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**TWENTY-FIVE CENTS** 

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# **Search for new Superintendent of** Schools narrows down to three

**Happy Thanksgiving Day** 

From the Publishers and Staff of The Somerville Times



The Search Committee Chair, Committee member Paul Bockelman of Ward 6, presided over Monday night's meeting to announce the Committee's selection of three finalists for the position of Superintendent.

#### By Jim Clark

The Somerville School Committee met on Monday evening in the Aldermanic Chambers to formally approve the nominations of three candidates for the position of Superintendent of Schools, in replacement of retiring Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi, who will be stepping down in July 2015.

Over 60 applicants from all around the country expressed interest in Somerville's Superintendent of Schools position, and the list was narrowed down to three final candidates by the School Committee at the meeting. Dr. Kriner Cash, Dr. Fredrick McDowell, and Ms. Mary Skipper have been invited to visit Somerville next month as the Committee looks toward making its final selection.

Of the selection process, Search Committee Chair and Ward 6 School Committee member Paul Bockelman said, "As we anticipated, there was a lot of interest in this position. We were very impressed with the Continued on page 9

### Vernon Street Open Studios 40th set to go

#### By Cathleen Twardzik

This year is the 40th anniversary of Vernon Street Open Studios, which is one of the oldest open studios in the Greater Boston area. A special presentation, Vernon Street Artists' Anniversary Exhibit, is currently running through December 31 at the Somerville Museum, located at 1 Westwood Road in Somerville. A handful of the original artists and current artists will be present.

Additionally, many of those "founding" artists will be taking part in Vernon Street Open Studios on December 6 and 7 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 20 Vernon Street. The annual event will spotlight the evolution and transitions that this creative "landmark" has experienced over the years.



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At the December 6 and 7 event, approximately, 70 artists will participate in the event, such as David Palmquist, Jane Sherrill and Zoe Mc-Carthy.

This event will provide "emerging" artists and those in their mid-career, spanning a wide array of craft media, such as Continued on page 23

Somerville Artist David Palmquist is one of many Vernon street artists preparing for December's Open Studios event.

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On Tuesday night the Board of Alderman met to discuss and vote on next years President and Vice President. Alderman at Large Bill White was elected for the third year in a row as the Board's President for the coming year. Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballyantine was elected the Board Vice President. Katjana is a freshman alderman, just finishing her first year in office. The Board President appoints members to the various board sub-committees at his discretion. We wish Alderman Bill White the best of luck in this his third year as President. He certainly is knowledgeable in the rules of the board.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Happy Thanksgiving to all our readers, we hope everyone has a wonderful, peaceful holiday. We all have a lot to be thankful for, good friends, family, good times and memories. Just about 30 days left for Christmas holidays.

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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 12. 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 *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.

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If you'd like to send a Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays greeting to your special person or to anyone across the city, we are going to have a section in the December 24 edition set aside for your holiday greeting. Mail your greeting or deliver it to *The Somerville Times*, 699 Broadway, Somerville 02144. Cost is only \$5 for 25 words. Deadline for entry for the Christmas edition is December 19. Cash or check is due when submitting your greeting. Here's your chance to show your loved ones and family or friends how special they are to you!

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### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

# **Response to:** *MSBA invites City of Somerville to launch feasibility study for Somerville High School*

#### Joe Lynch says:

Let's put some effort into talking the talk about being a "sustainable" kind of community and really think about rehabbing the existing building (maybe with some sort of additional space on the backside slope.)

The strategy now under way to "build new" to showcase another dismal display of bad architecture will never get my support.

#### Uncle Rocco says:

Another historic public building to be sold off or demolished ...

Joe says:

Yeah I'm cool with a new one.

#### Hear Hear says:

Disgraceful.

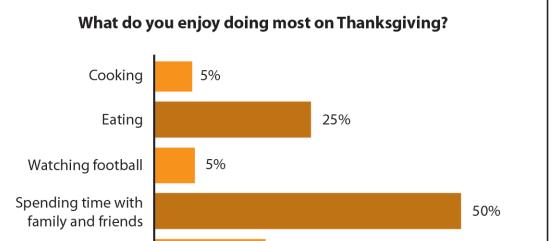
#### A.Moore says:

The last big renovation that I recall was done by the company that messed up the police station in Union Square. Possibly if we got decent companies to do the work it maybe would have been in better condition right now. I agree with SomMom about the rest of it. The location and library are perfect locations.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

### TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on what you enjoy doing most on Thanksgiving. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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### 🔎 The Somerville Times -From station to station The latest views of the new GLX sites

#### By Rebecca Danvers

The clever bunch over at Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership (STEP) have released new images of their latest designs for the Green Line Extension stations that will soon become familiar sights for Somerville residents.

STEP has announced that design phase overall is at 90%, meaning that we can at last get a clear idea of how the stations will look an operate.

The digital rendering shown here are but a small sampling of the images available for viewing. To see more, go to http://www. somervillestep.org/2014/11/ green\_line\_map\_1.html.



**Gilman Square Station** 



Lowell St. Station.



College Ave. Station.

# Large turnout for Somerville **Alderman Bob McWatters**

#### **By Ross Blouin**

There was a large turnout this past Wednesday, November 19, for freshman Alderman Ward 3 Bob McWatters, at Sally O'Brien's in Union Square. Well over 100 friends and family members turned out to show their support and appreciation for a job well done in his first vear as alderman.

He talked briefly about how he has come to answer the concerns of residents in Ward 3 over the past year that have reached out to him for help in many ways. Bob has earned the title of "The Constituent Alderman" here in Somerville. Reaching out, communicating and getting the job done is what it's all about.



Alderman Ward 3 Bob McWatters, Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Broker/Owner Donald Norton of The Norton Group

# **Changes promised** for Vinfen house

#### By Jim Clark

The state's Department of Mental Health (DMH), along with healthcare corporation Vinfen, is reportedly taking the need to improve alleged poor supervision issues at the group home at 155 Central St. very seriously

The home has had a shaded history involving neighbors being harassed and assaulted by residents of the home.

Community meetings held over the course of the past several weeks have brought pressure to bear on the beleaguered facility to get control of its residents and make assurances to its neighbors that such incidents will not continue to take place.

A Nov. 10 meeting has reportedly yielded some positive results, according to some area

residents who attended. Vinfen has apparently agreed to accept no new residents at the facility for the time being, and they have also agreed to eliminate their so-called "respite" service, which allows temporary stay service at the home.

An advisory committee comprised of concerned area residents has been formed, with the intended aim of keeping DMH and Vinfen focused on implementing more changes to ensure the safety of all who live in the area.

The advisory committee will meet again on Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. to continue its dialog with Vinfen and the DMH. The meeting will be held in the Winter Hill Community School, 115 Sycamore St., in the cafeteria (please use the Medford St. entrance).



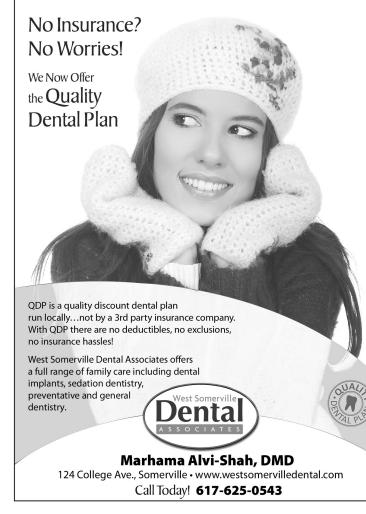
The Vinfen dialog continues.

— Photo by Donald Norton

\_\_\_\_\_ Thank you...

I would like to give a big my roots at Harvard Place. I thank you to my neighbors on Harvard Place who have been so considerate, thoughtful and especially supportive during the past six and one half years since the fire in helping me to get back to

hope that someday someone will bestow kindness to them as the kindness they have bestowed upon me. Elaine Thibault 9 Harvard Place Somerville, MA 02143



friend showed up, newly elected Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, who herself grew up in Ward 3 with family members still living here in Somerville. Marian has known Bob and his family for many years. Pictured above, Ryan is shown with

McWatters on the left and her other good friend and supporter Donald Norton on the right. Ryan's campaign coordinator here in Somerville this past election was Bob McWatters, with Norton helping in many ways assisting with her campaign.





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# 'Shopping' with wire cutters didn't pay off

Police officers were dispatched to the Assembly Square Marketplace on Middlesex Ave. Sunday evening on reports of a female shoplifter being detained by loss prevention personnel.

Upon arrival, police were in-

formed that a woman, Mireille Val, 61, of Boston, had been reportedly observed via the video monitoring system cutting electronic security tags off of store merchandise, specifically clothing. The store security team further stated that they had observed Val as she placed the clothing into a shoulder bag and left the store without paying.

The security personnel reportedly caught up with Val and escorted her back into the store. The store merchandise was retrieved from her bag and inventoried, according to reports. She was reportedly in possession of clothing valued at \$330.38. A pair of wire cutters was also reportedly found to be in her possession, police said.

