Pearl and Florence Streets, Somerville's newest park is inspired by the legacy of the Hadley family who created music on this site and beyond. For more information about the park, visit http://www.somervillema.gov/ ospcd/parks-and-open-space/symphony-park.









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By Jim Clark

Purse makes a poor shopping basket

Police officers were dispatched to the Sports Authority store at Assembly Square Marketplace last Thursday on reports that a suspected shoplifter was being watched by store Loss Prevention personnel.

Upon arrival, the officers were informed that a group of three women were behaving in a manner consistent with shoplifting

activity. Two of the women reportedly left the store in a hurry as the officers arrived, while the third, identified as Erin Eckert, of Medford, remained inside.

The store employees told the officers that Eckert was observed removing clothes from hangers, entering the fitting room with multiple items without notifying employees, and that she may

have concealed merchandise in her purse, according to reports.

Store surveillance video was reviewed by the employees and the officers were told that one of the women had handed an piece of store merchandise to Eckert to put inside her purse, police said.

The two women who left the store were questioned by police

outside in the parking lot, and the store manager came out to formally request a no trespassing order against them.

Inside the store, Eckert was confronted by police and eventually admitted that she had put some merchandise into her purse. A search of the bag reportedly yielded two shirts, a jacket, and a pair of pants all

with Sports Authority tags. The value of the merchandise amounted to \$260, according to reports.

Eckert reportedly began making a fuss and behaving erratically. She was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250. A number of warrant charges were also active in her name.

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Arrests:

Paul Capotosto, of 52 Neponset St., Revere, November 16, 3:59 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Carlos Gerton, of 301 Medford St., November 18, 7:23 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Josue Rubio, of 27 Lincoln St., Malden, November 19, 1:29 a.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on warrant charges of no inspection sticker, number plate violation, missing registration sticker, not in possession of license, uninsured motor vehicle, and unregistered motor vehicle.

Robert Annette, of 36 Flint St., November 19, 8:01 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on a warrant charge of methamphetamine possession to distribute.

Erin Eckert, of 16 Grover Rd., Medford, November 19, 12:12 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250 and on warrant charges of drug possession to distribute, unregistered motor vehicle, conspiracy to violate

drug law, uninsured motor vehicle, distribution of a class B drug, possession of a class E drug, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended ligance

Libero Biondo, of 5 Pine St., Stoneham, November 19, 6:52 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of uninsured motor vehicle.

Jaime Pena, of 204 Boulton St., Marlborogh, November 20, 10:52 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Richard Kilbane, of 444

Harrison Ave. Boston, November 20, 2:32 a.m., arrested at Artisan Way on warrant charges of shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise, threat to commit a crime, and witness intimidation.

Temperance Brown, of 3 Newton Pl., November 20, 5:17 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of larceny over \$250 and receiving stolen property over \$250.

Carlos Antunes, of 18 Dartmouth St., November 21, 2:40 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of unlicensed

operation of a motor vehicle.

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Linda Hamblin, of 93 Temple St., November 22, 1:52 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation, larceny from a person, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Adriana Simoes, of 482 Main St., Woburn, November 22, 10:58 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

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with an overdose, even if they are also using drugs. Fallon says this is a cultural change for police officers. "If you want to advance in the Somerville police department, don't arrest someone. Get someone to the next level of care, document that, and we'll promote you up through the ranks."

The plan, noted Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin, did not include heavy emphasis on inpatient treatment. "We need to figure something out," said the alderman, who was present as an observer. "If the city doesn't have the resources for it, we should be lobbying the state for it." Contente agreed. "There's a lack of actual treatment in our community. There are very limited resources," she said, noting that the available inpatient treatment beds are not enough to meet demand.

The plan focused more on

what the city can provide outside of inpatient treatment.

"How do we build community capacity to support recovery?" asked Contente. "We really recognize that there's really not enough there."

John Harding, community analytics manager in the Mayor's Office of Innovation and Analysis, presented policy recommendations to support the plan. "How can we restructure the treatment apparatus to improve outcomes at the community level?" he asked. The recommendations focus on what Harding called "full lifestyle rehabilitation" to help people rebuild their lives by providing support and shelter. "I don't mean a homeless shelter, but a home for these patients," said Harding. Support would be broad under the plan: treatment with Suboxone, a drug used lessen opioid cravings,

in conjunction with cognitive therapy. "No one patient's recovery needs is exactly like the next," said Harding. He says the plan will "shift the model from inpatient or nothing, to figuring out what works for the individual, using organic supports implanted in the community."

"What's happening in Somerville is a harm reduction approach"

"Why does opioid misuse persist despite the existence of a large regional treatment system?" asked Harding. "Because our system is not built to treat the whole patient."

This program will treat whole

patients with only three new part-time city staff: a jail diversion coordinator, who helps divert people into treatment; a victim witness advocate; and an addiction coordinator, who connects or reconnects addicts with recovery services. Contente estimates that each of their caseloads would be between forty and fifty people.

"We recognize that there are many different levels," said Contente. "Forcing someone into treatment is sometimes necessary to save their life. But sometimes they're just not buying into it."

The city of Somerville is not the only governing body working on this issue. Governor Charlie Baker proposed a controversial bill at the state level last month. That bill takes a very different approach from the city's plan. Governor Baker's bill seeks to prevent opioid addiction by restricting people prescribed the drugs to a 72-hour supply, and would empower hospitals coerce users into treatment.

By contrast, the city's plan attempts to encourage people to opt in to treatment. "What we're interested in is how we can support people in the context of community, how we can improve their quality of life in the community," said Contente.

Jesse Clingan of the Somerville Harm Reduction Collaborative sees a sharp contrast between the state bill and Somerville's plan. "One plan is putting a hand out there, and the other plan is grabbing that hand and throwing a cuff on it."

"What's happening in Somerville is a harm reduction approach," says Clingan. "It's reaching out to people who have overdosed and seeing if they want treatment rather than forcing it on them."

Brickbottom opens its studios

By Josie Grove

Brickbottom Studios has been nestled in east Somerville for over 20 years. Last weekend, the artists who live and work in the studios opened their doors to the public. Hundreds of people flocked to the out-of-the-way white building to see what was inside.

Jessica Straus was exhibiting on the first floor. Her sculptures, both figurative and abstract, are constructed from small rectangles cut out of recycled metal: colorful road signs and olive oil cans were like scales, accented with dull metal funnels, spouts, and handles. The collection, appropriately titled "Scrap!" had a pop art sensibility from the fragments of



A segment from Scrap! by Jessica Straus.

recognizable labels, reimagined as something else entirely.

Up the stairs, Open Studio-goers might have found the studio/lab space of Wally Gilbert. The artist/astrophysicist beckoned viewers inside to wonder at large format images of stars, galaxies, and black holes taken through a telescope. Gilbert explained that there are similarities in creating an image to convey scientific information and creating an art image. "The choices you make when telling a scientific story are like the choices you make in an artistic story," he said. He might de-emphasize certain things for a scientific image in order to make it clearer, but then accentuate those things to make a more beautiful image. "What you show depends on what you want to communicate. Those are fundamentally artistic choices."

Carol Moses was showing her work around the corner. She typically works in drawing and painting, but was showing a recent series of portrait photographs with written interviews. Inspired by photographer Felix Nadar, Moses set out to capture people who she described as her 'contemporaries'. "I had a fixed set of questions I asked each person. The questions had nothing to do with who the person is, they're more universal. Moses photographed her subjects during the interviews, showing their faces in thought as they considered how to respond to the interview questions.

Although she works at Feet of Clay studios in Brookline, Laurie Bloom showed



Carol Moses is one among many talented artists opening her studio to display her creative works as Brickbottom Studios opens its doors to the public. – Photos by Josie Grove

her ceramics on the next floor up. Her pieces are whimsical, with recognizable shapes of animals and faces built in small round shapes onto flat bases. "There's so much freedom in clay," said Bloom. She described her process as similar to collage, building layers up to create the whole works. As she tenderly bubble-wrapped a piece up for a customer, she said goodbye to it out loud. "I remember every single piece," she said.

The vibrant posters in studio 303 would probably be familiar to some viewers. Felice Regan co-founded the Graphic Workshop wit Chris Mesarch, and the Workshop's posters of political and environmental were shown last fall at their alma mater, MassArt. The group started in the midst of a student strike in 1970. "They closed the school, and we started making posters," says Regan. Mesarch remembers the period. "All the students on strike were supposed to do something active to protest." Mesarch and Regan, roommates at the time, started silkscreening posters.

"We never use computers," said Regan. "The light hits the offset, and the colors are richer and brighter than computer printing."

Co-founder Mesarch exhibits her paintings across the hall. She left the Graphic Workshop to focus on painting. "I wanted to paint, not to be a designer, just to paint." She was more interested in communicating the essence of a thought or a feeling with an image alone, rather than using words to make a statement. Many of her paintings are on folded objects, such as fans or take-out boxes, with swirling, organic shapes playing against rigid geometry.

There were dozens more open studios, and even more Brickbottom occupants who chose not to open their doors. Though the studios are now nearing thirty years old, the building is still a hotbed of creativity in Somerville.

