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(L to R): State Reps. Denise Provost and Christine Barber, along with State Senator Pat Jehlen, addressed the Board, expressing their support for the proposed legislation. — Photo courtesy of Rand Wilson

By Jim Clark

The Somerville Board of Aldermen collected more than signatures from 195 registered voters at their December 10 regular meeting, petitioning the Board to hold a public hearing on economic inequality, pursuant to Section 8 of the City Charter.

Organized by a loose grouping of local labor and community activists presenting themselves as Good Jobs Somerville, the Board was asked to support four bills going before the state Legislature which would help to address problems caused by rising income inequality.

In addition to calling for a hearing on the issue of economic inequality, the submitted petition calls on the City of Somerville to support a number of bills before the state legislature that will help to address inequality. These include proposed legislation for paid *Continued on page 4*

James McMurtry returns to Somerville

By Jim Clark

The brilliantly talented folk-rock/american singer-songwriter, James McMurtry, is set to make another appearance at Johnny D's this coming Saturday, December 19.

McMurtry has taken to the road once again, currently in support of his latest critically acclaimed release *Complicated Game*. The album is his first studio work in six years and has been lovingly embraced by both his long time and newer fans.

McMurtry has been a vibrant voice in the indie folk/rock scene since the 80s. Now, with an even dozen albums to his credit, his place in the pantheon of great singer-songwriter troubadours is firmly set in the hearts and minds of fans worldwide.

"Back before Napster and Spotify, we toured to promote record sales," McMurtry says. "Now we make records to promote tour dates."

Be sure to catch James McMurtry as he brings his dark and moving song stylings to Johnny D's this coming Saturday, with a 7:00 p.m. show.



James McMurtry will be performing at Johnny D's on Saturday, December 19.

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The 20th annual Somerville Public Schools Tree Lot Fund-raiser kicked off on Friday, December 4, at Somerville’s Foss Park on the corner of Broadway and McGrath Highway. This annual fundraising event will run through December 21. The Tree Lot will be open from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. during the week, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends. Trees range in price from \$19 to \$49. Wreaths are also available for purchase for only \$15 apiece. Proceeds help support programs and scholarships for Somerville Public Schools students. Stop by to purchase your holiday tree or wreath, and support Somerville Public Schools students in the process. For more information, watch this video created by the Next Wave media class: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lAKitJz7Pz4>.

Word of the Week: Yellow Journalism: Yellow journalism, or the yellow press, is a type of journalism that presents little or no legitimate well-researched news and instead uses eye-catching headlines to sell more newspapers. Techniques may include exaggerations of news events, scandal-mongering, or sensationalism. An example could be the using of the term “reliable sources” when they know full well there are no sources but it’s rather an attempt to blackmail or extort from individuals using the title of “journalist.” Sound familiar?

Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti has been the leading force taking on the cause to get some noise relief from the planes being re-routed over our city. There is currently a survey being conducted by MS Walker, Doctoral Candidate Dept. of Environmental Health, and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. The survey was primarily set up for the city of Boston, but Somerville has been added to it. It’s another avenue which could assist the cities argument with Massport and the impact of the air traffic. Alderman Rossetti is asking all those who are reading this to go online an take the survey, and tell your friends and family members to do so as well: www.noiseandthecity.org/english.

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Comments of the Week

Response to: Why can’t we get some commonsense gun regulation?

- Oliver Seppo says:
Well, Joe, perhaps it has to come from the ground up! Perhaps if many towns decided to ban guns to private citizens who are not parts of a well organized militia, something may start to happen!
- \$\$\$\$\$ says:
Is there a band wagon Joe won’t climb on ?
- A Moore says:
On the serious side what will really work? Guns are available regardless of they are legit or not. If not guns then bombs. I can only think that one day we will have the technology to scan people long before they go into a place to know they have weapons or in the place also. I don’t see much help with the license part as people can kill with cars and have no license or legal car. I would like to say Kennesaw Georgia makes everyone carry a gun and they have no problems. Not sure if I like that idea here though. This is more like a shoveling sand thing.
- O. Cobblepot says:
Blah-blah-blah. The bottom line is this: nation states that have implemented stricter gun controls enjoy drastically lower instances of gun violence and kilings. This is an indisputable fact. Only the dumbest of the dumb doesn’t accept this.
<http://on.fb.me/1NoHUhf>
- Jason says:
So glad I missed this.
Funny tho, Joe says the, “The San Bernardino attack marked the 353rd time in 2015 that four or more people had been killed or wounded in one of these attacks.”
Really, 353 terrorist attacks this year...in A’murica?
Really?
I heard this exact statement on a radio show, verbatim.
353 terrorist attacks...in A’murica?... I must be living under a rock...

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week’s poll concerned your views on whether or not you have been doing your shopping online or in stores this holiday season. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

Have you been doing your shopping online or in stores this holiday season?



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Somerville Board of Health passes new tobacco regulations

By Charles Lane

New and amended regulations pertaining to sales of tobacco and e-cigarettes, penalties, and allowed locations for smoking, among others, were recently announced by the Somerville Board of Health.

On Nov. 19, 2015, the Somerville Board of Health voted to adopt amended tobacco regulations in the City of Somerville pertaining to sales of tobacco and nicotine delivery (e-cigarettes) products, as well as to smoking in workplaces and public places. The new regulations take effect March 15, 2016.

“Somerville is a leader and early adopter of the tobacco regulations that surrounding communities are considering,” said Doug Kress, Director of Health & Human Services. “These regulations will provide additional tools for our inspector to ensure a smoke-free environment and will help limit youth access. Community members testifying at the public hearing were overwhelmingly supportive of the changes and touted the progressive and supportive work of the Mayor’s efforts.”

New Regulations Added:

No tobacco products or e-cigarettes (except prescriptions) may be sold in pharmacies or health care institutions.

Single cigars must be sold for a minimum of \$2.50; packages of two or more for a minimum of \$5.00.

No flavored tobacco products (e-cigarettes or nicotine delivery



products, or e-juice except menthol) may be sold excepting the one grandfathered tobacco shop in Somerville: Robbins Smoke Shop in Davis Sq.

No blunt wraps may be sold in the City of Somerville (full prohibition).

No cigarette vending machines are allowed in any publicly accessible location.

No commercial, publically accessible Roll-Your-Own machines are allowed.

No smoking in any hotel, motel, bed and breakfast, and/or nursing home.

No smoking within 50 feet of any public building or healthcare institution.

No smoking in outdoor areas of restaurants, bars, or taverns.

The use of e-cigarettes/vaping is prohibited wherever smoking is prohibited.

Amendments to Existing Regulations:

(Change from under 18) No tobacco and/or nicotine delivery/vaping products may be sold to anyone under the age of 21.

(Change from under 18)

E-cigarettes and nicotine delivery products sales must follow the same rules as tobacco (21 years of age).

(Change from escalating fines between \$100 and \$300) Updated penalties for vendor violations of these sales regulations are:

1st offence: \$300.00

2nd offence within a 36-month period: \$300.00 and a suspension of permit to sell for 7 days

3rd offence within same 36 month period: \$300.00 and suspension of permit to sell for 30 days.

No smoking in any hotel, motel, bed and breakfasts, and nursing homes.

No smoking within 50 feet of any public building or healthcare institution.

No smoking in outdoor areas of restaurants, bars, taverns.

The use of e-cigarettes/ vaping is prohibited wherever smoking is prohibited.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Bonny Carroll at (617) 625-6600 x4318.

School safety protocol explained

The Somerville Department of Public Schools sent out letters to parents and guardians of the city’s students this week explaining its policies and procedures regarding its safety protocols. The text reads as follows:

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We have received several inquiries regarding our safety protocol. As we have often stated, the safety of our students is our top priority. We have a strong safety protocol in place and are extremely proactive in following up on any concerning behavior that may be brought to our attention.

Whenever we receive information that involves potential concerns about the safety of a student or students, we follow a proven protocol and practice that involves a series of steps. Those steps include collecting information, engaging all parties involved including parents/guardians of any students who may be impacted. We work in partnership with all city agencies as well as state and federal supports including mental health and social services, law enforcement at every level, and other agencies as needed.

We want to reiterate that if at any point, safety of a student or students is at question, our practice has and will continue to be to notify parents. This process is always completed in full compliance with state and federal privacy laws so that we ensure the protection of your child’s rights and privacy.

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Did you know that Somerville residents can get a no-cost home energy audit and support a school PTA, group or local organization in the process? Visit the following link to learn more about the Somerville Energy Efficiency Now (SEEN) program, and how your free home energy assessment supports a participating organization. You can also sign up for an energy assessment there. <http://www.somervillema.gov/sustainaville/residential-programs.html>

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Wrong-way driver with a bad attitude

Last week, Somerville police officers on patrol driving Southbound on McGrath Highway observed a white vehicle heading the wrong way on the exit ramp towards their cruiser as they exited the highway on the Somerville Avenue exit.

The vehicle reportedly stopped, then went in reverse down the exit ramp until it

reached the McGrath Highway underpass, did a U-turn and began to drive under the bridge at McGrath Highway and Somerville Avenue.

The officers initiated a motor vehicle stop, activating their blue lights and siren, and the vehicle pulled to the left of the road.

As the officers approached the vehicle, the operator, Mon-

te Stanford, of Walpole, rolled down his window, whereupon officers reportedly detected the strong odor of burnt Marijuana emanating from the vehicle.

Stanford reportedly told police that he did not have his license and registration with him.

The officers advised Stanford that because he was unlicensed that he would not be allowed to

drive the car away, and that another licensed driver would be required in order to avoid having the car towed.

At this point, Stanford reportedly became very agitated and began shouting at the officers, using abusive and insulting language and refusing to exit the vehicle.

The officers managed to coax

Stanford out of the car, but he continued to shout at them and struggle as they tried to handcuff him.

Stanford was eventually restrained and subsequently charged with resisting arrest, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop or yield, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Kevin Buckley, of 113 Main St., Hanson, December 7, 7:42 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Monte Stanford, of 36 Endame St., Walpole, December 7, 11:38 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of resisting arrest, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop or yield, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Barbara Gimilaro, of 39 Clifton Ave., Saugus, December 8,

1:01 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Valenz Joisil, December 9, 1:23 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of attempt to commit a crime, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, distribution of a class B drug, assault and battery, and resisting arrest.

Alex Gomes, of 298 McGrath Hwy., December 9, 6:17 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of drug possession to distribute, and on warrant charges of felony nighttime breaking and en-

tering, larceny from a building, and conspiracy.

Mary Noonan, of 10 Shepton St., Dorchester, December 9, 5:22 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250 and larceny under \$250, and on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Joy Medeiros, of 93 Bowen Ave., Medford, December 9, 11:58 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of malicious wanton defacement of property.

Bilal Abdirahman, of 74 Plymouth Dr., Norwood, December 11, 1:20 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of open alcohol container, motor vehicle lights violation, and possession of liquor by a person under the age of 21.

Abijah Summons, of 45B Memorial Rd., December 12, 9:43 a.m., arrested at Oliver St. on charges of conspiracy and armed robbery.

