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# **Board unanimously approves GLX funds**



Advocates of the \$50 million contribution to the Green Line Extension (GLX) project, including Mayor Curtatone, scored a huge victory last week as the BOA voted unanimously in favor of the plan.

### By Joe Ruvido

The Somerville Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to approve a \$50 million contribution to the Green Line Extension (GLX) project. The vote was held at the Board's regular meeting last Thursday. The money will be bonded and paid to the state in \$10 million dollar installments.

The vote was one more hurdle crossed for the once-doomed GLX project. The project was put on hold after cost estimates exceeded \$3 billion last year. Consultants value-engineered the project cost down to a more reasonable \$2.3 billion. The State has committed \$2 billion; the shortfall will be partially filled with the \$50 million approved by Somerville and an additional \$25 million from Cambridge.

The project also secures funds for key infrastructure projects in Somerville, including the Union Square sewer outfall and the Nunziato Park renovation. The state-sponsored Massworks Grants which match

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# Singing sensation Sawyer Fredericks stopping off in Somerville

# By Jim Clark

It's been a white-hot meteoric ride to the top of the charts for 17-year-old singing prodigy Sawyer Fredericks, and he is soon to make a stop at The Rockwell on December 19 for a much-anticipated show, with Gabriel Wolfchild and The Northern Light opening.

In 2015 Fredericks became the youngest ever winner of TV's *The Voice* singing competition show, coached by Pharrell Williams.

Since then, his eponymous EP, and later a full length album titled *A Good Storm* have set sales records, most notably with downloads through iTunes and other online venues.

Fredericks grew up on an 88-acre farm near Fultonville, New York. At age 11 he began voice training and eventually started singing regionally at farmers markets, open mics, community events, and folk clubs. He was a finalist in the Young Artist Talent Search in Pawling, New York in 2012.

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 $\begin{array}{ll} \hbox{The highly gifted Sawyer Fredericks will be entertaining at The Rockwell next week, along with Gabriel Wolfchild and The Northern Light.} \\ -- \textit{Photo by Holly Tutor Photography} \end{array}$ 

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Coming on Thursday, December 15, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the Somerville Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Business After Hours at the Armory on Highland Avenue. This is an excellent networking event featuring appetizers and a free business card drawing, along with a cash bar. Guests are welcome to bring unwrapped Toys for Local Children. Sponsored by the Bonney Family and the Law Offices of Isaac M. Machado. Hosted by Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Chair Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil & Energy.

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Don't forget to park on the EVEN side of the street this winter during snow emergencies. The Board of Aldermen voted to alternate every year, and this year it is the EVEN side. So scramble to get your spot as soon as they declare. Hopefully, the city won't be calling any false alarms. Commissioner Stan Koty will give the signal when it's about to snow.

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Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to Bobbie Toner from The Times. She's a great person. We took her out for breakfast this week. Happy Birthday to Maria Curtatone, the Register of Deeds. She's doing a great job and we hope she has a great day. Happy birthday to our good friend Douglas Carriger, a good guy and a great family guy. Happy birthday to local realtor Irene Bremis. We hope she has a great birthday this week. Another local, Stacy Hersey-Buckley is celebrating this week. We wish her a happy birthday. Happy birthday as well to Cheryl Callahan from Winter Hill. We hope she has a great day for herself. A good friend and someone who's looking to move back here, we hope Ron Lakervald has a great day for himself. We wish Ann Cassesso-Ercolini, an East Somerville lady, a very happy birthday. We hope she has a great day as well. \*\*\*\*\*\*

Have you noticed a lot of construction and streets being torn up all over the city? Everywhere you look there are signs reading "do not enter." It's either the utility companies or municipal work, all over the city. Our good friends down at **Goode Gas** on Medford and Pearl Streets have been Continued on page 11

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# TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

# Response to: Deadline looms for Green Line Extension

### JAMES says:

just like we are benefiting from the tax relief from assembly row, that no one seen, except the builder fric that we paid for a train station for

### jeff says:

you muppets better rubber stamp this after dumping 250 million on a high school

### A. Moore says:

When it comes to these large amount of spending projects the voters should have the chance to make that decision. Although it may be that it would still be voted for we as the taxpayers should have the chance to make these decisions as it affects our lives. Too many of us just do not have the funds to take on any more increases. The powers that be have shown that dragging their feet for many years and don't have the expertise to run these projects which results in way too many increases that multiply the costs. Over and over again that is how it is done here. The burden should be put on the people who use this. Many of us taxpayers cannot take it anymore.

### ovr\_taxed says:

UK and US showed how to stop the madness - votes matter.

Return the same Board, with the same limp Board President who huffs and puffs but never votes against the Mayor and you will get the same thing.

Was it really a coincidence this Board and Mayor voted themselves a huge raise, then unanimously approved a record budget, then A \$252 Million school, now \$50 million for GLX, on top of water increase and usual tax jump?

Send the same people back and you get same results – budget and taxes will double every 7 years or so. Bet you salary doesn't grow like that, but Aldermen and Mayor's does.

### Matt says:

Jeff – I'm with you! Overall I would like to be able to see the 5 year budget outlook for the city so that we can at least know what to expect and where the money is going (as well as where the pork is piling up.) I haven't seen a strategic plan that lists our budgets – if anyone has I wold appreciate the link

# Glenn eastman says:

I'm not against the GLX but I am against any more property taxes being increased to pay for it.its local business that should put up the 50 million dollars because they will benefit most from it. We have already been hit hard with the tax increase to pay for the high school and an added water bill surcharge and now the green line.

# Response to: East Cambridge Fire – Support your neighbors in crisis

# ritepride says:

Good time to show support for our neighbors in Cambridge. Remember to have working smoke detectors + carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Safely discard smoking materials, don't toss them away as they may ignite other materials that they fall upon.

Unfortunately due to the lose congestion of homes in Cambridge & Somerville with close proximity to one another. Add to that the permits to build homes behind existing homes or closer to adjacent structures hinder access of fire apparatus like Ladder trucks. Then there will be other fires involving multiple structures in the future. The over development in these cities need to be addressed and elected officials need to address these issues instead of granting the wishes of the developers.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



# **Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church honored by the Board of Aldermen**



A citation was presented by Aldermen Katjana Ballantyne, Maryann Heuston, the entire Board and the mayor commending the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church on the momentous occasion of its 100th anniversary was presented to Fr. Konstantinos Manetas at last week's regular meeting of the Board.

# Singing sensation Sawyer Fredericks stopping off in Somerville

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Shortly thereafter he took his first steps toward a recording career by putting out a six-song EP entitled Breaking Ice. Then in 2013 he released an album of 15 songs, Out My Window.

In 2015, scouts for the NBC TV show The Voice took notice of some of Fredericks' YouTube videos and invited him to audition for the program. The rest, as they say, is history.

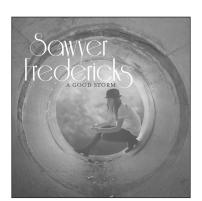
As part of the rewards of winning the competition, Freder-

icks secured a recording contract with Republic Records. He reportedly broke many sales records with singles derived from the TV show. And now, his first album on Republic, A Good Storm, is enjoying brisk sales as Fredericks tours the country, entertaining crowds and proving what a strong voice he has developed in such a relatively short time.

"I want the lyrics and music to connect to the audience," says Fredericks."I just hope they feel it when they hear me."

> "I want the lyrics and music to connect to the audience"

Fredericks says that his time on The Voice taught him a lot. "I learned so much," he says. "It was incredible to be around that many artists and see so much talent. I took it all in. Getting to perform on that stage was amazing. I also remember Pharrell gave me a piece of advice that I'll never forget. He said, 'Stay true



Fredericks' latest release, "A Good Storm" on Republic Records.

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Fredericks has been making the rounds in the media, such as an appearance on the RECESS: with SPINELLI radio program.

to yourself.""

This is clearly what Fredericks achieves in his recordings and live performances.

Somerville gets its chance to sample the performing talents of Sawyer Fredericks with the upcoming show at The Rockwell next week. Be sure to catch this exciting young artist, cur-

rently shooting to the top of his game, and at such an amazingly young age.

Sawyer Fredericks with Gabriel Wolfchild and The Northern Light, Monday, December 19, at The Rockwell, Davis Square, 255 Elm St., Somerville. Doors at 7:00 p.m. Info at: therockwell.org.

# Announcement - Limited-time Program Ends 12/16

Now-12/16 residents who have completed a site visit from SolarFlair can sign up for reduced-cost solar through Solarize Somerville. Visit www.Somervillema.gov/Solarize. Email questions to your Solar Coach at somervillesolarcoach@gmail.com.



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# By Jim Clark

# He wanted a cab, so he took a cab

Somerville police officers were dispatched to the parking lot of Green Cab of Somerville in the early hours of last Saturday on reports that one of their cabs had been stolen.

Earlier, the dispatcher from Green Cab dialed 911 and spoke with the dispatcher to report the stolen cab.

The dispatcher was reportedly

able to track the stolen cab with GPS and gave the location to the 911 operator in real time. The location of the cab at the time of the call was near the Target store on Somerville Ave.

Officers immediately responded, however, the cab was not in the area of Target. The 911 operator was able to relay that the new location of the stolen

cab was McGrath Highway and Pearl St. Responding units converged to the new location and were able to find and stop the stolen cab in the area of Mc-Grath Highway and Broadway, police said.