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Union Kitchen pops up Brazilian fare

By Amy Swain

On Saturday, November 21, Union Kitchen saw a wild success with Somerville Arts Council's *Nibble Entrepreneurship Program* pop-up event. More than one hundred people gathered to taste the culinary offerings of chef Robson Lemos.

Nibble is part of the SAC's ArtsUnion Project. Earlier this year, they began the entrepreneur program with cooperation from Kitchen Inc. and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. The program offers local immigrants interested in a culinary career a platform to further develop their talents while interacting with their community.

The program realizes that the goal of many culinary entrepreneurs is to open their own restaurant. The program assists its chefs in areas such as selecting menus, food sourcing, licensing and financing, while discussing goals that tend to be less risky, such as farmer's markets and catering events and gaining confidence as career chefs.

The contributions of those involved in the NEP are not lost. Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone commented, "Somerville has become a regional food destination, and our immigrant community is huge part of why we're increasingly becoming known for our eclectic cuisine. We have residents from all over the world who create authentic cultural experiences through food, which is a boon to diners - and a boon to our local economy. We want to create pipelines for more immigrants to enter the local food landscape."

Past NEP events have featured chefs from Somalia and Mex-



The Somerville Arts Council's Nibble Entrepreneurship Program pop-up event brought out the best of Brazilian cuisine through the culinary prowess of Chef Robson Lemos.

— Photo by Amy Swain

ico. This week Union Kitchen offered Brazilian fare from chef Robson Lemos, including bolinho de bacalau, empadinha de frango, and kibe, representing tastes of Brazil influenced by Portugese and Lebanese cuisine. Chef Lemos has worked with the SAC in the past, which is no surprise given his broad range of talent and passion.

Aside from beginning his road to food expertise at age thirteen, Lemos has a degree in performing arts – some may have seen him in one of his many acting roles, such as ¿Identidade? on the Somerville Community Access Channel earlier this year, a film he also co-wrote. Next month, Lemos plans to release the film Stars on Christmas, which he produced as part of the Boston Brazilian Theater Group.

"The goal of *Nibble Entrepre*neurship is to create viable economic opportunities for local communities – especially those who have been historically disenfranchised," says SAC's Culinary Coordinator Nick Schonberger, "And to provide rich cultural programing for Somerville – something our residents demand." The demand was evident in the event selling out. They hope to see similar results at events to come.

Visit somervilleartscouncil. org/nibble for more information and upcoming classes and events.





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Dorothy's Corner



Cuban-Style Black Beans & Rice

This week I wanted to follow up with a recipe that was inspired from my recent visit to Cuba. Black beans and rice is a staple served with lunch and dinner at restaurants and paladars in Havana and beyond. I must say, they were all great. I hope you enjoy my take on this popular dish.

1 lb. dried black beans (soaked overnight according to package), reserve soaking liquid

- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 jalapeño, cut in half and seeded
- 1 onion, halved and peeled (1/2 onion, small diced and put aside)
- 8 cloves garlic (4 whole crushed, 4 minced) 2 bay leaves
- 2 tbs. olive oil
- 4 tsp. ground cumin (divided)
- 1 lime
- 1 tsp. salt & 1/2 tsp. pepper, plus more to taste

Place the drained beans (reserving the liquid) in a 8 quart pot along with the chicken stock, jalapeño, half the onion, leaving the core portion intact holding it together,



crushed garlic, bay leaves and 2 tsp. ground cumin. Cook on a medium heat for 2 hours, stirring about every 15 minutes, making sure the beans are covered with liquid. Ladle the reserved liquid to cover the beans as needed. After the beans have been cooking for 2 hours, in a small sauté pan, add the olive oil, diced onion, cumin, minced garlic, salt and pepper. Cook until onions are translucent, about 7 minutes. Add the mixture to the pot of black beans and stir. Add more liquid if needed, just covering the beans. Turn the heat up to medium/high and stir making sure the beans are not sticking to the bottom of the pot. At this point you want all the liquid to evaporate during the last 20 minutes of cooking while constantly stirring. Check for tenderness. The beans should be soft but not mushy. Once done, add the juice of 1 lime and stir well. Taste and adjust seasoning if needed. Serve with your favorite rice. 6-8 servings.

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Workbar Union grand opening celebrated as a first Step in Union Square revitalization

By Louise Carpenter

Elected officials, local business owners, and members of the public gathered at the former Elegant Furniture building on Thursday, November 12 for the grand opening of Workbar Union, the new co-working location founded by Union Square master developer US2 and Boston-based co-working network Workbar.

The shared workspace promises to be a collaboration center for 75 local workers and will be connected to a community of over 1000 workers and 11 other spaces throughout metro Boston. Members will have access to all the amenities typical in a professional office, including fast and secure wifi internet access, audio and video equipment, conference rooms, printer, scanner and, of course, bottomless fair trade coffee and snacks.

Workbar Union is the realization of an idea originally developed by the US2 team during the competition to select the master developer for Union Square, and is an early step the developer is taking toward the city goal of making Union Square into a "regional employment center." US2

was responsible for leasing the space, which had been vacant for nearly nine months, initiating the partnership with Workbar, and investing in the infrastructure improvements to create Workbar Union.

Karczewski believes co-working space will help prime the pump for local economic growth by giving entrepreneurs, start ups and independent professionals a place to operate while growing their business. Drawing more workers into Union Square will also bring more daytime activity to downtown, meaning more business for local shops, cafes and restaurants. The space will also be a venue for various community events and business forums.

"US2 is committed to Somerville's goal of making Union Square into a regional employment center, and Workbar Union is an ideal first step to stimulate the local employment market," said Karczewski. "We were especially drawn to Workbar because of their culture of community building both inside and outside their walls."

Mayor Joseph Curtatone was on hand to cut the ribbon and



The Grand Opening of Workbar Union took place last Thursday with Mayor Curtatone and representatives of US2 in

deliver remarks congratulating the US2 and Workbar teams for bringing Workbar Union to Somerville, and applauding US2's initiative to make Union Square into an employment center. He was joined by members of the Board of Aldermen and Union Square Civic Advisory Committee.

Workbar founder and CEO Bill Jacobson said he was excited to extend the Workbar Network to Somerville and specifically to Union Square.

"At Workbar, we pride ourselves in the sense of community that our members say inspires creativity and collaboration," said Jacobson. "That community ethic is at the core of Union Square, and we are excited to be a part of it."

Workbar Union will also play host to US2's headquarters where a full-time employee will

be on hand to answer questions from the public about US2's role in the planned redevelopment of Union Square. Until now, US2 has been working out of Workbar's Cambridge location, which inspired Karczewski's idea to bring Workbar to Union Square.

Workbar Union had a soft launch in October, drawing scores of people who took advantage of a week's worth of free use of the facility.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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favor of a bill that would severely restrict the solar industry that is greening up our energy grid and creating jobs for thousands of Massachusetts residents. The bill would reduce access to the benefits of solar, making it harder for renters, low-income communities, and families whose roofs aren't suitable for solar

Last week the Mass. House of panels to power their homes Representatives voted 150-2 in with clean energy. I am proud that our State Rep. Denise Provost is one of the 2 that voted against this terrible bill and disappointed that others did not join our State Rep. in helping everyone achieve greener energy.

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Holiday art installation

Assembly Row this weekend will unveil a unique holiday art installation that represents the area's history while turning the banks of the Mystic River into a winter village, replete with a unique lighting of its iconic metal trusses.

Mayor Joe Curtatone will unveil the installation at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28, as part of Assembly Row's Light Up The Row holiday event, which takes place from 5-7 p.m., and is free and open to the public. The celebration also will include performances by the Back Bay Ringers, Somerville High School Band and Chorus, and the Somerville Community Chorus. Mix 104.1's Karson and Kennedy will emcee the event and there will be a visit by and pictures with Santa, roaming carolers and live animals. The event is held at the Point (behind J.P. Licks, in front of the amphitheatre)698 Assembly Row, Somerville, MA 02145

ANNOUNCEMENT

A meeting will be held on December 1, 2015 to present initial plans for redevelopment of the former Union Square Post Office Building. The owners, Union Square Partners, are excited about sharing their plans and eager to hear feedback from the community. The meeting will start at 6pm at the Argenziano School at 290 Washington Street, Somerville.

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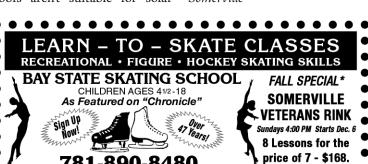
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Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of November 16-20.

PUBLIC RECORDS (H 3858)

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for House 157-0, approved and sent to the Senate legislation designed to update state and local municipality public records laws and enhance accountability measures. Provisions include establishing a timeframe and process under which any requested documents must be produced, including giving cities and towns 75 days to produce records and state agencies 60 days; ensuring that judicial remedies are available if the request is turned down or not fulfilled in a timely fashion; requiring cities and towns and state agencies to designate a public records officer to assist the public and facilitate timely responses; establishing guidelines for the fees associated with obtaining documents; and creating a standardized process through which the public can access records. The bill also creates a special legislative commission to examine the constitutionality and practicality of subjecting the Legislature, the governor's office and the judicial branch to the public records law.

> Supporters said this is the first update to the state's public record laws in 40 years and noted it would make state and local government more transparent. They argued this is balanced legislation that improves access to public records while also protecting local municipalities from unreasonable procedures and unfunded mandates.