Timothy Cung, of 98 Jaques St., December 13, 3:57 a.m., arrested at Derby St. on a charge of operation of a motor

vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Natasha Booker, of 109 Gilman St., December 13, 8:22 p.m., arrested at Walnut St. on warrant charges of open and gross lewdness, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace.

Enowshka Jones, of 8 Bennington St., Newton, December 13, 8:22 p.m., arrested at Walnut St. on warrant charges of open and gross lewdness, disorderly conduct, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and shoplifting \$100 by asportation.

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family and medical leave that will ensure workers are not forced to choose between work and their own health needs or the well-being of their children and other family members.

A state Constitutional Amendment creating an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars to be invested in quality public schools, affordable higher education, and improvements in public transportation is also being proposed.

Additionally, a living wage for employees of big box retail and fast food companies so that people who work full-time for large, profitable corporations can earn a living wage of \$15 an hour is being sought.

Elimination of the subminimum wage for tipped workers, providing restaurant workers with the same hourly minimum wage as workers in all other industries in Massachusetts is also part of the proposed legislation.

“Other cities around the country have passed local ordinances aimed at addressing economic inequality in their communities,” said Jesse Clingan, an activist for good jobs who collected dozens

of signatures from his neighbors and friends. “We are hoping to follow their example and make Somerville a city that takes proactive measures to stop the growing problem of economic inequality.”

SEIU Local 888 organizer Rand Wilson addressed the Board on the matter saying, “Between 1979 and 2007 real incomes of the richest one percent almost tripled, while the real incomes of regular households – people like us – inched up only about 25 percent. Meanwhile, that group of the richest one percent – some call them the billionaire class – owns about a third of our nation’s wealth.” Wilson continued by telling those present that the top five percent own over 60 percent of the wealth in this country.

“Over the last generation, over my lifetime, that share has grown steadily,” Wilson said. “And since the Great Recession, almost all of the gains since then in our so-called economic recovery have flowed only to the richest one percent.”

Wilson went on to say that among the world’s nations the U.S. is “dead last” on all of the

relevant equality measures. “This is a disgrace,” said Wilson. “That inequality is growing at a faster rate in this country than in any other country.”

Several members of the community also addressed the Board, sharing their views on the economic inequality issue. Gina Garro, a teacher and MTA member, talked about the need for a new amendment to our state’s constitution to create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual incomes above one million dollars. Sagar Tivari, a fast food worker at Dunkin’ Donuts, described how hard it was to live in Somerville on low pay. Alex Galimberti, a Somerville restaurant worker and local leader of the Restaurant Opportunity Center (ROC), reaffirmed the city’s previous commitment to the elimination of the subminimum wage for tipped workers. Marya Axner, director of the Jewish Labor Committee and Alex Pirie, from Immigrant Service Providers talked about the need to pass new legislation for paid family and medical leave to ensure that workers are not forced to choose between work and the well-be-



(L to R): Somerville teacher Gina Garro and SEIU Local 888 staffer Rand Wilson addressing the Board at the December 10 public hearing on income inequality.

ing of their children and other family members.

At one point in the presentation, Board of Alderman President William A. White Jr. noted that the 20 wealthiest individual in the U.S. collectively own more than the bottom one half of the entire population.

In addition, State Senator Pat Jehlen, and Representatives Denise Provost and Christine Barber all spoke in support of the bills.

After hearing public testimony, the Board voted unanimously to support the four bills.

“Somerville’s Board of Alder-

men took an important symbolic first step to support passage of four state initiatives which, if passed, will improve working families’ lives,” said Wilson after the vote. “In doing so, the board acknowledged the significance of economic inequality and its corrosive impact on our community. Now the hard work must begin to win very specific municipal reforms so that our city government can more aggressively use its power to make sure the wealth we create stays in our community and goes to where it’s most needed, Somerville’s hard-working families.”

Mayor Curtatone joins 33 U.S. mayors in climate agreement statement

By Louise Carpenter

Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone joined 33 other U.S. “climate change” mayors in congratulating negotiators for their achievements at the Conference of Parties in Paris, France last week. The statement is as follows:

On Saturday, negotiators at the Conference of Parties (COP21) U.N. climate talks in Paris adopted a final agreement. We want to thank and congratulate President Barack Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry—along with their fellow world leaders—for succeeding in the difficult task of creating and adopting a deal that represents historic and meaningful progress to combat climate change.

The agreement will unlock innovation and investment to reduce emissions and help our communities adapt to climate change. We are far from done, however. Cities generate 80% of the world’s GDP, produce 70% of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions, and house more than 50% of the world’s population. The agreement’s ultimate success will depend on local leadership.

As mayors, we will redouble our efforts to protect our communities from the profound risks posed by climate change including diminishing air quality, flooding, extreme weather, famine, drought, economic downturn and other impacts. Last week in Paris, more than 500 mayors and municipal representatives from 115 countries gathered at Paris’s City Hall to make clear that cities can and will lead on climate by increasing the energy efficiency of our buildings, expanding renewable energy, adding electric vehicles to our fleets, and leading the search for other solutions besides.

Thanks to the latest additions of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Eugene, Ore., our domestic Mayors National Climate Action Agen-



da is now 34 mayors strong. Collectively we represent more than 27 million Americans, a mayor-to-mayor initiative that offers a collaborative forum to share best practices and lessons learned. By our example in reporting and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, we are building political will across the nation. And with this, we are bringing technical innovation, lower utility bills and new green jobs to the residents of our cities.

As “Climate Mayors” we will implement the new agreement, as we continue to work tirelessly with those we represent to find bigger and bolder ways to combat climate change. We will also continue to push back against Congress’s shortsighted efforts to reverse course, most recently on President Obama’s Clean Power Plan. And we will continue to share our ideals globally through our work with the leadership of more than 400 cities worldwide that have signed the Compact of Mayors.

It is by leading on climate action in our cities that we will build a healthier, more prosperous, more competitive America.

Mayor Curtatone has committed to making Somerville a leading city in fighting climate change. His SustainaVille initiative (somervillema.gov/sustaina-ville) sets a goal for the city to become carbon neutral by 2050 and, as a Massachusetts Green Community, Somerville will reduce municipal energy use by 20

percent of 2011 levels by 2017. The community also set a goal in the city’s 20-year comprehensive plan to have 50 percent of all new trips by transit, walking or biking by 2030.

To reach those goals, Mayor Curtatone has launched a number of efforts, including the widely recognized Somerville GreenTech program to pilot early-stage green technologies (somervillema.gov/greentech). Somerville is currently undertaking a greenhouse gas inventory that is Global Protocol for the Community-scale (GPC) compliant, replacing more than 4,000 high pressure sodium outdoor lighting fixtures with LEDs, and has purchased the city’s first four all-electric fleet vehicles and installed electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

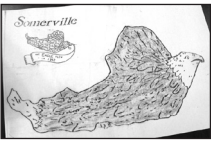
In addition to the MNCAA, which commits U.S. mayors to working together to strengthen local efforts for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to supporting efforts for binding federal and global-level policymaking, Mayor Curtatone currently serves as a member of the Metro Boston Climate Preparedness Commitment and is a member of the international Compact of Mayors. The Compact is a global cooperative effort among more than 100 mayors and city officials committed to reducing local greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing resilience to climate change, and tracking progress transparently.

Sky Zone Fundraiser

Enjoy the fun at Sky Zone, 69 Norman St #1B, Everett, on Thursday, December 17 from 4-7 p.m. and support student activities for 7th and 8th graders at the East Somerville Community School. All students, family, and community members are invited. Please mention ESCS when you register. Everyone under 18 must have a parent sign a waiver in order to jump. For a copy of the waiver or for more information contact Mrs. Hughes (jhughes2@k12.somerville.ma.us) or your homeroom teacher.



The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #93

The View from Cobble Hill

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

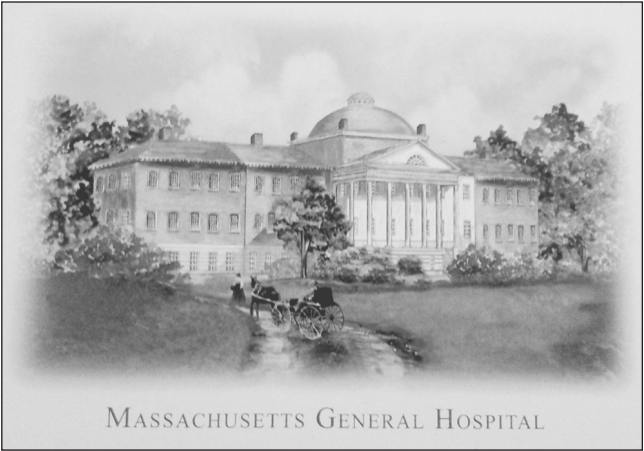
When the Puritans first purchased the land now known as the Inner Belt Industrial Area, it was a peninsula. It was an elevated area surrounded on three sides by a river and a tidal marsh. Today, the river, the marsh, and the historic high ground are gone.



Through the years, names changed. The river was first known as the Gibones River, followed by Willis Creek, and later, the Millers River, named after local landowners. The name of the hill has been called Cobble, Miller, Asylum, Pleasant, and back to Cobble.

As years went by, its historic terrain evolved. If you were looking down from its crest on April 18, 1775, you would have seen Paul Revere narrowly escaping capture from the King’s cavalry. The next day’s observation would have been British soldiers retreating across its base during their flight from Concord and Lexington. One month later, on June 17, Minutemen organized and marched along its border, to and from the Battle of Bunker Hill.

During the first year of the Revolutionary War, this site became an American fortress, built by Generals’ Henry Knox and Israel Putnam. It provided protection of the Charles River and the bombardment of Boston. It kept the British at bay until they withdrew to Canada.



After the revolution, wealthy Boston merchant, ship owner, and former “Sons of Liberty” member Joseph Barrell purchased over two hundred acres on and around the elevation. Sparing no expense, he then hired America’s first-born architect, Charles Bulfinch, to design what was christened Pleasant Hill at that time. The estate adjoined the Millers River near its mouth, where it flowed into the Charles River.

With its surrounding grounds, the structure became the most beautiful mansion in New England. Celebrities of the era crossed the rivers back and forth from Boston on handsome, flat-bottomed boats called “Cobbles.” These flat-floored boats were originally used for fishing. There were no viable bridges at that time, and the distance to Boston from Pleasant Hill was ten miles.

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Lenny ‘Iggy’ Rigione, SAC Artist of the Month

By **Gilmore Tamny**

It’s unclear if it’s best to describe Lenny “Iggy” Rigione, the Somerville Arts Council’s December Artist of the month, as artist, DIY role model, local celebrity, family man or Somerville treasure. Lenny’s decorations for the holiday season (and, increasingly, Halloween) have become a staple in Somerville for many years now, with people coming from miles around to admire the tableaux on his family’s home on Central Street.