Val was placed under arrest and charged with possession of a burglarious instrument and larceny over \$250.

### SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOC

#### Arrests:

**Gary Smith**, November 17, 8:44 a.m., arrested at 82 Mt. Vernon St. on a warrant charge of fugitive from justice.

**David Smith**, of 49 Marshall St., November 18, 9:31 p.m., arrested at 96 Wheatland St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Samantha Merrill, of 130 Morrison Ave., November 19, 4:32 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a warrant charge of assault.

**Peter Dizon**, of 633 Somerville Ave., November 19, 10:01 p.m., arrested at 635 Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of assault and battery on a household member.

**Robert Komnenus**, of 356 Somerville Ave., November 20, 10:50 a.m., arrested at 110 Broadway on warrant charges of marked lanes violation, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Mireille Val, of 250 Cambridge St., Boston, November 23, 6:47 p.m., arrested at 105 Middlesex Ave. on charges of possession of a burglarious instrument and larceny over \$250.

#### Incidents:

Theft:

November 18, 11:07 p.m., police reported a theft at Pearson Rd.

November 18, 11:43 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

November 18, 12:45 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St. November 18, 7:48 p.m., police reported a theft at Gilman St.

November 18, 9:57 p.m., police reported a theft at North St.

November 19, 8:31 a.m., police reported a theft at Autumn St.

November 20, 11:11 a.m., police reported a theft at Evergreen Sq.

November 20, 5:55 p.m., police reported a theft at Gilman St.

November 20, 9:42 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

November 21, 11:10 a.m., police reported a theft at Gilman St.

#### Breaking & Entering:

November 18, 5:03 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway. November 19, 12:32 a.m.,

police reported a breaking & entering at 350 Broadway.

November 19, 8:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Elmwood St.

November 20, 5:54 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Lexington Ave.

November 21, 8:31 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

November 21, 4:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Rd.

November 21, 7:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Franklin St.

#### Vehicle Theft:

November 22, 10:48 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Dana St.

November 23, 1:32 p.m., po-

lice reported a vehicle theft at Crescent St.

#### Assault:

November 20, 4:27 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

November 23, 12:30 a.m., police reported an assault at Powder House Blvd.

#### **Destruction of Property:**

November 21, 1:03 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Curtis St.

November 22, 12:25 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Austin St.

November 23, 7:41 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Highland Ave.

#### **Disorderly Conduct:**

November 19, 10:47 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Carlton St.

### Youth/police sessions break down barriers

#### **By Tom Bannister**

Seven police officers met with thirteen young people last week at the Somerville Police Department, the purpose of which was to speak one-on-one together, break through stereotypes and find some common ground as fellow Somerville citizens.

Teen Empowerment Somerville Director Danny McLaughlin remarked on the event saying, "In light of recent strife between youth and police around the country, these dialogue sessions are particularly important. The sessions humanize both the youth and the officers and help them understand that their actions and attitudes toward one another can fundamentally change the nature of police-youth relationships in Somerville. While we've been working with the department for a long time, under the leadership of Chief Fallon we're taking a giant leap with this project this year. We'll be working together in an ongoing way, supporting each other's efforts all year long." Two new members of the Police Department attended as a

part of their first week of work. Several interactive exercises were utilized by Teen Empowerment staff to help the participants open up to one another. As the process unfolded, those in attendance began to express themselves freely on such diverse topics as peer pressure, violence, and the way all sides view each other. Deputy Chief Stephen Carrabino said, "It was both enlightening and fun." "I thought it was great to have the youth sit down with the police and get to know them on a personal level," said 17-year-old Teen Empowerment Youth Organizer Christina Harding. Several efforts between Teen Empowerment and the police department are planned for the year ahead. Another meeting is scheduled for December 11 to





Interactive exercises putting police officers and young people together are valuable tools in the effort to ease tensions and create goodwill between the two groups.

Open, honest dialogue between youth and law enforcement officers is helping to create more trust and understanding between the two groups.

plan a joint youth-police basketball tournament and a series of walking dialogues about public safety to be held this spring in conjunction with the Council on Aging and other neighborhood groups.

Founded in 1992, The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc. empowers youth and adults as agents of positive individual, institutional, and social change. Each year, youth conduct over 150 initiatives involving some 6,000 people. The dialogue sessions are funded in part by the state's Charles E. Shannon Public Safety Initiative grant.

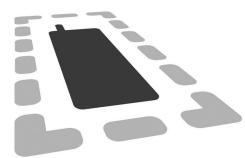
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# Parkmobile App now on the road

#### By Rebecca Danvers

The launch of the new parking technology in Somerville, Parkmobile's smart phone app, took place last Monday morning, Nov. 24 in Davis Square with a ceremony attended by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Director of Traffic and Parking Suzanne Rinfret and representatives of Parkmobile.

Drivers in Somerville will be able to pay for parking at every metered space in the city by using Parkmobile's smartphone app available for iPhone, Android, Windows and Blackberry phones, or by calling a toll-free



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# 2014 holiday events announced

#### By Tom Bannister

The 2014 holiday season kicks off in December, bringing popular traditions back to the city for all to enjoy:

The annual Christmas Tree lighting at City Hall takes place on Thursday, Dec. 4. The ceremony starts at 5:30 p.m. on the City Hall Concourse. A meet and greet with Santa Claus follows in the Somerville High School Highlander Café (atrium entrance). Santa Claus will be escorted by the Somerville Fire Department for the ceremony and will be available for photos following the tree lighting. All children attending the ceremony will also receive a gift from Santa. Live entertainment for the event will feature the Somerville High School Band and Orchestra, the Somerville Community Chorus, and El Sistema Somerville. Refreshments will be served at SHS.



The Somerville Arts Council's Illuminations Tours start up on Saturday, Dec. 13, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The tour takes attendees aboard trolleys across the city to discover some of the most brightly decorated homes during the holiday season. Tours depart from the City Hall Concourse every 45 minutes. Refreshments, choral music and craft activities will be available inside City Hall.

Trolley Tour tickets will be available at the Blue Cloud Gallery, 713 Broadway, beginning Sunday, Nov. 30. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and seniors. For more information, visit www.somervilleartscouncil.org.

Mayor Curtatone and other city officials will participate in a ceremonial Menorah lighting on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 16, in honor of the first day of Hanukkah.

For more information on the city's holiday events, please contact Nancy Aylward at 617-625-6600 ext. 2100.

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



#### The Thanksgiving Miracle By Bob (Monty) Doherty

If you look at the official city symbol of Worcester, Massachusetts, you will see that it is heart shaped. This image is symbolic because the city is located in the very center of Massachusetts, or the heart of the state.

On November 28,1942, Worcester's College of the Holy Cross' football team appropriately had "heart," and their players' hearts were beating on all cylinders. For this game, they played against the high-flying Eagles of Boston College, who had won the Cotton Bowl in 1940, the Orange Bowl in 1941 and, in 1942, were streaking toward another title. They were planning to make the mediocre Holy Cross football team their ninth straight win. Holy Cross' record at that time was 4, 4 and 1.



Saturday, Nov. 28, 1942 FENWAY PARK

The game was being played at Fenway Park to a sold-out crowd of fans from all over New England. Boston College, who was number one in the polls at that time, was considered good enough to be a professional team capable of destroying many in its path. The press considered the chance of a Holy Cross victory laughable, but by the end of the game the lowly Crusaders had humbled the mighty Eagles by a punishing score of 55 to 12.

The loss moved Boston College from number one to

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number eight in the standings, placing them in the Orange Bowl instead of the Cotton Bowl. Somerville's Carl Lucas, a back-up quarterback got his chance to play in the Orange Bowl loss but shattered his leg seconds before half time. It sounds like an unlucky, tough break for Carl, but he and the Boston College team had been one fortunate football team. Had they won the Thanksgiving Day, Holy Cross game, the team would have attended a victory party at Boston's Coconut Grove nightclub. That evening, the Grove fire took 492 lives; nine of the victims were Somerville residents.

George Graney, father of Somerville's retired Fire Chief Tom Graney, was a five-year Boston fire fighter at that time. He was part of the initial fire crew to work at the scene of the horrible inferno. Six years later, this incredible man would establish the famous national, "Fill the Boot" drive for Muscular Dystrophy. To date, that drive has raised over \$300 million.

