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Coming to a small screen near you: more city committee meetings



Not enough choices for your home viewing pleasure? The City of Somerville may soon be expanding its coverage of all committee meetings through video or audio media.

By Jim Clark

Can't get enough of the Board of Aldermen Finance Committee's discussions about the Tree Preservation Ordinance with criteria for removal and notification to add safeguards for street reconstruction projects? How about the Land Use Committee's views on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create a new "CCD-55 Commercial" sub-district? Perhaps you are an involved parent wishing to keep up with the latest activities of the School Committee.

While some meetings have been accessible for review on video through the city's website or on its cable channel, not all have been recorded and made available for public consumption.

A recent proposal put forward at last week's regular meeting of the Board seeks to fill in the gaps by requiring the city to record all of its committee meetings by video or audio for the public record.

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Think Local First this holiday season

By Kris Atienza

With the holiday season fast approaching, many people are thinking about buying gifts for others. While finding the perfect gift may be a challenge, one local organization has an idea of where people can start looking – right in their own neighborhood.

Somerville Local First is a business support organization that emphasizes the importance of supporting locally owned independent businesses, artists and non-profits. Since its' founding in 2008 by Joe Grafton, the group aimed to engage business and community leaders in building economies that are green, local and fair by supporting locally owned and independent businesses.

"When you support Somerville Local First, you're supporting a movement," said Executive Director Courtney O'Keefe, 37, of Somerville. "Back when Joe first started this, he would reach out to other local businesses. Now, they're reaching out to us. They know that we're here and they want to be a part of the community."

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Continued on page 10 Each year, Somerville Local First kicks off the shopping season with a holiday fair held at the Armory filled with local vendors and their wares.

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The Next Wave and Full Circle Alternative schools' 22nd Annual Tree Lot Fundraiser is being held at a new location this year, at the Edgerly Building on the corner of Cross Street and Bonair Street. All proceeds will go to supporting student scholarships, trips and behavioral management programs. The lot is operated entirely by teachers and students, who volunteer their time on evenings and weekends during the busy holiday season. The trees and decorative wreaths are being sold from December 2 to December 18 between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. during the week and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the weekends.

Happy birthday's this week in the Ville: Happy birthday to Jason Fucile, of the famous Victor's Deli, with his lovely wife Nancy. A nice guy, we hope he has a great day and week for himself. He fits in nicely at the counter like all the other family members. Happy birthday to Craig Resmini, who is also celebrating this week. He runs the Winter Hill Liquor Mart. Another nice guy. Both married into great families. Happy birthday to good guy Peter Forcellese, who works at City Hall for the Board of Aldermen. A great guy, a great family, and one of Somerville's finest. To all the others celebrating this week, we wish you have a happy birthday.

Our good friend Tony Alibrandi, from Somerville's finest barber shop, recently had open heart surgery. We wish him the very best and that he gets back to the shop quickly. Paul, in the meantime, is capable of handling the overflow. Visit Albraindi's barber shop on Holland Street.

Our own Patti Norton was recently taken to Mass General Hospital with a heart attack and while there suffered another one. A strong lady, she is now home and recuperating. She was helped by a great nursing staff, and she enjoyed her stay as long as it wasn't more than four days. We are glad she's on the mend and smiling.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: What happened to Christians?

ritepride says:

Well if you watched the movies you would realize

Lions 136+then some / Christians 0.

Separation of Church & State, mentioning Trump, Moore, Dems., Repubs. blows the whole article.

Frank Kelly says:

"The first Christians were more communist than Karl Marx"

Marx was an avowed atheist calling religion "the opium of the people." It is no surprise then that in Stalin's Russia and Mao's China all religion was suppressed - in between the various genocides that took the lives of tens of millions of people.

Christian's did not support atheism or genocide.

It doesn't take one to be a Marxist or even a Socialist to have compassion.

On the contrary since the end of the Soviet Union and reform in China, Vietnam etc. massive progress has been made on global poverty rates

http://humanprogress.org/blog/a-realistic-positive-picture-of-the-state-of-humanity You can thank Capitalism and the end of authoritarian regimes for that.

JT Thompson says:

Beautifully and clearly written. I couldn't agree more. The example of sharing everything in common, and of giving aid to the powerless, couldn't be clearer, and are so widely ignored. "What you do to the least of these..."

Bill Shelton says:

I rarely post responses to comments. But this is a subject close to my core beliefs; indeed, my faith. I wrote that the first Christians were more communist than Marx—not that Marx, an atheist, was more Christian. Marx came late to the idea of communism, which emerged in ancient Greece, was practiced by the first Christians and by a 5th Century Persian movement, advocated by St. Thomas More in his 1516 Book, Utopia, and a century later by a Puritan group called the "Diggers," resurrected by enlightenment thinkers like Rousseau, and experimented with in the U.S. in New Harmony, Indiana (1825) and Brook Farm in West Roxbury (1840s). All before Marx.

Most of those practitioners were believers, and they were living by their faith. Some were not; but their atheism was an add-on to, not a part of, their communist beliefs.

Comparing Marx to Stalin is like comparing Thomas Jefferson to Donald Trump, or Jesus to Jerry Falwell. In each case, the latter wraps his overweening pride and lust for power in the rhetoric of the former. And as Pope Francis's encyclical so eloquently elucidated, capitalism—as we experience it today—is anti-Christian.

Response to: Celebrate the holidays in Somerville

any changes? says:

Any changes to the Illuminations Tour so people with mobility problems could go? Federal law and all.... I've been asking for years and I've been offered a map and told to go on my own. Hoping for some progress this year

Ron Newman says:

I thought all of the trolleys have been accessible for the past few years?

Response to: Letter to the Editor - November 22

Clearly needs to go higher up the food chain out of the reach of the local politicians. Maybe Attorney General? Locally I would not expect any help. Maybe even a local news station for something like this. But they are definitely not alone in this kind of fight here.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



Union Square Portraits:

Conversations about America – with Jennifer

By JT Thompson

Jennifer is a musician, landscape designer, and devoted parent who began her life in a homogenous WASP neighborhood in New York City, and now thrives in the multicultural richness of living in Union Square.

In the early '90s she had national success in a band called The Story, singing harmony with her college friend Jonatha Brooke. After the band broke up in '94, Jennifer went on to find happiness in the local music scene, in parenting, and in the mix of indoor and outdoor work in her landscape design career.

Before Jennifer and I meet, I buy her most recent album, Avocet, released March 3, 2017, which developed out of a studio recording session that her husband gave to her as a birthday present. The songs are lush, gentle, and intricately beautiful; it's hard to categorize the music, which moves gracefully between Americana, folk, and indie pop.

"Labels are challenging," says Jennifer. "I didn't grow up with folk music and I've only recently really embraced it. But because I have a pretty voice and play acoustic guitar, people think I'm a folk musician. My own reference points for chords come more from pop music and classical. It's funny - the way your music is categorized has more to do with your community, with who you hang out with - than it does with what it actually sounds like."

The literate, vivid song lyrics on Avocet are full of serene rural imagery - rivers, barns, valleys, trees, birds - and celebrate a deeply felt tenderness: the quiet joys of watching babies sleep, of family love, of reading in bed to each other. There is also a cleareyed appreciation of sorrow and pain in her writing, but she mostly, and successfully, expresses one of the hardest experiences to communicate compellingly: day to day happiness.

Jennifer and I meet at bloc 11; as I sit waiting at a table by a window, I see her ride up on her bicycle, wearing a loose, flowing green shirt and a '90s looking straw boater hat with a black ribbon. She takes off the hat as she sits down, and we start talking.

As a child, Jennifer lived on the Upper East Side of NYC, "in an expensive high rise apartment where all the tenants were white people. The buildings just north, just four or five stories tall, were all people of color. No WASPS went further north than 96th Street.

"I don't miss that. Park Avenue used to seem so big and beautiful to me, the tall buildings, the tulips in the median. It seems so small to me now, so provincial. Very narrow, a tiny cultural bandwith."

Music was a big part of Jennifer's life from childhood on.

"My mom took me to the Philharmonic. All the 'powers that be' were there, Leonard Bernstein, Michael Tilson Thomas. They were bringing the big symphonies to kids. They'd take all the seats out of the hall and give us a little piece of shag carpet to sit on. They called it a 'rug concert.' They'd introduce us to all the instruments, have them play the themes of the characters in Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf before the music would begin. It really turned me on to that kind of music."

Nature and small town life were also part of her life from childhood on.

"We lived near Central Park. Trees and grass and flowers were all accessible, not so far away. And Mom's parents were part of the arts community in Lyme, Connecticut. We were often there for the agricultural fair in August. There were things like competitions for bulls pulling heavy weights, the owners cracking a whip, teams following each other. I loved it. The cotton candy, the one little ferris wheel. Lyme also had a great little 4th of July parade.

"When I think about what I love about America, one thing that comes to mind is that parade. There were maybe 40 people in it, young and old. The local doctor would read from the



Musician and landscape designer, Jennifer.

Declaration of Independence, give a passionate speech of his own, and fire off a miniature

"The other thing I think of is the bicentennial in NYC. The tall ships in the river, millions of people celebrating - it was all so palpable. I love both.

"The small town part is what I love about Somerville."

Jennifer went to college in Amherst, MA, where she met fellow musician Jonatha Brooke. They started performing together and in the years after graduating, their band The Story was picked up by the label Elektra.

"We sold around 100,000 records. It felt like a million! At first, we were called a folk band. But when we began selling a lot of records, they started calling us pop. On the radio - back when you could still get on the radio! - DJs would play us after Sting: Fields of Gold, after So Much Mine."

While The Story was gaining popularity, Jennifer worked part time at the publishing house Little, Brown designing book jackets.

