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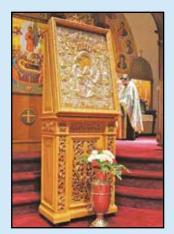
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This architect's rendering of the proposed development, taken from the Wynn Everett website, shows the casino complex that Wynn Resorts plans to build if all of the legal hurdles can be cleared.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

It's been a "good news, bad news" month for casino opponents in Somerville. The good news: public support for gaming in Massachusetts looks to be waning, with a wave of casino proposals going down to defeat in recent host community referendums. The bad news: those defeats elsewhere are improving the odds for a Wynn Resorts casino just across the Mystic River in Everett, which passed its own local referendum months ago.

Milford voters last week soundly rejected a Foxwoods-backed proposal. Two weeks earlier, East Boston residents voted down a casino plan for Suffolk Downs that straddled the town line with Revere, even as Revere voters approved it. That leaves Wynn's Everett project as the only one of the three contenders for this region's single resort casino license to have passed the host community referendum test with flying colors. But a resort casino in Everett isn't a sure

bet just yet. Continued on page 3

Meet the Somerville Superstars

By Erica Scharn

On Sunday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m., the Somerville Arts Council (SAC) and the Artist of the Month coordinators invite the public to Somerville Superstars! A Celebration of 2013 Somerville Artists of the Month. This free event will be held at Arts at the Armory Café, located at 191 Highland Avenue in Somerville.

The celebration will feature the opportunity to meet the artists and the announcement of the December Artist of the Month. Free snacks will be provided and drinks can be purchased at the Café. The event will also have some "super special surprises," said Tim Devin, SAC Board chair and local artist.

SAC's Artist of the Month program showcases a different Somerville artist each month. Based on the Nave Gallery's 2005-2009 "Featured Artist" program, Artist of the Month started in 2012 and featured its first artist in January 2013. Devin, volunteer Jenn Harrington (who was also involved in the Nave's program), SAC Board members Valeria Amato and Michael J. Epstein, and Kellie Veiga Continued on page 17



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SAC's Artist of the Month for May, 2013, Marjorie Gere, will join in on the celebration with her fellow Superstars this coming Sunday at the Arts at the Armory.





Happy Thanksgiving to all here in the Ville and elsewhere. We wish everyone a great family day for all. It will be a long weekend with crazy shopping, but don't forget our local merchants here in Somerville. They too want your business, they are part of our community. Happy Thanksgiving!

Our sincere condolences go out to friends and family of Jennifer Lynn Cabral who died this past Saturday. She was the daughter of James and Virginia (Fiorito) Roche here of the city, and si ster of Brian Roche. Jennifer leaves behind her son Mario "Jake" Roche. She was a very nice person. Everyone who knew her knew how nice a person she was. She had a nice big smile and was friendly to everyone. We feel so sorry for her family. She was so young, it is hard to accept her passing. Jennifer was waked at Dello-Russo Funeral Home on Main Street Tuesday of this week and interment will be private. Flowers and contributions in Jennifer's name may be sent to "RESPOND" AT P.O. BOX 555 SOMERVILLE 02143.

A Craft Fair will be held at Somerville High School this Saturday, the 30th, starting at 9:30 a.m. and going until 3 p.m. Free Admission. The biggest crafts fair in Somerville! Supports the Somerville High School Track PAC. Sponsored by Winter Hill Bank.

"Local is for Lovers" Holiday Market series is this Saturday, November 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arts at the Armory. Get your local shopping on! Who needs black Friday when you can get all you need at PLAID SATURDAY with Somerville Local First? Sponsored by Somerville Local First.

This Thanksgiving Day don't forget Somerville vs. Cambridge Rindge over at Russell Field in Cambridge starting at 10 a.m. We wish them best of luck. A nice way to begin the holiday.

Also, St. Clements with a 8-2 record vs. St. Joseph's with a 2-7 record on Thanksgiving Day game at Tufts, Professors Row. Time is 10 a.m. If they win they go on to the Championship at Gillette Stadium. Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com **Comments of the Week**

Response to Somerville's annual holiday celebrations kick off December 5

Ron Newman says:

I appreciate the city's attempt to be inclusive, but this menorah lighting is scheduled for the first night AFTER Chanukah has ended.

Rob says:

I would rather the City and all levels of government stay out of religious celebrations altogether. These are holy days that should be celebrated, honored, and consecrated by religious communities and organizations-not politicians and bureaucrats.

Jim says:

The Christmas tree lighting is one of my favorite annual events in Somerville. My children love it and I'm glad this tradition has endured.

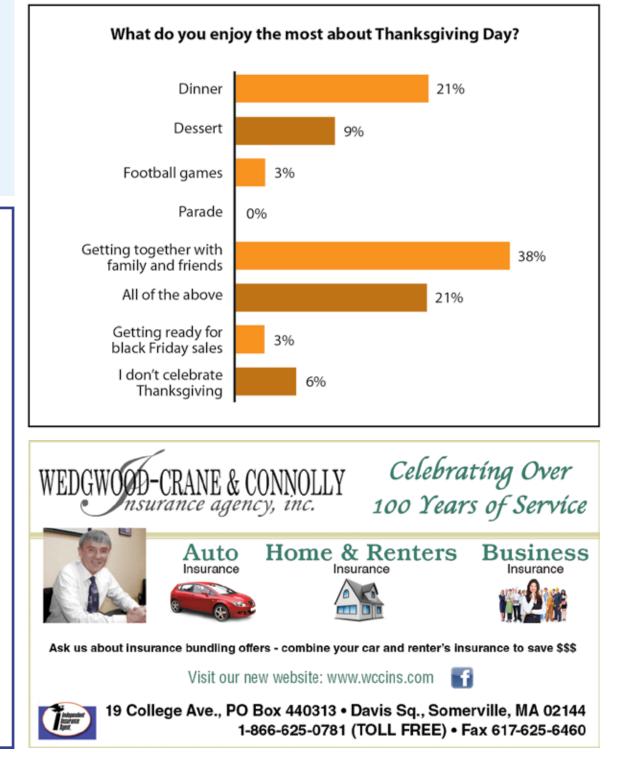
The menorah lighting should be moved up this year since Hanukkah is really, really early this year. Surprised no one looked at a calendar before scheduling it.

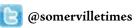
Being inclusive means recognizing and celebrating all religions in our society, not PC exclusion of any particular group.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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





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Somerville Times _______ Where art is a living and living is an art Brickbottom and Joy Street host open studios

By Elizabeth Sheeran

You couldn't move more than a few feet in the Brickbottom Artists Buildings last weekend without coming face-to-face with art in one form or another. More than 100 artists who live and work in Brickbottom and the Joy Street studios welcomed the public into their homes and workspaces on Saturday and Sunday for their 26th annual Open Studios event.

Brickbottom resident Pier Gustafson said the yearly open house is an opportunity for the creative professionals to showcase the fruits of their labors and to share their passion with the public.

"A lot of people come to Open Studios to buy interesting art. Some people open their studios in order to sell interesting art. Other people like me don't have a product to sell in that way. But I really like being inspired by people who come in here and who have never seen the artwork that I do before. It's fun to entertain people once a year," said Gustafson, who was demonstrating his work in ink with antique fountain pens while spinning a vintage Bing Crosby record on a classic Victrola phonograph.

The hundreds of guests who wandered the halls of the converted industrial buildings on Fitchburg and Joy Streets found a new take on artistic expression through every open doorway: Watercolor landscapes or abstract portraits. Sculptures crafted from delicate porcelain or from scavenged industrial parts. Traditional woodworking or state-of-the-art digital imaging. Practical or provocative. Funny or fashionable. Serene or surreal. Resident artists graciously played host, patiently answering questions about how and why they do what they do. Some offered visitors a hands-on feel for their work. Many even laid out snacks alongside their collections. And the smorgasbord for the senses wasn't confined to the artists' lofts. There was poetry reading in the stairwell, live music in the loading dock and kids'

art projects in the laundry room. Visitors on a quest for that special something to take home with them could choose from a wide range of one-of-a-kind finds, from fashion accessories to fine art, priced from a few dollars to a few thousand dollars. Davis Square residents Alan



Four-year-old Vienna Reichert of Somerville checked out a painting at the Brickbottom Open Studios last weekend, accompanied by her dad Christopher.

Ball and Gail Strickler said they'd visited Brickbottom before but were bringing their seven-year-old daughter Marlena for the first time. "It's fun to see how these people live. It's inspiring," said Ball.

"We were admiring how their art and living space are incorporated," said Strickler, "displaying all these items in such a beautiful way. It's just a certain way of living. It's wonderful."

The Brickbottom Artists' Buildings are home to one of the oldest living and working artists' communities in the nation, having its origins nearly 30 years ago when a group of working artists collaborated to convert two near-abandoned food processing buildings into a community of residential studios. Brickbottom now houses nearly 150 condominium loft spaces for artists and dozens more work out of the nearby Joy Street Studios.

More information is at www. brickbottomartists.com or www. joystreetstudios.com.

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Suffolk Downs backers last week presented the five-member Massachusetts Gaming Commission with a re-packaged plan that locates the casino entirely within Revere city limits. Critics say the referendum vote can't be retrofitted to a new proposal, and there isn't enough time before the December 31 application deadline for a new vote. The Gaming Commission is still reviewing the matter.

And Wynn's Everett casino proposal has its own hurdles yet to clear. The Gaming Commisand the financial resources of the applicant."

The background investigation into the Suffolk Downs project raised enough questions about the business dealings of participant Caesars Entertainment that Suffolk's owners eventually cut ties with Caesars altogether, leaving it without a partner to run the proposed casino. Even if it's allowed to proceed with a Revere-only option, Suffolk Downs still has to find a new "suitable" casino operator before it can pass the suitability test itself. Nor has Wynn Resorts managed to avoid its own speed bumps on the road to approval. The Las Vegas-based firm last week acknowledged that Gaming Commission investigators had raised questions about who actually owns the 30 acres of land where Wynn plans to build its Everett casino. Separately, the Boston Globe reported that Charles Lightbody, who has a criminal record and made the news last month when he was charged with punching a Suffolk Downs casino supporter, was suspected of having a beneficial interest in the Everett land deal. In a statement, Wynn said the Gaming Commission's Investigation and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) "raised concerns about potential participants who had not been disclosed to us. Those concerns were denied by the selling group." Wynn went on to say it had responded to IEB concerns by renegotiating the terms of its option to buy the land. "We have agreed with the sellers to amend our option agreement to clearly confirm ownership and to reduce the option price to reflect fair market value without casino use," said the statement released last Thursday.

Gaming Commission officials

ing communities," subject to appeal within 10 days.

According to official correspondence between Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Wynn Resorts Development, Wynn has yet to designate Somerville as a surrounding community, despite at least three such requests from the mayor since September 3.