Forty-two years after the Coconut

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# The winners of The Somerville Times Reader's Choice results for THE BEST OF SOMERVILLE 2014

Congratulations to the winners! Please support their businesses and let them know you saw them in The Somerville Times

### Readers choices for 2014

#### Best Idea in 2014:

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

**Worst Idea:** Making Lower Broadway one lane traffic

#### **Best Somerville Food & Restaurants:**

Best Breakfast: Neighborhood Restaurant, 25 Bow St. Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch: Kelly's Diner, 674 Broadway Best Italian Food: Pescatore, 158 Boston Ave. Best Portuguese Restaurant: | and | Restaurant, 157 Washington St. Best Chinese Food: China Delight, 524 Somerville Ave. Best Mexican Food: Papagayo, 331 Great River Rd. Best Variety and All Around Restaurant: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway Best Seafood Restaurant: Legal on the Mystic, 301 Great River Road Best Local Deli: Victor's Deli, 710 Broadway Best Irish Pub: Burren, 247 Elm St. Best Bar for Bands: Johnny D's, 17 Holland St. Best Bar/Restaurant: East End Grill, 118 Broadway Best Bar Food/Creative Drinks: Daddy Jones, 525 Medford St. Best Thai Food: Thai Hut, 93 Beacon St. Best Hamburger: Olde Magoun's Saloon, 518 Medford St. Best Hot Dog: Moe's BBQ Trolley Best Roast Beef Sandwich: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway Best Pizza: Flatbread Company, 45 Day St. Best Bakery: Patsy's Pastry Shop, 182 Broadway Best Sub Shop: Leone's Submarine Sandwich, 292 Broadway Best Coffee Shop Franchise: Dunkin' Donuts, Davis Square Best Coffee Shop Local: Bloc 11, 11 Bow St. Best Cook: Omar Djebbouri, Ball Square Café

Best Receptionist: Carolyn Jean Gillis, Little Sisters of the Poor Best Answering Service: OD Answering Service Best Real Estate Company: The Norton Group, 699 Broadway Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor: Clifton Verdieu, The Norton Group Best Real Estate Rental Agent: Bill Murphy, Colony Real Estate Best Drain Cleaning Business: The Drain Guy, www.thedrainguy.com Best Florist: T.F. Murphy Florist, 346 Highland Ave. Best Laundromat: Spin Cycle, 6 Main St. Best Liquor Store: Downtown Liquors, Davis Square Best Wait staff: Waitstaff at the Ball Square Café, 708 Broadway Best Bartender: Bill Hausar, Mt. Vernon, (40 years), 14 Broadway Best Barber: Paul McGlashing, Alibrani's Barber Shop, 194 Holland St. Best Hair Salon: Amal Niccoli, 731 Broadway Best Gas Station: Good Gas, 345 Medford St. Best Auto Body Shop: A Plus, 297 Medford St. Best Carpenter: Bobby Potaris, Potaris Construction Best Painter: Bill Faber, Heath St. Best Employee: Vinnie Sabatino, Walgreens, 343 Broadway Best Pest Exterminator: Best Pest Control Services, 63 Elm St. **Best of Somerville Municipal Services:** Best Somerville Department: City of Somerville's Water Dept. Best Somerville Official: Nancy Gaudet-Bacci, Dir. of Human Services Best Somerville DPW Supervisor: Mike Browne Best Teacher: Adam Epstein, Music teacher, ESCS Best Politician: Bob McWatters Best Nurse: Laurie Foley Best Police Officer: Officer Albert Gee Best Fire Fighter: Mike Avery

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

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

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

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

Best Electrician: Charles Salvato

**Best of Somerville Services:** 

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

Best Law Firm: Dropkin & Matza 424 Broadway

Best Attorney: Edwin Smith, 403 Highland Ave.

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

Best Bank: Winter Hill Bank

Best Bank Employee: Sylvana Sabatino, Middlesex Federal, Teele Sq. office Best City Elected Politician: Maryann Heuston

Best City Employee DPW: Kevin McDevitt

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

**Best of Somerville Arts/Entertainment:** 

Best Somerville Poet: Doug Holder

Best Photographer: Claudia Ferro

Best Writer: William C. Shelton

Best Somerville Celebrity: Jimmy Del Ponte

Best Somerville Historian: Bob "Monty" Doherty

Best Somerville Non Profit Agency: Little Sisters of the Poor

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

### When We Were Young

Somerville High School, 1954. We weren't thinking about the future, only about the upcoming Class Day and then graduation. Later, a train would take us on a trip to a more serious place, a place where we'd begin the process of evolving into adults. It was waiting there at the station. Our teachers were aware of the train, they'd seen it come and go many times. So they continued to feed us huge spoonfuls of knowledge, hoping we'd digest enough of it to be prepared for our journey from carefree kids to responsible citizens.

We knew the train was there, but we weren't ready yet to leave the station. Not yet would we worry about what lies ahead. This was our last fling at being young. This senior year was the last of our golden days, our best of times, and except for childhood memories, this time would be the greatest of all. The sports, record hops, pizza and coke down at the local hangout and Saturday night dates with that special someone. We wished it would go on forever. But it didn't, Class Day came and went, quickly followed by Graduation Day.

So we said our goodbyes, proceeded to our assigned compartments, and began our long train journey that would carry us on to our own tailored future. Some to college, others to start a career in the business world. Friends were not forgotten, just put on the back burner for a while as we began weaving yet another section of the fabric of our lives.

This train would stop on schedule every so often to renew friendships and memories by celebrating our class reunions. We hadn't changed that much, at least we didn't seem to. No need to look at yearbook pictures pinned onto jackets, no need to try and remember names, we knew them all. We were still young.

Then this, our sixtieth class reunion. The train stopped again to revisit old friends and renew old memories. It was a scheduled stop, but only for a brief moment to allow us to return to 1954, at least in our hearts, when we were young.

This time though, there were less of us, a little harder to recognize, difficult for eyes to focus in on yearbook pictures pinned onto jackets. But we were persistent and quickly broke through the cloudy haze of past years and renewed memories with each other, laughed, danced and added new memories that night as well. But as quickly as it had began, the last dance was danced, the final memory retold, address exchanged and the, the hardest of all, the goodnights.

We quietly got back onto the train to continue our journey. Along the way more of us will have gotten off at unscheduled stops. We'll be saddened by the loss of our classmates because part of ourselves will leave us as well. But we'll also be enriched by all the happy school day memories they left behind for us to relieve over and over again.

Will there be another Somerville High School 1954 reunion? Possibly. But no matter. This paper and the printed words upon it will yellow and fade with time but the memories will never fade in our minds. We'll always remember that special place we once attended, Somerville High School, that magical year, 1954, and that fleeting time, when we were young.

Hal Farrington, class of 1954 Lexington MA

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send letters to the editor to The Somerville Times. Please email your letters to News@TheSomervilleTimes.com or mail them to 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The Somerville Times Reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and length. All letters must include an name and contact information. Contact information will not be shared with the public. We look forward to hearing from you.

Spring Hill Development Watch serves to channel community opposition to the ongoing McMansionization of Spring Hill, most recently at 139 Summer Street. Our members include many of the same people who resisted the gutting and subdivision of 3 Benton Road. In October, we submitted a zoning amendment that would penalize developers for destroying trees during condo conversions. A public hearing will be held on this amendment, December 11 at 6pm at the VNA on Lowell Street. Vast sums of money are being wagered on the redevelopment of Union Square, the GLX and other projects. The rapidly rising real estate values resulting from this speculation are like catnip for luxury condo developers. Most of the big players are non-residents who have no longterm stake in the outcome, and thus no incentive to preserve our quality of life or mitigate the harms caused by their developments. In effect McMansionization is a type of flipping, explicitly at odds with the SomerVision goals, but feeding parasitically on the turbulence those goals create. Left unchecked, the luxury condo industry can be counted on to maximize

its profits by methodically consuming Somerville's remaining open and green spaces. The simple fact that the majority of those spaces are on private land only intensifies the threat.

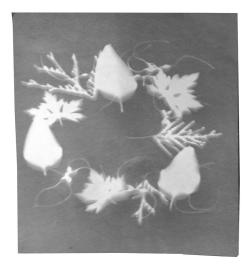
SomerVision not only commits Somerville to preserving and enhancing our residential neighborhoods, while simultaneously pursuing mixed-use development in suitable areas, it also commits us to valuing and protecting open and green space. SomerVision explicitly recognizes that such spaces have \*intrinsic\* value, not merely instrumental value in terms of runoff management or climate change mitigation. In other words, our remaining open and green spaces are axiomatically good, like community or public service, and require no justification. Despite this, they have been and will continue to be relentlessly assaulted. The new zoning rules may discourage "shoehorn" development, but their implementation is still many months away. In the meantime, our proposed zoning amendment would give the city valuable leverage in its struggle to regulate condo developers, preserve the character of our residential communities, and stem the loss of open green space.

This leverage will be desperately needed in the months ahead.

My friends and neighbors had frontrow seats to watch Ed Doherty's crew clearcut 139 Summer Street, laying waste to what had been a beautiful tree-ringed garden for over 100 years in a matter of hours. They are understandably traumatized and angry, and fear for their future. They think, "That could have been me, I could be the next one to have a moonscape erupt in my back yard, and spend the rest of my days looking at a parking lot." People up here on Spring Hill have long memories: they haven't forgotten 3 Benton Road and other bitter battles with developers. Our neighbors on Prospect Hill won't soon forget the ongoing travesty at 11 Aldersey Street, and it's surely one of many reasons why Suzanne Bremer almost won last year, despite being outspent by ten to one. For all these reasons, I hope you will attend the public hearing and support our zoning amendment. Chris Korda Spring Hill Development Watch http://139summer.org/ springhilldevelopmentwatch@gmail.com

### Photograms at Cross Street

A group of avid gardeners met on Monday, November 10, at the Somerville Council on Aging to put their skills to a different use: learning how to make "photograms" with sensitized paper, botanical objects, and help from the sun.