The stolen cab was stopped with a single occupant in the driver seat. The occupant was later identified as Max Barnes

of Somerville. He was removed from the driver seat and placed in handcuffs.

The cab driver that was assigned the cab was able to get to the location to retrieve his cab, at which time he told police that he drove to Green Cab to pay his monthly lease fee to operate the cab that was stolen.

According to reports, the cab

driver was inside Green Cab headquarters, when the dispatcher informed him that his cab was missing from where it was left parked.

Barnes was placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters where he was charged with larceny of a motor vehicle and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

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# SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

### **Arrests**:

Tuezdae Higgins, of 97 Harrishof St., Boston, December 5, 2:02 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Fredly Noel, of 1 Brown Terrace, Malden, December 6, 2:25 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Ronald Kizito, of 379 New-

ton St., Waltham, December 7, 8:01 p.m., arrested at Curtis St. on a warrant charge of larceny by check over \$250.

Angela Grassa, of 8 1/2 Woodman St., Lynn, December 8, 12:42 p.m., arrested at Mt. Pleasant St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and resisting arrest.

Shaun Foley, of 11 Colman Path, Merrimack, NH, December 8, 10:49 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and leaving the scene of property damage.

Julio Perez, December 9, 4:01 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Max Barnes, of 176 Summer St., December 10, 2:22 a.m., arrested at Windsor Pl. on charges of larceny of a motor vehicle and receiving a stolen

motor vehicle.

Alloushy Kanyemera, of 1370 Broadway, December 10, 2:25 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of disorderly conduct.

Christopher Gavilanes, of 75 Orange St., Waltham, December 11, 4:24 p.m., arrested at Howe St. on warrant charges of miscellaneous equipment violation, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license,

and failure to change name and address.

Dirie Adan, of 9 Kensington Park, Roxbury, December 11, 10:06 p.m., arrested on charges of trespassing and larceny from a building and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, felony daytime breaking and entering, and larceny over \$250.

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# Board unanimously approves GLX funds CONT. FROM PG 1

state and local dollars for infrastructure projects are an example of these funds.

Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis noted that Somerville will have to pay for those projects whether they voted for GLX or not. Davis used the term "extortion" to describe the state's requirement of municipal contributions to a state infrastructure project. The use of debt-financed municipal contribution is a new approach for capital projects in Massachusetts, making Somerville's contribution a first for both the city and the state.

All of the aldermen gave a short speech before the votes were cast. "This is a momentous occasion for this city," said Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston. "Having been 16 years on this board I can count on one hand the momentous votes I have taken. This is one

of those votes."

The range of emotions in the speeches reflected much of the debate revolving around the

> "What would happen to this city twenty-five years from now if we don't have rapid transit?"

GLX funding vote. Although there is excitement for the innovation, accessibility, and opportunity an extended Green Line will bring to Somerville, there are also reservations, doubts, and some anger about the means by which it has to be funded and built.

"I don't want to see any oth-

er city or town go through this, even if we're the only ones who get railroaded," chided Alderman Davis, who helped make the vote unanimous by advocating for a "yes" vote based on the aforementioned state funds that are promised alongside GLX. This influenced Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin, who came to the meeting prepared to vote no.

Board President WIlliam White was the last to speak before the vote. "The new politics is that you play neighbor against neighbor, small communities vs. large communities," said White, who throughout the GLX process has held Mayor Curtatone and his staff to tough questioning and standards of transparency in their presentations to the public.

Nonetheless, White's final "yes" vote sealed a unanimous



While a number of aldermen expressed reservations about approving the city's GLX funding contribution plan, a unanimous vote was ultimately recorded.

approval of the GLX funds. "Look at the portraits in the back of the hall," he said, pointing to the stills of mayors past hung on the wall at the back of the Aldermanic Chamber. "Many of them made lousy

decisions!" said White, who cited lack of open space as an historical example of "lousy" zoning. "What would happen to this city twenty-five years from now if we don't have rapid transit?"

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Trolley Tour tickets will be available at the Blue Cloud Gallery, 713 Broadway. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors.

For more information, visit www.somervilleartscouncil.org.



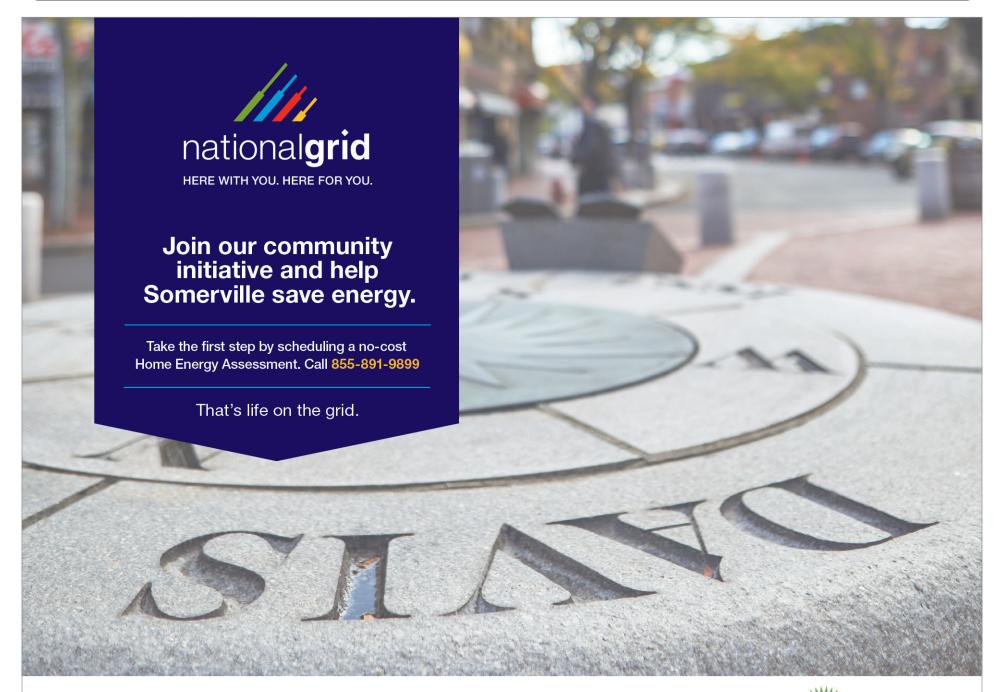






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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



# Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

**THE SENATE:** There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

This week, with the end of the 2016 session only weeks away, Beacon Hill Roll Call, in the second of a series of

special reports, looks at some of the bills that were approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker in the 2016 session.

# MODERNIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT (H 4565)

House 158-0, Senate 39-0, approved a new law aimed at modernizing municipal finance and government including updating or outright repealing of several prior archaic laws and creating a new law allowing communities to issue driver citations electronically. Many provisions in the bill are technical and Gov. Baker called the measure "a great example of some true weed whacking of outdated, clunky laws that will empower our municipalities and support good-governing at the local level across the Commonwealth."

Supporters say the new law is designed to eliminate or update obsolete laws, promote local independence, streamline state oversight and generally provide municipalities with greater flexibility. The new law is supported by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, an entity that lobbies for the state's cities and towns.

Upon signing the new law, the governor said, "As two former local officials ourselves, the lieutenant governor and I have a true appreciation for the independence and flexibility created by this commonsense bill, allowing municipal officials to better serve all of our constituents and create stronger communities in all of our 351 cities and towns."

(A"Yes" vote is for the new law.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

# \$50 MILLION TO COMMUNITIES FOR SMALL BRIDGE REPAIRS (H 4557)

House 158-0, Senate 38-1, approved a \$750 million package for transportation projects across the state. The package includes \$700 million for highway improvements and \$50 million for a new grant program to fund the repair of cities' and towns' bridges that are 20 or less feet in length.

Supporters of the package say it will fund critical improvements to highways across the state. They note the \$50 million for bridge repairs goes directly to cities and towns in need of funds to repair bridges that are crumbling.

The lone opponent opposed a provision that exempts from the state's debt ceiling large amounts of borrowing authorized in a 2014 transportation bond bill. He said this action is fiscally irresponsible.

Another section of the proposed new law, later vetoed by the governor, would have created a pilot program that would charge drivers a fee based on how many miles they drive. The program would include 500 drivers who volunteer for the program.

Supporters of the pilot program say the current per-gallon gas tax has reached a point of diminishing returns because Bay Staters drive less and there are now many electric and fuel efficient vehicles on the road. They argued that the money is desperately needed to maintain and repair the state's roads and bridges Opponents of the pilot program say this is just another unnecessary tax and note that it is unclear whether this tax would replace the state's current 24 cents-pergallon gas tax or if it would be in addition to it. They argue this program would interfere with privacy rights because some mileage meters can track and record all a vehicle's moves. Some say the tax is unfair and note that under this program, drivers who use the most gas-efficient vehicles could pay just as much as those owning gas-guzzlers.

(A "Yes" vote is for \$700 million for highway improvements and \$50 million the repair of cities' and towns' bridges. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

# \$1 BILLION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE (H 4569)

House 157-0, Senate 38-1, approved a new package allowing the state to borrow money over five years as part of an economic development package aimed at boosting the economy, creating jobs, workforce development and infrastructure investment. The biggest ticket item is \$500 million for the MassWorks infrastructure grant program which is promoted as one-stop shopping for cities and towns and other eligible public entities seeking public infrastructure funding to support economic development and job creation.