The mayor has also repeatedly requested that Wynn provide funds for Somerville to conduct an independent study of potential impacts on the city, as provided for by the gaming law. Wynn instead offered to share its own studies so as to avoid "duplication of efforts." In an October 14 letter, Wynn's General Counsel Jacqui Krum wrote, "Based on the results of our economic impact study, we have determined that the City of Somerville will not suffer any adverse impacts from our proposed development other than, potentially, traffic impacts." Mayor Curtatone has rejected the "duplication of efforts" argument. "It is imperative for the City of Somerville to also be in a position to independently assess impacts as a potential surrounding community without expense or delay," wrote the mayor. "Your response amounts to a denial of

the city's request for funding to study potential impacts."

According to the mayor's office, staff and elected officials are meeting regularly to share updates on the casino proposal, but the city can't yet plan what to do about the project's impact because Wynn hasn't yet given Somerville all the data and technical support it needs to accurately assess what that impact is going to be.

In a letter to Wynn earlier this month, the mayor wrote that the developer's failure to respond to issues he had raised previously "raises serious concerns with respect to how Wynn proposes to address surrounding community impact and mitigation issues relative to the City of Somerville." Somerville may not have to wait too long to find out what kind of a neighbor Wynn Resorts might be in Everett. The developer has until December 31 to complete its application with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission; then the 30-day clock starts ticking on mitigation agreements with surrounding communities. The Gaming Commission is expected to award the Eastern Massachusetts resort casino license by the end of April.

sion has scheduled a December 16 hearing to review Wynn's suitability as an applicant, and the bar has been set high.

"The burden is on the applicant to demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence both its affirmative qualifications for licensure and the absence of any disqualification for licensure," said Gaming Commission Chairman Steve Crosby at a recent hearing.

The commission added a number of conditions to its suitability finding for the Milford casino proposal, just days before voters there shot it down. According to Gaming Commission documents, its investigative report casts a very broad net, including "affiliates and close associates have said they cannot discuss the specifics of the background investigation until the investigation is complete. But with Wynn's suitability hearing less than three weeks away, and a decision anticipated soon on the Revere-only option for Suffolk Downs, the commission is getting closer to deciding the fate of that 30 acres of blighted property, which sits just across the river from Somerville's Assembly Row. Under the state gaming law, ca-

sino developers must negotiate mitigation agreements with designated "surrounding communities" within 30 days of their final application. But it's up to the developers to designate which towns and cities are "surround-



So much more than just a roach

As a marked police patrol unit proceeded down Medford street last Thursday, the officer spotted a vehicle on the road that appeared to contain failed inspection and that the occupants of the car were not wearing seat belts.

A query on the vehicle confirmed that it had failed inspection in April and that a re-inspection had not yet taken place.

The officer pulled the vehicle over and, as he approached the car, he reportedly noticed the passenger, John Ritchie, 23, of Westwood, attempting to fasten his seat belt. The officer asked for identification from both the driver and Ritchie, as well as the vehicles registration, which was handed over.

Returning to his cruiser, the officer ran a query of the driver and Ritchie. As he did so, the officer noticed that as the two men were talking Ritchie was reportedly reaching for something in front of him.

Returning to the car, the officer reportedly asked Ritchie what he was doing, and Ritchie in turn replied that he wasn't doing anything.

The officer informed the two

men that he could smell fresh marijuana coming from the vehicle's interior after the window had come down.

Ritchie reportedly admitted that he did have some marijuana, saying, "I have a roach I was about to smoke."

The officer was then presented with the small butt end of the marijuana cigarette that Ritchie had mentioned, according to reports, and the officer asked if that was all he had. Ritchie reportedly replied, "No, I have a little more in my bag."

Ritchie then reportedly produced a backpack from behind his legs and removed a small mason jar containing more marijuana. He was again asked by the officer if that was all the marijuana he had, at which time he reportedly began looking down at his backpack and breathing heavily.

After calling for back up, the officer asked Ritchie if he could look through the backpack. Ritchie reportedly told the officer, "Yeah, go ahead."

The officer then took the bag, and also reportedly noted while Ritchie opened the passenger side door of the vehicle that a stack of currency was on the armrest, amounting to \$146, along with a wallet.

The officer reportedly found a larger mason jar filled with marijuana, a digital scale, and several plastic baggies in Ritchie's backpack.

At that time the officer reportedly read Ritchie his Miranda rights, then asked him how much marijuana he had. Ritchie reportedly answered, "A few ounces." He then indicated that he didn't wish to say anything more.

Ritchie was then placed under arrest and charged with drug violation near a school and drug possession to distribute.

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Arrests:

Dennis Reid, 31, of 45 Clayton St., Malden, November 18, 8:16 a.m., arrested on a warrant charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

Jorge Furtado, 38, of 11 MacArthur St., November 18, 2:07 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

James Flint, 20, of 10 Morton St., November 18, 6:49 p.m., arrested at 88 Gilman St. on charges of trespassing, possession of ammunition without a FID card, carrying a firearm without a license, destruction of property over \$250, defacing a firearm serial number, and carrying a firearm with ammunition destruction of property over \$250, firearm with defaced number, and carrying a firearm with ammunition.

A juvenile, November 19, 11:48 a.m., arrested at 91 Highland Ave. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Curtis Adams, 22, of 59 Fair Oaks, St. Louis, MI, November 19, 9:04 p.m., arrested at 40 Talbot Ave. on charges of possession of a class B drug and larceny from a building.

A juvenile, November 20, 12:47 a.m., arrested at 32 Kent St. on warrant charges of trespassing and assault and battery on a police officer.

Sydney Depaulo, 43, of 27 College Ave., Apt. 408, November 20, 10:34 a.m., arrested John Ritchie, 23, of 20 Oak St., Westwood, November 21, 12:24 p.m., arrested at Madison St. on charges of drug violation near a school and drug possession to distribute.

Jessica Rodriguez, 30, of 8 Museum Way, Cambridge, November 22, 9:17 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of assault and battery and destruction of property over \$250.

John McLean, 54, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, November 23, 12:48 p.m., arrested at 27 College Ave. on a charge of trespassing.

John Carpinito, 39, of 18 Grove St., Chelsea, November 23, 6:34 p.m., arrested at 105 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250. Walter Dos Santos, 18, of 10 Pleasant St., Wakefield, November 23, 6:55 p.m., arrested at 257 School St. on charges of destruction of property over \$250 and larceny from a building. Ever Fabian, 25, of 5 Everett Ave., November 24, 1:19 a.m., arrested at 40 Everett Ave. on charges of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older and indecent exposure. Kirby Calixte, 20, of 66 Vernon St., November 24, 3:38 a.m., arrested at 23 Cummings St. on a charge of disorderly conduct. Brian Peters, 42, of 40 Harvard St., November 24, 10:34

a.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Wilfredo Landaverde, 24, of 4 Otis St., November 24, 1:20 p.m., arrested at 34 Central St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Incidents:

Theft:

November 19, 12:32 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

November 20, 6:42 a.m., police reported a theft at Cedar St.

November 20, 4:38 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

November 21, 10:20 a.m., police reported a theft at

lice reported a breaking & entering at Auburn Ave.

November 19, 4:24 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Auburn Ave.

November 20, 4:49 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Hamlet St.

November 22, 5:38 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Beacon St.

November 23, 12:53 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Powder House Blvd.

November 23, 7:31 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at James Ave.

November 23, 12:06 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Auburn Ave.

November 23, 8:17 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Rd.

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Keith Francey, 21, of 18 Broadway, November 18, 6:49 p.m., arrested at 88 Gilman St. on charges of resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, trespassing, possession of ammunition without a FID card, carrying a firearm without a license, destruction of property over \$250, defacing a firearm serial number, and carrying a firearm with ammunition.

Cody Domings, 21, of 82 Gilman St., November 18, 6:49 p.m., arrested at 88 Gilman St. on charges of trespassing, possession of ammunition without a FID card, carrying a firearm without a license, at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Craig Brown, 43, of 30 Bailey, Dorchester, November 20, 2:46 p.m., arrested at 34 Bay State Ave. on a charge of drug possession to distribute.

Helvio Rebeiro, 32, of 13 Malvern, November 20, 8:09 p.m., arrested at Greenville St. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Ryan O'Brien, 41, of 148 Neal St., Malden, November 21, 12:10 p.m., arrested at 30 Washington St. on warrant charges of failure to appear in recognizance and shoplifting by asportation. School St.

November 21, 4:17 p.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.

November 23, 5:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Cameron Ave.

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Robbery:

November 22, 7:23 a.m., police reported a robbery at Myrtle St.

Breaking & Entering:

November 19, 3:14 p.m., po-

Vehicle Theft:

November 23, 4:23 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Oak St.

Assault:

November 19, 11:48 a.m., police reported an assault at 91 Highland Ave.

November 22, 12:45 p.m., police reported an assault at Cherry St.

Drug Violation:

November 20, 2:46 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Bay State Ave.

November 21, 12:24 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Madison St.

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Letter from Mayor Curtatone on Union Square redevelopment

Change is coming to Union Square. The opening of the Green Line Extension station by 2017 that our community has pursued for decades carries with it transformative potential. However, we do not want to transform Union Square into something else. We want to preserve what we love about Union Square, its unique character and diversity with its small businesses, ethnic stores, a vibrant artist community and affordable housing options. We must ensure that redevelopment in the neighborhood enhances and complements this historic commercial center. The new T station guarantees that there will be interest in redevelopment within the square. But if we want to ensure a balance between redevelopment and preservation as well as hold to our community vision, we must manage that change.

This is why the Somerville Redevelopment Authority will release a request for qualifications for a master development partner to work with the seven parcels identified for redevelopment in the Union Square Revitalization Plan. The developer must have a proven ability to preserve a unique sense of place in a distinctive urban environment, creating opportunities for economic growth and success in transit. Without a primary developer who will work with both existing property owners and the community, the future of Union Square will not be dictated by the community, but by an unfettered market that cannot ensure the realization of the community's goals determined by years of public processes including SomerVision.

Developed over two years of intensive discussion by community members, SomerVision calls for the creation in Union Square and Boynton Yards of 4,300 new jobs, 850 new housing units with a range of affordability, green and sustainable development, more public green space, transit-oriented and walkable streetscapes, and a true mixed-use neighborhood that seamlessly blends with the neighborhood and retains Union Square's identity. That follows the community-driven rezoning of Union Square in 2009, which reflected the community's desire to see new types of development, economic growth and employment opportunities in the area. These are smart, forward-thinking goals that a host of individual developers looking to develop small properties with

what will deliver the highest financial return—luxury condos/ rentals above retail—will not be able to provide us. The community did and will continue to do the important work of shaping the vision. I intend to do my part by making sure that vision is realized. A primary developer is key to that.

While a T-stop generates interest, it does not guarantee a vibrant neighborhood will appear around it. Sullivan Square or Alewife would look very different if that were the case. A primary developer will have the resources to contribute to the estimated \$50 million in infrastructure improvements that will improve the square for everyone, as well as the resources to address any contamination potentially located on sites that currently host light industrial uses.