"I've always had one foot in visual arts, one in music."

It was her desire to live the life of a musician which eventually led Jennifer to settle in Somerville. Her first local home, around '86, '87, was in Teele Square.

"I've basically lived in and around Somerville since then. I did spend a Continued on page 17

The Somerville Times **Best of Somerville 2017** Cast your vote!

You have until November 30 to vote for your favorite category. To cast your vote, email us at thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com or mail in your ballot to The Somerville Times, 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The winners will be announced Wednesday, December 6, 2017. If you don't see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

Best of Somerville

Foods & Restaurants

Best Breakfast

Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch

Best Italian Food

Best Chinese Food

Best Mexican Food

Best Portuguese Food

Best Local Deli

Best Variety and all around Restaurant

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Best Local Bar

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Best Hamburger

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Best Roast Beef Sandwich

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Best Laundromat

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Best Law Firm

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Best Convenient/Neighborhood Store

Best Somerville Non Profit Agency

Best Bar For Bands

Best Newspaper

Best Idea in 2017 Worst Idea in 2017

By Jim Clark

Too busy to remove the price tags

Police officers were dispatched to Assembly Row last Thursday on a report of a suspicious person. The reporting party was an Assembly Row security staffer who was watching a male party that was believed to be involved in a shoplifting incident two days earlier at Brooks Brothers.

Upon arrival, the officers spoke to a witness who reportedly stated that she witnessed a male party ran out of the Express clenching an unknown item close to his chest and the store's anti-theft alarms were activated. The two security officers followed the individual to the public restroom at the bottom level of the garage at AVA Building, located at 455 Artisan Way.

As the officers made their way to the bathroom, they met with a security officer, who pointed out a male individual, later identified as Michael Wallace, of Boston, who was hurriedly exiting the garage and matched the description of the male suspect they were searching for.

The officers proceeded to stop Wallace at the garage exit and moved to a nearby bench.

Wallace was ordered to remove his hands from his pockets multiple times, but he reportedly did not comply.

Wallace was reportedly not in possession of identification, but verbally identified himself. He was carrying a Carters paper bag, according to reports

Police subsequently learned that Wallace had entered Carters and retrieved the bag without

making a purchase. The bag had an open top and within it a jacket was in plain view with a price tag still attached. It was at this time that Wallace was read his Miranda warnings from a pre-printed card. Wallace reportedly told police that he understood his Miranda warning and still wished to speak with them.

Wallace then reportedly admitted to stealing two jackets from Saks Off Fifth Avenue and then removing the theft detection device from each jacket and

flushed them down the toilet in the bathroom. The second jacket was being worn by Wallace and the price tags were in plain view. The officers removed the jacket that he was wearing.

The Loss Prevention Officer from Saks Off Fifth responded to the location and identified the stolen merchandise as belonging to his company.

Wallace was placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250 and removal of theft prevention device.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Milton Ramirez, of 35 Mt. Vernon St., November 23, 8:32 p.m., arrested at Lincoln Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Michael Wallace, of 1080 South Hampton St., Boston, November 24, 10:43 a.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of larceny over \$250 and removal of theft prevention device.

Stephen Guttadauro, of 66 North Margin St., Boston, November 24, 2:43 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Brianna Foss, of 238 Chelsea St., Everett, November 25, 9:25 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of being present where heroin is kept, credit card fraud over \$250, and utter false instrument.

Kevin Depietrantonio, of 19 Warren Ave., Malden, November 25, 9:25 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of possession of a class A drug and

James Keelan Jr., of 22 Walnut Rd., November 26, 12:19 a.m., arrested at home on a

conspiracy to violate drug law.

warrant charge of arson of dwelling house.

Robert Assarian, of 20 Brooks St., November 26, 6:17 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of state highway traffic violation and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Coming to a small screen near you: more city committee meetings CONT. FROM PG 1

An order submitted by Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin and supported by the entire Board would require such recording of all city committee meetings for public scrutiny.

"This came to mind when I was at a committee meeting the other day," Mc-Laughlin said. "There was a guy holding his phone to record the committee meeting. And I was amazed. Why aren't we doing this? We have the microphones, we have the cameras. It doesn't seem too difficult and I think for all of our own sake to have a public record, it would be great to have this."

Alderman At-Large Dennis M. Sullivan voiced his support of the proposal saying, "I think it makes sense, now more than ever, whereas I won't be around the Board much longer to view all this in living color. So it's an issue that I'm interested in, and I know there's a lot of issues out there from public transportation to public safety that I know some of us will want to watch. I think it makes sense. We can tune in on the website and watch it."

Sullivan also joked that some of the aldermen will have to dress a little better at the committee meetings as the prospect of more public exposure becomes a reality. Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis expressed his support of the matter and

reminded the Board that all of the Land Use Committee meetings from the past year have been recorded. He said that a number of people have told him that they have watched the videos. "It is, by my observation, a tool and a resource that the public values and is actually using," Davis said.

Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti added herself among the other Board members expressing approval of the recommendation. She did, however, remind the members of the Board that there could be budgetary issues that would need to be addressed if more video coverage of meetings was to be provided.

"I would assume this would mean an increase in the budget for the Communication Department because now an employee would need to be on staff for every committee meeting we have," said Rossetti.

Ward 3 Alderman Robert J. McWatters pointed out that City Clerk John Long had trained the various committee clerks to operate the video systems themselves. "At that time it was solely up to the chairman of each committee if they wanted to utilize that," McWatters said.

The order was referred to the Rules Committee for further review and recommendations. No word yet on whether that meeting will be televised.

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The Dream Syndicate is back and finding itself in Somerville

By Blake Maddux

In a 1982 interview, Michael Quercio of the band The Three O'Clock stated that his and several like-minded Los Angeles groups comprised what he called "the Paisley Underground."

Among the other bands that Quercio was describing were Green on Red, The Long Ryders, Rain Parade, The Bangles, and The Dream Syndicate.

Together, this musical collective bought the influence of 1960s psychedelia, folk, and pop to bear on the nascent alternative rock genre.

The Bangles would achieve the greatest commercial success, but the most influential Paisley Underground recording was arguably The Days of Wine and Roses, the 1982 debut by The Dream Syndicate.

"I like that there was a time when I was part of a movement," Dream Syndicate lead singer Steve Wynn recently told The Somerville Times.

The band recorded three more albums, the last of which was 1988's Ghost Stories, before breaking up. Wynn went on to record a slew of albums under his own name and as the leader of The Miracle 3.

Almost 30 years later, Wynn is unbothered by the fact that The Dream Syndicate was never popular in terms of hit singles and album sales.

In fact, he downright proud of it.

"We were designed to be a cult band, an underground band," Wynn explained. "And we ended up being exactly the band we intended to be."

In September, The Dream Syndicate released How Did I Find Myself Here?, their first new studio recording in nearly three decades.

Wynn, fellow Dream Syndicate veterans Mark Walton (bass) and Dennis Duck (drums), and Miracle 3 guitarist Jason Victor have been playing live together for five years. This, Wynn pointed out, makes it "the longest-running line-up of



The Dream Syndicate is back and kicking off a national with a show at ONCE on Friday, December 1.

The Dream Syndicate ever." (The new album's last track, Kendra's Dream, features vocals by The Dream Syndicate's original bassist, Kendra Smith.)

Wynn and his bandmates are set to kick off the US leg of their reunion tour at ONCE Ballroom on Friday.

The following is an excerpted version of Wynn's phone interview with The Somerville Times.

The Somerville Times: Did you ever think that The Dream Syndicate would reunite after it broke up in 1988?

Steve Wynn: I didn't really think we'd reunite. To be honest, I didn't really think about it that much at all because I stayed busy right away. My early solo records did really well, so I was kind of off and running and didn't look back. I think had I put out a solo record and it had done terribly and nobody came to my shows, I might have been thinking, "Oh my god, what am I going to do now?" But that wasn't a problem.

TST: How certain were you that the

band would record a new album after it reformed to play live?

SW: From the time we got back together again in 2012, we didn't make any longterm plans. We just took things one step at a time. We got together almost impulsively for a festival in Spain. At the time it came up, it was easier to say yes than to say no. It was just a festival and a couple shows around it, and the idea was, "Well, let's go do this. If it's terrible, or doesn't connect with the fans, or we don't have a good time, or if it doesn't work, then that'll be that. But if it's fun, then we'll try something else."

That was the mentality for two years. Each time something was good, we thought, "Let's do one more thing. Let's do one more small tour of Europe. Let's come back and do one show in New York. Let's do one in LA." We kept doing one thing at a time, and after about two years of that, the next logical thing was, "Let's make a new record and see if that works."

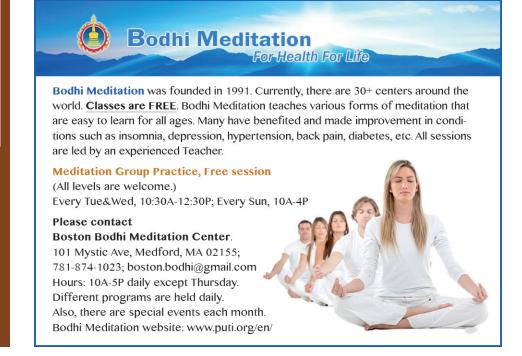
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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from earlier November sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

CORRECTION: Beacon Hill Roll Call made an error in a recent report. The first roll call vote below (CUT \$550,000 FOR VARIOUS HEALTH-RELATED PROGRAMS) has the correct information and how your local legislators voted.

CUT \$550,000 FOR VARIOUS HEALTH-RE-LATED PROGRAMS (H 3800)

House 125-28, Senate 35-2, overrode Gov. Charlie Baker's reduction of \$150,000 for programs for the promotion of health and disease prevention including prevention of breast cancer, hepatitis C and colorectal cancer; and screening for prostate cancer, diabetes, ovarian cancer, multiple sclerosis and osteoporosis. The \$150,000 is not earmarked for any specific program.