Municipalities could use the money for a variety of things including housing construction, city and town center revitalization projects and mill redevelopment opportunities.

The package also gives "angel investors" a state tax credit equal to 20 percent of the amount of the investment they make in a qualifying business. In order to qualify, the business must have its principal place of business in the Bay State, have at least 50 percent of its employees located here, employ 20 or fewer full-time employees and have gross revenues equal to or less than \$500,000. The tax credit rises to 30 percent if the business is in one of the state's struggling cities, known as gateway cities.

Another key provision creates a new tax incentive to encourage families to put away money for higher education costs. Under the program, individual filers would get a \$1,000 tax deduction for contributions to a prepaid tuition or college savings program, also known as a 529 plan. The deduction would increase to \$2,000 for married couples.

Supporters say the package will stimulate the economy, help cities and towns and private companies, strengthen the manufacturing sector, create new housing, make some repairs to the infrastructure and provide the training and equipment for workforce development.

The lone opponent said the package gives autocratic powers to individuals in the Executive branch to unilaterally make large tax expenditures and make decisions to transfer public funds to private businesses unreviewable by any court or administrative agency. They said there is no evidence that making payments to private companies actually brings about real economic growth.

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

# Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

### **CLOSE THE GENDER WAGE GAP (H 4509)**

House 154-0, Senate 40-0, approved a new law to strengthen the Bay State's prior pay equity law by closing the wage gap between men and women doing the same job. The new law requires that women be paid equal pay for comparable work unless the variation is based upon mitigating factors including seniority, a system that measures earnings by quantity or quality of production, sales or revenue and education, training or experience.

The new law establishes pay transparency, prohibits screening of prospective employees based on salary history, requires fairness in hiring practices and increases fines for violations. Other provisions prohibit employers from reducing salaries in order to comply with the new law and from preventing employees from talking about their salaries.

Supporters said it is far past time to approve this historic bill and noted women comprise 50 percent of the workforce yet make only 80 cents for every dollar earned by men.

(A"Yes" vote is for the new law.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

FRESHMEN LEGISLATORS - Newly-elected freshmen representatives and senators last week attended the Academy for New Legislators at UMass in Amherst. According to the Academy's website, the 2-day program consists of sessions on the legislative budget process, rules of the House and Senate, ethics, the state budget, the economy, constituent services, interviewing techniques for broadcast media, polling and press communications, and life as a freshman legislator. A simulated session of a committee hearing and the House and Senate are also conducted.

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

\$405,000 – The amount Massachusetts will receive from a settlement with Bristol-Myers Squibb over the deceptive marketing of the drug Abilify.

North of 500 – The amount of state employees Gov. Baker says are ready to retire and take a state employee buyout program administration officials hope leads to \$25 million in savings.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many leg-

islators 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 December 5-9, the House met for a total of 23 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 24 minutes.

Mon. December 5 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

Tues. December 6 No House session No Senate session

Wed. December 7 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. December 8 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.

Fri. December 9 No House session
No Senate session

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### Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: **DOM Address Description List Price** Sale Price 80 Hinckley St 20 6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Cottage \$550,000 \$620,000 49 Hinckley Street 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Colonial 7 \$685,000 \$750,000 26 Warwick Street U:3 6 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Contemporary \$1,010,000 33 \$949,900 146 Powder House Blvd 11 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian 81 \$999,900 \$950,000

П	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:				
П	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
ľ	50 Florence St U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	6	\$299,900	\$370,000
П	60 Bow St U:B	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	19	\$349,000	\$346,000
	70 Park St U:31	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	28	\$360,000	\$359,845
П	301 Lowell Street U:34	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	17	\$375,000	\$396,000
Ι.	42 Putnam St U:1	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$395,000	\$410,000
П	77 Liberty Ave U:3	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	19	\$449,900	\$446,000
	119 Heath Street U:2	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	30	\$450,000	\$455,000
П	60 Fairfax U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$469,000	\$530,000
	103 Pennsylvania Ave U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	38	\$475,000	\$475,000
П	13 Linden St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	27	\$475,000	\$465,000
l.	15 Belmont Street U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$489,000	\$550,000
П	18 Everett Ave U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	102	\$519,000	\$495,000
ľ	92 Concord Avenue U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$530,000	\$565,000
П	72 Lexington Avenue U:1	6 room, 2 hed, 1f 0h hath 2/3 Family	26	\$550,000	\$550,000

l	Recent Multi-ramily Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
l	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
l	365-367 Alewife Brook Pkwy	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	34	\$725,000	\$727,000	
l	18-20 Illinois Ave	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	142	\$790,000	\$775,000	
l	12 Marion St	2 unit, 9 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	15	\$799,000	\$815,000	
l	77 Walnut St	3 unit, 12 total room, 4 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$869,000	\$900,000	
	18 Sycamore Street	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	78	\$875,000	\$835,000	
l	18 Munroe St	2 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	17	\$1,100,000	\$1,035,000	

# Somerville – Townhouse 39 Oxford St

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Right Unit

\$1,250,000 Approximately 1950 sf of space, additional space in finished basement,



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# Mayor Curtatone's Christmas Carolers Mayor Curtatone, Alderman MaryJo Rossetti, city officials and the Moonlighters led by Jimmy Del Ponte visited Somerville's VNA's, Somerville Home and Little Sister's of the Poor

# Dorothy's Corner by dorothy dimarzo

last week to sing Christmas Carols to the residents.



- Photos by Claudia Ferro

# Renee's Cafe

That being said, located in Teele Square, this, "hole in the wall", offers many choices sure to satisfy all palates, including egg sandwiches, waffles, buttermilk pancakes, omelets, combination of eggs and pancakes, and some sides such as fruit, hash, bacon and sausage. Vegetarian options are also available.

I have tried a few different offerings on the menu, but there is one item I keep coming back to, the Eggs Benedict with corned beef hash. This is far from the run of the mill corned beef hash. This hash is made in house and has a distinct flavor of a combination of spices and has a stringy but tender texture with potatoes added as a tradition. The

hash is placed on lightly toasted or grilled English muffin and topped There is nothing like starting the off with two poached eggs covered day off with a full, hearty breakfast. in hollandaise sauce and served with home fried red potatoes. Another favorite is the Ham 'N Apple omelet consisting of sautéed honey ham, apples and Brie. This salty, sweet and tart combination encased in fluffy eggs is truly satisfying and also served with home fried red potatoes and your choice of toast.

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# MassDOT highway construction leaves Somerville residents in the dust

### By The Times Staff

Frustrated Somerville residents hang signs in protest of Massachusetts Department of Transportation work. The work would take away the only open space below their windows. Signs read: "Leave Our Open Space," "They Use It, We Lose It," and even "Somerville Lives Matter."

The garden area in front of 422 Mystic Avenue (AKA Mystic Towers), which was once filled with 40-year-old trees providing a sight and sound barrier for residents, may be replaced with more hot top, concrete, and buses if the Massachusetts Department of Transportation gets its way.

Mystic Tower residents presently face 13 lanes of Massachusetts traffic outside their windows (8 lanes from Route 93 and 5 more from Mystic Avenue/Route 38). The Mass Department of Transportation, however, feels that 13 lanes is not enough. Despite the interests of the neighborhood and residents, the Department wants to build a 14th lane for buses and a bus stop. The bus lane would be located in the only remaining Open Space the under the residents' windows.

Lucy Lees, a resident of the building since it was built, comments, "It's a shame what they (Mass. Dept. of Transportation) are doing. The front of this building never looked so

beautiful. And, now they're [the DOT] taking it all away from us. They came down here one day and cut all the trees down. And, now they're removing the garden area, the brick wall, the fence - everything - and we [the residents] don't know what's going on."

Many residents are completely unaware of what the Department of Transportation is taking away from them. For many, English is not their first language, and they were not provided with fair or sufficient notice of any chance to voice an opinion, as other residents might have had.

In fact, the management and owners of Mystic Towers were first made aware of the DOT's damage to the property through a crying message in broken English asking to stop cutting the trees outside the windows. The message said that the trees were the only thing separating the windows from the traffic, the lights, the pollution and the noise from the tenants. Unfortunately, the Mass DOT will not answer calls about the plans nor openly share the plans.

After getting word of the plaintive voice, Attorney Philip Privitera made several efforts on behalf of the resident victims as well as the building to obtain the plans. "It was an issue of fairness," Privitera said. "How could anyone, let alone a government agency, have the conscience to deprive and take something of



A possible loss of open green space is being threatened by MassDOT at 422 Mystic Ave.

such value away from residents - especially immigrant families - without first ensuring they fully understand what they might be losing, and then letting them express an opinion before just 'railroading it' into their lives?"

Rumor has it that even the formal entryway to the building, including decorative granite covered pillars and a paved walkway could be next. But neither the residents nor the building have been afforded forthright or reliable information from the DOT on this matter. As such, both have been deprived the ability to pose an opinion or opposition, until it is too late.