"Somer Vision's goals are not only about creating jobs, housing and open space, but about preserving what we already love about our neighborhoods"

A master developer will make it easier for the public to engage in discussions around the vision—and the details—for the square by offering a unified community process for feedback not just on individual projects within the master plan, but also on how they all integrate and jointly achieve overall community goals.

The now-forming Union Square Community Advisory Committee made up of residents and local community and business leaders will help select the primary developer and will continue to provide regular feedback and suggestions as plans solidify for the redevelopment parcels. Along with the public, they will ensure that we stay true to shared community values and goals. And there will be public processes every step of the way. We can't wait decades just to see what happens. Davis Square grew more vibrant after the T arrived in 1984, but it's easy to forget that took decades-even though nearly all of the Square's infrastructure and office and retail space was already there. In Union, we have acres of blight-



ed properties that will not be as easily transformed. Of the 490 brownfield sites in Somerville, approximately 25% are located within the boundary of the Revitalization Plan, an area that represents just 4% of the land in the city. Single developers tend to shy away from such properties. Master developers are skilled at transforming them.

There are plenty of success stories around the nation of master developers working within urban neighborhoods. In Portland, Oregon, 34 acres of former brownfields at the Hoyt Street Rail Streets-like a larger version of Boynton Yards-has become a mixed-use neighborhood filled with residences, restaurants, stores, offices, art galleries and parks. Mission Bay in San Francisco has changed from a 300-acre rail yard into a blossoming neighborhood of homes, biotech and lab space, retail, open space and a University of California campus.

A primary developer can pull together parcels by partnering with existing property owners or purchasing those parcels, creating the critical mass that can create the mix of uses the community wants over time. Properties in the Square are already being snapped up by speculators reaching out to owners who are benefitting from the value we have already created in the Square. A master developer will be tasked with making similar offers in the public interest. And that public interest goes beyond desired infrastructure or job creation goals. A primary developer will be able to better afford the higher affordable housing requirements the community requested via a community process for the square. Half of the blocks have been rezoned to require affordable units far exceeding the 12.5 percent state requirement with 15 or 17.5 percent requirements. And let me be clear, eminent domain is a last resort. The RFQ will state unequivocally that the primary developer partner is expected to work directly with each Continued on page 17

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Sleds and sleighs By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Boston Street on Prospect Hill is aptly named. From the top of the street on a winter day, it looks like you could coast down her elevation and not stop until you crossed the Charles and continued on into Boston. From this spot, your line of sight to the Prudential Building is dead on.

Somerville is known as a city of hills and, as you go back in time, her hills and parks were enjoyed during the winter months by many a generation. Sledding or coasting was so popular that the city would close off motor vehicle access to many streets for the sole purpose of sledding and winter enjoyment.

What do you do today when the snow falls deep? For many, just jump into your 4-wheel drive and go. But not too many years ago, the sled was the answer. The stories go back to the revolution and beyond. Colonel Henry Knox used over 40 sleds to carry captured cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to Somerville and Dorchester forts. This caused the evacuation of the British from Boston.



The Somerville/Medford region has many romantic accounts about sledding. For over 160 years, Tufts students found escape from their studies in coasting down the sides of Walnut Hill. In the Thanksgiving poem *Over the River and Through the Woods*, the river refers to The Mystic and the trip through the woods on the Medford/Somerville line was made by horsedrawn sleigh. The song *Jingle Bells*, composed by James Pierpont in Medford Square, was originally called *One Horse Open Sleigh*. He wrote it after observing the sleigh races between Medford and Malden Squares.

Even the Somerville Fire Department, as late as the early 1940s, reverted to the use of sleds (also known as pungs) to get to fires during serious snowstorms and blizzards. This was needed because resources were severely depleted during the war effort.





Davis Square's Rosebud Diner arrived in Somerville in 1941, the same year that Orson Welles' *Citizen Kane*, the #1 greatest movie of all time according to most sources, won the Academy Award for Best Picture. The movie opens and closes focusing on a sled called Rosebud, namesake of the Rosebud Diner in Davis Square. The diner is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is often the subject of many paintings and photographs.

In 1982, dozens of trunks holding many sleds utilized during the expeditions of the famous Admiral Richard Byrd were uncovered in a Somerville warehouse. On Thanksgiving Day, 1929, Byrd and his crew flew over the Antarctic South Pole. More notably, four years earlier, in 1925, Byrd and his co-pilot made history as the first humans to fly over the North Pole. We all know deep down that perhaps the most important sled of all is that one which is drawn by eight tiny reindeer. Who knows, perhaps Byrd got a glimpse of it during his fateful journey.

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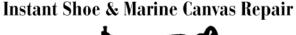
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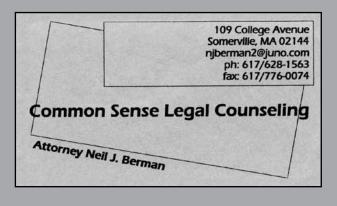
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Best Idea in 2013: Taking down the Waste Station

Worst Idea: Hubway bike rack taking up parking spaces

Best Somerville Food & Restaurants:

Best Breakfast: Renee's Café, 198 Holland Street Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch: Ball Square Café, 708 Broadway Best Italian Food: Vinny's Ristorante, 76 Broadway Best Portuguese Restaurant: | and | Restaurant, 157 Washington St. Best Chinese Food: Chow n' Joy, 626C Somerville Ave. Best Mexican Food: Cantina La Mexicana, 247 Washington St. Best Variety and All Around Restaurant: Kelly's Diner, 674 Broadway Best Seafood Restaurant: Out of The Blue, 215 Elm St. Best Local Deli: Victor's Deli, 710 Broadway Best Irish Pub: PJ Ryan's, 239 Holland St. Best Local Bar: Johnny D's, 17 Holland St. Best Thai Food: Thai Hut, 93 Beacon St. Best Hamburger: R.F. O'Sullivan & Son, 282 Beacon St. Best Hot Dog: Moe's BBQ Trolley Best Roast Beef Sandwich: Deli-icious, 20 College Ave. Best Pizza: Mama Lisa's, 312 Broadway Best Bakery: Patsy's Pastry Shop, 182 Broadway Best Sub Shop: Leone's Submarine Sandwich, 292 Broadway Best Coffee Shop Franchise: Dunkin Donuts, Magoun Square Best Coffee Shop Local: True Grounds, 717 Broadway Best Cook: Omar Djebbouri, Ball Square Café **Best of Somerville Services**:

Best Doctor: Dr. Maurice Martin, Somerville Family Practice, 1020 Broadway

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

Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor: John Pratti, The Norton Group, 699 Broadway

Best Real Estate Rental Agent: Ross Blouin, Colony Real Estate

Best Employee: Paula Leblanc, O'Donovan, Dwyer & O'Flaherty, 741 Broadway

Best Florist: Bostonian Florist, 92 Highland Ave.

Best Laundromat: Spin Cycle, 6 Main St.

Best Liquor Store: Winter Hill Liquor Mart, 313 Broadway

Best Wait staff: Patty Oppedisano, Renee's Café, 198 Holland St.

Best Bartender: Jeff Hughes, PJ Ryan's, 239 Holland St.

Best Barber: Tony Alibrani, 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 Auto Body, 297 Medford St.

Best Tow Company: Export Tow

Best Convenience/Neighborhood Store: Y-Not Variety, 140 Willow Ave.

Best of Somerville Municipal Services:

Best Somerville Department: Public Works Repair Garage Best Somerville Official: Rick Willette, DPW Director of Operations Best Somerville DPW Supervisor: Mike Browne, Fleet Manager Best Teacher: Courtney Rizzo, Kennedy School Best Politician: Bob McWatters Best Politician: Bob McWatters Best Nurse: Gay Koty Best Police Officer: Somerville Police Detective Ernest Nadile Best Fire Fighter: Somerville Firefighter Thomas Gorman Best School Secretary: Cheryl McGovern, Kennedy School Best Coach: Rich Johnson, Somerville Pride Best City Elected Politician: Mayor Joe Curtatone Best City Employee DPW: Kevin McDevitt

Best City Employee City Hall/Annex: Nancy Gaudet Bacci, Youth &

Best Orthodontist: Dr Mladen Zekic, DentPlant, 281 Broadway

Best Alternative Medicine Clinic: KenkoDo, 735 Broadway

Best Electrician: Mike Santangelo

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

Best Law Firm: O'Donovan, Dwyer & O'Flaherty, 741 Broadway

Best Attorney: Martin Dropkin, 424 Broadway

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

Best Mortgage Officer: Barry Shields, Network Funding

Best Bank: Rockland Trust, 399 Highland Ave.

Best Bank Employee: Lisa Ramos, Century Bank

Best Real Estate Company: The Norton Group, 699 Broadway

Best of Somerville Arts/Entertainment:

Best Somerville Poet: **Doug Holder**

Best Somerville Band: The Poison Girls Club

Best Somerville TV show: Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte

Best Somerville Vocalist: Christian McNeill

Best Photographer: Claudia Ferro

Best Writer: Gene Brune, 'The Spirit of Somerville'

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 2013: Brooklyn Boulders

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives and senators on five roll calls from the week of November 18-22.

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. Carl Sciortino

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

Rep. 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. -Medford, Somerville, entire city, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

ALLOW EARLY VOTING (H 3772)

House 142-10, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that allows Bay State voters to vote up to two weeks before a presidential primary or election. Another key provision allows people to register to vote online.

Supporters said it is time for Massachusetts to join the 19 states that allow online registration and the 32 that allow early voting. They argued both changes will increase voter turnout.

Some opponents said they are concerned that the online registration will open the door to more election fraud. Others said they voted against the bill because it did not include an amendment requiring voters to show a photo tion will increase voter participation.

(A"Yes" vote is against online registration. A"No" vote is for online registration.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

STUDY AND DELAY REQUIRING VOTERS TO SHOW ID (H 3772)

House 117-36, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment that would indefinitely delay a proposal requiring all early voters to show a picture identification in order to be allowed to vote. The Registry of Motor Vehicles would be required to provide free picture IDs to voters who cannot afford it. The amendment prohibits the proposal from taking effect until Secretary of State William Galvin and Gov. Deval Patrick's Administration study its potential impact on the economy of the state.

Republicans said this "study" is the way Speaker Robert DeLeo and his Democratic leadership team prevent Democratic members from having to vote directly against GOP proposals that might be popular with voters. Under House rules, the amendment to study and delay a proposal is voted upon first. If it passes, which it always does, no other amendments can be introduced and the proposal dies without ever having a direct vote on it. Republicans say studies are a sham because they are never done.