The governor also vetoed another \$400,000 for specific programs including \$100,000 for macular degeneration research into prevention and treatment of the disease; \$25,000 for a diabetes prevention program; \$25,000 for a program that provides peer support and education, home independence training and adaptive aids to people who are learning to cope and function safely and independently with the loss of sight; \$100,000 for research to provide solid scientific evidence for the cranberry's role in health and nutrition; and \$100,000 for providing medically tailored meals to persons battling chronic illnesses and providing workforce training programs to people recovering from addiction.

(A "Yes" vote is for funding the \$550,000. A "No" vote is against funding it.)

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

PROHIBIT CONSIDERATION OF DETAIN-**ING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 4011)**

House 119-34, upheld the ruling of Acting House Speaker Patricia Haddad (D-Somerset) that prohibited consideration of an amendment that would authorize police officers, court officers and other law enforcement officers to detain a person under certain circumstances, at the request of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on the grounds that there is probable cause that such person is a removable illegal alien.

This would apply only in those cases where an individual has already been arrested and is about to be released from custody or is deemed to pose a threat to public safety because he or she has engaged in terrorism or has been convicted of a serious crime such as a felony, human trafficking or drug trafficking. The amendment also restricts the amount of time an individual can be detained to no more than 12 hours.

The amendment was filed in response to a July decision by the state's highest court which ruled that state local law enforcement officials do not have the authority to detain a person based solely on a request from ICE.

Haddad ruled that the amendment is not properly before the House because it was not included in any earlier versions of the bill and introduction of this new subject-matter would expand upon the bill and violate House rules.

Supporters of the ruling said the ruling is appropriate and follows the rules of the House.

Opponents of the ruling said clearly the issue of arresting and holding illegal immigrants is related to a bill making changes in the criminal justice system.

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

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

PROHIBIT MORE WIRETAPPING TO BE **CONSIDERED (H 4011)**

House 123-34, upheld the ruling by Acting House Speaker Paul Donato (D-Medford) that prohibited consideration of an amendment that would allow law enforcement to request the authority from the courts to use wiretapping in cases of murder, manslaughter, rape, human trafficking, drug trafficking, the manufacturing or distribution of drugs, weapons trafficking, witness intimidation and use or possession of explosives or chemical weapons. Current law, which has not changed since 1968, allows wiretapping to be used only when the crime is committed in connection with organized crime.

Donato ruled that the amendment is not properly before the House because it was not included in any earlier versions of the bill and introduction of this new subject-matter would expand upon the bill and violate House rules. "Such new subject-matter in the form of an amendment from the floor of the House and thereby by-passing the deliberative steps required under our rules for the passage of a bill," said the ruling. "That would violate the essence of the legislative process."

Supporters of the ruling said the ruling is right on target and follows the rules of the House.

Opponents of the ruling said the issue of using wiretaps to help convict criminals is related to a bill making changes in the criminal justice system.

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

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

EXPUNGE JUVENILE RECORDS (H 4011)

A section of a proposed criminal justice bill would have allowed offenders who committed a crime before their 21st birthday to apply for expungement of certain records after 10 years for a felony or a misdemeanor if the individual has met all other qualifying criteria.

The House 127-26, approved an amendment that reduced that waiting period to seven years for a felony and three years for a misdemeanor.

Amendment supporters said research shows states with shorter expungement periods have reduced recidivism rates. They noted that the amendment will create earlier possibilities for these offenders to turn their lives around while still ensuring public safety. They argued that the amendment will reduce barriers to employment, housing and educational opportunities.

Amendment opponents said the reduction is excessive

and argued that the original ten-year waiting period for both felonies and misdemeanors is fair to offenders and also in the best interest of public safety. They noted that allowing an offender who is convicted of breaking and entering and larceny under \$1,000 to apply to have his or her record expunged after three years is too lenient.

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

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

CUT ENTIRE \$60,000 FOR TEACHING FI-NANCIAL LITERACY (H 3800)

Senate 30-7, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of the entire \$60,000 for a program that mentors and teaches financial literacy to low-income women.

(A "Yes" vote is for funding the \$60,000. A "No" vote is against funding it.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

CUT \$122,274 FOR PRISONER'S LEGAL SER-VICES (H 3800)

Senate 30-6, overrode a reduction of \$122,274 (from \$1,609,465 to \$1,487,191) in funding for Prisoners' Legal Services, a program that provides legal representation for indigent and disadvantaged defendants.

(A "Yes" vote is for funding the \$122,274. A "No" vote is against funding it.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

THE GOVERNOR SIGNS BILLS INTO LAW -Gov. Baker signed into law several important pieces of

legislation:

CONTRACEPTION COVERAGE

Gov. Baker signed into law a bill designed to ensure free access to FDA-approved methods of birth control for women in Massachusetts. The measure allows women to get a 12-month supply of a contraceptive of their choosing after an initial 3-month prescription and mandates coverage of emergency contraception at pharmacies without a copayment or a new prescription.

The proposal was filed in response to President Trump's executive order that exempts a wide range of employers from the requirement that they offer birth control to their employees without co-pays or deductibles. The bill exempts church or qualified church-controlled organizations who would be allowed to opt out of the requirement.

A Center for Health Information and Analysis report said the bill's mandates will cost the health care system between \$1.9 million and \$5.7 million annually over the next five years and will add between 84 cents and \$2.40 to the annual premium for a Massachusetts subscriber.

"All women deserve the right to affordable, reliable and safe contraceptive care," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "This is not only a health issue, but one of equity as well. Being able to make decisions about contraception is one of the most influential factors in whether women complete their education and achieve

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their career goals. I'm proud that Massachusetts did the right thing in the face of shameful decisions on the federal level."

"Under this new law, those who have moral objections to contraceptives, abortifacients, and sterilizations will be compelled, in violation of their consciences, to subsidize, at an expanded level, procedures and practices which they find abhorrent," said Catholic Action League Executive Director C.J. Doyle. "Our constitutional and jurisprudential tradition has long maintained that a 'reasonable accommodation' ought to be granted to the sincerely held moral and religious beliefs of citizens. This absolutist legislation offers no such accommodation.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that gives public school districts the power and flexibility to offer other English Language Learner (ELL) programs in addition to or instead of the current sheltered English immersion program. The current immersion program, approved by Massachusetts voters on a ballot question in 2002, requires all students, including those not yet fluent in English, to be taught English by being taught all subjects in English and to be placed in English language classrooms.

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

school graduation rates and going to college.

"While the bill provides districts with new flexibilities, we will ensure programs for English language learners remain rigorous, properly staffed, and regularly evaluated," Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito said. "Parents in several communities will have opportunities to participate on local advisory committees and have more direct input into the education of their children."

\$199 MILLION FOR NEW CHELSEA SOLDIERS' HOME

Gov. Baker signed into law a \$244 million bond authorization to support many projects across the state including \$199 million to replace the long-term care facility at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home. "The Soldiers' Home in Chelsea provides comprehensive, quality health care and residential services with honor, dignity and respect to the commonwealth's veterans," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "The upgrades to the Soldiers' Home ensure that the physical plant meets modern health care requirements commensurate with the needs of our veterans." Another provision provides \$45 million to expand high-speed Internet in unserved or underserved communities in Western and North Central Massachusetts. "With this new funding, the administration is going the extra mile to ensure we continue to build the momentum we have in closing the broadband gap for communities in Western and Central Massachusetts," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash. "High-speed, broadband internet is a necessity in today's internet-connect world, and we will continue to work with municipalities to pursue collaborative solutions that best fit the unique needs of our unserved communities."

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 20-24, the House met for a total of 34 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 27 minutes.

Mon. November 20 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

Senate 11:09 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.

Tues. November 21 No House session

Wed. November 22 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.

Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.

Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:23 a.m.

Thurs. November 23 No House session No Senate session.

Fri. November 24 No House session

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

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

•	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
95 -97Ten Hills Road 2 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family 49 \$1,150,000 \$1,00	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
	95 -97 Ten Hills Road	2 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	49	\$1,150,000	\$1,000,000		
114 Highland Road 3 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family 16 \$1,375,333 \$1,39	114 Highland Road	3 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,375,333	\$1,390,000		
65 Josephine Avenue 2 unit, 13 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family 5 \$1,425,000 \$1,55	65 Josephine Avenue	2 unit, 13 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	5	\$1,425,000	\$1,550,000		
33 Central Street 2 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family 43 \$1,678,000 \$1,570	33 Central Street	2 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	43	\$1,678,000	\$1,570,000		
31-33 Wheatland Street 3 unit, 22 total room, 9 total bedroom 3 Family 34 \$1,689,000 \$1,700	31-33 Wheatland Street	3 unit, 22 total room, 9 total bedroom 3 Family	34	\$1,689,000	\$1,700,000		
74 Morrison Avenue 3 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 3 Family 16 \$1,848,000 \$1,900	74 Morrison Avenue	3 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,848,000	\$1,902,000		

Somerville Winter Farmers Market

The Somerville Winter Farmers Market opens for the season this Saturday, December 2. The market will be held every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., December 2 - April 14, at 191 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA, the Center for Arts at the Armory. This weekly market offers the best locally grown and regionally produced agricultural items including vegetable produce, cheese, eggs, meats, fish, breads, pastries, chocolate, and wine. They feature rotating guest vendors each week, as well as live entertainment. They accept cash, SNAP/EBT, CREDIT and DEBIT cards. SNAP users receive \$10 each week to spend on purchases just for showing up. Show your EBT card at the manager's booth for \$10 in tokens to spend on SNAP eligible items from any of our vendors. Your donation to the SNAP Bonus Program directly provides healthy, local food to low-income households and makes the market more accessible to everyone. The Somerville Winter Farmers Market is managed by Groundwork Somerville, 337 Somerville Ave #2B, Somerville, MA. For more information and a list of weekly vendors and events visit https:// www.somwintermarket.org/.