Privitera recounts that he has been receiving misdirection for weeks about the plans, including empty promises that DOT employees "would get back to him about them." He was even provided with wrong/non-functioning numbers, and numbers for DOT personnel who never picked up their phones or never returned calls. Privitera recalls, "I was directed to call a fellow named John Doliere. I called him about five separate times without an answer or a return call. At this point, I'm not sure he really works for the DOT."

The only respect that the building or the residents received would have to come from the court. Privitera states, "It was only after filing for a preliminary injunction in Middlesex Superior Court that we received a copy of a plan." From the representations of the DOT workers at the site, the plan did not include demolishing the granite pillars and the residents' formal front entryway.

As a former Commonwealth of Massachusetts employee, Privitera expressed that it was "disheartening that I actually had to go to court to do what the Commonwealth should be actively doing on its own, protecting citizens who can't protect themselves, and making sure all citizens are respected equally and fairly. That was the bright side of every day for me, when I worked for the Commonwealth."

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# **Tuesday December 20**

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# **Wednesday December 21**

Poker to resume next week

# **Thursday December 22**

The Ways & Means Committee country hits 8 p.m,

# Friday December 23

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band 6 p.m. Unnamed Colors, Secret Of Sound \$10 cover 9 p.m.

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### **Sunday December 25** Merry Christmas

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# COMMENTARY

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# Momentous vote is a big step in the GLX project



By Joseph A. Curtatone

I've long been outspoken – along with many of you - about the fact that the Green Line Extension is much more than just an amenity. It's more than a promise and legal obligation from the Commonwealth. It's a necessity to our economic and environmental vitality in Somerville and the region. And last week after many years of fighting for this project, we took a big step forward when the Somerville Board of Aldermen cast a momentous vote, voting unanimously in favor of allowing the City to bond for \$50 million to contribute to the Green Line Extension project.

But let's not forget how we got here. Just one year ago, in December 2015, MassDOT and the Fiscal Management Control Board pressed pause on the Green Line Extension project to understand risks and control costs. This was a scary time full

of uncertainty. The project was in real danger of not being completed. If the project was canceled, many aspects of Somerville's goals for the future were in danger too. The Commonwealth made it clear that the Green Line Extension could not move forward without contributions from municipalities.

That put us in an enormously tough position - a position in which we never expected to be. It wasn't easy for me to make the decision to go before the Board of Aldermen and ask them to approve borrowing to help fund the project. Contributing to the Green Line creates a fiscal burden for our city that both the Board and I would prefer we didn't have to take on. But I want to assure you that we will do as much as possible to lessen that burden. To ensure that taxpayers bear as little of the cost as possible, we are already working on options to help pay off the bond via other means such as building permit revenues, developer contributions, and sale of

But when weighing the costs the Green Line Extension versus the many benefits that expanded public transportation will provide to this community, the choice became clear. Yes, the Green Line Extension will provide us with a short-term financial burden but it will deliver long-term fiscal sustainability. Among them, it will generate an estimated additional \$261 million in property tax revenue over 30 years.

Beyond the monetary benefits, the Green Line will also finally bring environmental justice for some of our most vulnerable residents who currently live in the I-93 corridor and breathe the exhaust it generates daily. Extending the Green Line will reduce the vehicle miles traveled in our city by more than 25,000 miles per day. This will reduce air pollution caused by vehicle emissions known to be a threat to public health and safety. The Green Line will also move us forward toward achieving social justice by expanding rapid transit access to more than 85 percent of our City. This will not only create more jobs here in Somerville, but it will also improve access to employment opportunities for residents by giving them a more efficient way to commute into Boston.

It was clear to me: Somerville could not afford to keep the pause button pressed on the Green Line Extension. Your aldermen recognized this too. I want to commend them for their tremendous dedication, effort, and due diligence on this issue. The vote for this project was a big deal, and they treated it as such. They held several special meetings, listened to numerous residents, always came prepared with thoughtful and detailed questions, and made sure they fully understood the scope of the impact this vote would have on residents.

I am thankful for their cautious approach to this vote, but ultimately, I'm thankful that in the end we were all on the same page: recognizing that the Green Line Extension is an essential component to the success of our collective futures.

Now, just because the vote is done doesn't mean the hard work is complete. In fact, we have a lot to do to make sure we stay on track for the projected 2021 completion date. The Commonwealth has been successful in getting the project back on track in the procurement process, and their request for qualifications from the bidding community is open now. The request for proposals process will be initiated next spring.

We have several things to do on our end as well to ensure we're ready for the Green Line Extension and the new development it will bring to some of our neighborhoods. Perhaps most crucial is passing an updated zoning code to ensure that we capitalize on all the opportunity the Green Line will offer so that the projected building permit revenues and developer contributions that we need to net down the cost of our contribution are realized. Additionally, we need to iron out the details of a side agreement with the Commonwealth that will allow us to explore creative ways to tie in storm water drainage to the Green Line construction, which is an enormous benefit and will mitigate some legacy flooding issues. And these are just a couple of things on our To Do list.

It's apparent that we still have a long way to go and a lot of work to do, but what happened last week was significant. We are closer than we have ever been to the Green Line finally being fully greenlighted. We couldn't have done it without you and your active engagement and participation throughout the process. This vote was a testament to all of us once again that when called on to meet its challenges, Somerville always stands up.

# Building the Green Line Extension (GLX) we need



By State Representative **Denise Provost** 

On December 10, 2016, I was invited to give a presentation as part of a program titled "Reviving Federal Investment in Public Transit: Build Subways, not Submarines." The program, held at MIT's Stata Center, was expected to draw 50 -75 people; 125 from around the region attended, and an overflow room with a video screen had to be set up to accommodate those present. It's encouraging to me that so many people care enough about transit to give up half a Saturday in December, to be informed and energized about it.

The topic that program orga-

nizers asked me to speak on was "Building the Green Line Extension (GLX) We Need." Since Somerville folk tend to be wholly on board with transit funding, and with GLX in particular, I wasn't surprised that not many attended the December 10 program. I do, however, want to let those who did not attend know what I had to say about the GLX, so here is my text:

"First, I want to make a disclaimer about my remarks. They represent my views only; not those of the City of Somerville, other members of Somerville's legislative delegation, or of any organization. It is, however, a Somerville-centric view of the GLX, because that's my patch.

Although the GLX was first recommended by the MTA (pre-MBTA) in 1962, and again by the Boston Transportation Planning Review (BTPR) in 1973, my personal interest in the GLX started when I read MB-TA's "Beyond Lechmere" report in 1984. I was ecstatic when the

GLX became one of the "transit mitigations" approved by the federal government, as a condition for funding the Big Dig.

Now, I almost wish there were a 12-step program for those of us addicted to the dream of a functioning GLX. Instead, I'll offer 6 simple steps towards building the GLX we need:

1) The GLX we need would be delivered on time - but it's too late for that. The most recent "legally binding" deadline of December 31, 2014 has passed. After decades of foot-dragging, MBTA's aggressive new schedule calls for completion in 2021.

In the meantime, the law requires that the state mitigate the GLX delay with "interim offsets," producing air quality improvements "better than or equal to" those projected from the GLX. Last year, the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved, as sufficient air quality improvements, the following "interim offsets" proposed by MassDOT/MBTA:

A) more frequent (diesel) bus service in Somerville, and more trains to Lechmere station; B) the provision of additional parkand-ride spaces in Salem and Beverly; and C) the promised purchase of 142 hybrid electric vehicles for "The Ride" - shortly before MBTA contracted with Lyft and Uber to provide services to Ride customers. I strongly believe these "mitigations" to be inadequate.

2) The GLX we need would be sufficient in scope and service to meet the air quality improvement goals for the project, as well as to meet other community needs. Realizing GLX's full potential to improve air quality will mean extending it all the way to Route 16. While this leg of the GLX is still part of the plan, funding for it has been removed. A complete GLX would also include full buildout of the Community Path, which MBTA now wants to dead-end in the congested heart of Somerville, forcing bicyclists and pedestrians on to some of the most dangerous roads in the region.

3) The GLX we need would be developed through an interactive, consultative public process, in which MBTA truly listens, and incorporates community values and input. At the GLX meeting in Somerville on Wednesday, December 7, MBTA officials tamped down expectations for a complete Community Path. They announced that they had changed the names of two of the GLX stations - the first anyone I knew had heard about it - and not a good sign.

The GLX we need would also recruit, train, and employ local people on the project. In 2014, MBTA did just that, launching the Massachusetts Workforce Initiative Now (MassWIN) program for the GLX, to "identify, assess, train, and place community members into transportation related careers." Since Governor Baker took office, we haven't heard a peep about MassWIN. Continued on page 16

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



# **Our View Of The Times**



It seems as though many of us don't know whether to toss our hats in the air and shout for joy or quietly drown our sorrows at the local tavern. Indeed, though, it's been reported that many in attendance at the last Board of Aldermen meeting broke into applause after the city's \$50 million contribution to the GLX's funding was unanimously approved. Cold

comfort to others, though.

The news that the Green Line Extension project is not yet dead is actually comforting to many. After all the years of promises and compromises, most of us feel we have it coming.

But there is a price to pay for this tenuous victory. To the tune of \$50 million, no less.

There's little question, really, about the value of the GLX and how it will enhance the transportation infrastructure in the region, but we should imagine that there would be a limit to how much will be asked of us financially.