Supporters of the study said the amendment would disenfranchise thousands of voters who do not have a current address because they are in a homeless shelter or domestic violence facility. They argued there have been no widespread reports of voter fraud in Massachusetts. Opponents of the study said it is illogical that all voters are not required to show identification prior to voting and noted 24 other states have laws requiring IDs. They argued people cannot cash a check, rent a car, rent a DVD or even enter some government buildings without showing an ID. They said the cost of the state providing free IDs would be minimal.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

House 152-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would reimburse small independent dairy farmers from a special insurance fund created in the 1980s to protect farmers when dairy processors go out of business without paying the farmer. The program is funded by the dairy farmers themselves and has been used in the past but has been mostly stagnant for years.

Supporters said farmers would be reimbursed based on what they have contributed to the fund over the years and noted the bill does not cost the state any money. They estimated that the state's 100 or so dairy farmers would receive amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

HIKE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$11 PER HOUR (S 1925)

Senate 32-7, approved and sent to the House a bill hiking the current \$8 per hour minimum wage by \$3 over the next three years, beginning on July 1, 2014, to \$11 per hour. Future wages would be automatically raised to reflect increases in the consumer price index. The measure also guarantees that the state's minimum wage always be at least 50 cents above the federal wage, which is currently \$7.25.

Supporters said this pro-worker bill would ensure economic justice and help thousands of families that are living near the poverty level despite the fact that the breadwinner works in excess of 40 hours weekly. They argued that a minimum wage hike is one of the best anti-poverty programs available.

Opponents said the hike is unfair to businesses that are already faced with skyrocketing health care and energy costs and would also hurt consumers by forcing businesses to raise prices. Some said they supported a milder increase to \$9.50.

(A"Yes" vote is for the minimum wage hike. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

SMALLER HIKE TO \$9.50 PER HOUR (S 1925)

ID at the polls.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

PROHIBIT ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION (H 3772)

House 27-128, rejected an amendment that would strike the section of the bill that allows people to register to vote online.

Amendment supporters said this idea has not been fully vetted and argued it could cost millions of dollars and lead to fraud.

Amendment opponents said there will be adequate safeguards in this new process. They argued online registra-

CORPORATE MANSLAUGHTER (H 1534)

House 153-0, approved and sent to the Senate legislation that would increase the current \$1,000 fine to up to \$250,000 for the crime of "manslaughter by a corporation" under which a corporation could be convicted and punished for culpable conduct that leads to a person's death.

Supporters said this long-overdue legislation would finally crack down on corporations responsible for lost lives.

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

Rep. Denise ProvostYesRep. Carl SciortinoYesRep. Timothy ToomeyYes

MONEY FOR MILK FARMERS (H 751)

Senate 8-30, rejected an amendment that would hike the minimum wage to \$9.50 per hour over the next two years. The amendment also deletes the section providing that future wages would be automatically raised to reflect increases in the consumer price index. It replaces that section with a requirement that the governor's administration hold hearings every two years and then recommend to the Legislature whether the minimum wage should be increased.

Amendment supporters said this is a more reasonable hike that is fair to workers and employers. They noted it also allows the legislature, and not some faceless index, to make the decision about any future raises.

Amendment opponents said \$9.50 is not sufficient. They argued tying future increases to the consumer price index is an important part of the bill.

(A"Yes" vote is for the hike to \$9.50. A"No" vote is

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against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

HIKE WAGE FOR TIPPED WORKERS (S 1925)

Senate 31-7, approved an amendment that would raise the hourly minimum wage for waiters, waitresses and other tipped employees from the current \$2.63 per hour to an amount equal to 50 percent of the regular minimum wage. If the minimum wage jumps to \$11 per hour, the \$2.63 would jump to \$5.50.

Amendment supporters said \$2.63 is too low and has not been changed since 1999. They argued this hike will help hardworking employees and make them less dependent on tips.

Amendment opponents said these employees make a lot of money on their tips and that raising their minimum wage will only hurt the employer's bottom line when many restaurants are struggling to stay alive. Some supported a more modest hike of 35 percent.

(A "Yes" vote is for the hike to 50 percent. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

LOWER WAGE FOR TEENS (S 1925)

Senate 3-35, rejected an amendment allowing employers to pay workers under 18 years old 20 percent less than the minimum wage. The reduction would apply to the teen's first 400 hours or his or her first 90 days of employment, whichever comes first.

Amendment supporters said the hike would discourage employers from hiring inexperienced teens under 18 to train. They said the amendment would give businesses more flexibility to hire those teens.

Amendment opponents said this is a bad idea. They argued that unscrupulous employers might just continue hiring teens under 18 for 90 days, pay them the lower wage and then let them go.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (S 1925)

Senate 10-28, rejected an amendment to delete the sec-

continued

Amendment opponents argued that tying the hike to the index will ensure the minimum wage continues to rise in an appropriate manner, which will help thousands of hardworking people support their families.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment deleting the section raising future wages based on the consumer price index. A "No" vote is against the deletion and favors the tie to the consumer price index.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

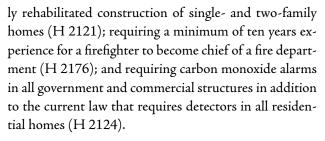
POSSIBLE 2014 BALLOT QUESTIONS - Sponsors of possible ballot questions in the November 2014 election had until last Wednesday, November 20, to complete the next step and collect 69,911 signatures as part of the long process to get their proposed law on the ballot. If the signatures are certified by local election officials and the secretary of state, the question would then be sent to the Legislature and if not approved by May 6, 2014, proponents must gather another 11,485 signatures by July 2, 2014, in order for the question to appear on the 2014 ballot. The signatures must first be validated.

Supporters of repealing the indexing of the gas tax to inflation say they have collected more than 100,000 signatures. The indexing ties future increases in the gas tax to the Consumer Price Index, ensuring future gas tax hikes without the need for lawmakers to vote on them. This inflation rider was part of a recent 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's current 21-cent-per-gallon gas tax.

Supporters of the inflation index say it is fair and will raise revenue to repair the state's transportation infrastructure.

Opponents of the inflation index say it makes a bad tax even worse and will hurt the struggling economy and families and businesses that are already paying some of the highest gas taxes in the nation.

Sponsors of proposals of other ballot questions have also expressed confidence they have reached the signature goal. The proposed questions include expanding the state's existing beer and soda bottle bill law to require a deposit on bottles of most other carbonated and non-carbonated beverages, making casino gambling illegal, hiking the minimum wage and requiring employers to give sick days to employees.



HAVE YOUR EYES EXAMINED (H 1921) - The Public Health Committee's hearing agenda on December 3 in Room A-1 of the Statehouse includes a bill that would require reading glasses sold "over-thecounter" to contain a notice encouraging purchasers to have eye examinations.

MAYOR-ELECT WALSH GIVES FAREWELL SPEECH - Current Dorchester Rep. and Boston's Mayor-Elect Marty Walsh gave his farewell speech in the House last week. Walsh plans to remain a member of the House for the rest of 2013 and then will resign to succeed current Mayor Thomas Menino.

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

During the week of November 18-22. The House met for a total of 20 hours and 23 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 15 hours and 24 minutes.

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tion that ties future hikes in the minimum wage to increases in the consumer price index.

Amendment supporters said that any future hikes should be decided by legislators and not by a faceless, flawed index.

FIRE-RELATED BILLS - The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on several bills including requiring local fire departments to conduct an annual inspection of automatic smoke and heat detectors in condominiums (H 2164); requiring the installation of sprinkler systems in new or substantialSenate 11:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

Fri. November 22

No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Give thanks this holiday season by helping others



By Joseph A. Curtatone

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving and the beginning of Hanukkah, spending time with family and friends, and hopefully taking a moment to reflect on what we're thankful for. I'm thankful for my family, my wife and four sons, and that every day in my job I have the opportunity to make life a little bit better, a little easier for the people of our community. Wrapped up in the day-to-day concerns of our own lives, it can sometimes be easy to forget how blessed we are and the opportunities we've had because someone—a family member, a friend or even a complete stranger—lent us a helping hand and gave us the support we needed to make our lives better.

As we enter the holiday season, I hope we can all remember how blessed we are, to be truly a helping hand and support to those who aren't as fortunate as ourselves. For too many families, the worry isn't about missing out on a shopping deal on Black Friday, or not securing whatever is this year's Furby or Elmo. Too many families have to worry about a decision between paying the rent or the heating bill, about putting enough healthy and fresh food on the table, having a roof over their kids' heads, and even having the right clothes to wear during frigid weather.

thankful, and in turn try to lend

Fortunately, we have so many organizations that work not only through the holiday season but throughout the year to support the less fortunate in our community. No one should have to choose between paying their rent or putting food on the table or paying their heating bill. The city's low income heating assistance program can help low-income households with heating costs through April 30. The program notifies and pays bills directly for residents who pay out of pocket for their heating costs and provides financial assistance directly to residents whose heat is included in their rent. Those without heat at all or threatened by utility shutoffs can get top priority for the program. Citizens Energy can also assist those who face trouble paying their heating bill this winter.

Food insecurity has grown by over 43 percent since 2008, according to Project Bread's 2012 report on hunger in Massachusetts-the highest rate recorded in the state since the data was first collected in 1995. The rate of food insecurity in that report was 11.9 percent. That's more than 1 out of 10 households facing the prospect of not being able to feed themselves and their families. Somerville residents can be helped with donations to the Elizabeth Peabody House, the Somerville Homeless Coalition (which runs a food pantry) and Project Bread and the Greater Boston Food Bank. Hearty Meal for All also could use your support—held the second Thursday of each month at Somerville Community Baptist Church, the program provides a free, healthy meal for anyone who wants to attend.

Facing a growing demand and

depleted funding, the Somerville Mobile Farmers' Market, which brings affordable fresh fruits and vegetables to low-income households and seniors each week, is running an online Citizinvestor campaign through which you can donate and help fund, through the winter and next summer, the matches that the market provides to low-income customers.

Seniors can also be helped with a donation to Somerville Cambridge Elderly Services, which runs various programs including Meals-on-Wheels, a Brown Bag Program that provides nutritious groceries every month to seniors, farmers' market coupons and community cafes.

There are also members of our community who face a potentially dangerous situation during the holiday season and need your help. Last year's National Census of Domestic Violence Services found on one day in Massachusetts that 1,752 victims received services from domestic violence programs. On that one day, there were 443 unmet requests for services—including transportation, childcare and legal representation—that could not be provided because those domestic violence programs did not have the resources to offer these services.

Eighty-six percent of the unmet domestic violence service requests were for housing, either emergency shelter or transitional housing. RESPOND Inc. in Somerville provides services to victims of domestic violence such as food and clothing, legal support for victims and more. Items that RESPOND can use include gift cards to grocery stores, pharmacies and retailers; toiletries such as shampoo and soap; sheets, towels and blankets; and personal care items like laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. You can also make a financial donation to RESPOND.

These are but a few of the organizations helping out our neighbors, families and friends this holiday season. I hope you'll make a note of others in the comment section below. As you celebrate the holiday season, I hope we can all take that moment to reflect, be truly thankful for what we have, and remember to offer that helping hand to others in need.