But his motivation clearly lies in the *joie de vivre* he brings to others, “I enjoy it, when I go outside and hear a kid laugh, saying, ‘oh wow!’” Lenny said. “I don’t do it for money or the pats on the back, it’s because of the kids.”

Unlike many other people’s holiday decorations, especially those who decorate on the scale Lenny does, he creates most of them himself. The works that wind up on the porch or on the lawn each December are indi-

vidual pieces of art—wood cut-outs, often mechanized to wave, etc.—of Santa, elves, reindeer, et al, which Lenny cuts, draws and paints himself. He often recycles materials and is “willing to use whatever is handy”—paint, wood, metal. He also does the mechanizations himself, cleverly rigging out his waving snowmen or Santa by way of a windshield wiper motor. His workshop is positively crammed full of projects past, present and future.

Lenny considered going to art school at one point, but, as it is said, life happened. He also had a chance to work with Al Capp of *Li'l Abner* fame, but was not attracted to NYC. “Kept doing it on my own,” Lenny said. And how!

I asked him about the technological innovations in holiday decorations he’s seen since he started, as there’s been the advent of the twinkle lights, LED lights not to mention the new giant blow up figurines. As to the blow-up figures, he expressed



Lenny “Iggy” Rigione hanging out with a few of his elves.

some appreciation, but so far he seems unphased by the lights, perhaps as his passion really lay elsewhere, in the things he makes. “Makes no difference to me,” he said about twinkle lights. “Lights—they look nice, but that’s all.”

Holiday decorating is part of a family tradition for Lenny. “Yeah, my parents always did that. We decorated and everything. Me and my sister,” he said. As to the creating end of his works, Lenny said. “My father taught me how to trace things, that’s how I learned.” Eventually the tracing turned to drawing and now he uses his skills for his pieces.

I asked, half-serious, whether Christmas was his favorite holiday. He agreed but added: “Halloween is all right too,” he said. “I decorate for Halloween too.”

I was joking with Lenny about the possibility of neighbors getting in arms race of holiday decorations. With what one might call uncharacteristic generosity among artists, Lenny said, “I don’t try to do anything better than you, because whatever you do is what you

do and that’s fine with me,” he paused. “I really enjoy seeing people put something up.”

When asked if he had a particular edict as the December Art-

ist of Month: “enjoy yourselves.”

If you want to view Iggy’s home come out to the Council’s Illuminations Tour on December 19 or visit 166 Central Street.



Rigione’s home on Central Street.



Rigione’s basement dwellers.

Somerville’s Illuminations Tour 2015

Celebrate the folk artistry of residents who transform their houses and yards with lights, illuminated ornaments, and shrines of devotion and fantasy.

Saturday, December 19 from 4:30 p.m. – 10 p.m., 45 minute Trolley Tours leave from (and return to) Somerville City Hall where coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies are served. In addition, craft activities for children and changing annual events.

They will continue offering trolleys on both East and West Somerville tours. Each have great house displays.

For 2015, the Somerville Bicycle Commision will host their popular Illuminations Bike Tour. Bicyclists are encouraged to outfit their bikes. Meet at Somerville High School at 5:50 for a 6 p.m. tour. (If there is heavy snow, wind, or rain this bike tour is cancelled.) For more information check out: www.somervillebikes.org.

Tickets for the tour have unfortunately sold out, but you can go to City Hall the evening of the 19th to see if any seats open up at the last minute. You can also purchase a map and take a self-guided tour: <http://somervilleartscouncil.org/illuminationstour/cardsandbooks>

Historic Somerville merchandise on sale

Just in time to complete your holiday shopping, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission has Preserving Somerville merchandise available for sale. The T-shirts (youth and adult sizes), long-sleeved shirts, and tote bags come in a variety of colors that can be viewed on the Commission’s website at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation-commission/shop>. Full color woven and washable afghans are also available and include images of iconic historic sites in the City.

All items are available for purchase online by credit card and then pick-up at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue. Checks should be made payable to “City of Somerville- Historic Celebration Fund.” Arrangements

may also be made for mailing, or delivery of items within Somerville, but only by contacting in advance Brandon Wilson at BWilson@somervillema.gov, or the SHPC at 617-625-6600 ext 2500.

Prices for shirts and tote bags range from \$10 to \$20, and afghans are \$65. Fifty percent of the item price may be considered a tax-deductible donation; proceeds will benefit City preservation projects, including the Historic Plaque Program, Preservation Awards Program, and numerous heritage education projects. All items are also available at the Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Rd. (by appointment: 617-666-9810), and current Somerville Museum members are eligible for a 10% discount.

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City honors Ward 6 Alderman Gewirtz



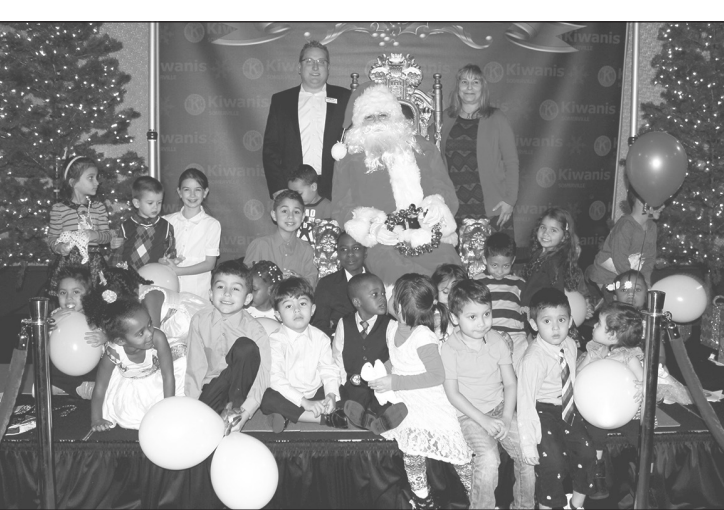
The Board of Aldermen honored Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz by bestowing on her a citation at their regular meeting on December 10. The citation reads as follows: "By the Entire Board Commending outgoing Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz for her outstanding service to the people of Ward Six and the entire City as Alderman, from 2006 to 2015." — Photo by Donald Norton

Citation awarded to Barbara Rubel



Barbara Rubel, Tufts' Director of Community Relations, was recognized by the Board of Aldermen at their most recent meeting and awarded the following citation: "By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Barbara Rubel, recently awarded the John Fitzgerald Lifetime Achievement Award by the Chamber of Commerce, for her many contributions to the City, both personally and professionally as Tufts' Director of Community Relations." — Photo by Donald Norton

Somerville Kiwanis host annual Headstart Christmas Party



The gathering looked like a classic Rockwell painting as 59 children were treated to a Christmas party complete with falling snow and a visit from Santa Claus. Kiwanis President Toni Shelzi and Holiday Inn Manager Ryan Burkart are pictured here with the kids and Santa. Special thanks to the Somerville Kiwanis, Ryan Burkart, Jamie Bowdring and the Holiday Inn for their generous support for Head Start. — Ross Blouin

Washington St. Art Gallery benefit for the Somerville Homeless Coalition

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Over the weekend, with good spirit and energy, the Washington Street Art Gallery at 321 Washington Street in Somerville hosted a fundraiser, "A Heart Needs a Home" – many artists got together to acquire donations, for the homeless, of money and/or canned goods or winter wear –100 percent of proceeds went to the Somerville Homeless Coalition. Even though the opening reception has passed, bids will keep collecting till the 26th, the day after Christmas when gallery hours end, where they were on display every Saturday from noon till four. Jump aboard the silent auction: take a piece home as a gift and bid as frugal as you want, for a cause that pays itself forward.

"We decided to hold this fundraiser on behalf of the SHC because they pro-actively, generously, mindfully, and kindly meet the needs of people who are without—or almost without—the one thing we all require: a home in some way, and in some form" says curator and artist Gretchen Ann Graham.

Mark Alston-Follansbee the Executive Director of the SHC elaborates: "Part of what really makes Somerville great, in my opinion, is that people do care. It's not just talk; people act. And this event at Washington Street Art is a perfect example of that. Let's work together and build the kind of community we want and I hope it's a place where everyone has enough food to eat and a safe place to live."

"I love events like the Washington Street Art's "A Heart Needs A Home" for lots of reasons. Here you have artists, hopefully not starving artists, but artists thinking of people who need help more than they do. I think they get how we all are in this together and we have to hang together or we hang alone," says Mark.

Saturday's pull at the opening



Cold Ass Honkey painting and fabric portrait by Danielle Festa.

reception of the auction ended up at 1200 dollars. That's just on the first day. Furthermore, images like Ms. Graham's photography exhibited a persevering work ethic that carves out a space for the artist, nailing away

an exit door through an obstacle, as the slideshow divulges. Her photography shines, when sometimes you need a little more from Santa.

Go to <http://www.washingtonst.org> for more information.

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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 HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the 2015 session.

The House has held 179 roll call votes. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tabulates the number of roll calls on which each representative was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Several quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business, are also included in the 224 roll calls. On quorum roll calls, members simply vote "present" in order to indicate their presence in the chamber. When a representative does not indicate his or her presence on a quorum roll call, we count that as a roll call absence just like any other roll call absence.

Only 78 (49.3 percent) of the House's 158 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The representative who missed the most roll calls is Rep. Harold Naughton (D-Clinton), who missed 131 (26.8 percent attendance) because of his military service.

Also included in the top five worst records are Reps. Gail Cariddi (D-North Adams), who missed 109 (39.1 percent attendance); Gerald Parisella (D-Beverly) and Louis Kafka (D-Sharon), who missed 100 (44.1 percent attendance); and Evandro Carvalho (D-Dorchester), who missed 54 roll calls (69.8 percent).

Parisella missed many votes because of his military service, Cariddi and Kafka both had medical issues and Carvalho's wife gave birth to their first child.

REPRESENTATIVE'S 2015 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the representative's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which he or she was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the he or she missed.

Rep. Christine Barber	100 percent (0)
Rep. Denise Provost	100 percent (0)
Rep. Timothy Toomey	100 percent (0)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

RECORKING WINE (H 1909) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would expand the current law allowing restaurant and hotel customers to bring home an unfinished bottle of wine. The proposal would expand the law to taverns, clubs and veterans' organizations like American Legion posts. The wine would have to be resealed and then placed in a one-time-use tamper-proof, transparent bag.

Supporters said it is time to expand this law to ensure that people do not finish their bottle of wine just so it doesn't go to waste. They noted that often leads to drunken driving.

REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO GIVE FLU SHOTS (H 1917) - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on a proposal requiring hospitals to offer, prior to discharge, flu shots to all inpatients 65 years of age or older at the hospital from October 1 to March 1 of the following year.

INMATES MUST PAY FEES FOR THEIR INCARCERATION (S 1300) - The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on a

measure that would require non-indigent prison inmates to pay \$2 per day to defray the cost of incarceration. Inmates who could not afford the fees would have an outstanding bill when they leave prison.

Supporters of the fee said it is time that criminals share a small portion of the financial burden of room and board and other services. They noted there are a lot of prisoners who enter prison with money, which is then put in their canteen fund to buy personal items and candy. They argued that the proposal would raise up to \$120 million in much-needed revenue.