The state and federal governments have led the way and pledged to fund the lion's share of the project. Some say it was pure mismanagement right from the start that led to the disastrous shortfall in the project's budget, leading us to where we are today. In that case, is it fair to ask the affected municipalities to shoulder this much of the financial burden.

It leaves us wishing for a way to penalize the mismanagers instead of ourselves. Dreamers, though we be.

# Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

effectively closed due to the construction that was slated to end last week, now they say this week and some are even saying next week. It's so bad that they even went out to post signs so that customers can do a quick drive in and get serviced. Why wouldn't the people tearing up the street do the sign?

Somerville Rotary is looking for some new members. Rotary is a service club for businesses and local non-profits. Somerville Rotary meets at 12:15 p.m. every Tuesday at the Holiday Inn. If you'd like to find out more about Rotary and what it does here both in the city and internationally, go to the their website at www.somervillerotary.org.

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A special election to fill the Ward 6 School Committee seat vacated by Paul Bockelman, who has accepted the position of Town Manager of Amherst, MA, was held on Tuesday, December 6. Running unopposed, Paula G. O'Sullivan succeeded in filling the Committee seat.

Get well and Best wishes for speedy recovery for Caroline Shea Rosas who is at MGH. We hope she's home soon and on the road to recovery.

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We're on vacation (at least some of us are), so The Somerville Times will not be publishing the week between Christmas and New Years. The last edition for the year will be the 21st. There will not be a paper on the 28th, but we will keep up with things online. A vacation is needed to rev up for the coming new year. 2017 looks to be a good year for us all.

\*\*\*\*\*\* For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the

club to find out about certification. \*\*\*\*\*\*

It's that time of year again, when we're thinking of shoes and boots and much more. Head online to www.shoebuv. com for the best prices and fastest delivery right here in Somerville. We think Shoebuy is great. You go online to order, and within the next couple of days you get them delivered. Go see for yourself the vast inventory they have online for sale.

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When you're home and looking for a place to go out to that is sort of like the Cheers of Somerville, head down to Sally O'Brien's on Somerville Avenue. Different entertainment every single night, from Open Mic to Texas holdem. Don't forget to order up a cheeseburger. We like Open Mic night - we like watching not participating - but for those hams out there, maybe you'd like to try out vour talent. \*\*\*\*\*\*

The Marathon Sports "Bill Rodgers Jingle Bell Run" will be having toy dropoffs at all of their locations this week. Please consider donating a toy to the Somerville based "Toys for Local Children" program. See http://baevents. com/jinglebell/registration.html race bib, tee and merchandise pick-up locations, dates and times. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Purchase your holiday tree and support a great cause. Stop by the annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser at Foss Park through December 18. Proceeds from tree sales help fund scholarships, special programs and events for Next Wave and Full Circle students. The Tree Lot is open from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends.

The Somerville Arts Council invites you to a presentation about Demystifying Investing for the Penny-wise Creative. Whether you're new to investing or you need a refresher, they will explore the tools and strategies that are available to assist you and your family in working toward your financial goals - and they will help you feel more comfortable with the investing process. The educational workshop with financial advisor Haley C. Adams will be held at Arts at the Armory Café, Thursday, December 15, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Check out the complete list of upcoming Somerville Family Learning Collaborative events and workshops at www. somerville.k12.ma.us/families.

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# Somerville Local First Holiday Marketplace

Somerville Local First presented their second Holiday Marketplace sponsored by Float Boston, Work Shop Salon and e. scott originals last Sunday, December 11, at the Arts at the Armory. Somerville Local First and over 40 local vendors offered a day of local holiday shopping. The

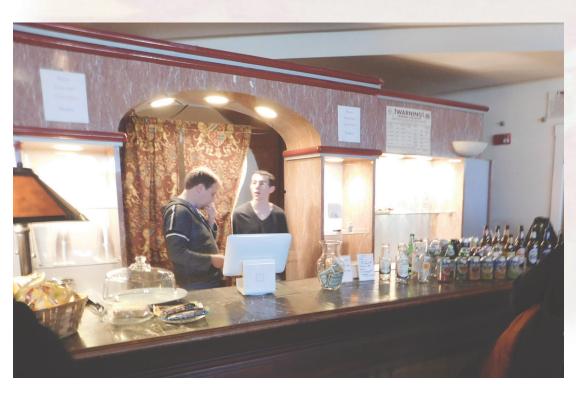
Makers Marketplace featured a wide variety of handcrafted goods, jewelry, accessories, confections, home decor, textiles, art, apparel and gifts for everyone on your list.

This market also boasted 20 different vendors from their November event.





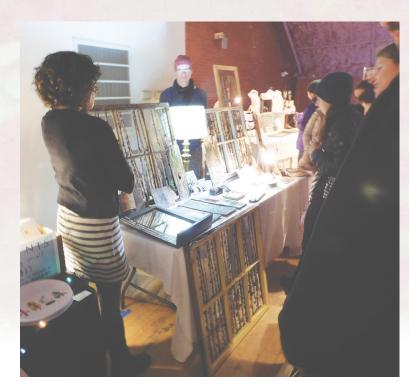




















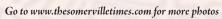












Photos by Donald Norton





# **SPORTS**

# Playworks Team Up at the Brown School

### By Rebecca Danvers

The Playworks Team Up program has been a great addition to the Brown School over the last several months.

On a recent visit to the school during recess, students and staff were active and engaged in a variety of games using the Playworks Team Up model. First grade students were playing "Everyone's It Tag" along with their teachers, a game they learned during Class Game Time with their Playworks Site Coordinator, Caroline Barclay.

Kids were "rocking it out" if they tagged each other at the same time or if there was a question of who was tagged first. Rock, paper, scissors is a simple yet effective conflict resolution technique encouraged by Playworks not only out at recess, but throughout the school day.

During second grade recess, Michelle Perry, a lunch aide at the Brown School, led a group of students in a game of "Ninja Master". Ninja Master is a great small space game that can be transferred to indoor space easily. Michelle and her colleagues Mary Cerrato and Grace Baron, have all been attending Class Game Time while Playworks is at the Brown, learning the necessary skills and techniques so they can continue to support the program. Melissa Greco, Brown School Counselor Educator, has also been supporting the program by coordinating the Junior Coach's schedule and participation during recess with the younger Brown School students.

Working with the Playworks Site Coordinator, Brown School



students and staff members are strengthening their school community through the Playworks Team Up model, working together to develop a sustainable program by integrating the core

values of Playworks into the school culture.

Playworks is one of several initiatives supported by the U.S. Department of Education's Physical Education Program

(PEP) grant.

Learn more about Somerville PEP and ways in which you and your family can stay healthy and active year-round at www. somerville.k12.ma.us/pep.

# Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous HEFF

mixture, hodgepodge

- #557
- 1. What novel contains the longest sentence in literature?
- 2. What was Scarlett O'Hara's real first name?
- 3. A-Ha sang the title song for which Bond film?
- 4. In *The Simpsons*, which Hollywood superstar provided Maggie's first word?
- 5. What is the largest city in Ohio?
- 6. What color golf balls are used on the golf course in Antarctica?
- 7. In which cop series

- did Phil Collins appear as Phil the Shill?
- 8. Who produced the first jumbo jet in 1975?
- 9. Marilyn Monroe died during the making of which movie?
- 10. Which U.S. politician said, "Always forgive your enemies, but never forget their names"?
- 11. How long does it take for the Earth to spin once on its axis?
- 12. In which decade did the Super Bowl begin?

Answers on page 23

# 2017 Boston Marathon Fundraiser benefitting Boston Children's Hospital

Local athlete Amanda Crowe will be running the 2017 Boston Marathon on behalf of Boston Children's Hospital on April, 17, 2017.

She is currently fundraising towards her goal of \$7,000 for this amazing organization and charity and what better way to raise money and have a great time than to have a Paint Nite Fundraiser at Two Three Zero in Somerville?

By attending the event you will be helping to raise invaluable funds, glasses, and cheer for Boston Children's Hospital.

Tickets are \$45 and \$15 from every ticket sale goes directly to the fundraiser for Boston Children's Hospital. In addition to a great night of painting and enjoying a

nice beverage, there will also be small appetizers and snacks and a "Chance to win" event, where you can purchase tickets to win prizes donated by local companies and businesses.

At least 35 painters are needed or the event will be cancelled. Crowe want to fill this room up with people.

Please come and invite your friends and family to this great event for an amazing charity. Let's do this for the kids.

If you have any questions please email Crowe at crowea13@gmail.com. If you can't make it and would still like to make a donation towards the fundraiser, please visit her personal fundraising page: http://fundraise.childrenshospital.org/site/TR/BostonMarathon/BostonMarathon?px=1413209&pg=personal&fr\_id=1510

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Somerville Youth Hockey's Learn to Skate and Learn to Play Hockey clinics at the Veterans Memorial Rink on Somerville Avenue run every Saturday morning until early March. LTS begins at 8 am. LTPH at 9:30 am. Cost is \$100 for the entire season. Ages 3 and up. Register online at www.somervilleyouthhockey.org. Questions can be directed to David Zraket at dzraket@somervilleyouthhockey.org.