Life in the **WILLE** by Jimmy Del Ponte **Thanksgiving 2013**



Alas, another Thanksgiving in Somerville. With all the craziness in the world today, I'm thankful for just making it through an-

other year. It's time to be thankful for the things we have and the people we cherish. Sometimes we are just too busy to stop and count our blessings. We have schedules that need to be met each day. We usually go to bed, wake up, shower (hopefully), make lunches, walk dogs, drop kids off, and head to work at roughly the same time each weekday. As Friday approaches, we breathe a sigh of relief and get ready to kick back. As the band Loverboy reminded us in the 80's, Everybody's Working for the Weekend. As mundane as all this sounds, I am grateful for it. Do I stress when the kids are taking their time in the morning? Yes. Do I beep at the guy who cuts me off in traffic? You bet (I am grateful for my horn). Do I panic when an idiot light comes on in my truck? Yes (but thankfully I have a great mechanic!!). I'm still grateful for it all. Do I sometimes forget to be grateful?

Absolutely. But not this week. This week we have to be grateful. It's right in the name of the holiday, THANKSgiving. Much too often we are just too busy to be grateful.

Schedules are what keep us going. Some may call it a rut. But it's only a rut it is annoying you to the point of constantly complaining about it. I am thankful for my schedule because I am healthy enough to maintain it. I complain when something happens that makes me run late. I'm pretty prompt. I am very thankful for my family and loved ones, my job, and my work family. I am thankful to Me-TV for bringing back shows like F-Troop, Gilligan's Island, Car 54, and The Honeymooners. I'm thankful for the Red Sox and their awesome season (Boston Strong!). I'm thankful for my leather recliner and my big TV. I'm thankful to be living in the home I grew up in. Thankful for pasta, eggnog, mayonnaise and football. I'm thankful that I still live in Somerville because every inch of the city holds a memory for me. Almost daily I drive by the bus stop I waited at to take me to the High School every day. I work at

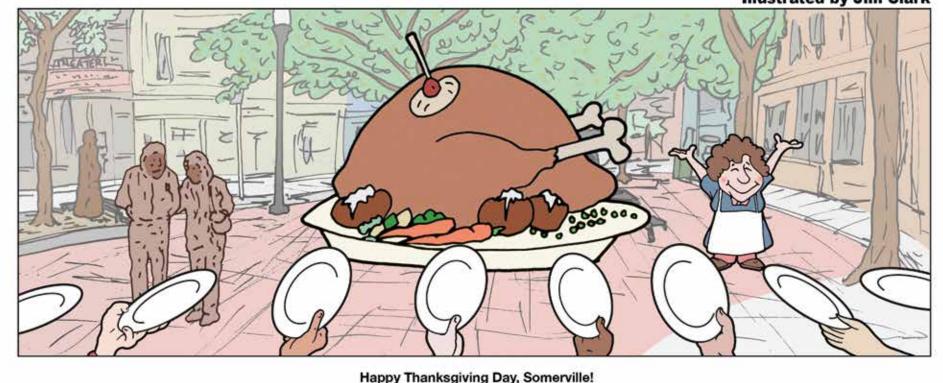


City Hall, which is across from that very High School, bursting with memories. The Western Jr. High, where I met some of my best friends, is still there. I drive by the YMCA and think of "Brownie" and the fun I had at Day camp. Every day, sometimes several times a day, I drive through Davis Square and recall making hot dogs and grilled cheeses at the luncheonette counter at Woolworths. I am grateful that I have a two-minute walk to Davis Square. I glance down Chester St. and see Redbones, where I basically used to live. I'm thankful I escaped there with what was left of my liver! At least once a week I drive by the old Kiss 108 studio on Rte. 16 and I'm thankful for my magical run on the radio. Every day I look at the piano in my den and realize how thankful I am that my parents gave me the gift of music that I passed on to my kids. I'm thankful that my *Continued on page 20*

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Happy Thanksgiving Day, Somerville!

The View Of The Times



thereafter. We further extend our sincere wishes for the blessings of life's bounty to one and all outside of our readership.

May this holiday provide a meeting ground for all of us. One in which we can share in the goodness of life and fellowship between us all. This is one of the more meaningful aspects of the holiday, that we can truly join together as a family. There's no better way to express our gratitude, is there?

be grateful for. Thanksgiving Day gives us that little nudge we sometimes need to take stock

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

This esprit de corps should extend to our sense of charity, too, as we contribute to our local churches, soup kitchens,

and service organizations. The experience of simply volunteering to serve food at a holiday dinner can be a life changing event, as one learns firsthand the value of, and satisfaction achieved by, the selfless act of helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

There is room at the table for all of us. Something to be truly grateful for.

We wish all of our readers the happiest of holidays, and all the days to come

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in what is most important for us and to

share in the sense of appreciation that we

Some of us have it better than oth-

ers, it goes without saying. Conversely,

many of us may be struggling to simply

make ends meet. One thing that unites

us all in common spirit is the heartfelt

acknowledgement of what we do have to

feel amongst one another.

The Somerville High Class of 1993 is celebrating their 20th Reunion this Friday on the 29th at the Precinct in Union Square, going from 7 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$30 per person. For questions contact Jennifer Braga Leonardo at Jenniferbraga@yahoo.com.

***** The Somerville High class of 1988 is

Happy Birthday to popular Winter Hill lady Charlene Harris. What a nice lady and family person she is. Dan Fabbri, out of Medford, a local long time realtor, we wish HB. Happy Birthday to Rivkah Lapidus, who is self-employed. We wish her a good day. Skip Murray from Union Square is celebrating this week as well. HB skip!

The Somerville Pop Warner "Holiday

hand crafted one-of-a-kind items and unique quality products. Free admission and free parking.

New winter Learn-To-Skate classes for children, ages 4 1/2 and up, and adults in Somerville, on Sundays at 2:30 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Rink, 570 Somerville Ave. in Somerville, starting Sunday, December 8. Classes are also available in Cambridge Simoni Rink and Medford Lo-Conte Rink. Use hockey, recreational or figure skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are available. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit online at www.Bay-StateSkatingSchool.org. Celebrating 45 years! Gift Certificates available. ***** In 2007 lifelong Somerville resident Michael Terrio was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. Unfortunately, the only cure for this disease is a double lung transplant. At the time of his diagnosis, Michael was told he had just three years to live. Since that time, he has been working extremely hard toward his goal of getting new lungs. He has put in the work and

done everything his doctors told him he needed to do before he would be considered for a lung transplant. He has been living on borrowed time. After years of getting his body ready, his doctors have finally told him he is ready to take the next step. In a few weeks, Michael will be going to Pittsburgh to undergo a week of testing in preparation for the transplant. Immediately following the testing, he will be placed on the transplant list, and he will then be required to stay in Pittsburgh until a new set of lungs becomes available. This could take weeks to months. In order to fund his journey and offset expenses for his medically required travel companion, a fundraiser is being held on his behalf at On The Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway, Somerville, November 30, at 7:30 p.m. A Go Fund Me Page: http://www.gofundme.com/59cm7c has been set up for people who can't make the fundraiser.

celebrating their 25th Reunion this Saturday, November 30th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. At Crowne Plaza in Woburn, located at Middlesex Canal Park.

A special Happy Birthday to a great lady on Highland Ave., Mary Lyons has reached 102 years of age. We wish her a great day and wonder what her secret is. We hear she's a fine lady and well liked by everyone in her building. Happy Birthday Mary, and many more to you!

Other Birthday wishes go out to the following this week: Malitta Knault, a very good long time friend is celebrating this week and we wish her the best. Karen MacLeod-Fraser, out of East Somerville originally, we wish HB to also. A big time Party" is Sunday, December 2, starting at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post 388 on Glen Street.

Congratulations to the Somerville High School varsity cheerleaders who placed first at the competition this past Sunday at Danvers High School. They are now **GBL** Champions.

A holiday vendor and craft fair will be held at West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powderhouse Blvd., Somerville, on Friday, Dec. 6, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Join in for a night of one-stop holiday shopping for all ages. There will be over 40 vendors to choose from. The vendors will offer a variety of affordable gifts from stocking stuffers for young and old, to

The West Somerville Neighborhood School will be hosting its "Annual Winter Concert" on December 19 in the West Somerville Neighborhood School Cafetorium at 9 a.m.

Panagia Axion Estin arrives in Somerville

By Sophia Carafotes

From Mount Athos, Greece, to Somerville, from ancient history to the path towards the future. The Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church fulfilled their vision of bringing the Holy Icon of Panagia Axion Estin from Mount Athos, Greece this past Saturday evening on November 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Over 500 were in attendance to witness this historical event for the church that used this as the kick-off event for the celebration of The Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church's 100th Anniversary Celebration coming up in 2016. This spiritual treasure will serve as a token, to Heaven and earth alike, of the Dormitions' love and veneration of the Most Holy Mother of God.

We would like to express our gratitude to our Bishop, His Eminence Methodios, Metropolitan of Boston, who blessed our community with his leadership in the church service along with V. Rev. Fr. C. Strongylis from the Boston Cathedral, V. Rev. Fr. P. Manoussakis from the Holy Cross, Fr V. Bebis from Roslindale, Fr Nick Kastanas from Arlington, Fr P. Klostris from Longmeadow, Fr C. Foustouks from Peabody, Hieromonk Fr. I. Simonopetritis from Holy Mountain, and Fr K. Manetas from Somerville. The Boston Byzantine Choir under the direction of Dr. Grammenos Karanos, Assistant Professor of Byzantine Liturgical Music at the Hellenic College Holy Cross.

Parish Council President, Vangelis Kechris, who worked diligently, exhibiting great zeal and dedication to this momentous task along with the 100th Anniversary Committee lead by Evelyn Galatis and Hope August, Sophia Carafotes, Evelyn Czaja, Anastasios Dres, William Galatis, Helen Gogolos, Angela Good, Diane Karavitis, Evangelos Kechris, Mary Limberakis, Estelle McDonough, Theodore Menounos, Anthoula Rozakis, Carol Salvo, Pamela Toulopoulos, Peter Tsourianis and Michael Ververis worked hard in bringing this dream to fruition.

This truly was an act of love and dedication from all the organizations at the church including the Parish Council, Philoptochos, GOYA and many more parishioners who came together as one, offering to organize and assist during our Great Feast on the 23rd and the 24th of November. After the service, all who were in attendance were given a smaller copy of the icon and then were invited to an elegant reception.

Rest assured that the Most Holy Mother of God, who accepts as a spiritual fragrance the zeal of our community and its people, will be openly exhibiting from now on her love and protection, not only for the parishioners of Somerville but for all the people of New England.