Some opponents of the fee said the proposal is misguided and mean-spirited and argued that the revenue from this program would amount to less than the cost of administering it. Others said that money would be better spent to help inmates reintegrate into society after their release.

BAN CELL PHONES UNLESS HANDS-FREE (H 3474) - The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit all drivers from using a hand-held cell phone but allow them to use a hands-free one. It imposes on violators a fine of \$500 for a first offense, \$1,000 for a second offense and \$1,500 for a third or subsequent offense. The measure also provides that some of the fines go into a newly created special trust fund used to pay to train police officers.

Supporters say the bill would save lives and prevent accidents. They pointed to accidents, deaths and injuries involving cell phones.

Although no one testified against the measure, some opponents say the restriction is another example of government intrusion into people's cars and lives. Others note that there are already laws on the books prohibiting driving while distracted.

PROHIBIT CITIES AND TOWNS FROM BANNING GUNS (S 1084) - The Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit counties, cities and towns from passing any law or regulation concerning the ownership, use, purchase and receipt of weapons, antique weapons, ammunition or ammunition components.

BAN STYROFOAM PACKAGING (S 1086) - The Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government's hearing also included a bill that would allow cities and towns to ban the commercial sale and use of any Styrofoam and other polystyrene containers. Styrofoam is the Dow Chemical Company's brand name of polystyrene. These containers are the familiar white plastic foam ones that supermarkets and fast food and other restaurants use to package and serve food and drinks.

QUOTABLE QUOTES, SPECIAL NUMBERS EDITION

3. — *Massachusetts' ranking out of 50 states rated in the 2015 America's Health Rankings Annual Report.*

\$120 million. — *The amount of federal disaster assistance reimbursements to Massachusetts municipalities, state agencies and eligible private non-profit organizations for storm-related costs as a result of last winter's record snowfall.*

\$3.6 million. — *The amount of money Vida Ofori Causey of Worcester made in a food stamp fraud scheme that she*

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continued

operated out of her Worcester convenience store.

34 out of 47. — *The number of sections of the August 2014 domestic violence prevention law that have been fully implemented.*

20 MPH. — *The low speed limit allowed to be imposed by cities and towns in senior citizen safety zones that include senior citizen housing, hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?
Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is

done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of December 7-11, the House met for a total of 20 minutes while the Senate met for a total 17 minutes.

Mon. December	7 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.
Tues. December	8 No House session No Senate session
Wed. December	9 No House session No Senate session
Thurs. December 10	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
Fri. December 11	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Council on Aging Holiday Bazaar

Somerville’s Council on Aging held their Holiday Bazaar on Thursday, December 10 and Friday, December 11 at the Holland Street Center — Photos by Claudia Ferro



Council on Aging’s LGBTQ Advisory Board News

By Rebecca Danvers

The Somerville Council on Aging is thrilled to announce the newest member to our LGBTQ Advisory Board, Lt. Michael Mulcahy of the Somerville Police Force. Lt. Mulcahy, the first openly gay police officer in the department’s history, bringing with him 29 years of experience and a genuine willingness to

help. Michael is highly decorated, seasoned law enforcement professional with a Master of Science in Criminal Justice who has graciously agreed to volunteer his time to be part of the Advisory Committee. “We are always looking for new people to serve on the Advisory Board, especially representation from the Gay

community. The women definitely outnumber the men,” said Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker and Liaison to the LGBTQ Advisory Board. Lt. Mulcahy is also a founding member of the domestic violence high-risk assessment team for Middlesex County. In addition to his years of experience, Lt. Mulcahy brings with him a wide network of

community contacts, valuable field experience and of course his personal experience. “I am thrilled to be working with Lt. Mulcahy! Under Maureen’s guidance, we continue to grow the LGBTQ Advisory Committee and are putting together a spectacular program for 2016,” says Advisory Committee member Courtney O’Keefe. O’Keefe joined the group in

2015 and was the first openly gay member of the Board of Aldermen in 2013. The Somerville Council on Aging’s LGBTQ Advisory Board was formed in 2012 and acts as a channel to increase communication, information, educate, trust and understanding between the Somerville Council on Aging and the LGBTQ elder community.

COMMENTARY

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To Compete in the World Economy, We Need Regional Teamwork



By Joseph A. Curtatone

A decade ago, the economist Thomas Friedman wrote “The World is Flat,” arguing that a more interconnected world had put everyone on the planet on an economic even playing field. While many do not believe that globalization has created equal opportunity, inarguably our region now competes for jobs and influence on a global scale. Much

as we cherish the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry as sports fans, the reality is Greater Boston finds itself competing economically with Barcelona, Sao Paulo and Taipei just as much as it does with New York City. We are part of a high-stakes economic poker game, and to make sure we continue to play a strong hand, the cities of Somerville, Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Quincy and Braintree have formed the Greater Boston Regional Economic Compact to ensure we meet the challenges of the 21st century. The Compact will initially target housing, transportation, sustainability and economic development. This is not a mere handshake deal where we all

insist how much we like each other; we’ve put real skin in the game and committed ourselves to a level of regional problem solving unlike anything Greater Boston has seen since the build-out of the MBTA. The reason why is simple: we all recognize there are issues we cannot tackle alone. City leaders and their staffs will meet regularly to address these topics and each city will strive to contribute a portion of the funds needed to hire a full-time Regional Compact Coordinator to work on these regional issues as a shared employee of all member cities. Part of why we’re so interdependent requires a quick local history and geography lesson. Boston proper is a small city

(46.4 square miles of dry land and 655,884 residents) in the middle of a much larger region that comprises smaller cities and towns like Somerville. Metro Boston consists of 4.6 million residents. More than 85 percent of the people who make up the Boston region and drive its economy live outside of Boston. It’s a function of history, where we formed smaller municipalities that could do a better job of looking after our local interests. The model works great in many areas. Our schools, public works and public safety are much more responsive to our local needs. Yet in other spots around the globe, a place like Somerville would be a section or borough of a larger city. The land mass

of the six cities in the Regional Compact is 91 square miles, far short of places like Houston, Bangkok and London that span roughly 600 square miles, while world cities like Istanbul top out at roughly 2,000 square miles and Beijing at roughly 6,500 square miles. That affords them a degree of economic planning we cannot match as separate municipal entities. Viewed from a global perspective, Boston is really a conglomeration of many cities and towns. According to The Economist magazine, the Boston conglomerate ranks as one of the world’s 43 alpha cities. That puts us among the elite when it comes to attracting investment, businesses, talent and visitors. Our *Continued on page 17*

Somerville Property Owners File Major Lawsuit To Stop Unconstitutional Land Grab

By Institute for Justice

Residents have teamed up to fight a controversial land grab in the heart of Somerville, Mass. The Union Square Revitalization Plan (USRP) authorizes the use of eminent domain to demolish 279 privately owned properties for redevelopment as luxury condominiums and high end retail. A group of property owners and residents are suing the city of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA), arguing that the USRP is unlawful and violated their rights in the creation and execution of the plan. The law-

suit seeks to stop the city from using eminent domain to threaten and bully property owners for the benefit of private real estate developers. In the USRP, the City claims that these properties are “decadent” in order to allow it to use eminent domain. However, the suit claims that the City declared these properties “decadent” in bad faith, and attempts to hide this fact by providing substantially incomplete, inadequate, misleading and incorrect data and analysis in violation of Massachusetts state law. “There’s been so much misinformation and now the truth

needs to finally come out,” said Aliko Pishev, a plaintiff in the lawsuit and a Somerville property owner. “The City has threatened to take my property for private development, claiming my property is run down. But that is a flat-out lie—my property is not run down. It has been the home to thriving businesses for many years.” Mayor Joseph Curatone claims that the USRP is needed for the MBTA Green Line extension, a project that is an estimated \$1 billion over-budget and under threat of cancellation. However, during a meeting of the Housing and Community Develop-

ment Committee, he stated that even if the train station does not come to fruition, the City will continue to use eminent domain against property owners because it would be “good for the city.” The lawsuit claims that the USRP is not needed for the Green Line extension, and that only 2 of the 279 properties are actually needed for the proposed extension. “The property at 47 Webster Avenue has been in my family for over 40 years. I am a single mother of three children, two of which are in college. I am a cancer survivor and I depend on the income of this property to

support my family,” continued Aliko. “Now the City wants to unethically and illegally take my property for its own profitable use. This ongoing harassment and intimidation has been extremely stressful, especially for something that is completely unconstitutional. We as the property owners and residents of Somerville must refuse to be intimidated and unite against this abuse.” The suit also states that there was no meaningful public participation in developing the part of the Plan that calls for acquiring these properties for clearance and *Continued on page 17*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Increasing the affordable housing ratio to 20% citywide is laudable, but will not by itself eliminate the searing economic inequality that afflicts Somerville. To be effective, this first step must lead to a comprehensive

program that includes an affordable housing ratio reaching or exceeding 50%, a real estate transfer tax to suppress land speculation, and at the state level, the return of rent control. Even these steps will not be

enough to stem inequality and preserve the middle class without redistributive legislation at the national and international level, such as the progressive global tax on wealth proposed by French economist Thomas

Piketty. In the absence of such measures, the middle class will continue to be displaced from urban cores including Somerville, and in the process, amenities such as mass transit and schools that were built with

public money for the benefit of all, will be unjustly captured by high net worth individuals. Chris Korda
Somerville Development Watch
<http://somervilleddevelopment-watch.org/>

To the Editor:
It’s time to drop “Baby It’s Cold Outside” from the holiday playlist. Call me a Scrooge, but a song about a man doggedly coercing a woman to stay at his house and drink more, despite

her continual protests, doesn’t put me in the holiday spirit. It creeps me out. Listen to the lyrics—we all know what the male in the duet’s intentions are. Nonetheless, this song, which was written in

1944, is still playing in department stores, restaurants, and in commercials today. As a society, we are slowly recognizing the broad problem of sexual violence. We go to great lengths to educate college students about