Local artist Alane Brodrick introduced the group to cyanotypes – or blueprints – as a form of photographic art. Members chose different botanical objects to make their prints, pressed them onto sensitized paper, exposed them to sunlight, and watched the paper turn blue around the objects.

Brodrick's workshop was entirely cost-free to participants, thanks to a grant from the Somerville Arts Council and Massachusetts Cultural Council.

— Somerville Council On Aging

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calls in the House or Senate last week.

#### Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



#### **Rep. Denise Provost**

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



**Rep.** Timothy Toomey

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



#### Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll On the GOP side, all four Republican senators supported the governor at least once. The senator who voted with Patrick the most was Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth), who supported him 27 times.

#### PERCENTAGE OF TIMES SENATORS SUP-PORTED GOV. PATRICK

The percentage next to the senator's name represents the percentage of times the senator supported Patrick's vetoes.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times the senator supported Patrick's vetoes.

Some senators voted on all 88 roll call votes. Others missed one or more of the votes. Their records are based on the number of roll calls on which they voted and do not count the roll calls for which they were absent.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	0 percent (0)
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	1.1 percent (1)

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

#### PAY RAISES LOOMING ON BEACON HILL? -

The Special Advisory Commission on the Compensation of Public Officials, created by the Legislature in June as part of the fiscal 2015 state budget, is wrapping up its work. It is close to issuing its final report and recommendations on the compensation of the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary, treasurer, attorney general, auditor, governor's councilors, senators and representatives. Its mission is to compare the salaries with the same elected officials in other states and the private sector and to examine the method by which biennial adjustments are made to legislative base pay. The committee's website says it plans to issue its report on whether there should be pay hikes by early or mid-December.

The chair of the committee is Ira Jackson, former state revenue commissioner and now Dean of the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston. People who want to weigh in with their opinions can do so by going to the commission's website MassPublicComp.umb.edu.

LOCAL AID - Gov. Patrick's plan to cut local aid to cities and towns by \$25.5 million as part of his effort to close a \$329 million budget gap seems to be dead on arrival on Beacon Hill. House Speaker Robert DeLeo said, "Understanding the vital role cities and towns play in providing services and jobs, I will not support a reduction of unrestricted local aid. Local aid is integral to helping municipalities accurately assess and plan their budgets so that they can contribute to the overall growth of the Commonwealth's economy." Without DeLeo's support, the cut is headed for the graveyard.

ed animal abuse and create a special taskforce of experts to review methods to prevent animal abuse and punish those who commit it. The task force would also look into the possibility of establishing an animal abuse registry. The legislation was filed in response to the "Puppy Doe" case in which a dog was euthanized after she suffered extensive injuries, including a stab wound to her eye and burns to her body.

Supporters say the Puppy Doe case is one of many similar incidents that have occurred in the state. They argued it is time to increase the punishment and fine for those who commit such heinous crimes.

Some animal advocacy organizations, while applauding the increased penalties, express concern about removal of a provision from the original bill that would have created an animal abuse registry. They say that without this important provision, shelters, breeders and pet stores, as well as people seeking new homes for their pets, can't know whether the person to whom they give or sell vulnerable animals has a history of animal abuse or neglect.

**INTERIOR DESIGNERS** - November 19 was the effective date of a new law that establishes the right of interior designers to bid directly on state contracts. Under prior law, designers were prohibited from doing so and were only allowed to subcontract their services with architectural firms that are bidding on projects.

Supporters say the old law was unfair and put interior designers at a disadvantage. They note that allowing direct bidding will create competition, reduce costs and save taxpayers' money.

ELIMINATE MANDATORY SENTENCES FOR DRUG OFFENDERS - A special commission studying the state's criminal justice system voted 9-2 to recommend eliminating mandatory minimum sentences for all drug offenses in the Bay State. The Massachusetts Special Commission to Study the Commonwealth's Criminal Justice System, created by the Legislature in 2012, is now working on an official report, including its recommendations to the Legislature.

"Drug offenses are a huge reason we have so much overcrowding in the prison system," said commission member Patty Garin, co-director of the Northeastern University Law School Prisoners Assistance Program. She argued that mandatory minimum sentences disproportionately impact poorer communities and people of color.

Beacon Hill Roll Call this week examines the voting records of local senators on Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick's 88 vetoes during the 2013-2014 session. A two-thirds vote is required to override a gubernatorial veto in the 40-member Senate that includes 36 Democrats and only four Republicans. The governor needed the support of 15 senators to sustain a veto when all 40 senators voted -- and fewer votes if some members were absent. Patrick fell far short of that goal. Five votes were the most support he received on any veto. The Senate easily overrode all 88 vetoes, including 18 that were overridden unanimously.

The vetoes had little support among Patrick's fellow Democrats. Only 15 of the chamber's 36 Democrats voted with Patrick to sustain any vetoes and nine of those supported the governor on only one. The other 21 Democratic senators did not side with the governor even once. Sen. Sonia Chang Diaz (D-Boston) gave him the most support, siding with him 44 times (50 percent).

**PROTECTING ANIMALS** - A law increasing the prison time and fines for committing animal abuse took effect on November 18. The new law increases the maximum fine for a first offense from \$2,500 to \$10,000 while raising the maximum prison sentence for a first offense from five years to seven years. It also increases the fines and prison time for second offenses to maximums of \$20,000 and ten years. Under prior law, the fines and prison sentences for subsequent offenses were the same as first offenses.

Other provisions require veterinarians to report suspect-

Cape and Islands District Attorney Michael O'Keefe, also a commission member said,"We utterly reject this notion that the criminal justice system is warehousing these non-violent drug offenders. That simply is not the case. People have to work extremely hard to get themselves into jail here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

FREE TUITION (S 2106) - A bill that would expand the current law that provides free tuition, fees and room and board at state universities for children of police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, prisoners of war during the Vietnam era and all veterans killed in action is languishing in a House committee since it was give unanimous approval by the Senate in April.

The bill would provide the same benefits to the children of several others killed in action including any call, volunteer, auxiliary, intermittent or reserve police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician as well as

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college campus police officers and public prosecutors.

Supporters said this would be a huge help to the families of these fallen heroes. They noted it would help ease the financial stress related to paying for college and allow them to focus on the healing process and their daily lives.

#### MAKE MATERNITY LEAVE GENDER-NEU-

**TRAL (S 865)** - Also stuck in a House committee is Senate-approved legislation that would change the state's female-only maternity leave law to a gender-neutral one. The law gives parents of a newborn or adopted child eight weeks off, with or without pay at the discretion of the employer, and the right to return to their job after that period. The House gave initial approval to the bill in October 2013 but it has been stuck in committee since then.

Supporters said this would bring this law into the current century. They noted it is outrageous that coverage is currently reserved for women.

**QUOTABLE QUOTES** - "By the Numbers" Edition

"\$2.5 million." — The estimated cost of renovations to the State Library of Massachusetts located at the Statehouse.

"14,211." — The number of elevators across Massachusetts operating with expired inspection stickers as of October 2012, according to an audit released last week by Auditor continued

Suzanne Bump.

"\$195 million." — The amount of money the state has so far received from casino and slots parlor license fees.

"3." — The number of cabinet secretaries so far appointed by Governor-elect Charlie Baker. He appointed Rep. Matthew Beaton (R-Shrewsbury) as Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and Chelsea City Manager Jay Ash as Secretary of Housing and Economic Development.

"8." — Months in prison received by Former Probation Commissioner John O'Brien, convicted of mail fraud and racketeering for his role in rigging the probation department's hiring process so that unqualified, politically connected candidates would get hired.

"\$25,000." — The limit that Governor-elect Charlie Baker's inaugural committee has placed on single contributions to the committee organizing Baker's inauguration festivities on January 8.

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 im-

portant 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 17-21, the House met for a total of 22 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 16 minutes.

-	Mon. November 17	House 10:12 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
- S	Tues. November 18	No House session No Senate session
s	Wed. November 19	No House session No Senate session
	Thurs. November 20	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.
f s -	Fri. November 21	No House session No Senate session

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## Search for new Superintendent of Schools narrows down to three

#### CONT. FROM PG 1

overall quality of the candidate pool, and are thrilled to be bringing three outstanding candidates to Somerville for final interviews,"

The candidates are scheduled to spend a day meeting with members of the Somerville community, and will thereafter face a final interview with the entire Somerville School Committee.