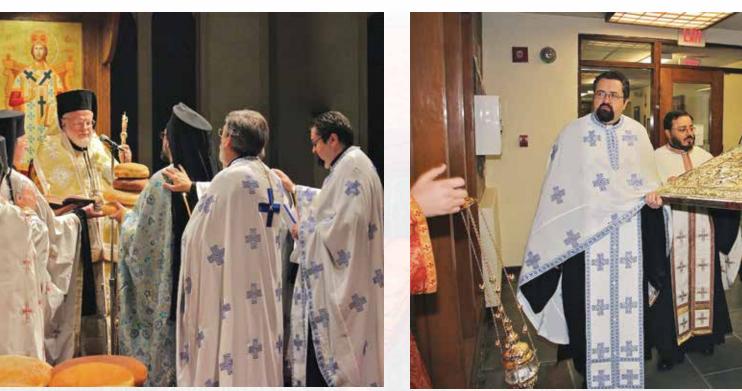
















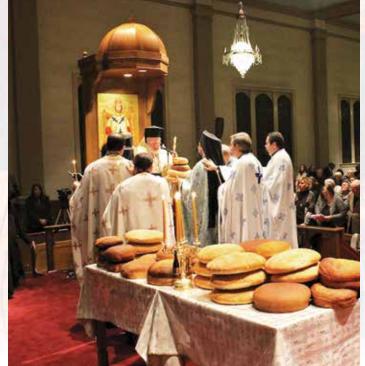












Photos by Harry Agritha



A new playground at Capuano Early Childhood Center

On Friday, November 22, Capuano Early Childhood Center celebrated its newly renovated playground with a ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Alderman Maureen Bastardi and School Committee member Steve Roix.

The children have been enjoying the new playground surface. The new landscaping with shade trees, a drinking fountain and safer gates have added new enhancements to the 10-year-old playground.



Photos by Claudia Ferro





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SPORTS

17th Annual Gobble Gobble Gobble 4 Miler

and the City of Somerville present Marathon Sports 17th Annual Gobble Gobble 4 Miler, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, Davis Sq., Somerville.

One of the Top 100 New England Races 2003-2012, as chosen ten straight years by New England Runner.

Chip timing provided by Bay State Race Services. T-shirts increased to first 2200 entries only so register early. The field size is limited to 2900 entrants and the race will sell out well in advance, as it has for the last eight years. Register online at racemenu.com.

The entry fee is \$28, all inclusive, no additional service fees.

Time: Race starts at 9:00 a.m. Location: Harvard Vanguard

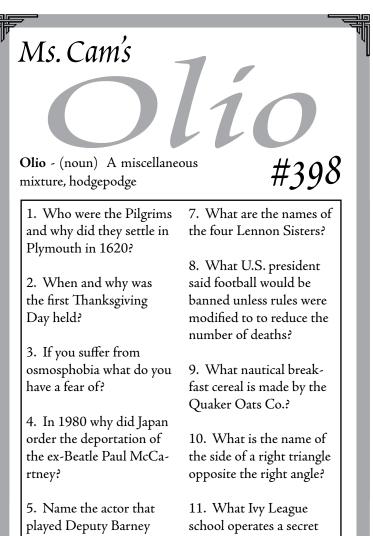
The Somerville Road Runners Medical Associates parking garage.

> Address: 40 Holland Street, Davis Square, Somerville.

> Course: Fast and mostly flat, arrows at all turns, mile-markers. 4 miles. and mostly flat, arrows at all turns, mile-markers. 4 miles. USATF Certified #MA10029JK.

Registration & Check-in: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in Davis Square at the Harvard Vanguard parking garage on the corner of Holland Street and Buena Vista Road right by the start. (Wheelchairs must pre-register by Friday, November 11 to ensure safety precaution with local police.)

Early Number Pick Up IS BACK: Early number and shirt pick up will be available at Marathon Sports in Cam-





bridge during normal store hours Saturday-Wednesday 11/23-11/27.

Results: Full race results published on coolrunning.com. Prize Money: Please note that cash prizes have been eliminated as of 2011 and beyond.

Award categories for runners: Please note age group medals have been eliminated as of 2011 and beyond.

No awards ceremony will be held on race day. In deference to family holiday, and limited capacity in the Burren, there is no longer an awards ceremony.

T-shirts: Long Sleeve T-shirts to the first 2200 entries only. Post Race: Festivities afterwards at the Burren, 247 Elm Street, Somerville (right by the

ble@srr.org.

Directions: From Mass Pike (I-90) exit I-95/Rte 128 north to Rte 2. Exit Rte. 2 east to Rte 16. Left on Rte 16 at traffic lights. Go to second set of traffic lights on Rte 16, take a right on Broadway (supermarket on far right corner). Go 2 sets of lights, bear right on Holland Street (Rudy's Cafe - Mexican restaurant on right). Go approximately 1/4 of a mile, Harvard Vanguard is on the right. (see Google Maps)

Take the T: The race is located at the Davis Square stop on the Red Line. They offer baggage-checking during the race. **Benefits:**

Project Soup: New England's first free supper program, finish line). tion is made up of teachers, city For more information please opened in 1969. Several years officials, Track Team members, contact: Bill Bryant at gob- ago, Somerville Homeless families, and coaches.

Coalition agreed to provide a home for this long-standing community program, recognizing its work to combat hunger was integral to our mission. Project Soup serves nearly 70 people a day. Its community supper program offers meals several times a week at different Somerville churches. It also operates food pantries in three city locations; a meal-delivery service for the elderly, disabled, and those living with AIDS; a dollar-a-bag program of fresh fruits and vegetables; and nutrition classes and outreach.

Somerville Track PAC: Provides college scholarships for Somerville High School students. This volunteer organiza-

	Fife on The Andy Griffith Show?	society of "Skulls and Bones"?
	6. Who was the only bachelor U.S. president?	12. On what Zodiac calendar would a rooster appear?
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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE **OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

595 Somerville Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-58) Applicant, Douglas Beaudet, and Owner, JAC Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish four dwelling units in a new mixed-use building with a small retail component; a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.b to alter parking design standards; a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.d to park on a separate lot; and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.e to share parking. BA zone. Ward 3.

563-565 Broadway (42 Alfred Street, Medford): (ZBA 2013-77) Applicant Charles Zammuto and Owner 1359 Associates, Inc seek a Special Permit under SZO §5.1 & 7.11.1.c to establish 10 residential units in a new three-story building that will be partly in Medford and partly in Somerville. Another use in the building will be a private nonprofit club or lodge for members only under SZO \$7.11.5.b.6.a. The proposal requires a Variance for parking requires - approx 29 are required and approx 21 will be provided. Zone NB. Ward 5.

95 Hudson St: (Case #ZBA 2013-78) Applicant & Owner, James Haile, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding rear additions, rebuilding a side yard landing and stairs, and window and door alterations. The proposal also includes door changes to the accessory structure. RB Zone. Ward 5.

200 Willow Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-80) Applicant and Owner, Willow Somerville Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to make alterations to a non conforming structure by adding dormers and rear decks. RA Zone. Ward 6.

186 Highland Ave: (ZBA 2013-81) Applicant/Owner Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne Jugan Residence seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to change doors into windows on the 6th floor solarium that was permitted through Special Permit # ZBA 1992-25. Zone RA, Ward 3.

587-593 Somerville Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-82) Applicant, Thomas Tuton, and Owner, 593 Somerville Avenue Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish six dwelling units in a new mixed-use building with a ground floor retail component; a Variance under SZO §9.5.1.a for parking relief; a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.b to alter parking design standards; a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.c to share a driveway; and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.e to share parking. BA zone. Ward 3.

35 Cutter St: (ZBA 2013-85) Applicant/Owner Boston XUZ, LLC seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to substantially alter a nonconforming structure and construct a three-family dwelling with nonconforming front and right side yards. Five parking spaces will be located in a garage. Zone RB. Ward 1.

19-21 Calvin St: (Case #ZBA 2013-86) Applicant and Owner, Ethan Beauvais, seeks a special permit under §4.4.1 to reconstruct a nonconforming 3-family home previously lost in a fire with modifications including sideyard setbacks and window and door alterations. RB Zone. Ward 2.

62-64 Hooker Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-87) Applicant and Owners, Laura Beretsky and Mark Jewell, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding a dormer. RB Zone. Ward 7.

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



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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Docket No. MI92P5404

MA

Estate of: SAMUEL ALFRED WEEMS Sr.

Date of Death: 08/20/1992

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by

Crystal Perrigo of Somerville

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Date of Death:	07/15/2013	_
To all persons intereste	ed in the above capt	ioned estate, by Petition of

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Docket No. MI13P5427EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Virginia M. Mollahan

Also known as: Virginia M. Mollahan

Date of Death: 09/29/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

John H Renault of Stoneham, MA and Janice M Wilkins of Hudson, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition

And also requesting that:

John H Renault of Stoneham, MA and Janice M Wilkins of Hudson, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

10:00a.m. on 12/16/2013

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date. action may be taken without further notice to you.

This estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate. including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, Hon. Peter C Di Gangi, First Justice of this Court.

Tara E. De Cristofaro **Register of Probate**

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Date: November 18, 2013



CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT **RFP # 14-28CD**

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

Wayfinding Program Design Services

A Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained online 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 Wednesday, November 27, 2013. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The City of Somerville is seeking proposals for the creation of a multi-modal wayfinding system that communicates our community brand and provides wayfinding for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. The successful vendor will work on an assessment of existing conditions, stakeholder engagement, design development, cost estimating, and tender preparation.

Requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that

Crystal Perrigo Somerville of MA

Be appointed as Successor Personal Representative (s) of said estate to serve on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of this Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have the right to object to this proceeding . To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before : 10:a.m. on 12/16/2013.

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Witness, Hon. Peter C Di Gangi, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 18, 2013

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

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Richard of Somerville

[x]	Nancy	Ε	Richard	of	Somerville	MA
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has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve

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Petitioner <u>Nancy</u>

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are en-titled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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3) 2000	Audi	A6	Vin # WAULH64B0YN097197
4) 2002	Mitsubishi	Eclipse	Vin # 4A3AC44GX2E001184

Date of Sale: Dec. 30, 2013 Time: 12:00 PM Location: 160 McGrath Hwy. Somerville, MA. 02143 11/27/13, 12/4/13, 12/11/13 The Somerville Times

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 14-47

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

Fire Alarm & Sprinkler Alarm Testing, Maintenance and Repairs

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The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, with two, (2), one year options to renew. Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract.

For bid package and specifications email Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager: odeluca@somervillema.gov

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Meet the Somerville **Superstars** CONT. FROM PG 1

coordinate the Artist of the Month program. The list of the 2013 Artists of the Month can be found below.

Devin said that the idea is to call attention to the range and diversity of talent in Somerville. The program features both established and emerging artists, and the artists include painters, musicians, writers, even a palindrome writer. Interviews with each artist and images of their work are posted to SAC's website.

"There's also people that are more involved in the community side of things," said Devin. "The idea behind the series wasn't just to present people who are doing their own work, which is really important and awesome, but also people who are a little behind the scenes as well." He gave as examples musician/teacher Marcus Santos and Susan Berstler, a visual artist who is the director and founder of the Nave Gallery.