> While no one voted against the bill, some critics say it does not go far enough. Others say the bill is flawed because it continues to exempt the Legislature from the public records laws.

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

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

RULING ON SUBJECTING LEGISLATURE TO **PUBLIC RECORDS LAW (H 3858)**

House 122-34, upheld the ruling of the chair that prohibited consideration of an amendment that would make the Legislature subject to the state's public records law. The amendment would have repealed the current law that exempts the Legislature. The chair ruled that the amendment is not properly before the House because the House a few minutes ago already addressed this issue by creating a special legislative commission to examine the constitutionality and practicality of subjecting the Legislature to the public records law.

Supporters of the ruling said the ruling is appropriate because rules prohibit the House from considering an amendment on an issue that contradicts a previous one already approved by the House.

Opponents of the ruling said the making the Legislature subject to the public records law is different from just setting up a commission to look at the matter.

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

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

VETERANS LEGISLATION

The Senate last week approved several pro-veteran bills and sent them to Gov. Charlie Baker's desk for his signature. Supporters said the state's veterans are heroes who deserve to be treated, respected and helped. There were no opponents of any of the bills.

The first three roll calls below are on veterans bills.

STOLEN VALOR (H 1641)

Senate 39-0, approved a bill that would make it a crime for a person to misrepresent himself or herself as a veteran. Violators would be subject to a one-year prison sentence and/or a \$1,000 fine.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

FLAG HOLDERS (H 3173)

Senate 39-0, approved a bill that would make it a crime to destroy, mutilate or deface an American flag, veteran's commemorative flag holder or a commemorative flag holder representing service in either the police or fire department. Offenders would be sentenced to up to five years in prison. This law currently applies only to tombs, monuments, gravestones, trees, shrubs and plants.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

FREE ACCESS TO STATE PARKS FOR VETER-ANS (H 3243)

Senate 39-0, approved a bill that would provide Purple Heart recipients free access to state parks, state forest recreation areas and state reservations. Currently free access is provided for disabled veterans and handicapped persons.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

FENTANYL TRAFFICKING (H 3755)

Senate 39-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that would create the crime of trafficking of the drug fentanyl in amounts greater than 10 grams and impose a prison sentence of up to 20 years for those convicted of the crime. Under current law a person can only be charged with manufacturing, distributing or possessing fentanyl, but not with trafficking.

Supporters said use of this dangerous drug is accelerating and is estimated to be 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine and 30 to 50 times more potent than heroin. They noted traffickers sometimes mix fentanyl with heroin, often without the knowledge of the buyer.

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

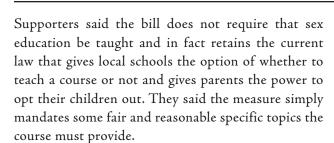
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

SEX EDUCATION (S 2048)

Senate 32-6, approved a bill that would require schools that offer sexual health education to include "medically accurate, age-appropriate" information for students regardless of gender, race, disability status or sexual orientation. The measure also requires that the program include the benefits of abstinence and delaying sexual activity; the importance of effectively using contraceptives and barrier methods to prevent unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/ AIDS; ways to effectively discuss safe sexual activity; and relationship and communication skills to form healthy, respectful relationships free of violence, coercion and intimidation. Another provision strengthens a current law that gives parents the right to withdraw a student from all or part of the instruction.

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Some opponents said the definition in of "age appropriate" in the bill is open to interpretation and might result in younger students being taught topics that might be "age inappropriate." Others argued they prefer that the course have an "opt in" provision rather than an "opt out" one.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAN CELL PHONES UNLESS HANDS-FREE (H 3315) - The House, on a voice vote without debate, gave initial approval to a bill that would prohibit all drivers from using a hand-held cell phone but allow them to use a hands-free one.

Supporters say the bill would save lives and prevent accidents. They noted that the measure does not ban cell phone use but simply requires the use of hands-free ones. They pointed to accidents, deaths and injuries involving cell phones.

Opponents say the restriction is another example of government intrusion into people's cars and lives. Others note that there are already laws on the books prohibiting driving while distracted.

The bill still needs further approval in the House and then must be approved by the Senate before it goes to Gov. Baker.

COURT MUST REFUND FEE (S 739) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a bill that would require the court to refund the \$25 court filing fee to a driver who successfully challenges a non-criminal traffic violation in court. Under current law, the driver is not entitled to a refund of the fee even if he or she wins his or her case.

The fee itself was challenged in 2011 on the basis that people appealing a non-criminal motor vehicle infraction unfairly are forced to pay a filing fee while those contesting other types of civil violations do not. The case ended up in the Supreme Judicial Court, which ruled that charging filing fees to residents appealing traffic tickets does not violate equal protection.

PRIMARY SEAT BELT LAW (H 1187) - The Judiciary Committee also heard testimony on a primary enforcement bill allowing police officers to stop and issue \$25 tickets to a driver and passengers solely for not wearing seat belts. Current law is a "secondary enforcement" one that prohibits drivers from being stopped solely for not wearing a seat belt and allows an officer to issue a ticket only if the driver is stopped for another motor vehicle violation or some other offense. The legislation also prohibits police officers from searching the vehicle, its contents, the driver or passengers solely because of the seat belt violation and leaves intact a current law that bans the offense from being considered a moving violation that would impose a surcharge on the driver.

Supporters said that secondary enforcement is not working well that the bill would increase seat belt usage, save lives, prevent serious injuries and save millions of dollars in medical and other costs. They cited a study that concluded that states with primary enforcement of a seat belt law have a 17 percent lower rate of motor vehicle deaths involving crashes than states that do not.

Although no one testified against the bill, in the past opponents have said the bill is government intrusion into citizens' private lives and cars and argued that drivers and passengers should have the freedom to decide whether they want to wear seat belts. They argue that this new power is tantamount to establishing roadblocks and would lead to random stops and unfair racial profiling. Some ask if the next step is to "protect" people by banning junk food and mandating daily exercise.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Millions of dollars are being made on the backs of Logan Airport workers ... They often work day and night, sometimes under extreme conditions and in sensitive areas, for little pay and without access to affordable health benefits. These hard working men and women are simply looking for a fair and livable wage to support themselves and their families." — Sen. Sal DiDomenico (D-East Boston) on his bill to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour for baggage handlers, airplane cleaners, wheelchair assistants and other employees at Logan Airport.

"One of our most important obligations is to honor and protect those who have fought for our country. The veterans' legislation we passed today ensures we are doing all we can to make Massachusetts a leader when it comes to supporting our vets." - Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) on Senate passage of several bills helping

"[It] is about keeping young people healthy and safeguarding them from the dangers of inadequate or mis- Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

leading sexuality education. This is the kind of public health policy that will help communities keep their students in school and combat issues like sexual assault at its roots." — Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts Director of Public Affairs Tricia Wajda, on the bill that would require schools that offer sexual health education to include specific "medically accurate, age-appropriate" information for students.

"These reforms will significantly enhance accountability, access to public records and enforcement. Our greatest asset in Massachusetts is our civic-minded citizenry and it is my hope that this bill will foster increased and productive engagement from the public." — House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop) on a bill to make government more transparent and provide easier and less costly access to public records.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of November 16-20, the House met for a total of 14 hours and 21 minutes while the Senate met for a total of ten hours and 15 minutes.

Mon. November 16 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

Tues. November 17 House 11:01 a.m. to 5:04 p.m. No Senate session.

Wed. November 18 House 11:04 a.m. to 6:39 p.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 8:52 p.m.

Thurs. November 19 House 11:04 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.

Fri. November 20 No House session No Senate session

BOA votes in caucus to elect President and Vice President for 2016

By Donald Norton

On Tuesday night at City Hall, the Board of Aldermen met in caucus to vote the new President and Vice President of the Board.

By unanimous vote of all the alderman they elected to once again name Alderman At Large William "Bill" White as President for the fourth consecutive year and Alderman Ward 7 Katjana Ballantyne for

Vice President for the second year in a row.

Normally, over the years there is always a fight for these positions and at times it has been very vocal and has caused major shifts in the Board itself, involving various alliances.

This year, in an absolute vote of confidence, Bill White and Katjana Ballantyne were once again honored by their colleagues.

Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente was quoted as saying, "I am honored to be part of a Board that thinks of doing the people's work ahead of their own personal ambitions. This is why Alderman White and Ballantyne have been re-elected. President White has done a great job as and will continue to do so."

The official vote will be taken and will go into effect on the night of the inauguration ceremonies in January, right after they are sworn into office.





Present and future Board of Aldermen President and Vice President William A. White Jr. and Katjana Ballantyne.

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Shop local first, and shop local last this holiday season - and all year



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Ideally Thanksgiving should be a time for friends and family, and for reaching out to help others. I don't know anyone who doesn't live a hectic life. Taking a day or a long weekend to connect with the things that really matter is an important thing to do. Life will zip past you if you let it. Yet, as our televisions, mailboxes and email accounts constantly remind us, Thanksgiving also marks the official start of the holiday shopping season. Doesn't matter what your religion is, chances are you're about to do some serious spending. I'll be out shopping too. So as we Somervillians hit the stores, I want to encourage everyone to spend that money locally, right here in Somerville.