Treasure Hunting with Bob BY BOB ADAMS



Having a grand time

Recently, at the Goodwill in Davis Square, I walked in and immediately spotted a giant ring in the jewelry case. It was \$2.99 plus tax. I asked to see it and when the clerk handed it to me, I knew right away that it was a Star Sapphire set into 18K yellow gold. I'll take it, I told her.

The stone wasn't the best color and it didn't have the best star. But, it cost less than a cup of coffee. And, it was huge.

While waiting in line, a dealer walked up and asked if I'd found anything good. I showed him the ring and he asked what it was. I told him and then he asked what it was probably worth. I figured a grand. He went pale and told me that he had been looking at it just before I walked in. Then, he put it back. Now, this is a guy who buys and sells antiques and collectibles, who recently had a good hit (\$1,300) at the same junk store and he didn't want to chance three bucks? Sure, the ring wasn't marked, wasn't in the best condition, but it was unmistakably gold and a star sapphire.

I sent it off to a high end online store and they sent it back because it wasn't "perfect." So, I cut the stone out of the ring and got \$325 for the gold and sold the 46 carat stone online for \$255. I didn't make a grand but I did alright and had a "grand" time.

Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com.

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



Eagle feathers #142

Miracle on the Mystic

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

It was 1630 when John Winthrop led an odyssey of 700 people on eleven ships from England to the shores of Massachusetts. They were in search of religious and civil freedom. John was appointed their first leader.



His first residence in America was a six-hundred acre royal grant along the Mystic River. The site was named Ten Hills Farm, noting the elevations found there. It was here that he launched the first ship built in Massachusetts, the Blessing of the Bay. She was originally used for exploration and trading and later was armed to battle pirates. The "Blessing" was the architect of America's first Coast Guard.



Winthrop was a religious, well-educated lawyer. Gifted in governmental affairs, he became the foremost political guide in the Bay State Colony. Over a span of twenty years from 1629 to 1649, he was Governor for twelve of them. During that time, he accomplished many tasks while his character remained unblemished.



In 1636, he chaired the board that established Harvard College. Early in 1643, he was instrumental in forming the United Colonies of New England and served as its president until his death in 1649. Continued on page 15

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Comment period extended for GLX Notice of Project Change



At the request of community members, the MBTA is proposing an extension of the comment period for the Notice of Project Change for the possible extension of the Green Line to Mystic Valley Parkway. The comment period, which was previously planned to close on Tuesday November 28, will now close on Tuesday, December 12.

Comments should be addressed to:

Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)
MEPA Office

Attn: Erin Flaherty, MEPA Analyst EEA No. 13886

100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900,

Boston MA 02114

Email: Erin.Flaherty@state.ma.us

Comments must be received by EEA no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12.





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Monday December 4

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam 7 p.m. Marley Mondays with Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

Tuesday December 5 SYM Tuesdays 8 p.m.

Wednesday December 6Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

Thursday December 7BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti

grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m. Friday December 8

Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters 6 p.m.

Hear Now Live presents Water, Jimmy T of Krush Factory,

Haley Trapella 9 p.m.

Saturday December 9

Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m. Hummingbird Syndicate, Liz Borden Band, Flight of Fire \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Sunday December 10

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. Sam Reid & The Riot Act 8:30 p.m.





Celebrate the holidays in Somerville

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



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

On Saturday, December 16, residents and visitors are invited to the Somerville Arts Council's Illuminations Tour. Tour guides will lead trolleys past some of the City's most spectacular displays of holiday lights, sharing stories about the families that decorate and providing local historic trivia en route. Tours depart from the City Hall Concourse every 45 minutes beginning at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments, choral music and craft activities will be available inside City Hall.

Trolley Tour tickets will be available at the Blue Cloud Gallery, 713 Broadway, beginning Sunday, December 3. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children and seniors. For more information, visit http://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/illuminationstour.

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

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

Somerville 2017 Hour of Code

The annual Somerville Hour of Code event kicks off on Monday, December 4 in every school in the district. Every student in the Somerville Public Schools will experience the thrill of learning computer programming during the national Hour of Code Week, December 4-10. The event brings in volunteers, including many from some of the best technology companies in the area, working side-by-side with other volunteers to help students learn the basics of computer science and nurture students' creativity and problem-solving skills. You'll be working alongside other parents, volunteers, and professionals who are passionate about computer science and committed to supporting youth. Register to volunteer at goo.gl/Li/ZvBd. Learn more about Hour of Code movement at: http://hourofcode.

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New Wellbeing Report will kick off community health improvement planning process - be a part of it



By Joseph A. Curtatone

If you've seen me lately, then you know that I've been walking around with my arm in a cast due to an injury. You too may have been to the doctor recently for a flu shot or due to a cold. Individual injuries and illnesses like these and the doctor's visits they require are usually what we think of when we talk of health and healthcare. But the communities we live in are also greatly connected to how healthy we are. External factors such as education, economy, trans-portation, housing, food security, and safety all impact health and healthcare access. That's why the City has worked with the Cambridge Health Alliance for more than 25 years to study and act upon the many factors that affect individual health right here in Somerville. Most re-cently, our latest joint health study provides valuable insights for the work we are about to launch going forward - work that I hope you will take part in.

The 2017 Wellbeing of Somerville Report is full of important data, such as that lung cancer was the leading cause of death in our city for those over 65, which is significantly higher than the state average. We also know that particulate pollution from vehicle exhaust leads to higher rates of lung disease. But data matters most when you act on it. In this case, our community has fought for the Green Line Extension to reduce congestion and pollution. But we have more to do. So taking a cue from the Somer Vision process, early next year the City will embark on a participatory public process to create a Community Health Improvement Plan that identifies our priorities for a healthier community and a plan to achieve them. As public health is a shared responsibility and one that affects each and every one of us, I encourage you to take part. A look at the report at somervillema.gov/wellbeing is a good place to prepare.

In the report, you'll find a comprehensive look not just at the health of city residents across all life stages, it also looks at the external social factors I mentioned earlier such as education, economy, and housing. In short, it's a holistic snapshot of wellbeing across the city. And the data makes it clear that there are areas where we're doing well as well as areas where

"... join the conversation as we strive to make Somerville a healthy home for all"

we must improve.

Somerville continues to be a community that values education - one of our areas of strength. In fact, more than 89 percent of residents have obtained at least a high school diploma, and the city saw a 12 percent increase in graduate or professional degrees between 2010 and 2015. And our students are staying in school. Most recently, we've seen the dropout rate fall steeply to just 1.9 percent.

Those figures represent positive signs in areas shown to improve overall health and wellbeing. However, they don't grant us immunity to stressors that can negatively impact health. For ex-ample, we know that poverty and health are inextricably intertwined. In Somerville, 14.7 per-cent of our residents live in poverty, including 23 percent of children under age 18 and 14.2 per-cent of people 65 years old and older. In 2016, 9.4 percent of our high school students self-reported they had gone hungry.

Meanwhile the report also documents other concerns. Alcohol and substance-related emergen-cy department visits for adults aged 65+ were higher than the state average. In 2016, 5.5% of high school students self-reported having attempted suicide, an increase since 2012 (4.5%). Approximately 38%-39% of renters and owners are cost-burdened, meaning they spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing.

The report makes dozens of recommendations for action as well. They include increasing the percentage of pregnant women receiving early and adequate prenatal care; reducing barriers for student participation in physical activity, especially for females; working on regional efforts to address food security in seniors; and more.

Having this data and the recommendations gives us an opportunity to think about the ways we can work together with other government agencies, community organizations, and you - our residents - to build upon our efforts to be a city that fosters individual health. I hope you'll join the conversation as we strive to make Somerville a healthy home for all.

The 2017 report represents a continuation of more than 25 years of periodic review and analy-sis of Somerville public and community health data. The previous community-wide health data report was published in 2011. The new report can be accessed online by visiting www. somervillema.gov/wellbeing.

Sign up for the City newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/ newsletter for upcoming announce-ments about the Community Health Improvement Plan process or contact Health and Human Services Director Doug Kress at DKress@ somervillema.gov.

Think Local First this holiday season **CONT. FROM PG 1**

According to O'Keefe, the organization has a lot of support, with a membership of over 100 businesses, non-profits and artists. While Somerville Local First understands that shopping local might not be the only solution, it hopes that when people do, there are benefits for their community.

"By shopping locally, every dollar that is spent in a locally owned, independent business backs seven dollars in other spending," said O'Keefe. "When you shop local, you are supporting the local economy, you are supporting your neighbors and you are putting money directly in the pockets of really amazing human begins that spend their lives wanting to have great businesses in our community."

"Shopping locally shouldn't be a holiday thing, shopping locally should be an everyday thing"

Ideally, the organization hopes for people to shift at least 10% of their shopping at local businesses. O'Keefe also hopes that while people are purchasing gifts from local artists and goods for their local markets, they understand the importance of supporting Somerville's own businesses year-round.

"Shopping locally shouldn't be a holiday thing, shopping locally should be an everyday thing, said O'Keefe. "Although we're thinking about the holidays and about spending time with family, you really should be thinking about spending your dollars locally every single day of the year."

For a list of Somerville Local Firsts' members, services or how to get more involved in supporting local businesses, go to www. Somervillelocalfirst.org.



One local business to find great gift ideas is Taza factory and retail store, located at 561 Windsor St., Somerville.