"We got a ton of nominations. Somerville has a very large creative population," said Devin. Anyone can nominate somebody through the web form, and the artists are nominated on a yearly basis. Nominations for 2014 can be submitted here. Printed forms for nominations will also be available at Sunday's event. A jury (composed of anonymous jurors since they are voting for and against people) then votes on the artists.

"There's been really good feedback for the series. A lot of people learning about different things, different people they didn't know about," said Devin. "It's been really exciting."

Devin said that Sunday's event is a way to celebrate and



CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 14-48

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for: **311 Answering Services**

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4) 1996	Dodge	Ram	Vin # 1B7HF16Z6TS546176
5) 1998	Ford	Escort	Vin # 1FAFP13PXWW277304
6) 1995	Ford	F-150	Vin # 1FTEF14H9SLA93726

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Letter from Mayor Curtatone on **Union Square Redevelopment**

property owner and either agree to a sale of the property or create a partnership, with the property owner essentially investing in the redevelopment of his or her property. Property owners will have choices, but we must retain this last resort option to avoid situations like in Teele Square, where a commercial building burned down more than a year ago. Now, an empty lot sits without a buyer, because as of yet the cost of purchasing and cleaning up contamination on the site has been too great to attract an investor for this prime location just minutes from Davis Square. We must also avoid the risk where one parcel holder holds the neighborhood at ransom with an exorbitant asking price and thus remains undeveloped, causing a domino effect that affects redevelopment of surrounding parcels. Should it come to this last resort, owners of parcels identified for redevelopment in the Revitalization Plan will receive fair market value

ing a public hearing, notification, written offer and State approval. We also want to keep current businesses that lend to Union Square's unique character in the square, and will work with those businesses to find them a home. Existing businesses like Ricky's that enrich the square must be a part of the solution. SomerVision's goals are not only about creating jobs, housing and open space, but about preserving what we already love about our neighborhoods. We want to expand the conversation that began with SomerVision and continues at community meetings. On Thursday, Dec. 5 at 12:30 p.m., we will hold an online chat where you can ask me and our planning staff questions directly about redevelopment of Union Square. Questions can be asked in real-time on the chat, emailed in advance to my office at Mayor@somervillema. gov, or submitted by calling 311 in advance. A transcript will be postfor their property and relocation ed on the City website and mailed assistance and funds, and any purto persons without Internet access chases will happen only after an upon request. To take part in the extensive public process includchat, please visit our homepage at



CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT **RFP # 14-50**

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed proposals for: **Chief of Police Selection Consultant**

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Please direct any questions to amallen@somervillema.gov.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall (93 Highland Avenue) regarding the proposal by Applicant, LaRosa Development, to demolish the c.1869 mixed use building at 82 Highland Avenue.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination 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.

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www.somervillema.gov. A link will be posted a few days in advance.

I also remind all of you that each step of the way in Union Square, we will continue to have a dialogue between the City, residents and developers. I believe in our community, in engagement and in forming a consensus around the future of our City. It has worked before, and it will

honor the artists, and encouraged all to join.

2013 Artists of the Month:

January: Susan Berstler February: Marcus Santos March: Resa Blatman April: Ben Brooks May: Marjorie Gere June: Raul Gonzalez July: Stephanie Melikian August: Barry Duncan September: Annie Silverman October: Dan Blakeslee November: Abbie Barrett December: to be announced

work again.

– Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

UP:Dave Crespo CD Swap!!:Uncle

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday November 27

Thanksgiving Eve - Libraries Close

Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal|Level 2

7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.

Thursday November 28

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Thanksgiving - Libraries Closed

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Thanksgiving Friday - Libraries

2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

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

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday December 2

Learn English at the Library!

Session 2|7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadiraja-

Session 1|6 p.m.-7 p.m.

East Branch Library

115 Broadway

Chess night

Avenue

Jamal

mal.com

Central Library

Third Life Studio

Saturday|November 30

weekly to discuss their work

Sunday December 1

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Unity Church of God

Friday November 29

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

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday November 27 Closed-Thanksgiving Eve

Thursday November 28 Thanksgiving - Libraries Closed

Friday | November 29 Thanksgiving Friday - Libraries

Closed

Sunday | December 1 Central Library Storyteller Doria Hughes Cathy x2954 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday December 2

Central Library Sing-Along with ABC Spanish in Motion Cathy|x2954

11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library Math & Science Homework Help For Teens 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|December 3

Central Library Homeschool reading group ages 9 – 11 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Preschool: Storytime 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000 x2910 2:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday December 4

Central Library Teen Nanowrimo Celebration Cynthia 617-623-5000-2936 2:30 -3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

MUSIC

Wednesday November 27 Johnny D's

George Maalouf 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 Burren Backroom series 7:30 p.m. Comedy @ 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Trivia 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. Back Room Scattershot 80's night|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge Happy Thanksgiving! (Closed) 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

Precinct Bar Happy Thanksiving Front Bar Open At 6pm 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Radio Bar 379 Summer St

Friday November 29

Johnny D's Live Jazz Music with Tom Pendergast 8:30am-2:30pm Beatlejuice|9:30 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Dogs in a Pile |6 p.m. JAH-N-I Roots Band |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Dave Foley 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge Polysonic Joy|Lizzie Pitch|Mark Gilday Jr.|Ron Everett

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Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Radio Bar 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory Local is for Lovers: Holiday Market 9 a.m.-2 p.m.|Performance Hall |191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre Slutcracker-A Burlesque 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Sunday | December 1 Johnny D's

Open Blues Jam featuring Hot Sauce BPS

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar Peter Ward & Amarillo |5 p.m.. Amber Casares |8 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

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

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

Precinct Bar 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Radio Bar 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory Jimmy Tingle's American Dream - Live on Stage and Screen 4 p.m.|Performance Hall Somerville Superstars - Somerville Arts Council Celebrates the 2013 Artists of the Month 345 Somerville Ave|617-776 1557

Precinct Bar 70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia 8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Radio Bar

UP: Greater Boston story slam season V: "Celebrate" 6 p.m.|379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory Center Stage Somerville 2013: Click Clack Moo 3:15 p.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hall Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall

Tuesday | December 3 Johnny D's 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Honkytonk Masquerade 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 - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 Precinct Bar

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

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

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

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

Radio Bar 379 Summer St

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

Wednesday|December 4

Johnny D's Veterans for Peace Benefit Public Interest|Willie Sordillo Band 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar

Dave Wells Presents 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke 10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Thursday November 28

Johnny D's

Light menu served 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Happy Thanksgiving Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Radio Bar

Down: Coco Roy presents 379 Summer St.

Saturday|November 30

Johnny D's Beatlejuice|9:30 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. Brass Knuckles |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Precinct Bar

HearNowLive presents:Dave Austin and the Sound|Gretchen & The Pickpockets|Monkeybread|Casco 7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre

Slutcracker-A Burlesque 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Monday December 2

Johnny D's Team Trivia 8:30 p.m.|17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren Front Room Bur- Run|6:45 p.m. Back Room 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge

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

Highland Kitchen TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke

Central Library

Recovery group for elders 1:30 .m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday December 3

Central Library

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue

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

Third Life Studio

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

Wednesday December 4

Central Library Chess night 7 p.m.-9 p.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!

Walk+Ride Toast and Awards Celebration



Mayor Curtatone, the Somerville Board of Aldermen and School Committee, Somerville Bicycle Committee, Shape Up Somerville, and many others celebrated walking, biking, and transit-riding into the fall, as well as two important milestones for Somerville last Friday at the East Somerville Community School. Residents and commuters were invited to join in for hot coffee or hot cider, and students who took part in the "active transportation" day entered to win a free bike helmet. Kids are seen here enjoying some free hot cider. – Photos by Claudia Ferro

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers. Everyone 55+ are encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. 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.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Zumba for All with Cheryl. Come at the end of the day, after work - open to all. Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m. Holland Street Center. \$3 for a class or

Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 a.m. every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

Do you crochet or would you like to learn? Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

Trip Corner:

Concord Museum - "Celebration of Trees" - December 20.

Atlantic City/Taj Mahal - January 12-14.

STAY ACTIVE:

Wii Bowling League - at Holland Mondays at noon. Free. Fit-4-Life C|1 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

December 3

Holland Street Center Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m. SHINE by appt.|10 a.m. Happy-healthy Holidays|12 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street Center

\$15 for 6 classes. Get in shape this summer.

Wii Bowling League is here at Holland Street Center Mondays at noon Free. If you haven't tried this, come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

LGBT Events (Open to all ages):

"Positive Thinking" with Roberta Robinson of Cambridge Health Alliance will be talking on how Positive Thinking is a mental attitude that admits into the mind, thoughts, words and images that are conducive to growth, expansion and success. Come learn new tricks to keep you on a positive path. Free. Stay for our Monthly lunch.

Holland Street Café - December 9 from Vinny's Ristorante. Fabulous lunch of either meatballs and pasta or eggplant parm. Salad and dessert. RSVP. Stay for Roberta Robinson's lecture at 10:30 on "Positive Thinking".

LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available.

Ralph & Jenny Center Weekly Events:

Zumba for All - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes.

Flexibility & Balance - at Holland - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Free.

Flexibility & Balance - at Ralph & Jenny - Wednesday 1:15-2:00 p.m.

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. Holland and 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.
Walking Club - at R&J - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings.
Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings.

November 27

Ralph & Jenny Center Lunch|11:30 a.m.- must RSVP ahead 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

November 28 & 29

Centers closed for Thanksgiving

December 2

Holland Street Center Moonlighters 10:30 a.m. English Conversation|10:30 a.m. Art with Katherine|1 p.m. Bereavement Group|3 p.m. 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

December 4

Holland Street Center Fit-4-Life A,B, C 11:30 Lunch|11:30 a.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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new titanium hip is working out.

Here are some of the things my Villen friends are thankful for: Retirement, their grandkids, jobs that they love, support of family and friends, loving husbands and wives, unbelievably caring girlfriends and boyfriends, their kids, recovery after heart attacks and other illnesses, still having their elderly parents, good health for all, today, finally finding out what the fox

says, and life itself.

I'm particularly grateful for the upcoming birth of my first granddaughter. I hope I can be a good grandpa. I am also thankful for having had my Aunt Molly in my life. She was 98 years old and lived the most fulfilling life anyone could ask for. We will sing and laugh together again someday Auntie.

I will also be thinking of some of my

sick family members and, of course, all the troops around the world on this Thanksgiving. Hopefully they will all be home and well soon.

After the leftovers are gone I will probably start taking things for granted and complaining again, but not this week. I'm very happy and thankful, and I hope everyone has a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.



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NOVEMBER 27, 2013 21 🔎 The Somerville Times -2013 events to brighten the holiday season

By Jim Clark

Somerville is gearing up for some very special celebrations and events as the holiday season approaches.