I have four kids. No one needs to tell me about the convenience of online and one-stop shopping. Christmas shopping for my family is an enormous juggling act. I suspect like most families, we're pretty happy when we get everything done. Yet it's important to think bigger than just one day, or eight days, or whatever number of gift-giving days that's put you in shopping mode. You live where you live 365 days a year. If you're going to spend a chunk of money, it makes sense to invest a good portion of it in your local community.

We all like living near city squares with open storefronts and a diversity of businesses. Yet thriving business districts don't happen by accident. That adorable or interesting or unique shop you like to walk past doesn't stay open if you never go into it and spend some money. The holidays are a make or break season for a lot of retail establishments. Local stores don't bombard us with offers like national chains, but this time of year is every bit as important to their bottom lines.

Shopping locally circulates your money where you live. Even if you shop at a local chain store, \$43 of every \$100 stays in our community. That store hires local employees and pays local taxes. If you shop at a locally owned business, the number of dollars that stay here jumps up: an estimated \$68 of every \$100 stays in our community because those shops use other local business services (printing, marketing) and buy more of their supplies locally. All those local profits benefit the businesses and through taxes then benefit the community. When you shop locally you put your money to work for you. Taxes paid by thriving local retailers help pay for better schools, public safety and public works.

The stronger our local commercial economy, the easier it is on your property taxes too. Currently residential taxes constitute 74 percent of the Somerville tax base. That's one of the big things we're trying to change with our

SomerVision community plan. We'd like to drive down what homeowners pay into the total pot by bringing in new businesses that bring new jobs and new commercial tax revenues. Some of that means bringing in new office tenants like SmartBear Software and Avigilon Corporation in Assembly Row as we have done, but it also means having thriving retail and restaurant districts throughout the city.

Since 2010 Somerville has added roughly 119 net new businesses. Ideally we want unique stores you can't find anywhere else. We want to build on that only-in-Somerville character that makes our city squares uniquely ours. Yet this is a classic case of City Hall's influence only extending so far. We can run storefront improvement programs to help small businesses, help new businesses learn about available locations and obtain loans, and we can create the walking and biking amenities that help put customers on our streets, but then it's a matter of whether those potential customers put their dollars where their home is. That's you. That's me. That's our neighbors.

To be clear, I'm definitely not advocating anyone rush out to spend extra money. By all means, stay within your budgets. Yet shop local first and shop local last. You're more likely to find a one-of-a-kind gift that stands out, that makes a deeper connection. You'll find handmade local jewelry and items you'll never see at a chain store. The shop owners and workers also know their products better. They can help you pick out the exact right thing for that special someone.

This isn't some new notion. Those of us who have lived in Somerville a little longer can recall a time when Davis Square had Woolworth's, Grant's, Parke Snow and Gorin's. In other parts of the city we had Tello's on Broadway, Simonelli's Stylish Furniture and the "hot bread" sign flashing at Roma's bakery. Used to be that you could get pretty much anything you needed in Somerville. That's the Somerville I Continued on page 20

The most powerful way to maintain affordability...and community



By Joe Beckman

In recent weeks, 'Villens have churned through many rich discussions about affordable housing, stabilizing Somerville, gentrification, and what we might get in redevelopment districts other than overpriced new buildings, inflated rents in old buildings, and displacement.

Runaway housing costs and their consequences were what concerned those us who served on Mayor Capuano's Affordable Housing Task Force in 1998. Back then we thought the city was due for massive change.

I myself had moved to Somerville in 1995, squeezed out of Cambridge by escalating housing costs. I paid \$85,000 for a

two-family building and initially qualified for all kinds of firsttime homeowner benefits - until the need in the city was so great that there weren't enough to go around.

On that Task Force, we imagined a 1% real estate sales tax as a kind of admission fee to join Somerville in a market that was forcing out those who had built the city and made it so attractive. This "transfer tax" would produce enough cash to support rents and home prices affordable to long-time 'Villens and city workers. It would preserve the kind of Somerville diversity we cherished.

At the time, the inflation was substantial but uneven. Some real estate brokers supported the transfer tax. Jackie Veri comes to mind. But others killed it shortly after Mike Capuano was elected to Congress.

Since then, every scary thing we anticipated turned out to be worse than what we had feared. Real Estate prices went insane.

The valuation on my house, for example, went up 10% per year every year since 2000.

And since that year, nearly \$8 billion of Somerville real estate has changed hands, even though we're only 4.2 square miles with only 34,375 housing units. That 1% transfer tax would have produced almost \$80 million, which, if used to guarantee mortgages and protect nonprofit and other investors, could have produced at least \$750 million in new affordable options. A lot of people whom we love would still be living here.

That sales tax is exactly what we need today. In comparison, all the other "affordable housing" tactics, put together, look like chump change.

Housing inflation is so high that 1% is almost invisible to new buyers. Owners who live here permanently will never pay it. And it is a tiny price for those who realize an unearned windfall by selling out and moving on.

But the opportunity to invest

that income in a wide range of affordability options can show the region, the state, and other great cities how to make gentrification work for everybody, not just gamblers, speculators, and out-of-town developers.

Last year that tax would have supported affordable mortgage investment at the rate of more than \$5 million a month. It could have easily produced 400 permanently affordable units of shared or limited-equity housing.

It would easily support rental housing for families in old as well as new housing, and support maker spaces for 500 innovators creating new companies, new products, or just helping each other design and develop the next century.

Used every year, it could show how much change we all could accomplish through investment opportunities in our low- and moderate-income neighbors (families earning \$90,000 per year and everything below that),

and how much they might save by using the mortgage interest deduction on their income tax each year.

It could show how many teachers, public safety workers and seniors could live near where they work or shop or read or play. And how that might affect their own incomes, transportation costs, and family stability.

It could produce many different Artisan Asylums. It could support rents for innovators at Greentown Labs in return for a 5% share of their new enterprises, thereby investing in rather than just subsidizing productive ideas. Investment beats philanthropy.

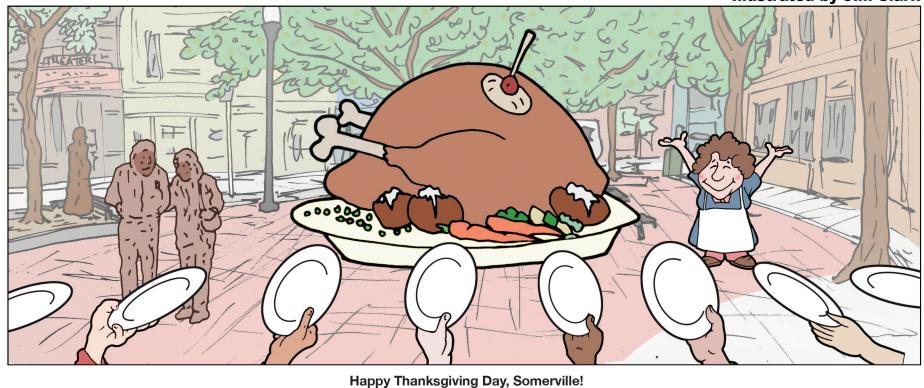
In other words, harnessing gentrification to work for 'Villens need not be as complex as most people imagine.

Getting state approval for this Somerville solution will be much easier if we can show other cities which of these options has the most impact and under what conditions. Continued on page 17

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



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.

Some of us have it better than others, it goes without saying. Conversely, many of us may be struggling to simply make ends meet. One thing that unites us all in common spirit is the heartfelt acknowledgement of what we do have to be grateful for.

Whatever our circumstances may be, each and every one of us has blessings to count and thanks to be given for them. Thanksgiving Day gives Americans an opportunity to express that gratitude to God, as well as extending the spirit of fellowship and goodwill to one another.

This esprit de corps should extend to our sense of charity, too, as we contribute to our local churches, soup kitchens, and service organizations. The experience of simply volunteering to serve food at a holiday dinner can be a life changing event, as one learns firsthand the value of, and satisfaction achieved by, the selfless act of helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

We wish all of our readers the happiest of holidays, and all the days to come thereafter. We further extend our sincere wishes for the blessings of life's bounty to one and all outside of our readership.

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. This is one of the more meaningful aspects of the holiday, that we can truly join together as a family.

There's no better way to express our gratitude, is there?

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a funeral mass was celebrated at St. Ann's here in Winter Hill. It will be a sad Thanksgiving Day with her family missing her this holiday season.

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our Villen and friends as well as friends of The Times: Happy birthday to Diane Johansen, a lifelong resident and great lady. We wish her the very best. Happy birthday to our good friend Malitta Knault, who's in Somerville daily with her work. She's a great person and we hope she has a great day for herself. Happy birthday to Jason Fucile, of the famous Victor's Deli in Ball Square. He and his wife Nancy are seen daily at Victors managing the front lines. A big happy birthday as well to Karen MacLeod-Fraser, who grew up here in the Ville, is married and is raising her own family. We hope she gets the royal treatment for her birthday. Finally, to a nice lady and family person, Charlene Harris is celebrating this week. Send her birthday greetings. We hope she also has a great day for herself.

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

Word of the Week: Swindler. To cheat or defraud money or property. To obtain by fraudulent means: swindled money from an individual or company, like an insurance company or swindled out of an estate property or money even if it does not belong them. To practice as means of obtaining money or property or individuals. To practice fraud as a means of obtaining money or property. The act or an instance of swindling. Sound familiar?