Final candidate interviews, which will be open to the public, will be held on the evenings of December 2, 3, and 4th in City Hall. The interviews will be televised on Somerville's local cable television stations (Channels 15/16) as well. School Committee members will accept comments from concerned members of the public from December 4-8. The School Committee is then scheduled to vote on a final candidate on December 8. "Somerville is a great community, and the Somerville Public Schools district has established itself as a leader in urban education in Massachusetts," said Bockelman. "We are confident that Somerville's next Superintendent of Schools will continue to lead our community on an upward trajectory, building on the great work of current Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi and his team, and focusing on the needs, challenges and opportunities of a wonderfully diverse community."

The following information about the three finalists has been released:

DR. KRINER CASH: Dr. Cash served as Superintendent of Schools in Memphis, Tennessee from 2008-2013. Prior to his work in Memphis, he served for four years as the Chief of Accountability for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Over the course of his career he has served as Superintendent of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools, as Associate Dean of the Howard University School of Education, and as Coordinator for Community Involvement for the Cincinnati Public Schools. Dr. Cash holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Princeton, a Master's Degree in Administration from Stanford, and a Doctorate in Cultural Diversity & Curricular Reform from the University of Massachusetts. DR. FREDRICK McDOW-ELL: Dr. McDowell currently serves as an Instructional Superintendent for the Denver Public School System, where, among many responsibilities, he oversees professional development and evaluations for 15 middle and high schools serving 14,000 students. Prior to moving to Denver, he worked in the Boston Public School System, serving as Headmaster of Brighton High School and as the Princi"...the Somerville Public Schools district has established itself as a leader in urban education in Massachusetts"

pal of High Tech Academy. He began his career in education as a graphic design teacher in the Durham, North Carolina Public Schools where he taught for four years before becoming an master of TechBoston Academy, which she helped launch within the Boston School System as the Founding Headmaster in 2002. Other roles within the Boston Public School System include Assistant Academic Superintendent for Pilot Schools and Technology Project Manager within the Office of Instructional Technology. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in English and Latin from Tufts University, a Master's Degree in Latin and Greek from Tufts University, a Master's Degree in Education from Harvard University, and is currently working toward her Doctorate in Urban Leadership from Teacher's College at Co-

lumbia University. As permitted by law, initial candidate interviews were conducted in Executive Session on November 18 and 19 by a 7-member advisory committee chaired by Ward 3School Committee member Adam Sweeting. The advisory committee included School Committee members Carrie Normand of Ward 7, Ward 5's Laura Pitone, and Steve Roix fromWard 1; Ms. Nelia Braga, a teacher at Somerville High School and mother of two; Ms. Rupinder Kaur, a recent Somerville High School graduate and current student at Wentworth Institute of Technology; and Ms. Lupe Ojeda, a parent of children in the district and a board member and parent leader at The Welcome Project.

Following the first round of interviews, the advisory committee winnowed the slate of candidates down to three for consideration by the full School Committee.

The School Committee engaged the services of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) consulting firm earlier this year to assist in the search for Somerville's next Superintendent of Schools after current Superintendent Pierantozzi announced his retirement.



Assistant Principal in the Orange County, North Carolina School District. Dr. McDowell holds a Bachelor's Degree in Art and Design from North Carolina State University, Master's Degrees in Technology Education and School Administration from North Carolina State University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Northeastern University. MS. MARY SKIPPER: Ms. Skipper currently serves as a Network Superintendent in the Boston Public School System, where she oversees the District's 34 high schools. Prior to assuming her current position, she was Chief Education Officer/Head-



# COMMENTARY

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# Giving Tuesday Somerville supports our neighbors this Thanksgiving



#### By Joseph A. Curtatone

When we sit down for Thanksgiving dinner, we're celebrating a bountiful harvest and reminding ourselves to be thankful for all we have. While we are mindful of why we should be thankful for the blessings in our own lives, during the holidays our thoughts also turn to those who may be struggling to put food on the table, find a home or care for their families. My time as mayor has taught me that I am never alone when it comes to speaking up for the people of our city. That's part of Somerville's soul-the desire to speak out for our neighbors and stand up for one another. We can count on each other. There are organizations across Somerville that help out those who need help, or who provide a unified voice for groups in our community. This holiday season, 15 nonprofits are coming together to make it even easier for all of us to stand up for those in our community who need our help.

Giving Tuesday Somerville will take place all day on Tuesday, Dec. 2, with donations accepted online anytime during the day and a live telethon hosted by Jimmy Tingle airing on SCATV from 6 to 9 p.m. This local branch of an international movement aimed at devoting a day to celebrating generosity and giving. Giving Tuesday Somerville is the first local effort of what I hope becomes an annual holiday tradition for our community.

Tune into SCATV next Tuesday for the telephone for live entertainment, local celebrities and informative discussions, and go to SCATV's website at www. scatvsomerville.org to donate. All donations will be divided evenly among the 15 organizations, and I'd like to highlight these organizations if you don't already know about them, because as important it is to financially support these nonprofits, they also need people willing to volunteer their time, energy and passion:

• CAAS (Community Action Agency of Somerville) is provides critical services to local families and individuals to reduce poverty and prevent homelessness, and connects those in need to other agencies that strengthen our community. CAAS also runs the Head Start program here in Somerville.

• CORES (Community Organization of Refugees from El Salvador) aids Central American immigrants living in Somerville and throughout the Boston area, supporting them on immigration issues and offering English as a Second Language (ESL) and literacy classes.

• The Family Equality Council offers a variety of programs for families, especially families with parents who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, including local parent groups, parenting workshops and those that empower LGBT parents, while working to ensure that all families are treated equally and with respect.

• Groundwork Somerville runs programs that promote environmental, economic and social well-being. Among their projects are the Mobile Farmers Market, which provides healthy, local produce at public and senior housing in Somerville, and the Green Team that serves as an environmental education, leadership and job training program for Somerville High School students.

• MAPS (Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers) helps Somervillians from Brazil, Cape Verde, Portugal and other Portuguese-speaking nations contribute to our community and get access to health, education and social services.

• The Mystic Learning Center improves the lives of children and families at the Mystic River Housing Development in Winter Hill, with an innovative parent and youth service model. The Center offers year-round educational and recreational activities for kids.

• **RESPOND Inc.** is the second oldest domestic violence agency in the nation, has a 24hour hotline at 617-623-5900 for victims, and offers individual counseling and support groups, assistance to victims needing necessities such as food and clothing, legal support for victims and more.

• Second Chances provides free clothing to homeless and lower-income people in Somerville, working Continued on page 20

# Life in the **WILLE** by Jimmy Del Ponte **'Twas The Night Before Thanksgiving**



I would like to present

another story by my

friend and fellow

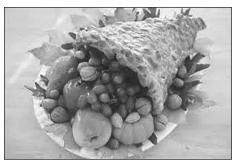
Somerville native,

Anthony Accardi Jr.

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays. We always celebrated Thanksgiving with my grandparents on my mother's side of the family. The travel was easy; just walk down one flight of stairs to an afternoon of turkey, lasagna, various side dishes and lots of sweets. After dinner the tryptophan from the turkey would kick in and then it was one flight back upstairs for a nice nap on the couch. However it wasn't just the turkey, lasagna and desserts that made me crave a nap. It was the night before Thanksgiving. Otherwise known as "Thanksgiving Eve." It was a night out for a few drinks; maybe reunite with friends that you hadn't seen in years and then afterward a visit to Kay and Chip's for breakfast. As a kid Thanksgiving Eve meant helping my mom bake pies or other desserts. My grandmother would go up and down the stairs between her first floor apartment and our second floor apartment. She must have gone up and down those stairs 50 times that night. She would be entertaining approximately 30 people for Thanksgiving and everything

had to be just right. It was an exciting night for us kids as we had no school on Thanksgiving – and also the day after. That meant we were allowed to stay up late two additional nights that week. You had so many "good thoughts" on your mind. No school on Thursday or Friday – plus the weekend, lots of relatives visiting, a ton of food to eat and Christmas was just around the corner.

As an adult, Thanksgiving Eve meant going to a bar or nightclub and blowDans, however we would not head home early. Just about when Johnny Carson was starting his monologue, we all got into someone's car and headed for Boston. Almost always we would end up at "9 Landsdowne Street" or "The Metro". Do you remember those nightclubs? Kay and Chips was the last stop before heading home. I would get home around 5a.m. The task then was to make it up the stairs and into bed. The aroma of my grandmother's cooking filled the back hallway. We had a stove in our basement and that is where the turkey was cooking. I had just finished a full breakfast, but that smell always made me want to go down and just take one sample piece of the turkey. Remarkably, I was able to fight off that temptation. Thanksgiving Eve had become a night of staying out too late, having too many drinks and the thought of regret for the next day. I really don't remember when I stopped partying on Thanksgiving Eve. If I had to guess, it was probably around 1996 when Dapper Dan's closed. I was about 34 years old at the time and I was entering a new phase in my life. I think the novelty of partying and staying out late had run its course. I really didn't go out as often as I used to. When I did go out, I returned home in a much better condition than I would have 10 years before. I would



take my own car so I could come and go as I please. Going out for breakfast was not only becoming the high point of the night, it was also happening much earlier in the night.

ing off steam as if it were a regular weekend night. I have to say for me the Thanksgiving Eve tradition started at a place called Dapper Dan's. Frequently referred to as Dapper's, it was located in the original Assembly Square Mall. Like most places on Thanksgiving Eve, Dapper Dan's would be packed early and stay that way until closing. If you didn't get into Dapper's early on Thanksgiving eve, then you had to either wait in line or go somewhere else. Since most people

travel home for Thanksgiving, that night would bring out the many people that you had not seen in years. Catching up with old friends and telling "war stories" was the best part of the night. It was a simple night of having a few drinks and heading home early.