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Don't forget to shop local this holiday season.

Our View Of The Times



Here comes the holiday shopping season once again, and we are ready to embrace the opportunity to celebrate the only way we know how: with enthusiasm and optimistic attitudes.

Let the political and economic pundits doom and gloom themselves into their usual perpetual state of the doldrums. We know how to lift ourselves, to rise to the occasion and make the most of what we have, in spite of whatever challenges may confront us.

While the Thanksgiving holiday reminds us to be grateful for the blessings we have received, likewise, the Christmas holiday allows us the opportunity to share our bounty and to take stock in all the good things that life here in the

'Ville has to offer.

We know that prosperity of spirit is far more important than the material wealth that may elude us from time to time. It may sound trite, but when you really think about it seriously the truth of it becomes clear.

As we are so often reminded, "local first" applies to our friends, families, and the

occasional stranger as much as it does to our local economy. It's a time to be a little kinder, and a little gentler with one another, as well as help local business to both survive and thrive.

We are certain that the rewards to be gained from this will soften the effects of whatever excesses we may experience along the way.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

school music program at East Somerville Community School, will have its annual Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Somerville Community School auditorium. El Sistema Somerville is thriving in its sixth year at the East Somerville Community School, serving students in grades 3 through 8 with more than 80 students registered in our program. They are funded by generous support from the City of Somerville, Somerville Public Schools, the 3rd year of a Massachusetts Cultural Council "Serhacer" Grant, and individual donations. In this concert, students will perform in the Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced String Orchestras along with the Beginner and Advanced Wind Ensembles and combined Symphonic Orchestra. A percussion ensemble, the East Somerville Marimba Club, will open the concert with an exciting work for marimba ensemble.

Families can enjoy an evening of circus entertainment in Somerville on December 15. Cirque Us! is offering a night of high-flying fun, featuring aerialists, jugglers, acrobats and clowns. The show is comprised exclusively of youth and young adult performers. The artists, who

discovered the love of circus as children, consist of alumni from Circus Smirkus, The Midnight Circus, Circus Monti and current students at the New England Center for Circus Arts, École Nationale de Cirque and École de Cirque de Quebec. The family-friendly show reflects the mission of Cirque Us! to bring high-level, affordable circus shows to local communities, spreading the values of teamwork and the importance of play. Showtimes are 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. at the Somerville Arts at the Armory. For more information, visithttp://www. thecirqueus.com. Tickets are available at the door or may be purchased online by visitinghttp://www.brownpapertickets. com/event/3167009.

Puerto Rico Fundraiser, Eat for a cause! Join in for a night of wood fired pizza, local brews, and candlepin bowling. They'll have raffle prizes including merch and beer from all their favorite local breweries. Thursday, November 30, at Flatbread Company, 45 Day St. A portion of every pizza sold (includes dining in, takeout, and delivery through GrubHub or Caviar) will go directly to United for Puerto Rico.

Somerville Community Chorus Hol-

iday Concert will be held on Sunday, December 10, 3:00 p.m., at the First Church Somerville, 89 College Avenue. Featuring selections from *Handel's Messiah* and familiar Christmas/Chanukah music, including an audience sing-along. Cost is \$15/\$10/\$6.

******* The Magoun and Ball Square Planning Meeting will take place Thursday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m. at the VNA Community Room, 259 Lowell St. This is the final meeting to provide feedback on the MIT graduate student's proposed neighborhood plan for Ball and Magoun Squares. They will share recommendations for the area and would love to hear from you. Refreshments will be served. This meeting will incorporate feedback from the first meeting on October 24, details on that meeting can be reviewed at https:// www.somervillebydesign.com/magoun-and-ball-square/.

Union Square Main Streets, in partnership with local businesses, will bring you the 3rd Annual Union Square Holiday Stroll on Saturday, December 9. This year they will be bringing you amazing offerings from their local businesses, their own local Santa, craft fairs, a Hol-

iday Decoration Contest, and more. You can find information on Facebook or on our website (unionsquaremain.org).

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

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

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

SHS Craft Fair

The Somerville High School Craft Fair is celebrated its 25th Year this past weekend. More than 100 registered crafters provided everything from wreaths to homemade soaps and concrete jewelry.

The SHS Craft Fair supports track athletes throughout the year with scholarships, access to school trips and athletic wear.





































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SPORTS

The 21st Annual Gobble Gobble Gobble Thanksgiving Race



The Somerville Road Runners presented the 21st annual Gobble Gobble on Thanksgiving Day. The four mile race was open to runners, joggers and stroller families of all ages and abilities. All proceeds benefit Project Soup as well as Somerville Track PAC.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner



- 1. How many championships did coach Red Auerbach lead the Celtics to?
- 2. In what year did Red Auerbach retire from coaching the Celtics?
- 3. Who hosted *The*Family Feud until it was canceled in 1985?
- 4. What do people with ombrophobia fear?
- 5. What does the zygomaticus major muscle do?
- 6. Who is the Sid of Nancy and Sid notoriety?
- 7. What is the State bird

- of Massachusetts?
- 8. What is the State cat of Massachusetts?
- 9. In what Woody Allen movie did Madonna play a trapeze artist?
- 10. What Broadway musical did David Cassidy make his professional debut in?
- 11. What yard line must a football team drive to to reach the "red zone"?
- 12. In what year did it become mandatory for all NFL players to wear helmets?

Answers on page 23





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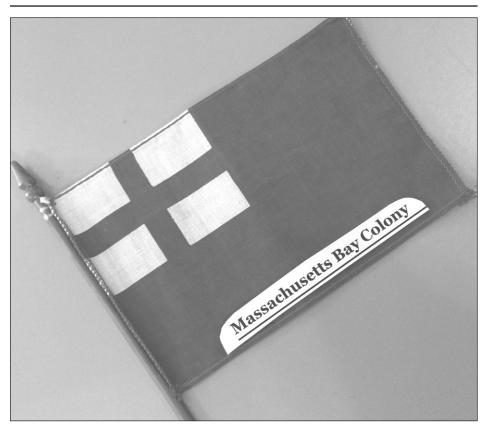
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Historical Fact

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As Governor in 1638, he granted the charter organizing the first Military Company of Massachusetts. It is the oldest in the nation and is known as the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. Today, it serves as the honor guard to the governor of Massachusetts. His son, John, Jr., followed in his footsteps and became Governor of Connecticut.

Known as the Winthrop papers, his writings have become the central source for the history of New England chronicling the early years from 1629 to 1649.

Through the years and across the country, he has become an overlooked founding father, but not in his Massachusetts. He was the admiral of the great Massachusetts migration, and his memory is anchored here at Fort Winthrop, Governors Island and the town of Winthrop. Statues in Boston's Back Bay and Cambridge capture his image and Harvard University's impressive Winthrop House brandishes his Coat of Arms. Boston's first steel-framed skyscraper, the nine-story Winthrop building on Water Street, was built in 1894. Today, the largest proposed building in Boston is the Winthrop Square Tower; and if built, it will be the capital's second tallest.

In Somerville, reminders that reflect his memory are Governor Winthrop Road, Puritan Road, and the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse. Also, McGrath Highway was once known as Winthrop Avenue. It has been nearly four centuries since Governor John Winthrop planted an acorn at Ten Hills that grew the infant Bay State Colony into the mighty oak of Massachusetts and New England ... Let's not forget him.



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Wreath Sale Fundraiser

It is that time of year again to put in your wreath order with the Somerville Community Growing Center.

In addition to our wreaths being a beautiful, hand-decorated craft item, your purchase helps support programming and maintenance at the Growing Center. With that said, we would like to say how greatly appreciative we are for your support and community love. These wreaths include handmade bows, in choice of three colors (red, burgundy or purple), cones and other natural materials.

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PICKUP INFORMATION

Wreaths will be available for pick-up at the first day of the season of the Winter Farmers Market at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., on Saturday, December 2, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Wreath orders received before November 25 are \$35, later order wreaths are \$40.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on <u>Wednesday, December 13, 2017</u> at 6:00 p.m. in the <u>Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA</u>.

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118 – 124 College Avenue (ZBA 2017-88): Owner, Lacourt Realty, LLC, c/o Mouhab Rizkallah, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under \$7.3 of the SZO to increase the number of dwelling units from four to seven (including one affordable unit), \$4.4.1 to extend existing non-conformities, and relief under Article 9 including special permits for parking on a separate lot and shared driveway access to parking. RB zone. Ward 4.

91 Perkins Street (ZBA 2017-115): Applicant and Owner, 91 Perkins St., LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the land-scaping from 0% to 2%, enlarge an exterior door and add two emergency egress openings to a legally-existing, non-conforming 9-unit residential structure. RB zone. Ward 1.

24 Crescent Street (ZBA 2017-113): Applicant and Owner, 24 Crescent Street, LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 for an upward extension of the non-conforming right side yard setback, increase the number of units from one to two under §7.11, and parking relief under §9.13 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 2.

10-12 Ward Street (ZBA 2017-122): Applicant, Block Properties, LLC, and Owner, F & L Realty Development, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under §5.2, Variances to reduce the lot area per dwelling unit ratio under §5.5 and §8.5 of the SZO, Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by demolishing the existing buildings and constructing a residential building, §7.11 to increase the number of dwelling units, to provide inclusionary housing units and a payment under Article 13 of the SZO, special permits for parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. BA zone. Ward 2.

17 Lexington Avenue (ZBA 2017-114): Applicant and Owner, Daniel Auditore as manager of Oscar Lewis, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a dormer and altering the rear porch within the nonconforming left side yard and to finish the basement by increasing the nonconforming floor area ratio (FAR). RA Zone. Ward 5.