# **Volunteers power SCES** holiday bag delivery effort

# By Nathan Lamb

Roughly 500 Meals on Wheels clients will receive a special delivery this December, thanks to the efforts of some dedicated volunteers and the Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) Holiday Bag program.

Assembled by roughly a dozen volunteers on Dec. 6, each Holiday Bag includes an assortment of snacks, candy, a calendar and greeting card. It's an SCES tradition that every Meals on Wheels client receives one of those bag during the holidays, explained SCES Community Meals Director Deborah McLean.

"This is about giving them a thoughtful gift," said McLean. "A lot of our clients don't have people who come and visit them during the holidays, so we want to remember them and let them know how special they are."

Most of the snacks were collected through donations, and the actual Holiday Bags were brightly decorated by local elementary students from the John F. Kennedy and East Somerville Community schools.

Now in her second year of helping out the program, volunteer Diane Martin said it's a pretty good scene all-around.

"It's a lot of fun, and I think it's great to provide people with a little something extra during the holidays," she said. "And the bags are fabulous."

Speaking afterward, McLean said the Holiday Bags essentially wrap-up another season of intensive activity for the Meals Program, which starts with Farmers Market coupon distributions in the summer, followed by organizing Thanksgiving delivery, which includes a special meal and organizing volunteers, so the regular drivers can have the holiday off. McLean said the focus then shifts to nutrition training and outreach during the winter and spring, along with the year-round Brown Bag grocery supplement program.

Volunteerism is also a year-round activity at SCES. Cambridge resident Charles Studen typically works with the agency's money management program, helping a local older adult pay bills and manage accounts, but he's also made time the past couple of years to help pack the holiday bags.

"It's a wonderful program," he said. "I can only imagine how it could brighten somebody's day to receive a bag of goodies like this."



Roughly a dozen volunteers joined with Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services to pack special holiday gift bags for Meals on Wheels clients on Dec. 6. The bags were decorated by local elementary school students, — Photo by Nathan Lamb and contained an assortment of sweets and baked goods.

# **Upcoming winter concerts**

Music is in the air in schools throughout the District, as we celebrate the season and our student musicians:

Wednesday, December 14, 8:45 a.m. - West Somerville Neighborhood School Winter Concert at the WSNS Gymnasium

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. – El Sistema Somerville "Community in Harmony Concert" at the ESCS Auditorium

Thursday, December 15, 9:30 a.m. - Winter Hill Community Innovation School Winter Concert at the SHS Auditorium

Thursday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. – Somerville High School Winter Concert at the SHS Auditorium

Friday, December 16, 8:45 a.m. - East Somerville Community School Winter Concert at the ESCS Auditorium

Friday, December 16, 9:50 a.m. - Healey Winter Concert, Grades 3-8 at the Healey School Cafeteria

Tuesday, December 20, 9:00-10:00 a.m. - Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert for students at the Kennedy Cafetorium

Tuesday, December 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert for parents/guardians at the Kennedy Cafetorium

Friday, December 23, 9:15-10:45 a.m. - Argenziano Winter Concert at the Argenziano School Cafetorium

# What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

### Latest Somerville Neighborhood News #75

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents. Below are our latest news segments.



### Tufts University Responds to Election Results

Students at Tufts University have had an emotional few weeks as they, like college students across the country, make sense of what a Trump win means for their country.

### Community Benefits Hearing Update

As preparations for Union Square's redevelopment continue, the people of Somerville are hoping to have their voices heard. In a public hearing, community members, led by local coalition Union United, made the case for a Community Benefits Agreement, which would enable community members to be a part of the redevelopment process.

### Community Profile: The Welcome Project

The Welcome Project is a local non-profit whose mission is to build the collective power of Somerville immigrants to participate in and shape community decisions.

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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 Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

1 McGrath Highway: (Case #ZBA 2016-124) Applicant, Somerbridge Hotel, LLC, and Owner, The 245 Monsignor O'Brien Highway Realty Trust, Anthony Previte, Trustee, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under \$5.2, \$5.3, and \$7.11.10.5 b and a Variance under \$5.5, \$8.5.F, §9.5, and §12.4 to construct a 120 room extended stay hotel. IA zone. Ward 2.

225 Powderhouse Boulevard: (Case #ZBA 2016-138) Applicant and Owner, Karen A. Errico, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a dormer within the required left side yard of a nonconforming structure. RA zone. Ward 7.

191 Beacon Street: (Case #ZBA 2015-79-R1-11/16) Applicant, Well Built Construction Company, Inc., and Owner, Beacon/Park, LLC, seek a revision to a Special Permit under SZO \$5.3.8 to replace decks with balconies, install a fence, landscape features, and noise screening devices, and designate space for trash storage within the commercial units. RA zone. Ward 2.

231 Lowell Street: (Case #ZBA 2013-79-E1-11/16) Applicant & Owner, 231 Lowell Street, LLC, seeks a time extension of a Variance under SZO §5.5 and M.G.L. Ch. 40A pursuant to Case # ZBA 2013-79, approved on February 3, 2016 that was for the number of parking spaces and for dimensional requirements related to the split zoned lot such as FAR, ground coverage, and lot area per dwelling unit. RC and RA zones. Ward 5.

352 Washington Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-146) Applicant, Sasha Craine, and Owner, Mai Luo, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.5.1 to change a nonconforming use, an auto supply store, to another nonconforming use, a for-profit school for instruction in arts, skills, or vocation training . RB

10 Florence Terrace: (Case #ZBA 2016-130) Owner, 10 Florence Terrace, LLC, and Applicant, Fernando Dalfior, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 by finishing the basement and parking relief under SZO §9.13. RB zone. Ward 4.

5 Montgomery Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2016-131) Owner, 10 Florence Terrace, LLC, and Applicant, Fernando Dalfior, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 by finishing the basement and parking relief under SZO §9.13. RB zone. Ward 1.

44 Medford Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-93) Applicant, Block Properties LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §5.2 for new construction of a mixed-use building with 1,120sf of Commercial use and 12 residential units (including 2 affordable), a Variance under SZO §5.5 and §8.5 for lot area per dwelling unit, and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for 3 off-site parking spaces and SZO §9.5 for parking relief. BA Zone.

Per Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) section 13.3.3, the Board will review and vote upon policy changes to facilitate the creation of affordable homeownership opportunities under the inclusionary housing program. The first change would revise the calculation establishing the purchase price of units available to households at or below 80%, 110% and 140% of Area Median Income (AMI). The second change would revise the basis for the interest rate to be used in calculating the monthly mortgage loan amount a household can afford. Section 13.3.3 of the Ordinance calls for the Special Permit Granting Authority to conduct a public hearing to receive comment prior to adopting any change in these standards.

Applications are not posted online. Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Reports, plans and 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 dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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# MassDOT highway construction leaves Somerville residents in the dust CONT. FROM PG 9

The residents and the building are fighting to save as much of their open space as they can. Particularly, they would like to preserve the granite covered pillars and formal paver entryway as they symbolize the respect the residents feel they were deprived in this process, as well as a sense of dignity that every person should enjoy when they enter the formal front entrance of one's home.

Resident Lucy Lees commented, "After taking all our beauty away, they should at least leave us the pillars and the walkway so

we can have some dignity entering our front door. Imagine having a bus stop for a front entrance? Who would want to live like

Privitera believes it is such an injustice that any politician who gets wind of this situation would be doing his/her position and the Commonwealth a disservice by not defending the residents and their open space. Privitera is cautiously optimistic that Somerville and community leaders will step up to protect the quality of life of these Somerville residents.



MassDOT wants to eliminate open green space and possibly the entrance at 422 Mystic Ave. to allow additional traffic and a bus lane.



MassDOT workers shared plans only after a preliminary injunction was filed by Attorney Phil Privatera.

# Building the Green Line Extension (GLX) we need

be accessible, both in terms of limited access highway. to be able to safely walk or bike to GLX stations. On December 7, MBTA officials spoke of ADA access as an item on their "wish list" of design features to improve, if money could be found. ADA experts, be prepared to look carefully at station accessibility, as MBTA doesn't have great history with ADA compliance. Accessibility also means designing the Community Path to be permeable; allowing walkers and cyclists to get on and off at major cross streets

4) The GLX we need would - not creating the equivalent of a from the people of Somerville

Americans with Disabilities Act 5) The GLX we need would is an injustice, on top of a histo-(ADA), and for people generally address what's on the dark un-ry of injustices - both fiscal and derside of the beautiful promise of convenient transit and cleaner air. That down side is rampant land speculation, and the ongoing displacement of long-time residents and local businesses by steeply rising rents, and property purchases by investors and developers. Where do we find help in managing these conse-

> 6) The GLX we need would be fully and fairly funded. I'll come out and say it - the \$50 million which MBTA is extracting

towards the cost of this project physical. Elevated I-93 through Somerville was the only part of the benighted "Inner Belt" project not cancelled by former governor Frank Sergeant. Building McGrath Highway through East Somerville was practically a crime against humanity. Somerville has long hosted the diesel-fueled commuter rail lines which serve only other parts of the region, as well as massive amounts of regional automobile and truck traffic - and we have the compromised air quality and

pollution exposure.