The annual tree and Menorah lighting at City Hall, the Arts Council's Illuminations Tour, and a first-ever "Holiday Arts and Eats" Festival at Assembly Row, sponsored by Federal Realty Investment Trust, are among the highlights of this year's holiday festivities in and around Somerville.

Starting things off this weekend, the Somerville Craft Fair rolls out its wares on Saturday, November 30, at the SHS Atrium/Field House.

Likewise on Saturday, the Local is for Lovers: Holiday Market will be taking place at the Art at the Armory, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Performance Hall.

The Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony takes place Thursday, Dec. 5 on the City Hall Concourse, with a meet and greet with Santa Claus in the Somerville High School Highlander Café shortly thereafter.

The tree lighting ceremony will include entertainment by El Sistema Somerville, the Somerville High School Band and Orchestra, the Somerville Community Chorus, and grade four students from the Arthur D. Healey Elementary School. Santa Claus will be escorted by the Somerville Fire Department for the ceremony and will be posing

with attendees for photos after the tree lighting. All children attending the event will receive a present from Santa.

More merriment takes place on Saturday, Dec. 7 as the Union Square Winter Craft Market gets underway. Presented by Union Square Main Streets, a variety of handmade products including jewelry, pottery, housewares, knitwear, toys, ornaments, perfume and more is there for your holiday shopping pleasure. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Union Square Plaza and inside Precinct.

Local artists will be opening their doors to the public on Saturday, Dec. 7 as well. Come by and visit the artists of the Washington Street Art Center as they open their studios to one and all. See works in progress, meet the artists and enjoy some homemade chili. 12-6 p.m. "Threadbare" gallery reception 7-10 p.m. at 321D Washington St.

Then, resident and member makers show and sell their wares at Artisan's Asylum Open Studios, also on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 12 Tyler Street.

And don't forget to stop by Fall Open Studios 2013 at Vernon Street Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, noon - 6 p.m. at 6 Vernon Street.

The Somerville Arts Council's Illuminations Tour kicks off on Saturday, Dec. 14, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Residents and visitors are invited to the popular



Santa and all his friends are making big plans to entertain and provide wonderfully gift shopping opportunities for Somerville residents over the next few weeks.

tour that takes them aboard trolleys to discover some of the most brightly decorated homes throughout the city for the holiday season. Anyone interested in having their homes featured on the tour should contact the Somerville Arts Council at 617-625-6600 ext. 2985 by Friday, Dec. 6.

Trolley Tour tickets will be available at the Blue Cloud Gallery, 713 Broadway, beginning Monday, Dec. 2. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors. For more information visit www.somervilleartscouncil.org.

Additionally, the City of

Somerville will join Federal Realty Investment Trust for its Holiday Arts and Eats Festival on Dec. 6, 7, and 8. The festival will feature food trucks, a large holiday market including 60 artists, a 21+ event on Friday night and family-friendly activities and live music all weekend

long. It will be hosted under a large heated tent at Assembly Row. For more information and schedules, visit www.assemblyrow.com/events.

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

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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston is partnering with the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley to distribute nearly 5,000

bution is part of United Way's effort to distribute meals to more than 13 local communities through their annual Thanksgiving Project.

Saturday, November 23rd. Thanksgiving baskets, consisting of more than 100,000 total pounds of food, will be distribut-

ed in Dorchester, Boston's South

Thanksgiving meals to families in need throughout Boston and the surrounding communities this month, including Somerville. Catholic Charities' distri-

Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley will participate in the Thanksgiving distribution at Catholic Charities Yawkey Center location in Dorchester on

End, Brockton, South Boston and Lowell. Volunteers from UMass Lowell will be on hand to assist with distribution of donated turkeys at their school.

Jimmy and JFK

In 1963 Jimmy Del Ponte received a reply back from newly elected President John F Kennedy letting him know he received his letter and thanking him for his support. It was front page news in the school paper, The Spotlight.

"My personal connection to John F. Kennedy had been established," says Jimmy. "Who would have even dared to imagine that three short years later I would get my first introduction to a thing called grief."

"I can't help but get a lump in my throat when I think of that seven-year-old boy, gleaming from ear to ear, as he held in his hand a letter from The White House."



	Answers
1. A group of settlers from England seeking to find re-	5. Don Knotts
ligious freedom who land- ed in Plymouth in 1620	6. James Buchanan
	7. Peggy, Kathy, Diane,
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for a good harvest, attend- ed by 90 people, including	8. Theodore Roosevelt
Native Americans – it lasted three days	9. Capt. Crunch
3. The fear of smells	10. Hypotenuse
4. They found Marijuana	11. Yale University
in his luggage	12. The Chinese calendar
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9:30am:	Somerville By Design: Davis Square Plan	12:30am:
12:00pm:	Highlander Forum – Boys' Soccer	1:00am:
12:30pm:	POW-MIA Memorial Chair Dedication	2:00am:
1:00pm:	Disability Awareness Month Event	3:00am:
2:00pm:	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	9:00am:
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	vs. St Johns Prep
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	vs. W Springfield
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5:00pm:	2013 SHS Fall Sports Rally
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8:00am:	El Sistema Somerville Harvest Concert
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worked for many years. The Ibbetson Street Press of Somerrica ville published his latest collection. The noted critic Dennis Daly has sent in his review for Off the Shelf. The Shutting Door Poems by Timothy Gager SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Poet Gary Metras reminds us that nothing is ever routine in this world.



A ROUTINE PROCEDURE

When they began to wheel you away, I said, "Wait," took your hand gently, kissed

your lips with the weight and air

of forty-one years married.

A hysterectomy, age and all that.

"Not to worry," the young surgeon says.

But still, still the anxiety, the uncertainty.

The great dark about to descend.

The vast emptiness of anesthesia.

What if our eyes had never locked

across that dance floor when we were teens-

No Spangdalem with first apartment

in the cellar, lacking TV, no radio,

full of dark, German furniture

we grew to love because

that was where we loved.

No Paris that Christmas, walking in cold rain

to Midnight Mass at Notre Dame,

no night spent dreaming our life

in the hotel feather bed, such passion, the hopes.

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The Shutting Door Poems by Timothy Gager



you left the foundation, the coffee maker brewing.

Not only does the title poem, The Shutting Door, encapsulate Gager's methodology, it also juxtaposes some interesting moments of lightness and darkness. In this poet's world, mankind both absorbs light and, when needed, emits light. Consider these lines at the heart of the piece,

we walked towards woods, the moss cold under our toes, as we were, caught in the light for a moment; a glimpse of half full. We are dim

lights on dark nights, sending out calls to the wolves howling at the sun because the moon hanging there, yet never seems to hear them.

If I should need to step back to see how you glow in this light, illumination, I can be at one with that...

Missteps, an odd claustrophobic poem set in its own compartment—an AA meeting, jumps off the page and demands an audience. The protagonist begins with honesty and ends in a church basement seeking a heaven of sorts. In between, his door to the past swings open to addiction and its metaphors. You get the feeling that too much honesty at one time can devolve into euphoria and doped-up degradation. Not exactly the desired outcome in the meeting or in the poem. I like this poem a lot. Gager opens with these lines of tragic comedy,

When I raised my hand told a gray room the reasons I started drinking, I wanted to start again immediately. Told people, whose faces looked like The End of the World, the truth.

Then I told them I would pour a girl I'd lusted after, down like whiskey...

With one repeated word the poet conveys a brave new world out of the blackest melancholy in the poem Seasonal Affective Disorder. The word is "instead." Gager begins his piece by damning routine in a darkening season and portrays his persona as self-medicating. That said, a door has been shut on dire overreactions such as suicidal thoughts. The poet says,

instead I don't wake with a thought of placing a gun against my temple how cool it would feel—the air heavy

hanging from a rafter, instead, I read the paper 'bout a man on a highway,

In the waiting room, I watch the electronic status board on the wall, patient initials, doctor, color bar to indicate the procedure's level. I walk outside, smoke a cigarette, remember how invincible our flesh once was. The rising sun harsh with early summer heat humidity hazing the sky, waiting, waiting for your lips to return my kiss.

more gritty lines,

Ibbetson Street Press

Review by Dennis Daly

entitled The Shutting Door.

No different today

than tomorrow but I need

a perfect cast; never fished before; saw a picture of you

attempted a roll cast, yet

the sun to show me trout.

They disappear into shadows.

knee high in the water

holding catch from hooked finger,

Hell, I've never thrown fly before,

The art of creation needs a steady sober hand and a

plethora of malleable materials readily available. Poets,

who are naturals at breathing life into words, rarely have a problem with the latter of these two necessities. In

fact most of their available materials must be isolated,

contained, and, yes, even suppressed in order for these

wordsmiths to perceive the shape and direction of what

Poet Timothy Gager knows how to construct his

poems, compartment after compartment, stanza after

stanza. He becomes the portal of existence between

past and future. He personifies the solid but windowed

barrier on the cover of his newest collection of poetry

Early on Gager sets the optimistic but slightly ambig-

uous tone with the poem In My Hip High Waders. The

protagonist tries something new-fly fishing. He's look-

ing towards a future that the sun gives him a glimpse of, but only a glimpse. The poet concludes his hopeful mo-

Note that before the shadows reassert their claim on reality the poet mines the past for his selective image of

triumph, the fish on the hooked finger, and goes with it.

In the poem There's Sunshine when You need It Gag-

er's persona reenters a past of addiction and wilted joys

through different doors to offer someone or everyone a key to the future. The scene, both cool and detached,

is not without pathos. Open doors, even intimate ones,

do not always attract happiness. Here are some of the

ments flashing through bright daylight this way,

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Wet cats and sick dogs, sit on benches under newspapers, their muscles clenched in weak electrical currents inducing dull pains in junkies.

I've offered a key to unlock the lives jammed up. I recall her door opened to a bedroom with dead flowers tipped on their sides...

Time's door shuts on occasion, but never permanently. Looking past a door ajar the reader infers the history of love and lives lived from a rumpled bed and a familiar aroma. In the poem I have mostly Nightmares the poet explains,

...I wake to

your calf, it left a wrinkle in my comforter;

a note; a funnel cloud, destroyed everything,

who opened his car door walked out, straight into an 18 wheeler, it's what he wanted...

Perhaps so! But I'd take the vicarious route and, instead, read about it in the newspaper, wondering how big the straw was that finally broke this unfortunate camel's back.

The poem What Do Men Want (in response to Kim A.) easily stands on its own merit. It's a terrific poem stripped of manners and coyness and caution. It is three parts libido, two parts caricature with a serious and surprising undertone. The protagonist seeks to erase himself and his blues in sex and cigarettes and scotch. He succeeds and another door closes. The poem ends in perfect pitch,

... my dark clouds don't matter by the time her thighs start pumping all the sunshine out of me so hot the world burns, hotter than hell.

If you like your poetry accessible and genuine going in and gothic and damn gritty getting out, you'll like Gager.

- Gary Metras

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