14 Norwood Avenue (ZBA 2017-116): Applicants and Owners, Nicholas Bruch and Julie Redline Bruch, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a second level rear deck within the nonconforming rear, right, and left side yards. RA Zone. Ward 5.

118-124 College Ave.: http://eepurl.com/db7Mi5

24 Crescent St.: http://eepurl.com/db7MDz

91 Perkins St.: http://eepurl.com/db7MVf

10-12 Ward St.: http://eepurl.com/db7NfT

17 Lexington Ave: http://eepurl.com/db61CP

14 Norwood Ave: http://eepurl.com/db62F9

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online 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 a meeting. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 11/29/17 & 12/6/17.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding a proposal by 1) Sean T. O'Donovan & Peri Nawawi: to demolish a c.1870 wood frame house at 30 Warwick Street; 2) Kent Greenawalt to demolish a c.1870 wood frame house at 39 Irving Street and 3) BBC Services, Inc. to demolish a c.1870 wood frame double-house at 22-24 Fountain Avenue.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Albert F. Argenziano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington Street, Somerville, MA.

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Assembly Row Block 5 – 400-498 Assembly Row (PB 2014-34-R4-9/2017) Applicant and Owner, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review—A #PB2014-34 under SZO \$5.3.8 in order to reduce the number of residential units to 122 and the number of hotel rooms to 158 from the previously approved and amended SPSR-A (PB 2014-34-R2-0216 on March 24, 2016) of 132 residential units and 160 hotel rooms within an approx. 226,637 sf building (including approx. 21,000 sf retail space, 103 underground parking spaces, & 86 surface spaces). The original permit was for final level approval of "Block 5" (identified as MBL 85-A-12) of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014.

Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) /Ward 1

NorthPoint Parcel EF (Case # PB 2017-23) Applicant/Owner DW NP Property LLC requests Design & Site Plan under §6.6 and §5.4 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance for a Commercial Office or R&D/Laboratory building of approximately 483,000sf with underground parking for approximately 379 vehicles on Parcel EF within the overall North-Point Neighborhood Development Plan. North Point Special District (NPSD). Ward 1.

NorthPoint EF-G Open Space (Case # PB 2017-24) Applicant/Owner DW NP Property LLC requests Design & Site Plan under \$6.6 and \$5.4 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance for a Civic Space as an approximately 14,750sf plaza adjacent to Parcel EF within the overall NorthPoint Neighborhood Development Plan. North Point Special District (NPSD). Ward 1.

192 Broadway (PB 2017-28): Applicant and Owner, Gilberto Yoshida, seeks a Special Permit pursuant to SZO \$6.1.22.D.5.a to alter the façade by adding a sign for the existing travel agency/currency transfer establishment. CCD-55 Zone. Ward 1.

304 Somerville Avenue (PB 2017-20): Applicant, Holistic Industries Inc., and Owner, 304 Somerville Avenue, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.15 to establish a Medical Marijuana Facility in the existing structure, a Special Permit under §6.1.22.D.5.a to alter the façade, and a Special Permit under §9.13 for parking relief. CCD 55 Zone and Medical Marijuana Overlay District. Ward 2.

Assembly Row Block 5: http://eepurl.com/db7JWH
NorthPoint Parcel EF: http://eepurl.com/db7Kgf
NorthPoint EF-G Open Space: http://eepurl.com/db7KCP
192 Broadway: http://eepurl.com/db7IGP
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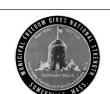
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP # 18-27

Acquisition of Commercial Office Space by Lease for Police Station

The City of Somerville, acting through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for a lease of commercial space for use as a police substation serving the neighborhood of West Somerville.

A request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after **Monday, November 27, 2017**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until **December 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** at which time sealed proposals will be opened. 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 ideal location will be in a visible and easily accessible area in the West Somerville community. The desired lease term is three years plus options to extend the lease for up to two additional years. Lease start date shall be March 1, 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Union Square Portraits: Conversations about America CONT. FROM PG 3

couple years in Newton, a year in Boston and Cambridge. I tried the established married life in Natick for a few years, but that was not for me. I left it behind and went back to Somerville. It was a place you could afford to live as a musician."

After about four years on the public stage, during which they put out two well-reviewed and popular albums, The Story dissolved in '94.

"I didn't know if I would continue making a living as a musician. In The Story I played the role of harmony singer. But I figured out how to write songs, made a demo and got a record deal with PolyGram. They put out my first solo album in 1998." Jennifer's marriage ended in the year after she quit The Story. She met Ry Cavenaugh in 1997 and they had a son in 2004.

"When I first met Ry, I was on the road a lot. And the solo touring life was beginning to lose its allure. I missed the musical conversation, playing with a trio, even a duo, and was able to find that by looking at the local scene. I could play at Club Passim or the Lizard Lounge with a band, and then sleep in my own bed at home. It was great.

"Ry and I started the band Maybe Baby, with Duke Levine and Billy Beard. We made one record and played locally for a couple of years - until we HAD a baby! And then the band was over. In the midst of making that Maybe Baby record, my mom was diagnosed with lung cancer. And died nine weeks later. I was about to turn 40. And all of a sudden it was so clear that if I wanted to have a child of my own this was it. I'd better get going. We were super lucky and Waylon was born about a year later.

"All those big life changes all at the same time. The joy of having a kid. The devastating loss of a parent. It was the first big loss for me. And I felt so sad that we hadn't really healed all the mother/daughter stuff. Hadn't gotten to the bottom of it all. Although we had tried.

"Ry and I bought a fixer-upper house just outside Union Square – still a work in progress!

"What I love about Union is walking everywhere. I like that kind of small city life. People say hello on the sidewalk, the front steps, walking down the street.

"Back in the day - '98-2000 - I'd walk to the Tir Na Nog, which is Bull McCabe's now, to hear Ry's band The Vinal Avenue String Band. There was no TV, everyone was really into the music. And the Guinness! It really felt like 'community'.

"I love the neighborhood feel of Union. Reliable Market. Bombay Market. Now there's places like Union Donuts. But I love that Union has retained its multicultural feel. NYC is, of course, so multicultural, but the neighborhood where I grew up was not. I love that there are people from all over the world in Union.

"And I like some of the new places, Journeyman, Bronwyn. Grooves, the record shop. Gracie's ice cream is fabulous. All the restaurants. And Club Passim, the Lizard Lounge are an easy walk. I love not having to drive to a grocery store or a post office or a clothing store."

I ask her about her working life.

"I have a bunch of different jobs. I do landscape design, I have some of my own clients. I draw for other

people. One aspect of the job is being the girl out there planting, digging, climbing trees. Hard physical work. And I learned to draw landscape plans by hand. I love that, not working on a computer. I love things like the different weights of pencil lines - the exactness required in rendering a landscape plan by hand.

"Music is a whole different business now. I'm not really touring now. Although my holiday project Wintery Songs in Eleventy Part Harmony is about to launch its 8th annual shows! I do yearn for the language of music, the particular challenges of writing songs, making words go with melodies. Somehow it comes to me in two dimensions, and then becomes three. I'll always do it. It can be hard work - but so gratifying. From getting ideas jotted down, to writing about those ideas, to sitting down with my guitar."

I ask her what she loves most about her life now.

Jennifer laughs, and says, "How many more hours do you have?

"Waylon and Ry and being a family is so incredible and beautiful. It can be difficult at times. It's life changing – having a kid.

"You feel that connection to your parents and their parents, and their parents. The Chinese call it the red thread, which connects you to the past and the future, to your parents and grandparents and on back and through your kid to the future.

"I love my life in Union Square. Doing a little music, a little landscape design, a little parenting. Less now that he's heading into the teenage era.

"I love being able to walk to all the places I need to Continued on page 21

The Dream Syndicate is back and finding itself in Somerville CONT. FROM PG 5

concern that the new Dream Syndicate album might sound too much like another one by The Miracle 3?

SW: Yeah, that was a thought. The solo records I make aren't that dissimilar from what I do with The Dream Syndicate. They're my songs and my voice. And also on top of that, most of my recent solo records were with Jason Victor, who is in Dream Syndicate. So there was a thought that, you know, "Gee, I hope this isn't just Miracle 3 with a different rhythm section."

The thing is, the way that Dennis and Mark play together on bass and drums is the sound of The Dream Syndicate. That makes all the difference in the world. From the very first rehearsal that we did for that festival back in Spain to the first hour in the studio, when the four of us play together, it sounds like we just got back on the path laid in the 80s.

TST: Do you remember when you first heard The Velvet Underground, a band that was clearly an important influence on The Dream Syndicate?

SW: I do. I was in a garage with a new wave band that I played with in Davis, CA, where I went to school, a band that I played in with Kendra Smith back then. The bass player in the band was older than us - we were all about 18-19 years old and he was in his mid-20s - and he said, "I think you should hear this" and he pulled out the banana record [1967's The Velvet Underground & Nico] and put it on for me on the turntable.

I can still remember the sight of him putting the needle on the record and hearing the first notes of Sunday Morning and thinking, "everything just changed. Everything just got turned upside-down." It really had a profound effect on me. I'd never heard anything like that, and it just spoke to me so strongly at that point in my life.

TST: How would you explain the Paisley Underground to someone who has never heard of it?

SW: We were all people around the same age who were inspired by punk

rock but at the same time loved our 60s garage records and our guitars. And I think we were people who wanted to find a way to reconcile this distant music that we didn't grow up with with the punk energy that we did grow up with. That was the unifying thing.

TST: Was "paisley" meant to evoke psychedelic imagery?

SW: I guess, yeah. Funny thing is I actually have a paisley Telecaster and a lot paisley shirts. So I guess I guess I'm still flying the flag!