Those who might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They offer an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@ earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Judith (Judy) Barbour, who lived in East Somerville all her life. She passed away from cancer. Our deepest sympathy to her many friends and relatives. Judy lived for the last few years in Wakefield. Her family is not planning on a wake or services at this time. A memorial will be done sometime in the future. Many will remember her and her mother Bertha, who was very involved in the garden club and various other local clubs. Judy leaves behind many niecfamily. She was a wonderful person, and all who knew her will tell you she was always a positive thinking person. God Bless and keep her.

Winter Hill Better Block is coming. We're holding a Winter Hill Better Block festival on December 12 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and December 13 from 12:00-4:00 p,m. The Winter Hill Better Block will be centered in the area between the new Winter Hill Brewing Company (328 Broadway) and the vacant area behind the post office as well as along some areas of Marshall Street. Team Better Block works with cities, developers, and stakeholders to create quick, inexpensive, high-impact changes that improve and revitalize underused properties and highlight

the potential for creating great places. The goal for this Winter Hill Better Block project is to test out short-term ideas for Winter Hill. While much of the ongoing neighborhood planning work is medium and long-term focus, there are many things we can do in the short-term, like this Better Block project, to help test out ideas quickly and help spur longer-term change.

es and nephews as well as others in the Do you feel like we've been invaded by the utility companies and MassDOT with all the work going on in Somerville, throughout the city? Really, to some that have come to us and mentioned it, they are very upset. It seems like it's all happening at the same time and traffic in our city is so bad it's hard to get through some of the squares. What is the Board of Aldermen, better yet the Mayor's Office doing about it? One local business told us they have lost better than 40% of their business over the past several months.

The permit process is still moving slowly through the maze of "Citizen Serve." We still hear that individuals and contractors out there are waiting for weeks and months for their permits to be issued. Continued on page 17

Kiwanis Thanksgiving dinner for seniors

celebrated its 90th anniversary this year. Somerville Kiwanis has had a long and distinguished record in the history of Somerville. The foundation of Kiwanians is built upon giving humanely and spiritually, encouraging the Golden Rule, promoting higher social and business standards, developing more serviceable citizenship through example, providing lasting friendships to build better communities and to cooperate in creating high idealism to increase righteousness, justice and patriotism.

The Somerville Times congratulates the Somerville Kiwanis on another example of their generosity and good fellowship offered to the Seniors Citizens of Somerville. Well done Somerville Kiwanis.















Photos by Ross Blouin

Thanksgiving pies for your holiday table

The Somerville High School Culinary Arts Program is busily engaged in producing delicious pies for the holiday season. You can visit their website to download an order form: http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/culinary.















Photos by Claudia Ferro

SPORTS

Thanksgiving Day **Football:**

Football: Boys Varsity Game

Thursday, Nov 26, 2015 Time: 10:00am Somerville vs Cambridge @ Russell Field

Location: Russell Field

314 Rindge Avenue Cambridge, MA 02140 (617) 349-6200

Ms. Cam's Dio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. The first Thanksgiving in 1621 was believed to have lasted how many days?
- 2. How many pilgrims were on the Mayflower?
- 3. How long was the voyage from England to the New World?
- 4. The Mayflower was not built to be a transportation ship for people – what was its original purpose?
- 5. The Indians who were invited to the Thanksgiving feast were of the Wampanoag tribe – who was their chief?
- 6. What is the name of the book that Governor William Bradford wrote telling of the troubles and experiences of the pilgrims?

- 7. What poet wrote The Courtship of Miles Standish?
- 8. The town of Plymouth, Massachusetts celebrates what on December 11 every year?
- 9. Before being harvested and sold, an individual cranberry must bounce at least how many inches high to make sure they aren't too ripe?
- 10. In what year did the first Macy's Thanksgiving parade take place?
- 11. What is the longest balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?
- 12. The first Thanksgiving football game was started in 1934 by which

Answers on page 23

Healthy bodies, healthy minds at the Mystic Learning Center



By Charles Lane

The Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC) and the Mystic Learning Center (MLC) recently partnered on a Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds workshop for families, which included a delicious and healthy meal from Dave's Fresh Pasta, and opportunities to discuss PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) in the schools and physical activity programming offered in afterschool programs and throughout the community.

Families were introduced to PBIS by Barbara Strell, a staff member at the Arthur D. Healey School. Families then engaged in several fun SPARK activities

led by Nick Ortolani who works at the Mystic Learning Center. The SPARK program is being implemented both during the school day as well as at schoolbased and community-based afterschool programs. SPARK implementation is part of the Physical Education Program's (PEP) goal of strategically aligning and increasing physical activity programming offered to our students. The evening culminated with an interactive PARK-OUR demonstration that had workshop participants jumping, balancing, and swinging their way around the room.

The Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds events are an ongoing series of workshops offered as part of a partnership between SLFC, PEP, and the afterschool programs throughout the city. Monday night's event was the first in which the Healthy Bodies Healthy Mind workshop series included a community-based afterschool program. We look forward to continuing to foster and support strong partnerships and connections between in-school time and out-of-school time while promoting "A Culture of Health Living" for our students and their families.

Learn more about Somerville PEP and ways in which you and your family can stay healthy and active year-round at www. somerville.k12.ma.us/pep. The PEP program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.



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What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

One featured Somerville Neighborhood News story is "Somerville's Limited Liquor Licenses."

Somerville's supply of liquor licenses is running low. From Prospect Hill to Davis Square, the city has only six available licenses. In Massachusetts, liquor licenses are granted by the state legislature through a home rule petition.

Representative Denise Provost sponsored a bill at the State House to increase the number of licenses available in Somerville. "This was a home rule petition, it came from the board of alderman and was signed by the mayor, that wants to increase the number of liquor licenses available in Somerville by 65 more," Denise Provost told Somerville Neighborhood News. "This bill will probably not be enacted in the form it was submitted. I think there is a feeling that 65 liquor licenses at one time, is perhaps, excessive."



Provost says there are frequently requests for additional licenses on the agenda, but towns are usually looking for one or two at a time. The state uses a population formula to determine the number of licenses for each municipality. According to the city of Somerville, the large request fits in with Somervision's growth plan.

The Assembly Row development currently has eight restaurants and bars that serve liquor. With development continuing at the site, the current request sets aside 15 licenses just for Assembly Square. Alderman Matthew McLaughlin, of Ward One, wants to make sure local businesses aren't left out.

"I requested that local small businesses get priority over bigger ones, but the concern I would have is who gets priority," Alderman McLaughlin said. "Is it big business interest is it small business? And I could see a situation where something like Assembly Square or a new business in Union Square gets priority over a small store that could serve beer or wine with dinner."

Charles Abel and Dan Millen are small business owners who recently went through the process of obtaining a liquor license for their new Union Square restaurant and music club, Thunder Road.

"The city mandates that you have a community meeting as part of the process, and we did that," Abel said. "And there were several neighbors there, some of which were excited for us and some of which had some legitimate questions about how we were going to present our product and how we were going to manage the property. How it would affect them. We tried to answer any questions that they had, and I think we did a good job. So far so good, we are working hard."

The Union United Coalition has asked for more community meetings and an impact study on how increased liquor licenses will affect local residents and neighborhoods. That kind of local scrutiny is an argument for transferring license control from the state to the municipalities. Rep. Provost is one of twenty-two legislators signed on to a petition to do just that.

"Local community leaders feel it makes sense to have the community itself decide how many is appropriate," said Representative Provost. "And in any case they are directly accountable to the voters. The question of liquor licenses would get a great deal of scrutiny at the local level, and I am perfectly willing and I think its reasonable to shift the decision to the local level where you get the most local input and the consequences are most strongly felt."

Both the request for increased liquor licenses and the return to local control bills are currently before the house. Neither bill has been scheduled for a vote. For the full news story and others, visit: www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.

org. You can watch SNN Tuesdays on SCATV Ch. 3 at 7 p.m.

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Kennedy School to Launch Makerspace/Innovation Lab

The John F. Kennedy School is preparing to open a Makerspace/Innovation Lab next month, working in partnership with the Lesley University Graduate School of Education. The launch of the Kennedy School Makerspace/Innovation Lab is strategically aligned with the start of the "Hour of Code" week during the second week in December. Plans are under way for a Welcome Night for families as well as a ribbon-cutting event for the grand opening, tentatively scheduled for early- to mid-December.

"We're very excited to be launching a space that will offer students a creative educational environment where they can gather to create, invent and learn," said Kennedy School Principal Mark Hurrie. "This is a remarkable project that was driven by an incredible group of community members and partners who are committed to continuing to work tirelessly to make this project a reality for our students."

"As a district, we are so excited to be unveiling the first Makerspace in the Somerville Public Schools, and fully anticipate that there will be more to come," added Superintendent of Schools, Mary Skipper. "We hope this space serves as a source of creative inspiration for educators from other schools in the District as we continue to work together to make our district an exceptional place for students to gain the skills they need for lifelong success."