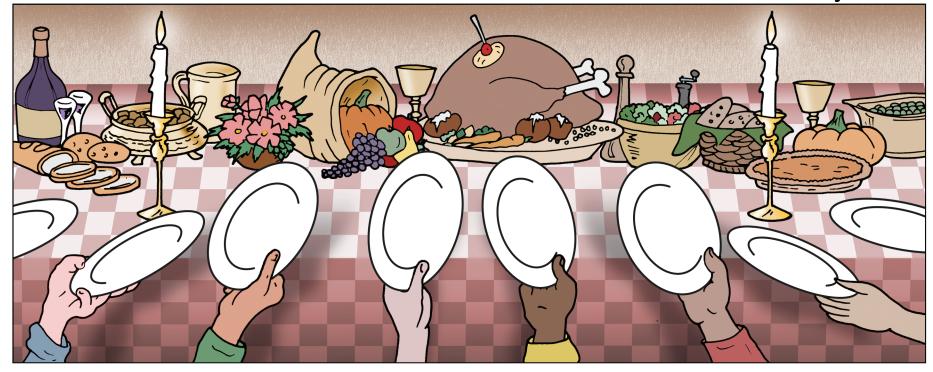
In later years that simple night did not stay simple. We would still go to Dapper

So now time has come around for me. My Thanksgiving Eve now consists of my kids helping me make pies and other desserts. I can still stay up late as there is no work the next day. I still watch holiday specials with my two young boys. I reflect on how I thought Thanksgiving was when I was their age and wonder if they think the same. I do keep in the back of my mind that like me, they won't always be young boys. I hope when they do get to the age where they start going out with their friends (and especially on Thanksgiving Eve) that they do have a good time, but that they also use good judgment. I also hope they don't spend too many Thanksgiving Days nursing a hangover like their ol' man did. Happy Thanksgiving All!

# COMMENTARY

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



Have a happy Thanksgiving Day - and remember to help the needy to have one too.

# The View Of The Times



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

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

Of course, for those of us who may be

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

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

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

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

There's no better way to express our gratitude.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy Birthday to some of our readers and fans here in the Ville and around: First of all, we forgot our good friend and helper around The Times, Bobby Potaris, who celebrated the big one last week. You know, the dreaded 30th. Another reader and fan, Joe Beckman, celebrated last week as well. A Happy Birthday and we hope he had a great day for himself. This week a good guy, John Height, who is also celebrating his anniversary, we wish him the best on both. Celebrating her birthday this week is the very nice lady and good friend of the paper is Diane Johansen, a lifelong resident here in the city and well known. We wish her the very best. A very good friend and someone who is here almost daily in Somerville, Ms. Malitta Knaut. We hope she has a great day. A Happy Birthday to Karen MacLeod-Fraser, who grew up here and is known by many. We hope she has a great day as well. A Happy Birthday to Jim Baxter, who is a resident here in the Ville. And finally, we wish the ever popular and very nice lady Ms. Charlene Harris, who is always giving of her time and energy here in the Ville, from a large family here in Winter Hill, the very best and a great day.

good job representing the residents of Ward 5, Mark Niedergang is having fundraiser, Thursday December 4 at Daddy Jones in Magoun Sq., 525 Medford Street. Mark's special guest is our own very popular Congressman Mike Capuano. Cong. Mike is a former mayor and some will remember he once served as Alderman in Ward 5 in the seventies.

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A fundraiser for Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin is being held on will host a community dialog where neighbors will discuss what we as a city and community can do better to address this problem. McLaughlin will bring these findings to the city and suggest changes or improvements to address the problem. Anyone is welcome to attend, but Ward 1 residents are strongly encouraged.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

This Thursday, Nov. 27 is Thanksgiving and in honor of the holiday, City and public School offices will be closed on both Thanksgiving and Friday, Nov. 28. Parking meters will not be in effect either day and street sweeping is canceled for Thursday. Trash, recycling, and yard waste pickup will be on a holiday schedule Thursday and Friday. If your normal collection day is Thursday, please put any waste out on Friday. If your normal collection day is Friday, please put any waste out on Saturday. The Retirement Board performs all duties and functions in a fiduciary manner using the skill, diligence and prudence that a prudent expert would exercise solely in the interest of all of the members, retirees and their beneficiaries. The 5th Board Member position shall not be an employee, a retiree or official of the City of Somerville. The term is 3 years. Interested applicants should submit a statement of interest and resume to retirement@somervillema.gov or to the Somerville Retirement Board, City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145-2819, Attention Executive Director, prior to December 16, 2014.

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An Alderman who has been doing a

Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Casey's Bar, 173 Broadway, Somerville. Matt's another alderman who has been fighting hard for the people of East Somerville. So much so that he hasn't had a fundraiser yet. Please attend and donate so that he can continue to represent the people.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Speaking of Matt, on the first Saturday of every month, the Ward 1 Alderman hosts a Community Council meeting to give a voice to residents. The subjects vary every month. The next Ward 1 Community Council meeting will be Saturday, December 6, 3 p.m. at 165 Broadway. This month's topic will be opiate abuse, a subject that affects everyone in this community directly and indirectly. McLaughlin

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The Somerville Retirement Board is seeking applicants to fill the 5th Board Member position, which is currently vacant. The Somerville Retirement Board is responsible for providing retirement allowance benefits for retirees while guiding, protecting, and serving the interests of all members, retirees and their beneficiaries.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Martin J. Walsh will be heading to Tufts University next week on Tuesday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m. a part of the Tisch College Distinguished Speaker Series (http://activecitizen.tufts. edu/speakers/). The event will take place in Alumnae Lounge (http://campusmaps.tufts.edu/medford/).

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Don't forget to check out Somerville Local First's "Local is for Lovers" Holiday Markets on November 30 and December 14 at the Arts at the Armory, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fun for all!

# East Somerville Community School PTA Scholastic Book Fair











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# East Somerville Community School Country Day











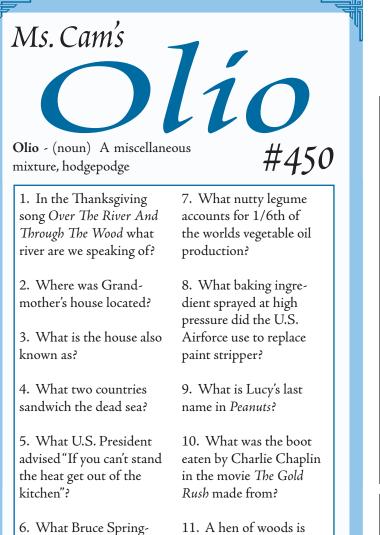
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# **SPORTS**

# Thursday, November 27: Highlanders Football vs. Cambridge Rindge & Latin



The Somerville High School Varsity Highlander Football team takes on Cambridge Rindge and Latin in this annual Thanksgiving game. Kickoff is 10:00 a.m. at Dilboy Stadium (110 Alewife Brook Parkway). Game tickets are on sale for \$5 in advance in the athletic office, SHS Room 180; \$7 at the gate. Bundle up and start your Thanksgiving weekend by cheering the Highlanders on to a victory.



# Somerville Road Runners Gobble Gobble 4 Miler



steen song was quoted by Ronald Regan and Walter Mondale during the presidential campaign in 1984? called what?

12. What was sold in the 1800's as a cure for diarrhea? Answers on page 23

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Come and watch this classic SRR Annual Event, the Gobble Gobble Gobble 4 Miler on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th at 9 a.m. Taking off from 40 Holland Street, Davis Square, Somerville. One of the Top 100 New England Races 2003-2013: Eleven straight years chosen by New England Runner magazine.

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# Local is for Lovers Holiday Market

at Arts at the Armory

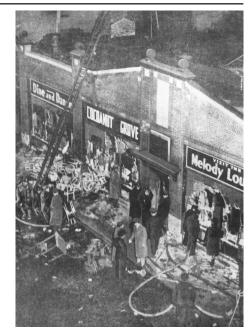


With the holidays just around the corner it's time to start thinking about holiday gifts! And there's no better place to find the perfect gift than at Somerville Local First's Local is for Lovers Holiday Markets on November 30 and December 14. The Local is for Lovers Holiday Market will feature 30 local vendors selling everything from jewelry and handmade soap to sweets and clothing. Their first market takes place on Sunday, November 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue. Knucklebones will be setting up their mobile playspace on Nov. 30 so the kids will have a place to let out some holiday energy while their parents shop.