But to get back to the fiscal for the service we receive. wrongs embedded in this extraction of payment, consider this: MBTA is the single largest landowner in Somerville, holding 68 and a half acres of real estate in a city of just about 4 square miles; land with an assessed value of \$163 million. If MBTA paid property taxes, it would owe over \$3 million a year to the city - but it doesn't even pay a penny in lieu of taxes (although the state distributes \$27 million a year to other communities for state-owned land.)

life-shortening health effects as- Instead, the state makes Somersociated with that degree of air ville pay a yearly assessment of over \$5 million for the MBTA

> Yet we would not face this ex action of ransom if mass transit were funded adequately. Instead of proposing to do so, the Baker administration is talking about making the "local communities pay" approach the new model for all projects in the Commonwealth - which would be appalling transportation planning policy. As for Somerville, we have paid more than our fair share for transportation equity, and have waited far too long for the GLX that we need.

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# Family and community liaisons strengthen home-school connections

### By Tom Bannister

When it comes to strengthening that critical home-school connection, School-based Family

and Community Liaisons play an important role, supporting students by supporting families in many ways.

If you're a parent/guardian



of a student in the Somerville Public Schools, chances are you've already had an opportunity to interact with your school's liaison.

Liaisons serve as connectors in our school communities, helping create a welcoming culture so that every member of a school community has the opportunity to learn, engage, and support their student(s) and their family.

Learn more about the important role that Family and Community Liaisons play in our school communities by reading a recent blog post: http:// www.somerville.k12.ma.us/ blog/supporting-families-supports-students.



# Rep. Barber appointed to Massachusetts Autism Commission

State Representative Christine P. Barber, from Somerville and Medford, attended on Tuesday her first meeting as an appointed member of the Massachusetts Autism Commission. Joining other Commission members from the Baker Administration, legislature, and advocacy community, Rep. Barber brings to the Commission an extensive background in health care policy and advocacy.

Appointed to the Autism Commission by Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo in September, Rep. Barber looks forward to learning more about the best ways to improve autism services in Massachusetts. "I am encouraged by the work the commission has done in so far, and am interested in learning more about the best options to improve housing, wraparound services, and insurance coverage for individuals with autism in Massachusetts," she said. "I am excited to participate as a legislative member of this commission, and look forward to working with so many impressive experts and advocates in the autism field to make meaningful change for this community."

The Massachusetts Autism Commission was first created by legislative resolution in 2010, and charged with investigating and studying the range of supports and services that are necessary for individuals living with autism to achieve their full potential across their lifespan. The Commission was made permanent in the 2014 Autism Omnibus Law, and has produced two reports with recommendations to strengthen services for people with autism. The Commission's first report in 2013 prioritizes thirteen areas, which include expanding eligibility for Department of Developmental Services (DDS) services for autistic individuals, expanding insurance coverage, improving autism screenings, increasing educational supports and employment opportunities, and more. The Commission's 2016 report provides updates on the progress of implementing



these recommendations and outlines unmet needs in autism services. Both reports, and more information about the Commission, can be found at www.mass.gov/eohhs/ gov/commissions-and-initiatives/autism/.

Rep. Barber welcomes input on the needs of individuals with autism and their families as she serves on the Commission. Constituents can contact Rep. Barber by sending their ideas and inquiries at www.christinebarber.org/contact/.

# Consider helping Meals on Wheels this winter

The Meals on Wheels program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is seeking reliable drivers and volunteer help this winter. Drivers SCES is currently seeking drivers who are available 15 hours per week on a permanent or Per Diem basis

Our drivers deliver meals to homebound elders and provide limited daily contact with program participants. Drivers are also responsible for reporting any information that presents a concern for a client's well-being to their immediate supervisor.

Drivers are paid \$10.50 per hour (plus mileage) and receive 13 paid holidays, plus earned leave. Regular part-time employees may be eligible for a limited benefits package. A Valid Mass Drivers License and good driving history required. Drivers must have also access to a reliable automobile and a current Insurance Certificate. Knowledge of the Somerville-Cambridge area is helpful.



Volunteers Meals on Wheels is seeking volunteer "runners" who are willing to assist the drivers during snow-bound stretches of the winter months.

The volunteers would be asked to "run" meals to the client's door on days when snowbanks make parking difficult. Volunteers would only be called as needed, typically around 9 a.m. on weekdays. The deliveries generally take a couple of hours.

SCES is currently compiling a roster of volunteer runners, and asks that anybody willing to help out, even occasionally, contact hkinney@eldercare.org.

A CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) check is required for all Meals on Wheels drivers and volunteers.

To apply for a driver position, print out an Employment Application Form at eldercare.org/ join-us/job-opportunities, complete it and either fax it to 617-628-1085, email it to hr@ eldercare.org, or mail it to SCES, 61 Medford Street, Somerville, MA 02143-3429.

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### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday December 14

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

**Central Library** Teen Game Day

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

# Thursday|December 15

**Central Library** Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

**East Branch Library** Lego Club

3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library Lego Club

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

**East Branch Library** 

GOOD CRAFTERnoon! 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library** Lego Club

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

# Friday December 16

**Central Library** 

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

**East Branch Library** Jeff Jam Sing Along!

11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library** 

Teen Movie Day! Remember the 3 p.m.5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday December 17

**Central Library** 

Yoga for Kids Ages 3-7 with Janine 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library** Thy's Snowflake Workshop

2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday December 19 **Central Library** 

Creative Drama with Laurie 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

# **Tuesday December 20**

**Central Library** 

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

# Wednesday December 21

**East Branch Library** 

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

**Central Library** 

Cinema at Central: The Shallows 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

### **MUSIC** | ARTS Wednesday December 14

# Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes!

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

Sally O'Brien's 10th Annual Neighborhood Food Drive! Bring non-perishable foods for Somerville Homeless Coalition to Sally's 12/15 thru 12/22.

The Burren

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**Backroom Series:** Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Tom Beyer Frollicking Lamb 2DV and friends Ten Dollar Mistake 345 Somerville Ave

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**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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Moth: True Stories Told Live 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Return of The Winemaker 7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

ArtFarm Public Meeting 6 p.m.|Performance Hall Been Out Here Teen Open Mic 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

### Thursday December 15

Sally O'Brien's

Christmas Spectacular with Bryan Mac, Birds of Play, James Christensen, The Regulars 8:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm

Backroom Series: WUMB Presents Miss Tess & The Talkbacks 7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

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The Ways and Means Committee The Whiskey Barrel Band Sound Down Cellar 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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Somerville Theatre Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square **Thunder Road** 

WERS Ugly Sweater Holiday Party Featuring Air Traffic Controller (Indie/

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

Hail Santa! Dark Wheels, Airport 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Something Big with Carmen Lynch 8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Castle of Comedy 8:30 p.m.|Café||191 Highland Ave

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**Thunder Road** 

The Slackers (Ska/Rocksteady) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Return of The Winemaker|7 p.m. Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet

10 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Richard Cambridge's Poets' Theatre 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday December 17

Sally O'Brien's Roy Sludge Trio |6 p.m. Shotgun Waltz, Strangers by Accident, Instant Shawarma \$10 cover

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room:

Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

**Back Room** The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Jeff Jam Family Dance Party!|4 p.m. Backroom Series: Guy Davis 7 p.m.

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

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**Thunder Road** Kids' Union Dance Party! |3 p.m. RAQ (Jam) Special Guests: Swimmer 8 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell KERPLUNK! 11 a.m. Return of The Winemakerl7 p.m. Dirty Disney 10 p.m.

255 Elm St Arts at the Armory

United for Education Gala - Ministries 7 p.m.|Performance Hall||191 High-

**Sunday December 18** Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.

Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** Sunday Brunch Live Country &

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Live Band & DJ

**Thunder Road** 

Pop Icon "I Wanna Brunch with Somebody" A Whitney Christmas Brunch w/ DJ Mickey Grouse 10 a.m. Americana Sundays Holiday Show (Final Show of 2016!)|7 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** 

156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Return of The Winemaker|3 p.m.

Monday December 19

dy|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

P.A.'s Lounge

On The Hill Tavern

**Bull McCabe's Pub** Stump! Team Trivia

**Thunder Road** The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** Sawyer Fredericks 7:30 p.m.

Arts at the Armory Somerville Art's Council presents: Best Week Ever - Creative Time Management Workshop Presented by

**Tuesday December 20** 

cy|7:30 p.m.

The Burren Front Room

Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ lazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room:

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

p.m.

On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes)

The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

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

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

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7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

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**Back Room** Backroom Series: Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey 10 p.m.

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Return of The Winemaker 7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Thursday December 15 **West Branch Library** Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

40 College Ave **East Branch Library** 

Drop in Knitting at the East Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems

For more info call: 781-762-6629 Friday December 16

11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday December 17

**Illumination of Lights Tour** 

somervilleartscouncil.org. Somerville Winters Farmer Market 9:30 a.m.|Performance Hall|191

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**East Branch Library Book Group** 

Highland Ave **Bagel Bards** 

**Sunday | December 18** 

**Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Monday December 19

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

### HAPPENINGS: CENTER

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!

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors -The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 to request an application. Don't delay calling. This program is on a first come / first serve basis and will be ending December 31, 2016. This is a Federally funded grant.

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 on 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.