Kennedy's Makerspace/Innovation Lab will be located in what is currently the school's Science Lab, and will be designed to further support Science education by providing all students with exposure to 21st century skills and creative learning opportunities that promote critical thinking. The focus will be on providing structure and support for Science and inquiry-based learning in a 21st century Makerspace STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) environment. The partnership with Lesley University will include assistance with design and build-out of the Kennedy School Makerspace/Innovation Lab, as well as ongoing coaching from trained Lesley faculty to co-design 21st century STEAM learning projects with Kennedy teachers during the spring.

The genesis of the Kennedy School Makerspace/Innovation Lab was the Kennedy School Improvement Council's (SIC) strategic goal-planning process in the spring of 2015. The SIC is comprised of representatives from various school stakeholder groups including parents and guardians, staff members, and school administration. During their planning process, the SIC identified two important goals that led to the discussion of a school-based Makerspace as the kind of space that would enhance the school's educational mission. Those goals were (1) expanding the school learning focus beyond English Language Arts and Math to Science, and (2) providing access to all students to engage in 21st century learning. The SIC worked in partnership with the Kennedy School 21st Century Technology Integration Committee, which also consists of parents/guardians and staff members, and Lesley University partners to develop the final plan and the following mission for the new learning environment.

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREUNDER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 8th, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Collector's Office/Treasury, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Acting Collector of Taxes, the following described parcels of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid in full before that date. Signed: Peter K. Forcellese, Jr. Treasurer/Collector.

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CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER: TARA DIRUSSO TRUSTEE OF

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Fiscal Year 2014 Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$2,884,67 Interest to Date of Taking \$565.46 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00 Total for which Land will be Taken \$3,819,13

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 57 RAYMOND AVE

CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER: TARA DIRUSSO TRUSTEE OF 10 PUTNAM STREET REALTY TRUST

DEMAND: 05/18/2015 PARCEL ID: 007-1.00046-000000 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 06240105 SQUARE FEET: 5,000

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking

Total for which Land will be Taken

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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 joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

AN (UPDATED) ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7.15 TITLED MEDICAL MARIJUA-NA TREATMENT FACILITIES AND PERMIT SUCH USES BY SPECIAL PERMIT ON CERTAIN PARCELS IN THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE.

AN ORDINANCE, SUBMITTED BY 11 REGISTERED VOTERS, AMEND-ING THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROVISIONS OF THE SOMER-VILLE ZONING ORDINANCE AND INCREASING REQUIRED AFFORD-ABLE HOUSING IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 13.2, 13.3.3, 13.3.4, 13.4.1, 13.5, & 13.6.3 & ADDING SECTION 13.3.7.

Copies of these applications and amendments are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervil-

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 11/25/15 & 12/2/15.

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CURRENT OWNER: DEIRMENJIAN REAL ESTATE, LLC ASSESSED OWNER(S): AVIK DEIRMENJIAN & ANAHID A. DEIRMENJIAN PARCEL ID: 079-G.00015-000000 DEMAND: 05/18/2015 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 03094133 SQUARE FEET: 3,956 TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 64321,

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 58 GILMAN ST

Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$6.520.90 Interest to Date of Taking \$450.07 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00 Total for which Land will be Taken \$7,339,97

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

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

176-182 Broadway: (Case #PB 2013-16-E1-11/2015) Applicant Yihe Group and Owner S&V Realty Trust seek a time extension per SZO §5.3.10 for case PB 2013-16. The Special Permit with Site Review per SZO §5.2 was issued to construct a mixed use building of approx 29,000 nsf under §6.1.22.D.1. The uses include small and medium retail of approx 3,300 sf, 19 residential units per SZO §7.13.B, §7.13.C, & §7.13.E. A Special Permit was issued under SZO §5.1 to increase the number of compact parking spaces per SZO §9.13.b and modify the bicycle parking requirement per SZO §9.15.4. Article 13 Inclusionary Housing apply. CCD55 zone. Ward 1.

197 Washington St: (Case #PB 2015-11) Applicant, Nu Café Somerville, LLC & 197 Washington Street LLC, and Owner, 197 Washington Street LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to establish the Eating and Drinking Use (SZO §7.13.D) of approx. 3,760, a Special Permit for reduction in parking spaces (\$9.17.2.A) and a revision to the original approval, Case PB 2014-01, that permitted the construction of two mixed use buildings of approx 46,305 nsf and approx 38,040 nsf under §6.1.22.D.1 and §6.1.22.D.2. The uses included small and medium retail of approx 6,000 sf, 65 residential units per SZO §7.13.B, §7.13.C, & §7.13.E. The approval also included a reduction in the number of parking spaces SZO 9.13.F and 9.17.2.A and a shared driveway and access and shared parking per SZO §9.17.2.B. CCD 55 zone. Ward 3.

Copies of these applications and amendments are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervil-

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 11/25/15 & 12/2/15.

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OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Sullivan Tire Co., Inc., dba Sullivan Tire, for a Garage License at 265 Beacon Street, for mechanical repairs, for 6 vehicles stored inside and 4 vehicles stored outside, operating Mon-Fri 7AM-7PM, Sat 7AM-5:30PM, Sun Closed.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 103 GILMAN ST

CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER: DEIRMENJIAN REAL ESTATE, LLC PARCEL ID: 079-H.00006-000000 DEMAND: 05/18/2015 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 03138080 SQUARE FEET: 4.033.75

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Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$9.702.83 Interest to Date of Taking \$915.33 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00 Total for which Land will be Taken \$10987.16

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

MICHAEL E 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, December 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Community Room, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA.

231 Lowell St: (Case #ZBA 2013-79) Applicant & Owner, 231 Lowell Street, LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to construct 3 buildings on the site with a total of 22 dwelling units, 2 commercial spaces, with 31 parking spaces and 26 bicycle spaces per SZO §5.2, §7.2, §7.3, §7.11.1.c. and §13.5 for additional affordable housing units. The project includes a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure per SZO §4.4.1. A Variance is sought for the number of parking spaces SZO §9.5. RC & RA zones. Ward 5.

17-21 Village St: (Case #ZBA 2013-53-R1-11/2015) Applicant and Owner, Village People Realty Trust, seek a Revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review, case ZBA 2013-53 to alter rear patios and fenestration under SZO 5.3.8. The original approval was under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish 7 residential units. RC Zone. Ward 2.

74 Chandler St: (Case #ZBA 2015-99) Applicant, Roger Green, and owner, Evelyn V. Moreno, Trustee of the Sound Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by constructing a dormer within the side yard setback, installing new windows of a different size and location within the side yard setback and building new front steps within the front yard setback. RA zone. Ward 6.

53 Josephine Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-09-R1-11/2015) Applicants and owners, Randall Conrad and Christine Dall seek to revise a Special Permit approved on March 18, 2015. The proposed revision is to the plans for the rear 3-story decks and stairs. RA Zone. Ward 5.

175 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2015-100) Applicant, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and Owner, Beacon Associates Inc. seek a special permit to upgrade an existing wireless facility with three new antennas.

252 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2015-101) Applicant, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and Owner, Somerville Housing Authority, seek a special permit to upgrade an existing wireless facility by replacing three existing antennas, BB Zone, Ward 3.

19 Spring Hill Terrace: (Case #ZBA 2015-102) Applicants & Owners, Jeffery W. Johannes & Cassandra Johannes, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming single-family house to add living space in the basement. RA zone. Ward 3.

Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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

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An invitation for bid (IFB) may be obtained online at http://www. somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **November 24th, 2015**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: December 11th, 2015 at 11:00am. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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Please contact Michael Richards at mrichards@somervillema.gov for

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

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA. 02114

Suffolk Division

Docket No. SU14D1114DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Dave Martin Timothy vs. Michele Moody

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Abandonment

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .SEE Supplemental Probate **Court Rule 411**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Dave Martin Timothy 444 Harrison Ave Boston, MA 02118

your answer, if any on or before 1/14/2016. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 30, 2015.

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on two petitions:

Real Auto Shop Inc., dba Webster Auto Sales, for a Used Car Dealer's License Class II at 61 Prospect Street for no vehicles stored inside, and 22 vehicles stored outside, to be open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 7 PM, Saturday from 9 AM to 3 PM, and Sunday closed.

PJ's Motorcars Inc. to amend its Used Car Dealer's License Class II at 161 Broadway, to increase outside parking by 2 vehicles, to a total of 6 vehicles stored outside, and add Sunday hours, Sundays from $10\,$

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG CITY CLERK

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The most powerful way to maintain affordability...and community **CONT. FROM PG 10**

We can measure the impact of a 1% tax on sales, and show what, if any, real risk "the market" is taking in charging 1% more than Cambridge or other towns.

We can count how many teachers can stay in the city in which they work, and measure how that stay affects their salary and their family's engagement in community life; how many makers produce how many new ideas that later become new employers or industries; and what kind of return, profit and nonprofit enterprises realize when they invest in our community.

We have a unique opportunity to make the simplicity of these ideas useful for our neighbors in Cambridge, Boston, and Medford, as well as for the "cities of tomorrow" which Somerville has joined - with

Berlin, Mexico City, Seoul, and others - in the Audi City-of-the-Future Project.

The "state approval" that we require is a successful home-rule petition. Support from neighboring cities who could benefit from what we do and learn can help us achieve it. And if we do, we can demonstrate a means by which mayors, aldermen, the governor, and the legislature can address a complex and compelling problem with a tested, measured, and evaluated tool.