— Rebecca Danvers

### Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

Grove fire, Boston College won the 1984 "Miracle in Miami" game on November 23 against the number-one ranking University of Miami. It was won on a 48yard, Doug Flutie pass, in cutting wind and pouring rain with zero time on the clock. Somerville's Peter Casparriello, Boston College's team captain and left tight end, had the best view in the house. As part of the play, he watched the "Flood Tip, Hail Mary Pass" complete itself in the crowded right end zone. In the history of New England sports, the real miracle was not in Miami. It was 42 years earlier, when Boston College lost to Holy Cross on that fateful Thanksgiving Day.



# What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

This week in Somerville Neighborhood News, we bring you a story on Speeding on Lowell Street. Residents and city officials who gathered on Nov. 12 to discuss possible traffic calming and other improvements to safety on Lowell Street did not see eye to eye on the issue of cars speeding down the major cross street. Neighbors are especially worried because of the imminent opening of the Community Path and the eventual new Green Line station. Both would bring more bikers and pedestrians to the street.



After a serious car crash this May, the city painted a "chicane," a wedge-shaped painting on the asphalt meant to encourage cars to zigzag, thus slowing traffic.

At the meeting, held in the Arthur D. Healey School cafeteria, Somerville Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Hayes Morrison said that data shows that average speed on Lowell Street has been below the 30 mph speed limit since the chicane was painted.

The speed limit for the street is 30 mph, but is 25 mph for the bridge going over the railroad tracks and Community Path.

You can watch this segment and others at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

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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 Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA in the third floor community room. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following proposed zoning amendment.

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTED BY 13 REGISTERED VOTERS AMEND-ING SECTION 4.4.1. OF THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF ANY SHADE OR FRUIT TREES DURING THE CONVERSION OF SINGLE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAM-ILY DWELLING

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD. JOHN J. LONG CITY CLERK



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE** PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP # 15-40-Rebid

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, seeks separately sealed price and non-price proposals from licensed con-

Modular Construction – Living Quarters for Fire Station Engine 3 Located at 255 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts

The Project consists of all services required to complete and deliver: (a) demolition of existing foundations and utilities from a previous modular structure; and, (b) the design, prefabrication, site assembly and/or installation of a modular building suitable for temporary living quarters at the above address. A construction period of 150 days is

The Request for Proposals (RFP) and specifications are available on

http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids on and after: Wednesday, November 26, 2014. Inquiries about this RFP shall be directed to the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland

Separately sealed price and non-price proposals will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at which time non-price proposals will be opened. The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the proposal process, and accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Prevailing wage rates are included in the RFP package. Proposers must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category(-ies) of work: Modular Construction/Prefabrication and/or General Construction. Proposers must include a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and a

A five percent (5%) proposal deposit equal to the amount of the price proposal is required and must be submitted in the envelope with the

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



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE** PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB 15-52

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

Installation of Direct Digital Controls at Somerville High School

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, 2014. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: December 17th, 2014 at **<u>11:00am ET</u>**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The City of Somerville is a qualified contractor to install a Direct Digital Control (DDC) system for Somerville High School. The School is served by oil heat, and the current system is manually operated. The purpose of the DDC is to reduce oil and electricity usage by allowing precise and remote temperature controls.

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

Angela M. Allen

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA.

ASO Block 7: (Case #PB 2014-33) Applicant Street Retail, Inc. & Owner FR Sturtevant Street, LLC, Street Retail, Inc, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, as tenants in common & others seek a Revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A that was granted by the Planning Board under SZO §7.11.11.10 for a parking lot with approx 284 spaces to alter a condition of approval. ASMD, PUD-A Zones. Ward 1.

Copies of these applications and amendments are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, locat-ed 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@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 11/26/14 & 12/3/14.

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operate Thursday through Saturday nights until 2 AM.

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Com-

mittee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, December 3, 2014,

at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93

Highland Avenue, on the Petition for Extended Operating Hours for

Hess Retail Operations Inc., 709 McGrath Highway, which seeks to



#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE 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 3, 2014, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of ABJ Foreign Auto Supply Inc., dba ABJ Auto Repair, 91 Marshall Street, for a Garage License, for mechanical repairs and storing registered and unregistered vehicles, all for up to 3 vehicles inside and 27 vehicles outside, operating Mon-Fri 8AM-7PM, Sat 8AM-3PM, Sun Closed. This will replace the Garage License at 91 Marshall Street most recently held by ABJ Auto Repair Inc.

#### THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.



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#### **Purchasing Director** 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Petition for a Mobile Food Vendor License for Domenic Catino dba Wizard Catering, which seeks to operate on Assembly Row at parking spots K53 and K54 on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 10 AM to 7 PM, and on Revolution Drive at the Home Depot on Mondays through Fridays from 11 AM to 5 PM.

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

Docket No. MI 14P4607GD

NOTICE AND ORDER Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

In the interest of Jayden Vaz

of Somerville, MA

Minor

#### NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1) Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 09/03/2014 by

Ateefeewawa S. Pereira of Mattapan, MA

Will be held 12/08/2014 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located at 208 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA. 02141, Courtroom #5

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

File the original with the Court; and

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

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

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

#### ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)

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

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

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

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

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

Date: October 29, 2014

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

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#### **ADVERTISEMENT**

The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Fire Alarm Systems and related equipment in various State and Federally Funded housing developments in Somerville, Massachusetts. SHA Job No. PFA-12014, in accordance with the specifications prepared by the SHA Purchasing Department.

The work consists of a one (1) year "full service" Inspection/s, preventative maintenance, repairing or replacing Fire Alarm Systems and Equipment. Contractor must be able to provide twenty four (24) hour service 7 days a week. The SHA at its option may extend the Contract two times for one year each.

The work is estimated to cost 60,000 per one (1) year term.

Bids are subject to provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, and to the minimum wage rates required by M.G.L.c. 149§26 27H inclusive

General Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M., Friday, December 19, 2014, and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245.

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit or bid bond that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount (considering any alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick up at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices located at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, December 3, 2014. There will be no charge for these documents.

A site visit is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. All interested parties will meet at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Prior notification that you are interested in attending the site visit is requested. Please notify Anthony Crespo at 617-625-1152 extension 336 if you are attending.

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

**MICHAEL F. GLAVIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding the proposal by Applicants, Cambport Group, LLC to demolish the dwelling shown on the 1874 Hopkins Map at 56 Line Street.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determina-tion by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@ somervillema.gov.

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#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE** PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFQ # 15-47

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites

sealed bids for: Architectural and Engineering Services for Various Municipal Buildings on an As-Needed Basis (House Doctor Services)

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after: Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Sealed applications will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at which time such applications will be opened. The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the proposal process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

It is the City's intent and expectation to award multiple contracts. The City of Somerville has established, or will establish, a not-to-exceed contract amount prior to commencing negotiations. Respondents to the RFQ shall not list fees in their non-price applications. Any mention of the fee will subject such application(s) to rejection. Rate schedules are requested on a separate form to be submitted in a separately sealed envelope labeled "Rate Schedule."

The RFQ is available on the City's Purchasing webpage: http://www. somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids.

The successful architectural and engineering firm shall be registered in Massachusetts and ready to provide professional services associated with a range of architectural and engineering services for public buildings, included but not limited to: code reviews, studies, estimates, programming, property development, environmental engineering and testing, civil engineering, landscape architecture, interior and exterior design-related services. This procurement is intended to cover any design services, required now or in the near future, for the City's buildings. This may include additions, renovations, or any other construction alternatives deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday November 26

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

Thursday November 27

**Thanksgiving Day - Libraries Closed** 

#### Friday November 28

Thanksgiving Friday - Libraries Closed

Monday December 1 **Central Library** Sing-along with Raquel Leburn 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. 79 Highland

#### **Tuesday** December 2

Avenue

**Central Library** Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 11-13 Tammy McKanan617-591-0216 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue

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

#### Wednesday | December 3

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

#### **MUSIC** ARTS Wednesday November 26

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

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

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy@10 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

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

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

On The Hill Tavern Live DJ Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

#### Friday November 28

Johnny D's Mike Doughty's World-Renowned, Award-Winning Question Jar Show (Featuring Andrew "Scrap" Livingston)

17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Johnny Come Latelies |6 p.m. Hear Now Live presents 9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room Irish Session 9:30 p.m. Back Room

Spike The Punch 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** DJ

10 p.m.|65 Holland St PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway |617-629-5302 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's

Corner Funk All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree DI McRiddleton 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille Live music 9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Arts at the Armory

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WEMF Radio|Jimmy Welsh|Rye Pines|Latch|Something Sneaky 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**On The Hill Tavern** Live DI Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's BCAP & The Peoples 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

**Davis Square Theatre** Old School game show's "Headbanger's balls to the wall free-for-all" - 21+ 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Wintergreen Herbal Market 11 a.m.- 5 p.m|Performance Hall

#### Sunday November 30

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast Guitar Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band We Love Daniela! Fundraiser 17 Holland St. 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Natalie Flanagan Band, Jeremy Wallace Trio, Trusty Sidekick 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller 7 p.m. Back Room Burren Acoustic Music Series 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Tuesday** December 2

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

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

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers 8:30 p.m. Back Room

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory Teen Open Mic Night 6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** The Teaseday club - 21 7:15 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Wednesday December 3 Johnny D's

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

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

Wednesday November 26 **Thanksgiving Eve - Libraries Close** at 5:00 p.m. **Central Library** Housing Lottery for 88 Wheatland Street Vicki Wairi 617.625.6600 x 2588 10 a.m.-11 a.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday November 27

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

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

#### Saturday November 29

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

#### Sunday November 30

Third Life Studio

**Central Library** 

East Branch Library

115 Broadway

**Central Library** 

Learn English at the Library!