TST: Which surprised you more: the lavish praise bestowed upon The Days of Wine and Roses or the less enthusiastic response its 1984 follow-up, Medicine Show?

SW: The praise didn't surprise me at all, because when we finished making Days of Wine and Roses, we knew how good it was. Anybody who makes records or movies or writes articles or anything creative, you know those days when you're on. So it wasn't that surprising how much people loved it.

In the States, there was some backlash, definitely. A lot of people loved [Medicine Show], but a lot people were just mystified by it. Then we went to Europe for the first time in '84, and in Europe there were people who had not really heard Days of Wine and Roses or had only heard about it. They were drawn to Medicine Show like nobody's business. The reviews for that record were as over the top in Europe as Days of Wine and Roses was over here.

TST: Can you say with confidence that there will be a follow-up to How Did I Find Myself Here? at some point within the next three decades?

SW: Yeah, there will be. And it'll be good, too. We're going to make a new record next summer and we're excited

The Dream Syndicate with The Richard Lloyd Group and DJ Carbo. Friday, December 1. Doors at 8, show at 8:30. ONCE Somerville, 156 Highland Ave.

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Thursday November 30

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Teen Empowerment Event 2:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Kids Book Group and Craft 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library

Lego Club

3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday December 1

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

Monday December 4

Central Library

Sing Along

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

5:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday | December 5

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

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West Branch Library

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

Central Library

Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday December 6

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC | ARTS

Wednesday November 29

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

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

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

Comedy Night Wi th Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

J.Rushwell, Spring Street Family Band, Former Life TritonTaylor 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder Road

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

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

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

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Lara Murray

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

New Play Reading Series

7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday November 30

Sally O'Brien's

Asa Brebner & The Naked 'I's, Trick Wallace Trio

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

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

Backroom Series: Danny Barnes|7

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

P.A.'s Lounge

Mojo Rot / Pyramid Thieves / The Araon Red 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Birdwatching, The Fatal Flaw, David Age & The Regrets (Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Rory Scovel 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Mike Mele Trio

9:15 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Winter Warmer

6:30 p.m.|191 Highland Ave The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Romeo and

7 p.m|255 Elm St

Friday | December 1

Sally O'Brien's

Busted Jug | 6 p.m.

Tad Overbaugh & the Late Arrivals, Ghost Truckers, Ko. & Co. \$5 cover 9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room: Molly Brule CD Release Show! (Eva Walsh Opens)|7 p.m. Fightin Frodays|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

John Williams, Plastic Angels, The Canvas Collective, PlanetSnow 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DI starting at 10 p.m.

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

DJ McRiddleton

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Thunder Road

Max Creek - Two Night Rager! (Night

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Dream Syndicate The Richard Lloyd Group, DJ Carbo

8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Honeysuckle

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

255 Elm St

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

Arts at the Armory

Nutcracker Twist! 8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday December 2

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band 6 p.m. Ghosts and Shadows, Uranium Daughters, Gull Boy \$5 cover 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room:

Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room: Real School Of Music Student Showcase 12 p.m. Danielle M & The Glory Junkies Re-

cord Release|7 p.m. Jimmy's Down|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

The Negans, Matalon, Lucretia's Daggers, Jeff Royds 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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Bull McCabe's

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Thunder Road Max Creek - Two Night Rager! (Night 2 of Two)

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Strangers By Accident The Wolff Sisters & the Last Cavalry 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

DJ Tina

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Guitar Stop Spring Recital All Ages

3 p.m.|Cafe Alive Dance Collective 7 p.m.| Performance Hall Somerville Songwriter Sessions 7:30 p.m.|Cafe |191 Highland Ave

Sunday December 3

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.

Los Goutos 9 p.m.

Back Room Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m. Rebetoparea|4 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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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

Thunder Road Americana Sundays w/ Moonraiders

and Greg Klyma 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Late Risers 1 p.m.

Spotlights, Gleemer, Tennis System 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Ian Ethan Case: Earth Suite Orchestra 5 p.m.|255 Elm St

Monday December 4

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-

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

The Burren

Front Room

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

Back Room

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

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub Stump! Team Trivia

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Root Down

The Unoriginals

7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Board Game Bonanza

6:30 p.m|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

Smoke & Shadows: Burlesque and Variety Show 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Tuesday | December 5

Sally O'Brien's Bar

SYM Tuesdays

Front Room

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room: Silver Arrow Band 7 p.m.

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

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

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PJ Ryan's Pub Ouiz

8200 **Thunder Road**

Northeast Traffic (funk) 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m. Jah9 & the Dub Treatment|9 p.m.

156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co**

Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Junior Rodigan

The Rockwell Prohibition Repeal Party at Saloon

5 p.m.|255 Elm St Wednesday December 6

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Burren

Front Room

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

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 Backroom Series: Annual Benefit For Somerville Homeless Coalition 7:30

Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Mya Nus, Foxes + more

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Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Sidney Gish

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Central Library Mystery Book Club

Learn English at the Library

West Branch Library

Yoga at the Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

Saturday December 2 **Central Library**

Central Library Practice of Peking Opera

Somerville Winter Farmers Market 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.|Arts at the Ar-

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

Sunday | December 3

Central Library Getting Cozy @ the Library

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

Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Creative Drama Workshop

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway

Tuesday December 5

West Branch Library

Learn English at the Library

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

Wednesday November 29

7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Thursday November 30

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave **Central Library**

East Branch Library Drop in Knitting at the East Branch

For more info call: 781-762-6629

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Paper crafts, scrapbooking, cardmak-

10 a.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

mory|191 Highland Ave **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups**

Central Library

4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library

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

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement Monday December 4

Drop in Knitting at West Branch

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

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

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

Join the SCOA's email group – The email group is for Somerville Council on Aging Seniors and/or Caregivers who are interested in the latest information on resources, events, programming, etc., in and around the Somerville area. Use the link https://groups.google.com/group/somerville-council-on-aging - If you have any questions or need help joining please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

Ageless Grace – Ageless Grace, the Council on Aging's new Fitness class for the body and mind. Held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Holland St. Center, the Ageless Grace program is an innovative wellness and fitness program done seated in a chair to upbeat music. Classes are playful, imaginative and different every time. All the movements are designed to focus on the healthy longevity of the body and the brain. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Yoga - Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 5-week Yoga series is a low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program that lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more info and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes!

Silver Alert Program – The Somerville Council on Aging with the Somerville Police Department have implemented a program to take a proactive approach towards protecting some of Somerville's most vulnerable citizens who suffer with serious cognitive impairments that put them at risk for wandering and getting lost. The Silver Alert Program is designed to collect specific information about a potential missing person, along with photo identification. This confidential information will be kept on file for immediate use in the event a loved one is reported missing. Please contact the SCOA at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Conversations of the Heart – Mondays (see dates below) from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. When you experience a loss; whether it be a loved one, a place of employment or even a change in your life, don't process these feelings along; come join our group where we process difficult emotions together in a safe and welcoming environment. For more information or questions please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. Refreshments will be served. Future dates: September 25, October 16 and 30, November 13 and 27 and December 11.

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. November 16 and December 14. If you require additional information please contact Debby

Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Winds for All –Tuesday mornings – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$10 per class – A music immersion class for those who have never played a woodwind instrument. To reserve your spot or for additional information please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Bowling is Back – at Sacco's Bowl Haven at Flatbreads Pizza located in Davis Square. \$3 weekly fee which includes shoe rental, three strings of bowling and dues for bowling banquet. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holiday Party & Bingo – Thursday, December 19. Call Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to put your name on the waiting list should there be an opening at the Holland Street Center.

Blood Pressure Screening – Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Scheduled for November 30 and December 21. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the

Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

LGBTQ Monthly Lunch is Back – Please join us the second Wednesday of the Month at the Senior Center at 167 Holland Street. A Hot Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. on November 8, December 13. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. A \$2.00 donation is suggested.

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

Mondays:

9:00 Walking Club (H) 11:00 Tai Chi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 11:00 Nutrition one-on-one (H) 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise *All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

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

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go. I love being part of a Sanctuary City, that we agree with our elected officials. It's such an international place."

"Are other things you love about America as a whole coming to mind?"

"That's a hard one." Jennifer sits back and thinks a moment. "The freedom to do what you want. To reinvent yourself, become who you want to become. It's not as easy to do that in, say, Ireland, where we lived for a year. You have a place you're born into there. Getting "bigger than your boots" isn't looked well on.

"But here – people reinvent themselves all the time. My grandparents were artists. My parents went the business route. My generation is more artists and musicians." She nods thoughtfully.

"Are there things about America you think are great?"

Jennifer lights up. "Yes! Baseball...national parks...voting. That you can travel across borders. It's so fascinating to see what's going to happen with these freaking walls.

"The freedom to move through the world and find your place. Rather than just stay in your zone of comfort. Some people are happy doing that. Some people need to move, to push outside our comfort zones, to figure out where we fit in."

Jennifer is certainly living out that freedom, moving easily between a variety of zones she has created for herself, with her music, her career, her family, and her neighborhood. She's long left behind the homogenous community in which she grew up and has found a multicultural, diverse life for herself in

Union Square.

The happiness expressed so beautifully in her album Avocet is deeply rooted in her daily life – she is exploring and expressing the many different sides of herself, and finding happiness and joy in them all.

Since this interview Jennifer has taken on a part-time job as Executive Director of a non-profit called COGdesign.