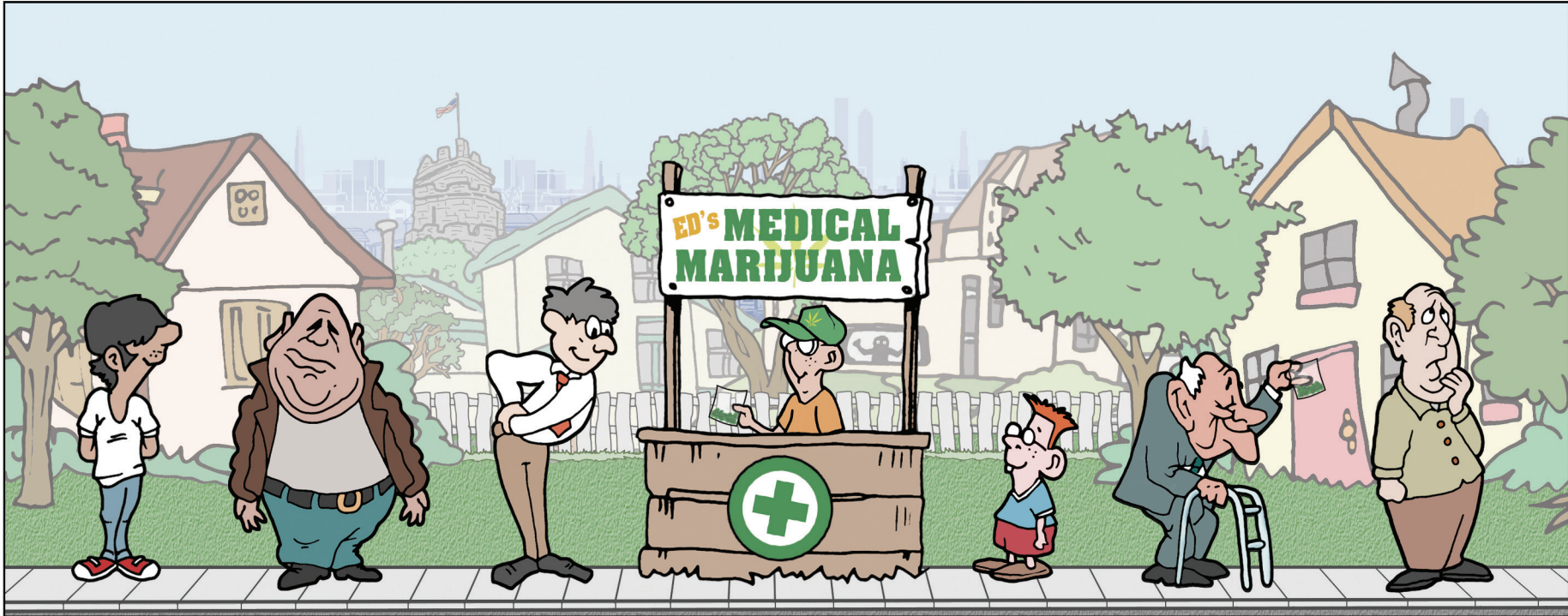
consent and responsible use of alcohol. However, year after year we play (and artists re-record) a song about a predatory man cajoling a woman for sex. There’s a reason the song’s original score calls the characters the “Wolf”

and “Mouse.” “Baby It’s Cold Outside” isn’t cute, fun, or cheery. It might be cold outside, but this song gives me the shivers. William J. Durkin
Somerville, MA

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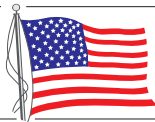
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Illustrated by Jim Clark



We can't put medical marijuana dispensaries just anywhere, can we?

Our View Of The Times



Three years ago Chapter 369, An Act for the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana, was voted in by the people of the State of Massachusetts. Over the course of those three years, more than 12,000 chronically ill patients have been granted cards permitting them to acquire medical marijuana at one of the small number of dispensaries that have been established.

The City of Somerville has been looking at the pros and cons, and the whys and wherefores of what it will take to set up a dispensary here.

City planners and administrators are carefully weighing in on various permutations of such a development. It stands to reason that determining an optimal location for such a facility should be given the most thorough consideration as possible.

Nobody wants to make a poor decision in this matter. Several factors need to be taken into consideration. Questions must be asked and answered. Should such a facility be located as far away as possible from schools, playgrounds, and other areas where children congregate? Should such a facility be associated with a hospital or other type of health care facility? Is there a possibility for an increase in crime near this type of facility?

It's been a long time coming, and many are impatient for completion of the process. Let us proceed cautiously, however, as we move towards finality. Better to be right in the long term than regret a poor decision made in haste.

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our Villens and friends as well as friends of *The Times*: Happy Birthday to a very good friend here, Douglas Carriger, a good guy who we hope has a great day/week for himself with his family. Also this week is Registrar of Deeds Maria Curtatone, a Somerville native and a very popular lawyer and, of course, a fantastic mother to her children. Happy Birthday to another good friend, Ron Lakerveld, who is currently living the life in Central America with his new business. We hope he's doing great. Happy birthday to Ann Cassessa-Ercolini, another local Somerville lady and great family. Happy birthday as well this week to Cheryl Callahan. We hope she has a great day. To all the others out there celebrating this week, we hope you have a great day for yourselves.

Welcome aboard to Tim Snyder as the replacement for Omar Boukili, who is leaving City Hall. We wish him good luck in his job. We hear he's from Cambridge and lives in Medford, so at least he has an idea where streets are and which ones are one way. Mr. Snyder has worked in the past for Senator Jehlen in her office and also for Rep. Tim Toomey.

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

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

We hear that the permit process has picked up dramatically these past few days. All the permits in process have been approved, we hear, and given to those who filed. This is a great thing, we think, except that we hear that no fees were collected. Maybe Goran Smiljic had a spirit of Christmas moment and decided to release them. What a nice thing the city did showing the Christmas spirit of giving. We hope the city didn't lose too much money.

Last week the Board of Aldermen and the mayor honored with a citation Mayor Michael McGlynn, who is retiring this January after 28 years of service to the Medford community. Mayor McGlynn couldn't make it to the Board meeting for the citation; his father is not doing well. Mayor-elect Stephanie Muccini-Burke will become the new mayor. Mayor McGlynn was very popular throughout his 28 years of service, not to mention his service as a state representative and councilor. We wish him the very best and congratulate Mayor McGlynn's accomplishments.

We want to wish the best for Alderman Ward 6 Rebekah Gewirtz, who is retiring from her seat on the Board of Aldermen representing Ward 6. We wish her well and thank her for all that she has done in representing her constituents. She was one of those aldermen that knew what her job was and did it well. Accordingly, she was re-elected to five terms in office. That says a lot. She's married now, with a baby, and she's moving on. We're sure we will still see her around the city.

We hear things are on thin ice over at the Somerville Skating Rink on Somerville Avenue. It seems like some employee of the city took off several days and the ice melted. But don't fear, we hear that the administration suspended him another week for doing that.

Meanwhile, same rink but different situation. Apparently, the city or someone responsible for the rink has allowed an outside-the-city group to use the rink with the expectation of getting a rental fee from them. Well, this group has a very strange past, so we hear. They reportedly owe money/fees to two other rinks and we're told the city knew that when someone agreed to let them use our rink. Well, guess what. It seems that they now are repeating what they have done in the past. They haven't paid Somerville for the use of the rink, we heard, for some time. What's even worse, they are still allowed to come here. Now we hear that this same group is contemplating filing for bankruptcy, thereby avoiding paying altogether. Now, if this was a private enterprise what do you think would have happened? We think they wouldn't have been given a chance in the first place to come and use our rink without payment. But hey, this is public so different standards apply,

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Christmas carols with the Moonlighters

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, the Moonlighters led by Jimmy Del Ponte, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and City Hall staffers sang Christmas carols for residents of the Somerville Home on Summer St. and the VNA on Lowell St.



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Winter Hill 'Better Block' Comes to Life

As part of the Winter Hill neighborhood planning process, neighborhood residents and business owners were invited to join the City of Somerville's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development for the unveiling of the recent "tactical urbanism" strategies with Team Better Block.

In September and October, community members met to discuss their ideas for pop-up businesses, landscaping, parks, outdoor seating, art and entertainment. Using that feedback, Team Better Block with the help of City staff and Somerville residents brought the community-conceived ideas to reality on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 4 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 13, from noon to 4 p.m., at the corner of Broadway and Temple St., and in the parking lots between the Post Office and the future home of Winter Hill Brewery.



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SPORTS

Somerville student receives National Bike Poster award

By Tom Bannister

MassDOT and the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program are proud to announce that for the first time, a Massachusetts student has won the annual 5th Grade National Poster Contest sponsored by Saris. Caleb Piehl of Somerville's Dr. Albert F. Argenziano School won first place upon submitting his poster to the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program for entry into the contest. The Saris 5th Grade National Poster Contest asked students from across the country to submit a poster that expressed what they love about bicycling, using the hashtag, #LongForTheRide. A national winner was then selected from the pool of state-

wide winners, after three days of voting on the Saris website. "We're so happy that Caleb's poster is being recognized nationally," said Erin Reed, Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Statewide Coordinator. "Using creativity to express a love for bicycling, Caleb is helping to inspire others in his community to live a more healthy and active lifestyle by safely bicycling to or from school and within his local neighborhood." In addition to winning a new Schwinn bicycle, helmet, and bell for being named the Massachusetts winner, as the National winner, Caleb will also receive a trip to the 2015 National Bike Summit in Washington DC. As the National winning school, the

Argenziano School in Somerville will receive bike parking for 20 bikes and The Hub System from Saris. The Hub is an active transportation tracking system that makes it easy, fun and educational for schools to implement walking and biking incentive programs. The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program is sponsored by MassDOT with funds from the Federal Highway Administration. The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School model of inclusiveness emphasizes a collaborative, community-focused approach that fosters mutual partnerships between advocacy groups, law enforcement, education leaders and public health departments that all work together to promote safer routes for children to get to school. School partners receive year-round pedestrian and bicycle safety education instruction, as well as engagement initiatives tailored to meet each school's health, safety, and environmental priorities.



Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#505

1. What is the difference between white cake and yellow cake?

2. "You let a bully come into your front yard, and the next day he'll be on your porch," was a statement by which U.S. President?

3. Which one of the cast of the TV show *Friends* starred in movie version of *Lost In Space*?

4. When his powerboat went out of control, which Princess's husband was killed in 1990?

5. The first Beatle to be widowed was whom?

6. Which one of Frank

Sinatra's wives starred in TV's *Peyton Place*?

7. In cooking, how many drops to a teaspoon?

8. The song *Food, Glorious Food* was featured in what musical?

9. Which famous rock group took their name from a song by blues great Muddy Waters?

10. Who said, "Never eat more than you can lift"?

11. Which is the largest of the Japanese Volcano Islands?

12. What was left as a consolation inside Pandora's box?

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SkillsUSA trip 2015

By Charles Lane

From November 22–24, eight career and technical education students from Somerville High School attended the 2015 Fall State Leadership Conference in Marlborough, MA for SkillsUSA. This organization's focus is to "provide opportunities for members to develop individually and

improve teamwork, leadership and professional skills through education, training, service and competition." The students were accompanied by three advisors from Somerville High School on the trip. The students were placed on teams and worked with alumni and students from other schools in numerous workshops, projects, and activities. Somerville students came home with numerous medals that included team and group awards. The idea of this conference is to help students and their advisors bring back valuable information to their schools to build a stronger chapter. Students say that this trip helped them break out of their comfort zone and it was a great chance to meet new people.



Left to right: Mandeep Kaur, Devon Alves, Emily Sabatino, Marissa Toner, Halle Hughes, Vincent, Steven Hawkins (front).