New Arts & Crafts Group - Meeting every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Join us as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. We have some pretty amazing ideas already and would love for you to join us. For additional information please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Reminiscing Group – Started on Tuesday, November 15, and running for six weeks at our Holland Street Center. Come and join the fun as we go back in time. If you have any questions or to RSVP please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Illumination of Light Tour – Saturday, December 17 - check in is 4:15 at the Somerville High School concourse. \$5 fee - Hop on the trolley and be amazed at the Holiday lights in Somerville – seating is limited – for more information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Painting with Linda - Fridays, January 27, February 3rd

and February 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$15 fee for supplies and materials – space is limited – registration is a must – please call Josephine or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. The day trip to Yuletide Newport scheduled for Thursday, December 15th is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for Sunday, January 8th to Tuesday, January 10th is SOLD OUT.

### **LGBTQ EVENTS:**

LGBTQ Advisory Group – Monday, January 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of our Holland Street Center. Please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 for additional information or questions.

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 Wine & Cheese Night - Monday, December 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Daddy Jones Bar located in Magoun Square. For more information or to RSVP please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Deb at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

\*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

### **GROUP INFORMATION**

Men's Group - Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. Come chat about what is on your mind! If you have any questions or require additional information, please give us a call at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Caregiver Support Group - Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 and ask to speak to Natasha.

**Veterans Group** – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. Our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato, facilitates this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. If you are interested or require additional information, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Bereavement Support Group - Meets bi-monthly on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at Holland Street Center. Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 and ask for Natasha.

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. Please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending, have any questions or require additional information.

Book Club - Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. This group self facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if additional information is needed.

### **STAY ACTIVE:**

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

### **Weekly Exercise Class Schedule**

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

### **Mondays:**

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

### **Tuesdays:**

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics\*\*\* 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life\* (H)

### **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 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) (5 week series) - On hiatus till January 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 One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

# Wednesday, December 14

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 11:30 Lunch (RJ) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

# **Thursday, December 15**

9:00 Community Food Program (RJ) 10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H) (by appointment only)

11:30 Lunch (C)

11:30 Lunch (RJ) (Joint lunch with Holland – Portuguese Food) 12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

1:00 Arts & Crafts (C) Yuletide Newport Day Trip

# Friday, December 16

9:00 Book Club (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo (H)

# Monday, December 19

9:30 Veteran's Group (H) 1:00 Bereavement Support Group (H) 5:30 LGBTQ Event Night

# Tuesday, December 20

10:30 Low Vision Group (H) 11:30 Lunch (RJ) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 6:00 Caregivers Support Group (H)

# Wednesday, December 21

11:30 Lunch (RJ) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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6:30am	Exercise with Robyn	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Somerville Line	1:00pm	Infinite Momentum
7:00am	Poet to Poet	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	1:00pm	Start Up TV	1:30pm	Legacies
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Mass Climate Action Network	2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	2:00pm	The Literati Scene
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	2:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
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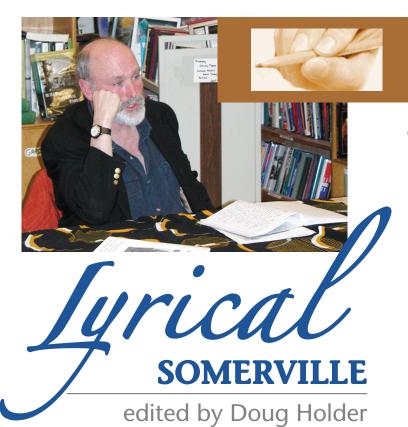
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Brittany Ambrosino is currently a senior at Endicott College pursuing a career in Accounting. She grew up in Peabody, Massachusetts and loves exploring the streets of her close second home, Boston. She has recently completed her internship at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the Seaport District, and is excited to return full time in the coming year.



### Mammoth Hands

You bit my pretty red heart in two. You pierced through my delicate skin, With your thick mammoth hands. The blue veins burst from beneath your leather knuckles. You ripped my insides out. You stomped down.--Digging the worn heel of your combat boots, Deeper and deeper... Into my subconscious.

You never take those damn things off.

You have crippled me.

— Brittany Ambrosino

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by Doug Holder

# **CD Collins: Portrait of an** Artist as a Provocateur



Kentucky native CD Collins follows the storytelling traditions of the South, both as a solo artist and when accompanied by musicians. Her short fiction collection Blue Land was published by Polyho Press, her poetry collection by Ibbetson Street Press. As one of the originators of the resurgence of spoken word with live music, her work has been archived in four compact discs: Kentucky Stories (winner Best Spoken-Word album Boston Poetry Awards) Subtracting Down, and Carousel Lounge. Her most recent disc, Clean Coal/Big Lie, is currently being released in a series of one-woman shows. Afterheat is her first novel.

Collins has performed in a variety of venues including Berklee College of Music Performance Hall, Boston Public Library, Club Passim, Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art and the New York Public Library. Collins' fiction has appeared in numerous literary magazines including StoryQuarterly, Phoebe, Salamander and The Pennsylvania Review.

She has received grants and awards from Massachusetts College of Art, Somerville Arts Council, the St. Botolph Club, The Kentucky Foundation for Women, the Cambridge Arts Council, and Women Waging Peace.

Collins holds a B.A. and an M.A. in English Literature from the University of Kentucky where she studied with author and activist Wendell Berry.

She was recently a guest at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a pilot conference to advance the development of innovative technologies that support the inclusion of people with disabilities. I had the privilege to have Collins as a guest on my Somerville Community Access TV show Poet to Poet/ Writer to Writer.

Doug Holder: We published a poetry collection penned by you, Self Portrait with a Severed Head. A provocative title. Are you a provocative writer?

CD Collins: I am not allowed to cuss on this program right? No cussing (laugh). Yes, I am willing to be provocative.

DH: What does art require of you?

CDC: Art requires me to try to create life by putting these squiggly lines on paper. That is provocative in itself.

DH: What do you think a writer should do to perfect his or her craft?

CDC: We need to go out more and experience life. For instance, I hate poems that are about writing poems.

DH: Your recently released novel Afterburn deals with a little girl and her family who were burnt in a gas explosion in rural Kentucky. Part of this novel is based on a true life experience you had as a child. In the book you link the burns to the ones that people suffered in Hiroshima.

CDC: The book is a novel. And the young girl Ruby Chambers has some similarities with me. The trajectory of her life has not been my trajectory. I write fiction because I want to write whatever I want to write, and search for the truth.

DH: You were burnt, right?

CDC: There is a chapter in the book titled Heat that is completely autobiographical. It is the chronicle of the explosion I was involved in when I was ten. This explosion touches on a lot of different aspects of culture. The character identifies with the bombing of Hiroshima, as they suffered similar injuries. Ruby suffers burns over 70% of her body and these

were like the burns suffered by victims in Japan. Her father is a U.S. soldier. She has an ambiguous relationship to that war. By the way, this year is the 70th anniversary of the bombings. We commemorated the event in Lexington, Kentucky in Jefferson Park. We floated lanterns in the water, which is the very way the Japanese commemorated the tragic event. I read from my novel, and the Japanese people who were there were very moved.

Getting back to the explosion that I was involved in, it was an underground pipe explosion that burned me and my family. Over 50 years later the same pipeline in the same county exploded again. The pipeline consisted of repurposed pipes. A group of diverse people got together: lefties, righties, nuns, rednecks, etc., and closed that pipeline down. There was a documentary film made, and I appeared in it testifying talking on a panel.

DH: You are not only a poet, but a documentary filmmaker. You produced a documentary about the coal industry. Do you take Michael Moore as an inspiration? Did you get a lot of flak during your investigation into "Big Coal?"

CDC: Yeah. I get a lot of flak in general. I adore Michael Moore and I can't believe he is still alive. I have an album that deals with Big Coal titled Clean Coal, Big Lie. A lot of folks in the industry did not want to speak to me when I was working on my documentary. The title of my album Clean Coal, Big Lie is used in various initiatives around the country. It is a big lie. There is no clean coal. What people are not aware of is mountaintop- removal. Entire mountaintops are removed and dropped into valleys in the quest for coal. Where I grew up this process destroyed 17,000 miles of streams, and destroyed the lives of people. This process cracks foundations, destroys roads and water supplies. My culture is being destroyed. And all this doesn't provide many jobs. The dynamite does most of the work.

DH: You have discussed a writer's retreat you have established back in Kentucky.

CDC: I have a farm in Eastern Kentucky. I put a down payment on it when I was 16. Even on a poet's salary I was able to hold on to that property. It has a beautiful Victorian home on the land. The house has a number of bedrooms. It is a beautiful home. Anyway I am renting out rooms, and I have called it the Savannah Retreat. I am also going to create a nature sanctuary on the land in honor of my late mother. I think what many writers are missing is quiet, and I am going to provide that. I have had a playwright reside there, someone is working on their dissertation, etc. Every dime goes back into the farm.

DH: You have been described as a key figure in the resurgence of the "spoken word" in these parts.

CDC: It was accidental. We did not think we were creating something new. Jeff Robinson and others were also key players in this. Robinson keeps the tradition alive at the Lizard Lounge in Cambridge, where his band accompanies poets. Very inspiring.

DH: The novelist Stephen McCauley said of you that you are a natural born storyteller. Do you come from an oral tradition?

CDC: There is a big oral tradition in Kentucky. We have a style of storytelling that is unique. The whole point in our stories is the journey—not the end. It is a whole way of living. We create the time to talk.

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