This is, in fact, an opportunity to create cities of the future that in important ways resemble the urban villages of the past. Somerville was such a place.

Neighbors had the necessities of life within walking distance, encountered acquaintances and shared

a lunch or a drink, met and made friends who might be fifty years older or younger than them, ate foods from all over the world, and could enjoy reading a good book, during a peaceful afternoon, on a bench in Prospect Hill Park.

At one of the key meetings I attended last week, Somerville High School Principal John Oteri described how an AP science student worked with a vocational education student in the High School auto shop to measure the pressure of an auto brake, as a joint project in physics and car repair. That's why we live in Somerville, and why it is critical to maintain that kind of collaboration. Affordability is not just a matter of money: it's a matter of community.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

We heard that about an average of 150 permits are in the process of working all the time. Now, we can understand why the mayor thinks they are doing a great job. He's being told that from those who are in charge. The Board of Aldermen has asked repeatedly for an update from the Inspectional Services Department, and frankly the Board has been ignored. What ever happened to budget time? The BOA has power over the budget, so maybe if they weren't so giving and agreeable and never saying no, some of these departments here in the city might respond to their requests.

******** The Board of Alderman met in caucus Tuesday night to vote unofficially on the new President and Vice President of the Board for next year. We heard and have confirmed it's going to be the same slate, Alderman At Large Bill White as President and Alderman Ward 7 Katjana Ballantyne as Vice President. The President of the Board appoints all committee members and chairmen plus he sits on the School Board as an ex-official member representing the Board of Aldermen. We wish the new and old President and VP well. They have done a great job making meetings more streamlined and efficiently run.

***** Happy recent anniversary to Bill and Gale Chambers of

Somerville, celebrating their

wedding anniversary. They're a great couple and we wish them many more years of happiness and bliss.

****** A meeting will be held on December 1 to present initial plans for redevelopment of the former Union Square Post Office Building. The owners, Union Square Partners, are excited about sharing their plans and are eager to hear feedback from the community. Where and When: 6:00 p.m. at the Argenziano School, 290 Washington Street.

The Technical Assistance Program for Union Square Small Businesses, sponsored by US2 and Union Square Main Streets, delivered by business consulting firm Retail Visioning, and operated by the City of Somerville Office of Economic Development's Small Business Suite, is an initiative with multi-lingual support from the city's Somer-Viva program. It provides assessments, recommendations and implementation support for business improvement in the areas of identity and positioning, store and restaurant design, visual merchandising and retail marketing. Businesses selected to participate in the program will have a one-on-one consulting relationship with a Retail Visioning expert who will work with the business owner at their place of business to help address their specific needs. The program is free for the four businesses selected. The deadline for applications for the City of Somerville's Technical Assistance Program has been extended to November 30. For more information about participation in the Technical Assistance Program, please contact Max MacCarthy at mmaccarthy@ somervillema.gov or at 617-625-6600 x 2515 or visit http://www. somervillema.gov/businesses/ small-business-assistance.

Attention Somerville residents who have your streets swept on the second and fourth Thursdays! Beginning in November 2015, streets on the fourth Thursday route will be swept on the Monday immediately following Thanksgiving. Please park according to normal street sweeping requirements for your street on Monday. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and unpredictable weather late in the season, sometimes these streets are not swept from early November until April. To avoid this going forward, city crews will conduct one additional street sweeping day each year for the fourth Thursday route only. Reminders will be sent each year. Please note that streets on the fourth Friday route will be swept on the day after Thanksgiving as per the normal schedule. If you have questions or concerns, please call 311 (617-666-3311), and remember that you can always sign up for street sweeping reminders via email at http://www. somervillema.gov/sweeper.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday November 25

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

Thursday November 26

Thanksgiving Day - Libraries Closed

Friday November 27

Thanksgiving Friday - Libraries Closed

Monday November 30

Central Library

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

West Branch Library

Jeff Jam

Annamarie Almeida-617-623-5000

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

Central Library

On D.E.C.K.: Teen Race Dialogue Stephanie Santiago -617-625-6600 ext.225

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|December 1

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

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

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

Somerville High School Anime Club Emmanuel Mukadi

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

Wednesday | December 2

East Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

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

MUSIC | ARTS

Wednesday November 25

Johnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm

Back Room

Comedy Night With Steve Ma-

cone|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia

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

Arts at the Armory

notloB Music Presents Julian Pinelli, Ethan Setiawan and Noah Harrington 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thunder Road

Magic Hat Presents: Bearly Dead 379 Somerville Ave

Thursday November 26

Restaurant AND Bar CLOSED - Happy Thanksgiving!

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Happy Thanksgiving! 335 Somerville Ave 617-666

The Burren

Front Room

Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. Back Room Backroom Series | 7 p.m.

L80's night with Scattershot|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

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

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

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

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave

Friday | November 27

Johnny D's

Tarbox Ramblers

Boston Blues Show with Paul Speidel, featuring "Big" Jack Ward, "Rosy" Rosenblatt and Special Guests 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Dogs In A Pile |6 p.m.

HearNowLive presents presents Sidestep Complex, Bifflecup, Diamond Machine, Henry Smola \$10 cove

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Backroom Series: Atlas Soul | 7 p.m. Scattershot|10pm

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Jared Connell Tony Tempesta

Fire in the Field (acoustic set) Evan Weckbacher

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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

Bull McCabe's

TBA

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree DI McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Davis Square Theatre

Jiggy & Jon: The Podcast Live!|7:30 p.m.

We're Ghana Married|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory THANGsgiving 2015

9 a.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

Highland Ave

Thunder Road

Barrett Anderson Band 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Saturday November 28

Johnny D's

lazz Brunch

Beatlejuice (Beatles Covers) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. SYM|9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Backroom Series Edwin Goodrow|7 Red Square 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

Chris Moreno Agua Hamster

Halo and the Harlots

The BXG Apollo Blue

345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

On the Hill Tavern Live DI Music

499 Broadway 617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree

DI El Sid! 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Entertainment every Saturday

173 Broadway 617- 625-5195 Arts at the Armory

Herbstalk Presents Wintergreen Herbal Market

11 a.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hall Urban Elixir 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Shit-faced Shakespeare 6 p.m. Old School Game Show|8 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Talkin Shop 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Sunday November 29

Thunder Road

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew **Smart Band**

17 Holland St. 617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Busted Jug Band 5 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Front Room Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner

and Dan Keller|7 p.m. **Back Room**

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Burren Acoustic Music Series

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

Game Night

Live Band & DJ

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Sunday Night Live Music

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177

Arts at the Armory

Local is For Lovers Market 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday November 30

Johnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy

Conquerors 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Americana Mondays 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

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

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Series

379 Somerville Ave Tuesday December 1

Johnny D's Paul Rishell & Annie Raines with Mojo Rodeo- featuring Lady Rogo, Brad Bensko, Christie Flemming and more special guests TBA

17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar

TBA|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

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

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge Open Mic Night

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

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

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling

Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

PJ Ryan's 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

Arts at the Armory #GivingTuesday Somervile: Give Local 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall

Harvard Square Script Writers - Legal

Issues in Film, Television and Digital

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre** The Teaseday Club

8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Wednesday December 2

Johnny D's Billy D & The Rock-its 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes!

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

The Burren

Front Room

Exile on Elm **Back Room**

Comedy Night With Steve M cone|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Brandon Shah

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Chris Riffle Trey Hughes

Joakim Molander Zach Solomans

Doully

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

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

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thunder Road

Residency

255 Elm Street

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Return of the Winemaker

Wednesday November 25 Thanksgiving Eve - Libraries Close

Thanksgiving Day - Libraries Closed First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday | November 28 **Bagel Bards** weekly to discuss their work

Holland St

Sunday November 29 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Monday November 30 **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

(Session 2) 7:15 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Wednesday December 2

Central Library

Board Game Night

Avenue

at 5:00 p.m. Thursday November 26

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

Somerville Writers and Poets meet 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Tuesday | December 1 **Central Library** Learn English at the Library!

Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000 x2914

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez – Funk & Soul

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

Downeast Cider Presents: Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Grateful Dead

CLASSES AND GROUPS

with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

Friday November 27 **Thanksgiving Friday- Libraries**

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

115 Broadway

7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.| 79 Highland

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

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

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

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

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

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

Lunch & A Movie – Tuesday, December 8 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. \$2 for a pizza & salad lunch followed by a showing of Elf. Elf stars Will Ferrell, is rated PG and runs approximately 1 hour and 37 minutes. Please call Josephine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to RSVP.

Third Annual Multicultural Day at Cross Street Center – Thursday, December 3rd - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Learn more about the many languages, music, foods, and cultures of Somerville's older adults. Call Janine no later than November 23rd at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to sign up.

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

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

Patriot's Place & Wrentham Outlets – Sunday, December 13 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 10:00

A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:00 P.M. For more information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

La Salette Shrine – Thursday, December 17 – departing Holland Street at 9:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. There is a \$40.- fee which includes transportation, a chicken dinner with all the fixings at Wright's Chicken Farm, Father Pat's concert (an hour of traditional holiday music), and the amazing Festival of Lights. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted. The day trip to LaSalette Shrine scheduled for Thursday, December 17th is SOLD OUT.