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Home heating forecast and resources

By Somerville Neighborhood News

Contributing Reporter on this Newscast:
Karishma Desai

The Old Farmer’s Almanac is predicting a colder and snowier winter than normal, while NOAA says we can look forward to warmer season. Winter in New England always puts a strain on heating budgets. Cubby Oil has been supplying home heating oil to Somerville residents for seventy years. Owner Charlie Uglietto says heating oil prices are moving in the right direction, “Now the state average is around \$2.30 a gallon, which is probably a \$1.10 to \$1.20 down from last year. So certainly I think consumers are going to be saving quite a bit this coming winter from years previous,”

According to the US Energy Information Administration, energy pricing has remained fairly stable recently, with oil prices being considerably lower than last year. While oil-producing countries have been keeping supplies up and prices down, natural gas and propane are down due to an increase in domestic supply. Even with lower prices, the increased energy use that comes with New England winters has an impact on every budget. Russell Koty, a program manager in charge of residential energy efficiency with the City of Somerville, cited the elderly population as one particularly vulnerable demographic to heating costs. “Typically they’re on a fixed income, and if you’re paying x amount of dollars in the spring and summer months and you’re hit with bigger bills than normal...it can really have an impact on the quality of your life overall,” explained Koty. Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) works with the elderly population and other at-risk populations, such as low-income households and residents with limited English language skills. CAAS connects their clients to organizations and resources that can help with heating costs through weatherization and fuel assistance programs, avail-



able through the cities of Somerville and Cambridge. Somerville has partnered with Cambridge Fuel Assistance to provide financial support to income-eligible residents, which consist of families and individuals making up to 60% of the state median income. The program can deal directly with energy suppliers or reimburse the heat portion of rent directly to participants. Sam Davidson-Weiss, a housing advocate at CAAS encourages everyone to look at the guidelines, “It’s a relatively high income limit. So people should know a lot of people are eligible for fuel assistance and can get hundreds of dollars.” Energy efficiency and weatherization are also important factors in heat affordability. Mass Save is a statewide program that offers free home energy audits, regardless of income. The City of Somerville has partnered with Next Step Living, a home performance contractor under the Mass Save program to offer free energy audits and weatherization improvements. During an audit, the assessor will install low-flow showerheads, put in CFL lightbulbs and offer low-cost energy saving

tips. Insulation and heating system updates are also outlined. These improvements come with generous subsidies. Getting owners to take advantage of these more significant updates can be challenge in Somerville, where only a third of the residents are homeowners. Russell Koty recognizes the disconnect, “There are a couple of different barriers that can affect weatherization work. One that we’re working hard to work through is a split incentive, where we have tenants occupying a home and the homeowner lives elsewhere...There really isn’t an incentive there to make improvements that a tenant may greatly benefit from...We’re

trying to create a platform to address this market segment.” A warmer than average November has given residents a chance to get ahead of the coming winter. There’s still time to take advantage of the resources available to Somerville residents. For more information on fuel assistance, contact Cambridge Fuel Assistance at 617-349-6252 or visit cambridgema.gov and go to the human services page. You can schedule a home energy assessment at nextstepliving.com or contact Russell Koty at 617-625-6600 or by email at rkoty@somerville-ma.gov for more information.

Somerville Library introduces new digital library card

Checking out library books and materials in Somerville just got a lot easier! Using free smartphone apps, CardStar and Keyring, residents may check out any item you currently use your Minuteman Card to borrow. While you’ll still need to visit the library’s checkout line, you’ll no longer need to remember your card, and you’ll be able to use your virtual “card” at any library within the Minuteman system. Follow these easy steps to install the app(s) on your iPhone or Android phone.

Card Star

1. Download the CardStar app from your phone’s app store.
2. Open the CardStar app.
3. Touch the plus sign (+) button to add a card.
4. Select “Other” in the list of merchants by scrolling, or by searching.
5. Scan the barcode on your Minuteman Card.
6. Touch the “Save” button to complete the process.

Key Ring

1. Download the Key Ring app from your phone’s app store.
2. Touch the plus sign (+) button.
3. Scan the barcode on your Minuteman Card.
4. Touch “Select a Store” or “Other” from the list of merchants by scrolling, or by searching.
5. Touch “Next.”
6. Optional: Take pictures of the front and back of your Minuteman Card to store in the app.
7. Touch “Finish” to complete the process.

“We are thrilled to be making this new service available to residents, which will make it even more convenient for people to borrow items from the library, and hope that it will encourage residents who don’t as yet have a library card to sign up for one,” said Glenn Ferdman, Director of Libraries. For more information, contact the Somerville Public Library at 617-623-5000, or visit www.somervillepubliclibrary.org.

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Office of the Acting Treasurer/Collector

NOTICE OF TAKING

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

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **34 MONTROSE ST**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): GERALD JOSEPH SADKOWSKI & TERESA ANNA SADKOWSKI
DEMAND: **05/05/2014** PARCEL ID: **050-E.00010-000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **19596177** SQUARE FEET: **3,000**
TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 14282, Page: 283.

Fiscal Year 2014 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$4,231.08
Interest to Date of Taking	\$328.93
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$4,929.01

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **34 MONTROSE ST**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): GERALD JOSEPH SADKOWSKI & TERESA ANNA SADKOWSKI
DEMAND: **05/18/2015** PARCEL ID: **050-E.00010-000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **19596177** SQUARE FEET: **3,000**
TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 14282, Page: 283.

Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$1,420.67
Interest to Date of Taking	\$145.31
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$1,934.98

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **200 R BOSTON AVE**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): CLIFFORD J MARTIN ET AL
DEMAND: **05/05/2014** PARCEL ID: **001-C.00002-000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **13443200** SQUARE FEET: **10,996**
TITLE REFERENCE: Southern Middlesex Land Court Registry District Book: 774, Page:110, Certificate of Title No.: 0128860.

Fiscal Year 2014 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$1,927.11
Interest to Date of Taking	\$480.61
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$2,776.72

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **200 R BOSTON AVE**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): CLIFFORD J MARTIN ET AL
DEMAND: **05/18/2015** PARCEL ID: **001-C.00002-000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **13443200** SQUARE FEET: **10,996**
TITLE REFERENCE: Southern Middlesex Land Court Registry District Book: 774, Page:110, Certificate of Title No.: 0128860.

Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$2,314.16
Interest to Date of Taking	\$343.86
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$3,027.02

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP # 16-53

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

Landscape Design Services for Hoyt Sullivan Playground

A Request for Proposals (RFP), including all specifications, may be obtained online:

<http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids>

or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 **on or after December 16, 2015.**

Sealed bids will be received **until Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 11:00 A.M.** The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3400, or email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information, and bid packages.

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

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **120 PEARL ST**
CURRENT OWNER(S): ARTHUR M. FULA, MANUEL D. FULA, MARIA O.S. FULA
ASSESSED OWNER(S): MANUEL D. FULA & MARIA O.S. FULA
FOR LIFE
DEMAND: **05/05/2014** PARCEL ID: **92/C/3**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **06260102** SQUARE FEET: **4500**
TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 32650, Page: 010 and Book: 63313, Page: 141.

Fiscal Year 2014 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$479.43
Interest to Date of Taking	\$106.36
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$954.79

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **120 PEARL ST**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): ARTHUR M. FULA, MANUEL D. FULA, MARIA O.S. FULA
DEMAND: **05/18/2015** PARCEL ID: **92/C/3**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **06260102** SQUARE FEET: **4500**
TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 63313, Page: 141.

Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$3,003.33
Interest to Date of Taking	\$394.68
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$3,767.01

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

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI13P0191PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

In the matter of: **Mary Agnes Prior** Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent
Of: **Somerville, MA**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **1st** account(s) of

Roberta J LeBlanc of Medford, MA

as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have a right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return day of **12/30/2015**. This day is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send the Conservator, by registered mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court

Date: November 23, 2015

Tara E. De Christofaro
Register of Probate

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State of Rhode Island
and
Providence Plantations
Office of the Clerk
of the Family Court
Providence, SC
Case#: P2015-0744

WHEREAS, Fremio Orlando Celado Pena, of Providence in the County of Providence has filed a Complaint in said office demanding a divorce from Melissa Tejeda, PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. 15-5-16.1, AND ALL OTHER RELIEF AS THIS COURT MAY DEEM JUST.

Now, therefore you the said DEFENDANT are hereby summoned to answer, if you shall see fit, before the Family Court, to be held at Providence, within the County of Providence, on the 14th day of January, 2016, then and there to answer said complaint. FAILURE TO APPEAR WILL RESULT IN DEFAULT AND DEFFENDANT WILL BE DENIED ALIMONY.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

December 16, 2015
City of Somerville
93 Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02143
(617)625-6600

On or about December 31, 2015 the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the renovation the Hoyt Sullivan Playground located on Central St. in Somerville, MA 02143. The total estimated cost for the project is \$730,000.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays Mon-Wed.8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Thurs.8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. All comments received by December 30, 2015 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Somerville certifies to HUD that Joseph A. Curtatone in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Somerville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS HUD

will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Somerville's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville (b) the City of Somerville has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Office of Community Planning and Development at Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor of the City of Somerville

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, January 7, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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

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

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
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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 6, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

230 Holland St: (Case #ZBA 2015-103) Applicant & Owner, Stefanos Stamides, seeks a special permit under SZO 9.13.a for modification of parking requirements in order to increase the number of seats in the restaurant. NB district. Ward 7.

378 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-105) Applicant and Owner, Christos Poutahidis Management, LLC seek a Special Permit to change uses from a bakery to a fast food restaurant, and a special permit to modify parking requirements NB Zone, Ward 6.

17 Banks St: (Case #ZBA 2015-107) Applicant, Seaver Construction, and Owner Carolina Philbrook, seek a Special Permit to modify a non-conforming structure, by rebuilding a home damage by fire. RA Zone, Ward 6.

898 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2015-108) Applicant & Owner, Amanda Parisi, seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure to add a dormer to and alter windows on a single-family house. RA zone. Ward 6.

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
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compared to private. What do you think?

Don't forget folks, we will be on a sort of vacation. We're still around and our website will be updated daily as need be with stories and items of interest for the residents of Somerville. *The Somerville Times* will be taking the week off between holidays. The last paper of the year will be Wednesday, Dec. 23 (Christmas week) and will return Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016. It's always a slow week for news and this gives our hard working staff a week off to enjoy with their family and friends. If anyone has any questions you can call the paper at 617 666-4010.

The Annual Meeting of the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation will be held in the Gallery 81 conference room at Somerville High School at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11, 2016. For information contact Noreen Santucci, correspondence secretary, at: NFSLEARN@aol.com.

Faulkner Fuel on the corner of Cedar St. and Alpine St. is conducting their annual collection of Toys For Tots with the United States Marine Corps. The toys pictured here are just a few of the toys that were donated by The Somerville Municipal Workers Union and the Somerville Department Of Public Works. Special thanks and a "well done" goes out to them and Michael and Peter Dupuis, Annie DiBenedetto, Elaine Anderson and the gang at Faulkner Fuel.