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

(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday December 2

Jamal

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

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union

Pocket Change Occupational Interest

Laura Denison617-776-5193 x 237

3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday December 1

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

#### **Davis Square Theatre**

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

#### Thursday November 27

Johnny D's Thanksgiving Open Mic Night with Dr Grant 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

Happy Thanksgiving! open at 6 with Spencer on the iPod - come decompress with us.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. THANGsgiving 9:30 a.m. -6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

#### Saturday November 29

#### Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast Guitar Beatlejuice 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's

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10 a.m.- 3p.m.| Performance Hall Cafe Raqs 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Monday December 1

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Arts at the Armory

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Learn English at the Library!

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

Third Life Studio The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com

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

#### Wednesday December 3

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

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

### PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

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#### **APPENING** R CENTE R

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

#### All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

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

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

Concord Museum – Thursday, December 4 – 19 Annual Family of Trees: A Celebration of Children's Literature. A \$20.00 fee includes transportation and museum admission. Lunch at a local restaurant is a separate cost. Departing our Holland Street Center at 9:15 A.M. with an approximate return time of 4:00 P.M. Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you should have any questions.

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

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

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

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

musicians may not know. The SCOA's own senior choir, The Moonlighters, will be joining in on the fun as well. RSVP at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

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

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

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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

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

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

LGBT Dinner & Movie - Monday, December 15th -5:30 P.M. meal time - This month we will be showing the movie The Family Stone and there will be a pizza & salad dinner served for a \$5.00 fee. Must RSVP by 10:00 AM on Monday, December 15th. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

#### The Moonlighters

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

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

There will be NO Dalcroze Eurhythmics the week of Thanksgiving.

The luncheon at the Highlander Café scheduled for Thursday, December 9 is SOLD OUT.

Holiday Party at the WHYC scheduled for December 10 is SOLD OUT.

Huke Lau trip scheduled for December 16th is SOLD OUT.

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

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

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

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

#### Mondays:

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

#### **Tuesdays:**

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

#### Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9 a.m. (H) Fit 4 Life\* Group C, Noon (H) Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1 p.m. Zumba for All, 5:15 p.m., \$3 per class (H)

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 a.m. Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9 a.m.

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

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

**Upcoming Schedule:** 

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

#### Wednesday November 26

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C) 1:00 Whist (H) No Bowling

#### **Thursday** November 27

ALL CENTERS CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING

#### Friday November 28

ALL CENTERS CLOSED

#### Monday December 1

10:30 Moonlighters (H) 11:30 Lunch (H)

#### **Tuesday** December 2

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 10:30 Men's Group (H) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

#### Wednesday December 3

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RI)

Free Holiday Concert - Thursday, December 18 - At our Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street - 10:00 A.M. Come and join the talented faculty members of the Powers Music School as they celebrate the season with old favorites from popular literature, and enjoy trying to "stump the band" by requesting a song the

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

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

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

1:00 Whist (H) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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+ The Somerville Homeless Coalition provides supportive services to members of our community who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless, including prevention services, housing services, emergency

and promotes sustainable economic development.

+ St. Patrick's Shelter in Somerville, run by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston, is an emergency shelter for homeless women who also receive referrals raise a family. I hope that for health care, mental health services, educational services and housing. They also run a transitional program for those staying at the shelter. The Welcome Project offers

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#### **EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15** Wednesday, November 26

9:00am:	Early Childhood Literacy Fair
10:00am:	SHS Fall Sports Rally
12:00pm	: Our Schools, Our City
1:00pm:	Connecting Communities - School Nursing
2:00pm:	SHS Auditorium Re-Opening Ceremony
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2:00am:	Playoff Football: SHS vs Marblehead
4:30am:	SHS Football v Medford - 10/24
9:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Cambridge - 10/25
11:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody - 10/27
12:30pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Newton S - 9/26
2:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Malden - 10/20
3:30pm:	SHS Auditorium Re-Opening Ceremony
4:00pm: 0	Connecting Communities - School Nursing
5:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
5:30pm:	El Sistema: A Harvest Concert
6:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Cambridge - 10/25
8:30pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Everett - 10/29
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### **OFF THE SHELF** by Doug Holder

### With an old friend at Jacob Wirth: Jim Resnick and I



This was written for my late friend Jim Resnick. Jim passed away last week at the age of 54. Jim was instrumental in helping me put out the first issue of the literary magazine Ibbetson Street in 1998.

I have never seen him look so bad ... his face was ashen ... he was skeletal ... he was heavily medicated ... it was heartbreaking. I picked him up at his house in Allston, and we went to Jacob Wirth, an old hangout of ours in Boston for dinner.

When we walked in there was a loud entertainer in the main dining room, so I pointed to the waiter for a room in the back. We sat next to this woman of formidable girth, dressed like an old hippie, gray hair and granny glasses. She had this huge meal – plates surrounded her – pot roast swimming in gravy, cornbread mopping up a mash of meat and red cabbage, her pinkie finger circling the plate making sure nothing remained. As the entertainer belted out trivia questions from the 1970s she turned to us, daintily putting her napkin to the edges of her mouth and said "I know the answer to the question ... they don't." She laughed quietly to herself, as if enjoying a private joke.

I didn't think of it at the time. But the universe was talking to me. That woman – that particular woman – was iconic for Jim and I. The classic Boston eccentric was a type both Jim and I lived around in rooming houses in Boston, and was almost a re-creation for us from our past.

The subject of my latest poetry book *Eating Grief* is all about what she represents. People like her fascinated us, and to a degree both Jim and I became what was the object of our fascination. For some reason I was compelled to take that back table – I didn't see that iconic woman until I got there. Everything seemed to hit me after the dinner – I know at some point , some point in the distant or not so distant future, I will see her again...

# Vernon Street Open Studios 40th set to go CONT. FROM PG 1

photography, painting, fiber, jewelry, glass, furniture, ceramics, sculpture and print-making, as well as fine art styles, a chance to sell and show their work.

Throughout the years, Vernon Street has taken part in Open Studios, either as a part of bigger Somerville Open Studios or on its own, for many years. It is a "part of both," according to Heather Balchunas, Vernon Street Studio Coordinator. Vernon Street, a historic 19th century industrial brick building, was available to the first group of artists in Somerville to bring the studios to the public on February 24, 1974. "The original 13 artists participating in Vernon Street Open Studios started this particular Open Studios to celebrate the completion of the workshop and studios in 20 Vernon Street. The concept of Open Studios has been around for a long time, dating back to the ever-popular salons in Paris where artists and art lovers could share their work and exchange ideas. Now, this concept has grown and become adopted by members of the art community all over the globe," according to Balchunas. "Vernon Street Artist Studios evolved with the help of artist Maude Morgan, a significant member of the art community in the Greater Boston area. She found the building and approached the Rogers Family about the possibility of having artists in the building. They said 'yes' with the understanding that the artist would have to fix it up."



tano gives us his take on "the same old story."

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#### On Her

So I'm back doing exposures in downtown Boston

Trying to get a grip on my anxieties

"Enjoy city place"

The banner reads as I nibble on my cranberry orange scone from Starbucks

Ah ... love ... loss and gain - and all that pain. Poet Julian Galli-

I wonder if this is my space

Where I'm suppose to be

As delusions of grandeur pass through my mind

My capacity for love undiminished and infinite

And so I think of her

And a potential relationship soiled

Oh the wonders she laid out before me...

So I find

To love is to want

To need

Yet I failed so miserably

And so, she moves on.

— Julian Gallitano

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1. The Mystic River	7. The peanut
2. 114 South St., Med- ford, MA	8. Baking soda
3. The Paul Curtis House	9. Van Pelt
4. Israel and Jordan	10. Licorice
-	11. A mushroom
5. Harry S. Truman	12. Tomato ketchup
6. Born In The USA	

"The value of going to Open Studios is that you get a chance to [interact with the] artist where they work and get a glimpse at their process. People are able to engage with the artist, which can be a much different than experience than going to a gallery." For more information, interested individuals may log onto www.vernonstreet.com. There are high-resolution images available. To download them, go to http://vernonstreet.com/photos.html.

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