The Holiday celebration at the Winter Hill Yacht Club scheduled for Monday, December 14th is BOOKED SOLID.

The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for January 10th, 11th & 12th of 2016 is SOLD OUT.

LGBT EVENTS:

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

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

LGBTQ Holiday Party – Tuesday, December 1 – 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Johnny D's Uptown Restaurant & Music Club, 17 Holland Street (Davis Square), Somerville – Thanks to the generosity of Johnny D's the wine & cheese tasting Holiday party is our gift to you. There is no charge for this event but you must RSVP as an accurate head count is a must. Please RSVP by noontime on November 23rd to Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

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

STAY ACTIVE:

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

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Lim-

ited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A
9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday | November 25

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

Thursday November 26

All Centers Closed Happy Thanksgiving

Friday | November 27

All Centers Closed Thanksgiving Friday

Monday | November 30

9:30 Mindfulness & Stress Management (H)
10:00 Activity & Movie (RJ)
10:30 Moonlighters
11:30 Lunch (RJ)
12 – 1 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)

Tuesday December 1

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)

12:00 Lunch (C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

LGBTQ Holiday Party at Johnny D's

A Christmas Carol day trip

Wednesday | December 2

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:00 Lunch (C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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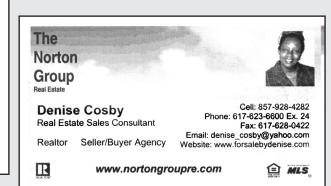
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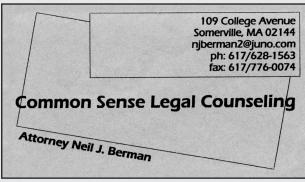
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2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	7:00pm	,	7:00am		
2:30pm	Behind Bars	1:30pm	Let's Talk About Real Estate	7:30pm	33	7:30am		
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9:00am	George Dilboy	8:43pm	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015	1:52pm	Ames Historic Exhibit Opening Reception	2:20am	Voices of Somerville
12:00pm	SomerViva em Português	10:00pm	Inside Market Basket	3:00pm	Voices of Somerville	9:00am	Talking Business
12:30pm	,		Friday, November 27		Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY
1:06pm	Winter Safety Tips from the SFD	12:00am	Talking Business	7:44pm	Veterans in the 'Ville 5.3.13	3:00pm	Aldermen at Work
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2:30pm	Navigating Addiction	1:00am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	8:38pm	Talking Business	6:44pm	SomerViva nan Kreyol
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6:30pm	Aldermen at Work	1:37am	Inside Market Basket	9:37pm	Somerville: Past & Present	8:22pm	George Dilboy
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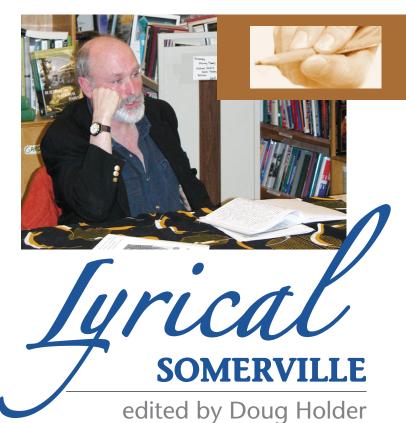
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Navigating Addiction

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Our poet this week writes: "My name is Eric Goudreau, a Sophomore at Endicott College majoring in Liberal Studies. I find great joy in writing creatively and decided to write a poem about my confusion on a Fall day."



Confusion on a Fall Day

A thick layer of leaves at my feet But the weather attempts to fool me The heat and sun beat down like a heart The ocean plays a fool probably as cold as an icicle.

It makes you wonder, What is the fall?

A purgatory

for the hell

of winter.

— Eric Goudreau

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- 1. 3 days
- 2. It is believed to be 102, approximately 50% survived to celebrate the first Thanksgiving
- 3. 66 days
- 4. As a merchant ship to carry wine
- 5. Massasoit
- 6. Of Plimouth Plantation

- 7. American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- 8. Forefather's Day
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- 10. 1924
- 11. Superman, at 100 feet
- 12. Detriot Lions, who
- played the Chicago Bears

OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with Heather Aveson:

New News Director of Somerville Community Access TV

Heather Aveson joined me at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square to talk about her new role as the News Director of Somerville Community Access TV's program, Somerville Neighborhood News. Aveson is an energetic woman with an infectious smile, and is as accessible as any of the staff at the station, who I have worked with over the years. From my chat with her I came away with the distinct impression that she abhors the obvious story, and always digs deep into its soft underbelly.

Aveson is no stranger to Somerville. She has lived on Willow Ave., and bought her first house on Lowell St. with her husband, before defecting to the 'burbs. I asked Aveson what she thought about the gentrification of Somerville. As chance will have it she told me she was working on a story about this very subject. She has already learned that much of the investment in real estate in our community is coming from Russian and Chinese interests. She said, "I am asking, 'Where are we going from here?' I wonder if people who are born and raised in Somerville will be able to continue to live here. I am afraid Somerville may be on the road to becoming a sterile environment – like say Kendall Square in Cambridge."

Aveson took over the directorship of Somerville Neighborhood News when the founding director Jane Regan moved on to new horizons. Aveson was a former news producer at WGBH on the 10:00 News with Christopher Lydon. She told me," Chris set the bar very high. He always encouraged me to dig deep."

Aveson reflected, "I want to continue Jane's mission of giving a voice to people who don't have a voice." And some of these people she gave a voice to were the Nepalese community in our city, as well as the janitors at Tufts University who were being laid off, etc. Aveson said she wants to report on stories that are interesting, controversial, and important to the community.

Although SCAT has a a lot of new innovations and cutting-edge technology, it of course can't compare to WGBH where Aveson once worked. Aveson opined, "Telling a story is telling a story. It is what you bring into it. I want to be a hands-on person with a close relationship with the community."



When I asked Aveson to talk about her time with Lydon on WGBH, her eyes' lit up. She said, "Chris brought a curiosity and passion to his work. We did a diverse group of stories from a local piano builder in Woburn, to a piece on Stan Grossfield's (The Boston Globe) war photography concerning the Beirut conflict, and other fascinating stories."

Aveson told me she also works as a programming coordinator for Wilson Farms in Lexington. She created the famed "Spooky Hayride" event that has run for the past ten years. She is a strong advocate of urban farming - creating plots to grow veggies amidst the hot asphalt of the city.

Aveson tries to instill in her staff and interns the need to research a story - and to have a sense of history. For instance, instead of simply writing a story that a new business opening in Somerville, the reporter should ask questions like, "Why did they chose a place to do business where things can change drastically in just a few years, etc. Aveson said, "You have to be open to the fact that a story unfolds one way, but it may go in a totally different direction. You have to be flexible."

I am looking forward to the ongoing changes Aveson will bring - here, in the Paris of New England.

Helping families celebrate Thanksgiving

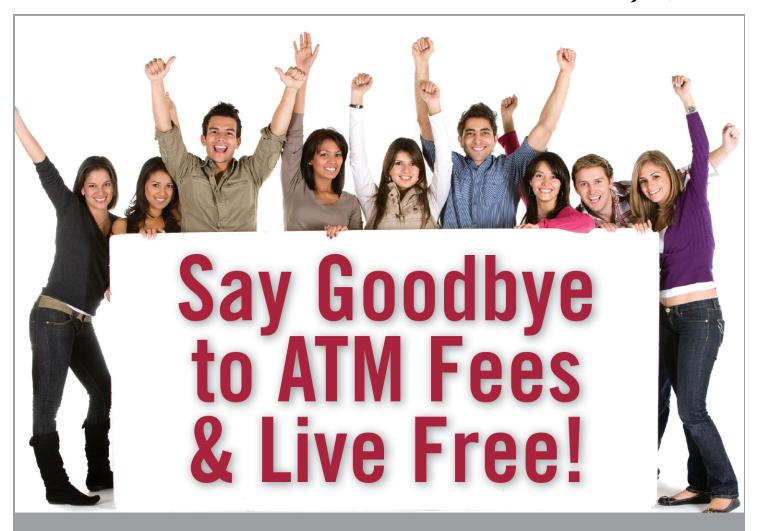
In the spirit of the season, VNA of Middlesex-East social workers delivered Thanksgiving dinner makings to patients in need. VNA of Middlesex-East donated gift certificates for turkeys and staff donated all the trimmings to help 10 families have a Happy Thanksgiving. The special deliveries were made to patients located in Woburn, Arlington, Somerville, Peabody, Wilmington and Billerica.

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*This account requires a direct deposit of at least \$200 per month, 3 bill pay transactions per month, and must receive eStatements in order to have other bank's ATM fees (excluding international ATMs) refunded. Fees are charged at the time of the transaction and credited to your account on the last day of the statement cycle. Failure to meet all of the requirements will result in other bank's ATMs fees being charged and not refunded for that statement cycle. All transactions referred to as "per month" or "monthly" must be posted within the monthly statement cycle. Posting date may be later than the date of the transaction. The minimum deposit to open the account is \$10.00. Available for personal accounts only.

† For additional conditions please see our Truth in Savings Disclosure.

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