Public Skating times at Simoni Rink during school vacation week: Dec. 24, 2015 – Jan. 3, 2016: Dec. 24, 12:30-2:20 p.m.; Dec. 25, closed; Dec. 26, no public skating; Dec. 27, 1:00-2:50 p.m.; Dec. 28, 12:30 p.m.-2:20 p.m.; Dec. 29, 12:30 p.m.-2:20 p.m.; Dec. 30, 12:30 p.m.-2:20 p.m.; Dec. 31, 12:30 p.m.-2:20 p.m., Jan. 1, 12:30 p.m.-2:20 p.m.; Jan. 2, no public skating; Jan. 3, 1:00-2:50 p.m. Simoni Rink is located at 155 Gore Street, Cambridge, MA 02141. Admission is \$5 and rental skates are available for \$5 on a first-come, first-served basis.

To Compete in the World Economy, We Need Regional Teamwork

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ability to maintain and further that economic success will necessitate that the contributing municipalities work together. Housing is a perfect example of why we need to tackle challenges regionally. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council estimates Greater Boston needs to build 435,000 housing units by 2040 to meet demand, including 9,000 units in Somerville. Our SomerVision community plan calls for 6,000 new housing units by 2030 (though the data strongly supports that we should up this to 9,000), there is

a movement afoot in Cambridge to build 8,500 units, and Mayor Walsh has called for creating 53,000 units in Boston. Yet the combined efforts of these three cities will make only a slight dent in the larger problem. The only way we're going to build the housing we need as a region is if we can get all hands on deck to address the issue. And we will need to make sure we have the transportation infrastructure necessary to support that housing growth. Companies strongly consider mobility when choosing where

to locate and create jobs. It's one of the reasons the Green Line Extension is such a critical project. To avoid crippling congestion on our roads when we reach our new housing target in Somerville, those new residents cannot be largely car-dependent. The same holds true in every other community that forms Greater Boston's urban core. Easy, reliable public transportation is a necessity if we wish to move Boston's workers to their jobs and our economy forward. It is critical to our future sustainability.

Likewise, we need to address the environmental impacts of population and economic growth. The cities involved in the Regional Compact have been working to tackle these issues individually, but we need to measure and address our environmental impact at the regional level. This is even more important given the international accords to reduce carbon emissions signed last week in Paris. To do our part and play a leading role in making our cities cleaner, healthier and more sustainable,

we will need all the regional stakeholders at the table. Big initiatives like this extend well beyond our city limits—and individual budgets. The Regional Compact marks an exciting new era for Greater Boston. Historically we fiercely guarded our parochial interests. Yet the 21st century will require a new level of cooperation. Our standards of living and economic prosperity are more intertwined than ever. In short, it's simple: to address the biggest problems we collectively face, we need to work as a team.

Somerville Property Owners File Major Lawsuit To Stop Unconstitutional Land Grab

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redevelopment, and that the City repeatedly violated Massachusetts's Open Meeting Law. The property owners are working with the Institute for

Justice—a nonprofit civil liberties law firm that advocates for property owners fighting eminent domain abuse across the country.

"Clearly, Mayor Curtatone is using the expansion of the Green Line as a pretext for the unconstitutional taking of thriving businesses and homes in the

Union Square neighborhood," said Phil Applebaum, Activism Coordinator at the Institute for Justice. "Destroying these properties just to benefit private real

estate developers is not a public use and sends a chilling message to every other business and homeowner in Somerville — their properties are not safe."

Be sure to visit us online at www.TheSomervilleTimes.com

VILLENS ON THE TOWN

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|December 16

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

Thursday|December 17

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

West Branch Library

Lego Club
Annamarie Almeida-617-623-5000 x2977
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 40 College Avenue

Friday|December 18

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

East Branch Library

Fun Friday Sing Along with Matt Heaton
Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Monday|December 21

Central Library
Middle School Writers’ Den
Alan Ball-617 636-9033
6 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|December 22

Central Library
Somerville High School Anime Club
Emmanuel Mukadi
2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|December 16

Johnny D’s
Closed for private event
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar

Neighborhood Food Drive starts!
Bring non-perishable foods for Somerville’s PROJECT SOUP to Sally’s now through 12/21.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge

Sean Joncas
Seth Adam
James McCarthy
Builder of the house
Hailey Magee
Danny Fallon
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe’s Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

Arts at the Armory

SAC Artists of the Month celebration
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thunder Road

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

Davis Square Theatre

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

Thursday|December 17

Johnny D’s

Private Event - Bar & Kitchen open to public
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s

Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays|7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Back Room Series-Lunasa & Karen Casey|7:30 p.m. & 9 p.m.
L80’s night with Scattershot|10 p.m.,
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe’s

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

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

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

Thunder Road

The Crushing Low Album Release Party
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory

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

Davis Square Theatre

Return of the Winemaker
Strange Behavior|9 p.m.
255 Elm Street

Friday|December 18

Johnny D’s

The Either/Orchestra 30th Anniversary Concert!
7 Below - A Tribute to Phish
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m.
Mike Barry’s Christmas Crock with The Barrys, Susan Cattaneo, Jonathan Walsh,Bill Hansen, Stan & Michelle, Nat Flanagan, Jennifer Dignazio, Kevin Byrne, Lilly Senna, Paul Ahlstrand, Joe Klompus, Paul Candilore \$5 cover| 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Backroom Series Samantha Farrell: CD Release show!|7 p.m.
Jimmys Down|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge

Jaime Farnan
The Guilloteenagers
Back Door Key
The Womb Bats
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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

Bull McCabe’s

TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

9177

Casey’s

Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Davis Square Theatre

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

Arts at the Armory

Richard Cambridge’s Poetry Theatre
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thunder Road

Pace Car Joe
9 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Saturday|December 19

Johnny D’s

Jazz Brunch
Jeff Jam Dance Party
An Evening with James McMurtry (Boston Record Release Show)
The Jauntee with Moxa
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s

Johnny Come Latelies |6 p.m.
One Thin Dime|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series
Scattershot|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge

Substantial Abuse
Blood Knife
Nark
end of set Clowder
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke
65 Holland St

On the Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe’s

TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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

Samba Bar & Grille

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

Casey’s

Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory

Experimental Art Songs on Electro-Acoustic Harp - An Evening with Audrey Harrer plus very special guest DoYeon Kim
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

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

Thunder Road

Thunder Road Holiday Party w/ Miss Fairchild
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Sunday|December 20

Johnny D’s

Jazz Brunch
Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room
Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.
Back Room

Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe’s Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Samba Bar & Grille

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

Arts at the Armory

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

Davis Square Theatre

Return of the Winemaker
3 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Thunder Road

Wicked Hangin Chads
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Monday|December 21

Johnny D’s

No Comedy / Trivia - Bar & Restaurant Closed for the Holiday!
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar

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

The Burren

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

P.A.’s Lounge

Americana Mondays
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe’s Pub

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

Thunder Road

The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets
Monday Night Series
7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre

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

Tuesday|December 22

Johnny D’s

Bar & Restaurant Closed for the Holiday!
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar

Kristen Ford with Jeff Kelly|7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’s Lounge

Open Mic Night
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

PJ Ryan’s

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

Davis Square Theatre

Return of the Winemaker
7 p.m.255 Elm Street

Thunder Road

Jane’s Great Dane
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory

Pub Sing at the Armory Cafe

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|December 23

Johnny D’s

Bar & Restaurant Closed for the Holiday!
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge

Ed Driscoll
Tim Mann
Amanda Picciche
Zion Rodman
Kisslop
Zack Cutler
Kevin McCourt
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe’s Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

Thunder Road

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

Davis Square Theatre

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|December 16

Central Library

On D.E.C.K.
Stephanie Santiago-617-625-6600 ext.225
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Somerville Girl Scout Leader Meeting
Kim Lambert-6173520148
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday|December 17

Central Library

Memoir Writing Workshop with Judah Leblang
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

First Church Somerville

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

Saturday|December 19

Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmers’ Market
9:30 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

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

Sunday|December 20

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Unity Church of God

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

De-Cluttering After the Holidays – Friday, January 8– from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. New Year, New You, start it off by attending our De-cluttering After the Holidays workshop. Tame your domain! Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register.

Mind Full or Mindful? – Painting as a Tool for Stress Management and Wellness – Monday, January 11 – 10:00 at our Holland Street Center – This free workshop is back by popular demand. Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register or for additional information. Space is limited.

Luncheon at Highlander Café – in the High School Atrium. Tuesday, January 26 – \$10 includes chicken parmigiana or baked haddock lunch. Limited seating. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Doors open at 10:45 A.M. Doors open at 10:45 a.m.

Planning for the Future – Tuesday, January 26 – From 5 to 7 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Planning your life for the future is difficult. We will have a financial planner, an attorney as well as a funeral home professional present. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our “Friendly Caller” Program.

Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted.

The day trip to the Wrentham Outlets & Patriot’s Place scheduled for Sunday, December 13th is BOOKED SOLID.

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

The day trip to LaSalette Shrine scheduled for Thursday, December 17th is SOLD OUT.

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

LGBT EVENTS:

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

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

English Conversations – Meets every Tuesday & Thursday from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P. M. and 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Janine Lotti, Senior Projects Manager and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer work together to facilitate this group. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English.*Please see “Upcoming Schedule” for possible time change.

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! For further info 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.

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. Our Social Worker, Suzanne Norton, 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 Suzanne at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending, have any questions or require additional information.

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 for info.

STAY ACTIVE:

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

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist.

The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday|December 16

9:00 Veterans & Men’s Groups (H)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads / Holiday Party

Thursday|December 17

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, C)
12:45 Bingo (H)
LaSalette Shrine
Ralph & Jenny Center Closed today

Friday|December 18

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

Saturday|December 19

4:00 Illumination Tour

Monday|December 21

No regular programming at all our centers
11:30 Lunch (H)

Tuesday|December 22

No regular programming at all our centers
11:30 Lunch (H)

Wednesday|December 23

No regular programming at all our centers
11:30 Lunch (H)

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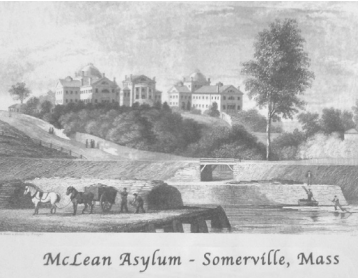
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Historical Fact

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Thus, crossing the river's mile-wide distance using cobbles was practical.

Joseph Barrell died in 1804. His relatives later sold his estate to Massachusetts General Hospital, founded in 1811. The War of 1812 delayed the beginning of its construction until 1816. The hospital was developed in two wings: One psychiatric and the other general medicine. The first wing



McLean Asylum - Somerville, Mass

to open was Cobble Hill's McLean Asylum in 1818. This was the redeveloped Barrell Mansion in what is now Somerville.

Mary Tyler of Mary Had a Little Lamb fame worked as a matron there for years along with her husband, who was its superintendent. The second wing, also designed by Charles Bulfinch, was the general medicine section built in 1821. This was located directly across the Charles River in Boston and is the existing M.G.H. "Cobbles" were frequently used to transport doctors and patients between the two related hospitals. These seeds that began in Somerville grew into the famous Massachu-



setts General Hospital.