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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	SCOUTV	4:00pm	SMC Special Programming	11:30am	DW conflict Zone
7:00am	Art at SCATV	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:30pm	SMC Community Media day	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:00pm	This Week at NASA	5:00pm	SCOUTV	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	TUTV	5:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
9:00am	DW Global 3000	11:00pm	Public Access Boyz	6:00pm	Road to Recovery	2:00pm	Science 360
9:30am	Esoteric Science	11:30pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions	7:00pm	Startup TV Boston	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	Friday, Dec	ember 1	8:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	4:00pm	Zero Hour with RJ Eskow
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	12:00am	Signs of Life	8:30pm	TUTV	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
11:00am	Fallon's Daily Toast	12:30am	Signs of Life	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	SMC youth Media
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	1:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:30pm	The Kamla Show
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1:30pm	Green Card Voices	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	Sunday, [December 3	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
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7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	10:00am	Aging Well	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
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8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	1:30pm	Road to Recovery	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	7:30am	Legacies
9:30pm	Don't Forget to Rock	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series	2:30pm	Hello Neighbor	12:30pm	The Literati Scene	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
10:30pm	New Kids on the Rock	3:00pm	Democracy Now	1:00pm	Reeling Review	10:00am	Estoy Sano!
11:00pm	Flotilla	4:00pm	Gay USA	1:30pm	Green Card Voices	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
Thursday	, November 30	5:00pm	NE pride TV	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	11:00am	DW Tomorrow Today
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash Hour	5:30pm	What's new in Massachusettes?	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	11:30am	What's Left
1:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	The Boston Medium	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:30pm	Real Estate Answers	5:00pm	African Television Network	1:00pm	Words On Film
7:00am	Sci-Fi Journal	7:00pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	6:00pm	Duck Village: Beer During the Great War	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	(LIVE) The Somerville Line	7:00pm	Gay USA	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	8:00pm	Real Estate Answers	4:00pm	Aging Well
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	11:00pm	Box house productions presents	8:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	4:30pm	Off the Shelf
10:00am	The Kamla Show	11:30pm	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	Words On Film	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
10:30am	Somerville Pundits	Saturday, I	December 2	10:00pm	Bioneers Uprising	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
11:00am	DW Conflict zone	12:00am	Signs of life	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	6:00pm	The Literati Scene
11:30am	Community Lens	12:30am	Signs of life	11:30pm	Duck Village Stage Session	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	1:00am	SCATV secret stash hour	Monday,	December 4	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	2:00am	Free speech tv	12:00am	Totally Working Out	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00 am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
4:00pm	Art at SCATV	7:00am	Tele Magazine	2:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Public Access Boyz
4:30pm	The Struggle	8:00am	Democracy Now	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:30pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady
5:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film	9:00am	Community Lens	7:00	Aging Well		
6:00pm	Beyond Boston	9:30am	Somerville Storytellers	7:30am	Going Postal	10:00pm	SMC Presents: Duck Village Stage Sessions
6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	Dead Air Live	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash
7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium	11:00am	Mens Soccer NCAA DIII Tournament	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
7:30pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Off the Shelf	11:30pm	New Kids on the Rock

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9:00am	Rally Point	8:40pm	Inclusion Drives Innovation	12:00pm	Inclusion Drives Innovation	1:00am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17
9:30am	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	9:35pm	SomerViva en Espanol	1:00pm	Green Line Extension Public Meeting	2:17am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony
11:30am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	10:05pm	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	3:00pm	SomerViva em Português	2:30am	Raising Families "Immigration Law"
11:40am	Talking Business	Friday. D	ecember 1	6:30pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	3:00am	Talking Business
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 11.20.17	12:00am		8:08pm	Talking Business	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout
6:30pm	Rally Point	12:30am	TPS Solidarity Rally at State House	8:22pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	9:00am	TPS Solidarity Rally at State House
7:00pm	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17	1:35am	Congressional Update	8:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol	11:30am	Congressional Update
8:53pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	2:00am	SomerViva en Espanol	9:00pm	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 11.21.17
9:00pm	SomerViva em Português	9:00am	SomerViva en Espanol	Sunday,	December 3	6:30pm	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017
9:31pm	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	9:30am	TPS Solidarity Rally at State House	12:00am	Inclusion Drives Innovation	7:00pm	SomerViva em Português
9:42pm	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	11:30am	Congressional Update	1:00am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	7:31pm	Rally Point
Thursday	, November 30	12:00pm	Rally Point	2:17am	SomerViva em Português	8:01pm	BOA Finance Committee Meeting
12:00am	School Committee Meeting - 11.20.17	12:30pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	9:00am	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	9:30pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout	2:08pm	School Committee Meeting - 11.20.17	11:30am	Congressional Update	Tuesday,	December 5
9:00am	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	6:30pm	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:00am	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner
9:30am	Talking Business	8:23pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	12:30pm	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	1:38am	Talking Business
9:43am	SomerViva en Espanol	8:30pm	The 26th Yankee Division in WWI Lecture	12:53pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	2:00am	Inclusion Drives Innovation
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		Saturday	, December 2	2:30pm	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17	9:00am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17
12:30pm	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	12:00am	Talking Business	6:30pm	Congressional Update	11:30am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
1:00pm	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	12:13am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	7:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
1:10pm	Talking Business	12:30am	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	7:30pm	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	12:30pm	BOA Finance Committee Meeting
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1:30pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	1:00am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	8:00pm	Talking Business	6:30pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"
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7:31pm	Mayor's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 2017	11:00am	Congressional Update	Monday,	December 4	8:35pm	Rally Point
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9:30am	Student of the Qtr - Healey School
10:00am	SHS Fall Sports Rally 2017
12:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline
2:00pm	Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational
3:00pm	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Peabody - Playoff
5:00pm	Student of the Qtr - WSNS
5:30pm	Student of the Qtr - Healey School
6:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Latin
8:30pm	SHS Fall Sports Rally 2017
10:00pm	SHS Football vs CRLS
Thursda	y, November 30
12:00am	SHS Football vs CRLS
2:30am	SHS Fall Sports Rally 2017
9:00am	SHS Football vs CRLS
11:00am	SHS Football vs Watertown
1:00pm	SHS Football v Triton Reg'l.
3:05pm	SHS Football v Lynn Classical
5:30pm	SHS Football vs Lynn English

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Friday, December 1

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

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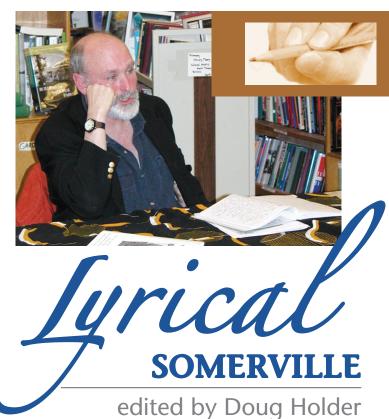
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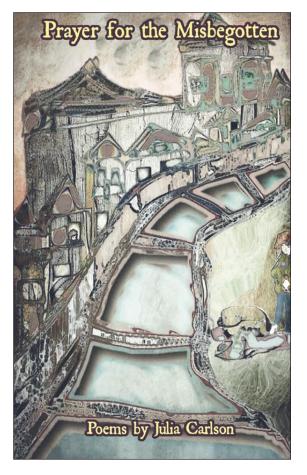
Review by Lee Varon

In her new collection of poetry, Prayer For The Misbegotten, Julia Carlson takes us on a journey. I delighted in this journey as Carlson brought me fresh perspectives and opened new vistas. In the first poem in the collection, October, she begins this journey: "...we walk on/ from season to season/ our thoughts stiff and heavy/ betrayed/ by the autumn sun/slipping faster every day."

There were so many gems in this collection but many of my favorites were set in far off landscapes. In the poem Gare, Villeneuve-Sur-Lot, she brings us to the idyllic "Sunflower fields" in the south of France and yet the scene suddenly turns dark as the poet notices a plaque at the train station"From here, in 1943, 50,000 Jews/ Were sent to prison camps."

Carlson closely observes the world and she invites her readers to do the same. Things are not always as they appear on the surface. The sinister and tragic often lurk at a deeper level. In Spring In Rome, we smell the "odor of honey grass/ From high windows" and yet "Sin swells the air." Reading this poem, I couldn't help thinking of the sexual abuse scandals that have rocked the Catholic Church behind its opulent surface.

In the ekphrastic poem At The Museum, Carlson muses on the scene behind the 15th century painting of an engagement banquet. Behind this flowery scene of a wealthy affianced couple, the poet shows us another scene in the background: "a woman, shift torn/ Perhaps a peasant or a slave/ Runs for her life from a mounted warrior." Carlson asks the



chilling question about the young woman about to marry: "What will happen to her/ If she does not, in all ways, submit."

There are also more intimate, psychological poems in this collection, such as Eyes, which is a poem of unrequited love where: "If your eyes did not speak/ I would never have thought/ About you or us..." We are left with the wistful poignancy of this love that bore fruit and yet was deeply felt.

In one of the final poems in this collection, Carlson explores growing older as in Ague, where the poem ends "...my mind still courts love's arrows/ As my body slowly turns to gone." As a reader I felt I had full circle in this scintillating poetic journey.

22nd Annual Tree Lot Fundraiser new location

Hopes are high for the students and staff at Somerville's own Next Wave and Full Circle Alter-native schools as they put together the 22nd Annual Tree Lot Fundraiser at their brand new lo-cation: The Edgerly Building on the corner of Cross Street and Bonair Street.

The tree lot has provided a wonderful service for the students, the community, and the schools for over two decades.

The proceeds will go to supporting student scholarships, trips and behavioral management programs.

The tree lot is operated entirely by teachers and students, who volunteer

their time on eve-nings and weekends during the busy holiday season.

Not only is the Tree Lot a wonderful tradition spanning two decades, it is a combination of community service and hands-on business training for the students - who have volunteered to sell trees and help their community - it's a great learning experience for them and they're hap-py to keep the tips.

Beautiful trees and decorative wreaths are being sold from December 2 to December 18 be-tween 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. during the week and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the weekends.

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