Cobble Hill and the Millers River may be gone, but the legacy of M.G.H. – sometimes affectionately called Mankind's Greatest Hospital – goes on!

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Answers

1. Eggs - white cake has only egg whites, yellow cake contains whole eggs

2. Lyndon Johnson

3. Matt LeBlanc

4. Caroline

5. Paul McCartney

6. Mia Farrow

7. Sixty

8. Oliver

9. The Rolling Stones

10. Miss Piggy

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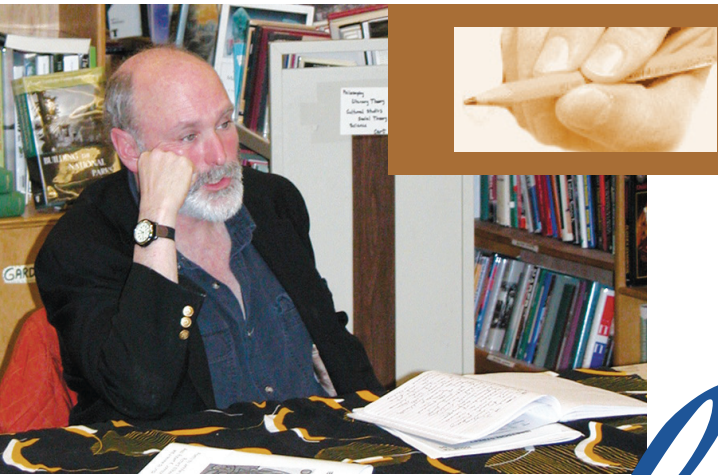
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6:00am	Life Matters	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	2:00pm	The Literati Scene
6:30am	Exercise With Robyn	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live Call-in)	1:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	2:30pm	Hollywood Makeover Show
7:00am	The Struggle	7:30pm	Let's Talk About Real Estate	2:00pm	Walter Ness Presents: Laughter Club	3:00pm	Exercise With Robyn
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live Call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	3:30pm	MAPS
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Music Mania Television	4:00pm	The Somerville Line	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
9:00am	Legacies	10:00pm	Throwback Thursday	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	5:00pm	Telegalaxie
9:30am	All Things Victorian	11:00pm	Rare Groove Revolution	6:00pm	Chef's Table Series	6:00pm	Sci-Fi Journal
10:00am	Color In Your Life	11:30pm	MAPS	7:00pm	JuPrey Promotions	7:00pm	Let's Talk About Somerville Real Estate
10:30am	Rare Groove Revolution	Friday, December 18		8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Music Mania Television
11:00am	Chef's Table Series	6:00pm	Fakkahar Speaks	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	8:00pm	The Somerville Line
12:00pm	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
1:30pm	Physicians Focus	7:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
2:00pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	7:30am	Hollywood Makeover Show	Sunday, December 20		11:00pm	Talking about Somerville
2:30pm	Road To Recovery	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Faith Show	11:30pm	Dog House TV
3:00pm	The Literati Scene	9:00am	Walter Ness Presents:	6:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	Tuesday, December 22	
3:30pm	Health Is Wealth	10:00am	Somerville Pundits	7:00am	Nossa Gente's e Costumes	6:00am	Art At Scat
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	10:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	6:30am	Esoteric Science
5:00pm	Esoteric Science	11:00am	Color In Your Life	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00am	JuPrey Promotions
5:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast	11:30am	All Things Victorian	10:00am	Fakkahar Speaks	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
6:00pm	Haitian Poetry	12:00pm	Free Speech TV	10:30am	International Church of God	9:00am	Chefs Table Series
7:00pm	Meet The Merchants	1:00pm	Health Is Wealth	11:00am	Chef's Table Series	10:00am	Eat Well Be Happy
7:30pm	MAPS On TV	1:30pm	MAPS	12:00pm	Sci-fi Journal	10:30am	Cooking With Georgia and Dez
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Hello Neighbor
8:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	2:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	1:30pm	Let's Talk Real Estate!	11:30am	Hollywood Makeover Show
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Legacies	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
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6:00am	JuPrey Promotions	6:00pm	Let's Talk About Somerville Real Estate	5:00pm	Dead Air Live	2:30pm	Health Is Wealth
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11:00am	Hollywood Makeover Show	Saturday, December 19		Monday, December 21		6:30pm	Music Mania Television
11:30am	Greater Somerville Live	6:00am	Life Matters	6:00am	Health Is Wealth	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:30am	Eat Well Be Happy	6:30am	Fallon's Daily Toast	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
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9:00am	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	10:00pm	Congressional Update	7:00pm	Christmas Caroling w/ the Moonlighters	1:22am	Christmas Caroling w/The Moonlighters
12:00pm	ADA Presentation	10:30pm	SomerViva em Português	7:20pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	1:42am	SomerViva nan Kreyol
2:21pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	Friday, December 18		7:30pm	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	2:04am	Symphony Park Ribbon Cutting
2:30pm	Christmas Caroling w/The Moonlighters	12:00am	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	8:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol	2:19am	Metal, Cars, & Meat
3:00pm	Voices of Somerville	1:00am	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	8:52pm	Multicultural Union Sq. Meeting - Espanol	9:00am	Raising Families
3:30pm	Multicultural Union Sq. Meeting - Espanol	1:09am	Metal, Cars, & Meat	10:22pm	Square Flair	12:00pm	Metal, Cars, & Meat
6:30pm	Raising Families	2:13am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	Sunday, December 20		1:03pm	Christmas Caroling w/ the Moonlighters
7:00pm	Congressional Update	2:38am	Navigating Addiction	12:00am	Senior Circuit	1:23pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
7:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol	9:00am	Raising Families	12:28am	Christmas Caroling w/The Moonlighters	1:33pm	Congressional Update
8:00pm	Veterans in the 'Ville	12:00pm	Navigating Addiction	12:48am	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	2:03pm	Multicultural Union Sq. Meeting - Espanol
8:30pm	Symphony Park Ribbon Cutting	2:18pm	Raising Families	1:47am	Raising Families	4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda
8:45pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	2:45pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	2:14am	Inside Market Basket	7:00pm	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
9:10pm	Ames Historic Exhibit Opening Reception	2:58pm	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015	3:06am	Voices of Somerville		
10:13pm	Voices of Somerville	6:30pm	Voices of Somerville	9:00am	Christmas Caroling w/The Moonlighters	Tuesday, December 22	
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12:00pm	Senior Circuit	Saturday, December 19		2:25pm	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	9:00am	Congressional Update
12:30pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	12:00am	Winter Safety Tips from the SFD	6:30pm	Square Flair	9:30am	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
12:39pm	Congressional Update	12:14am	Multicultural Union Sq. Meeting - Kreyol	7:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
1:09pm	SomerViva nan Kreyol	1:44am	Congressional Update	7:30pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	12:30pm	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
1:32pm	Multicultural Union Sq. Meeting - Kreyol	2:14am	Voices of Somerville	7:39pm	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	1:41 pm	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.20.15
3:02pm	Voices of Somerville	2:42am	Ames Historic Project - Family Interview	8:04pm	Talking Business	2:49pm	Voices of Somerville
6:30pm	Raising Families	9:00am	Multicultural Union Sq. Meeting - Português	8:40pm	SomerViva em Português	3:18pm	SomerViva nan Kreyol
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8:45pm	SomerViva nan Kreyol	2:00pm	SomerViva em Português	Monday, December 21		8:30pm	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY
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11:30am:	Brown School Superintendent's Awards		12:00pm:	Kennedy School Drama Club	10:00am:	Kennedy School Drama Club
12:00pm:	Early Childhood Literacy Fair		1:30pm:	SHS Building Committee Visits Essex Tech HS	11:30am:	WSNS Superintendent's Awards
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Fresh Pond, Fallen

The trees tell me they’re chill
there’s no need to call
on them quite so often ,
but birds still have needs
I’m sharply reminded
by seven jays harping
the golf course blues
from the green fronds of the willow.

Furthermore, bittersweet
should not be allowed
to climb so brilliantly high,
taunting the earnest and drab
native gardener with insouciant
faces of Mandarin orange,
shining with menace.

I’d tend to my hunger if it weren’t
always there, its reminder jockeying
for my attention with my husband’s voice,
thrown like a stone in the water.

Denial takes practice, my eyes sip the cordial
of berries left for cardinals, drain the plump green
milkweed pods to the last draught, like absinthe.

— Heather Nelson

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A cold rain blanketed Somerville when I met with Ben Holmes and Randy Winchester at my usual corner at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square. Holmes, who looks to be in his twenties, is the founder of the Aeronaut Brewing Company on Tyler Street just outside Union Square.

Holmes lives in the Spring Hill section of Somerville, and he told me his family has a long lineage in our town. A close relative lived for over sixty years on School Street (my stomping grounds), and his family owned a tinware factory in Somerville as well.

Winchester, who runs the Duck Village Theater component of the venue, has a less illustrious background in Somerville, but he has lived in our burg on and off for a total of 10 years. He recently had to move to Arlington, Mass. because of the skyrocketing rents the city is experiencing. For over 30 years Winchester worked at MIT, where he ran video network systems along with other varied duties. Now he books musicians and other artists at the Brewery, as well as conducts research on yeast for the development of new and enticing craft beers.

The Aeronaut is a place to get a draft to be sure. But it also hosts indie-style music, as well as classical, jazz, fusion, etc. It houses a science lab that makes for interesting local brews, and even boasts a studio that live streams (on the Internet) many of the performances that take place here.

Aeronaut opened June 21, 2014, and it is located near another innovative spot, the Artisan’s Asylum. Holmes said of the Asylum, “We do a bunch of things together. The Asylum works with metal, wood, high tech, and computers. So we have projects like manufacturing tap handles, and other related stuff.”

Winchester told me a bit more about some of the artists and musicians they have hosted. It is an eclectic list. They have provided the venue for Shakespeare productions, rap groups, massive light and sound projects, Brooklyn-based jazz ensembles, and Reggae groups. Ubiquitous Somerville artist Paul Gonzalez III has displayed his work here and local composer and singer Marlene Tholl has performed in the space, and the list goes on.

The lab where brew masters experiment with different forms of yeast, has produced some exotic concoctions. There is Expat, a roasted and aromatic brew; Orangutan Skies, made with tropical and citrus hops; Cocoa Sutra, infused with cacao nibs from Somerville Chocolate, and others.

I asked Winchester where he got the name Duck Village Stage. He told me that Duck Village is a section of Somerville based around Dane, Washington, and Beacon Streets. It is has been said that Duck Village was popular among illegal makers of moonshine during Prohibition because in this densely populated environ it was easy to escape the cops. The said brewery is firmly in Duck Village territory.

Holmes told me he has a 10-year lease for the enterprise. He said he hopes that Somerville will make his neighborhood into a Fabrication District, where innovative places such as his can be protected from the skyrocketing rents gentrification will bring.

It is evident that these two men are representative of a new breed of entrepreneur/innovators, here, in the Paris of New England.

For more information go to <http://www.aeronaut-brewing.com>

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