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Wynn lays cards on the table

Casino bid clears suitability review



Casino owner Steve Wynn (2nd from right), who plans to build a resort casino on the Mystic River in Everett, appeared before the Massachusetts Gaming Commission Monday in a public hearing that was streamed live on the internet, accompanied by (left to right) Wynn Resorts executives James Stern and Kim Sinatra, and former Gov. William Weld, who was acting as Wynn's attorney.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Steve Wynn wants you to know he runs a clean business. The Las Vegas-based casino owner moved another step forward in his bid to build a casino in Everett, when he appeared before the Massachusetts Gaming Commission this week to make the case for his company's suitability to hold a gaming license in this state.

"We in this industry have a presumption that we need to prove that we know the difference between right and wrong, and that we know how to conduct our business ethically," said Wynn, founder and CEO of Wynn Resorts, who was represented by former Massachusetts Governor William Weld. "That presumption is due to the unsavory and colorful history of gaming as it was conducted in the past. I'm fully sensitive to that."

Monday's suitability hearing capped off a months-long background investigation into the "good character, honesty, integrity and financial responsibility" of Wynn Resorts and others involved in Wynn's proposal to build a 350-room resort casino just across the river from Somerville's Assembly Row.

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Adela & Jude 'Will Sing for Food'

By Blake Maddux

AnaMaria Broding and Matthew Moran are a musical duo that performs under a moniker that is made up of their middle names: Adela & Jude.

Many years prior to meeting, Moran attended the New England Conservatory, while Broding earned a full scholarship to study piano at Berklee College of Music. She later pursued graphic design.

Adela and Jude were each raised in families that were deeply rooted in farming and traditional Christian values. In the time that they have performed together, they have drawn on both of these in their determination to support local farmers and the needy.

In 2014, the couple will embark on their self-conceived, nationwide "Will Sing for Food" tour. While on the road, they will feed themselves with donations from attendees and use tips and money from merchandise sales to fuel the van in which they will sleep.

Jude Moran recently agreed to an interview with The Somerville Times

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Continued on page 21 Singing for their suppers, Adela & Jude are on that dusty road less travelled.









This Thursday night, the 19th, at the Holiday Inn, East Somerville Main Streets Holiday Celebration takes place. They celebrate the holidays and another successful year for the East Somerville community. The Holiday Celebration will feature live music, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and various door prizes, including a one night 'Stay-cation' at the Holiday Inn. The Holiday Celebration will be held 6-9 p.m. at Metropolitan Square inside the Holiday Inn at 30 Washington Street in Somerville. Please RSVP to info@east-somervillemainstreets.org. A suggested donation of \$10 will be accepted at the door. Just some of the Door Prizes: Gift certificates to East End Grille, Mount Vernon Restaurant, Some 'Ting Nice Caribbean Restaurant, a wine basket from Joe's Liquors, and a \$100 gift certificate from our friends at Empire Tattoo.

We want to thank everyone for all the calls to the office over the past week in recognition of having all those boxes out there so that it was easier for you to find the paper. Remember, we're the paper with Ms. Cam's Olio, Jimmy Del Ponte, Doug Holder, and so much more. We stationed a little over 20 boxes so far and are working on another 10 to 20 more over the next few months. If you have a location where you'd like to see the paper boxes, or see the paper dropped off, let us know at 617 666-4010. We are revamping our delivery across the city and improving to add more locations. We thank Rite Aid stores as well as other stores and locations here in Somerville for requesting papers.

Welcome aboard to David Smith as our new Editor/Reporter for The Times. David comes to us as a seasoned reporter/editor for many years. He's very familiar with Somerville and Somerville will become very familiar with him. We wish Dave the best of luck in his new position here in Somerville with our paper. We're sure the public will get to know him and like him.

Happy Birthday this week to some of our Villens here and elsewhere: To some nice East Somerville ladies celebrating this week, we salute and wish Maria

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to MassDOT wants McGrath grounding

Paul says:

The challenges now are 1) get them to accelerate the timetable, they want to take 10-12 years! 2) make it 4 lanes and more bike/pedestrian friendly. McGrath has similar traffic as Mass Ave, which has 2 lanes.

Winter Hill Barney says:

Are six lanes really necessary?

Through traffic coming from north of Somerville should use 93, and McGrath should be a local route. It's extremely convenient to get into Boston from here on it, and I use it all the time, but I'd rather it be inconvenient enough to discourage commuters from outside of Somerville using it.

Dan says:

@Paul I appreciate the enthusiasm but does having a "bikable" city mean EVERY road has to be walkable/bikable? Maybe having a couple roads with optimum auto traffic flow would keep the side streets open.

think says:

we are really going to far in trying to punish drivers and accommodate bikers. Without trucks and cars, you would lose your precious Davis/Union pubs and restaurants. Do you see anyone delivering beer on bike? How many trucks do you think are involved in delivering Artbeat? It's important to plan projects like this with an understanding of how much we depend on cars and trucks and stop playing this hipster game of treating motorists like crap. Why are we embracing food trucks when they produce monster exhaust? they're cool, I guess. I am not I just drive a car to deliver stuff and pay my bills. Double Standard? watching a Food Truck Festival while designing a city to reduce exhaust.

Ron Newman says:

Turning McGrath into a pleasant walkable parkway boulevard doesn't "punish drivers". It just gives us what Medford and Malden already have. Take a walk or ride up the Fellsway (Route 28) past Wellington, and you'll see what we can have once the elevated road is gone.

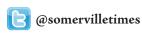
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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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 are in favor of taking McGrath Highway down and replacing it with a ground-level 6-lane boulevard. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

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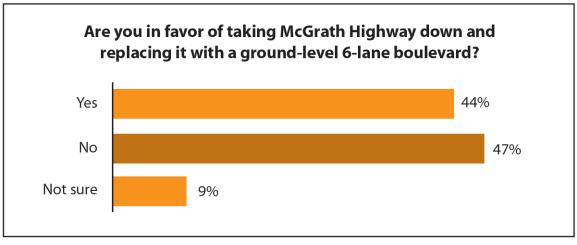
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BOA bids farewell to outgoing members

By Jim Clark

Five outgoing members of the City of Somerville Board of Alderman were honored with special citations at last week's regular meeting of the Board, in recognition of their service to the city.

Ward 3 Alderman Thomas F. Taylor, Alderman at Large Bruce M. Desmond, Ward 7 Alderman Robert C. Trane, Ward 1 Alderman Maureen Bastardi, and Ward 5 Alderman Courtney O'Keefe were each awarded commendations approved by the Board citing their "tireless advocacy and distinguished service" to their respective wards and the entire city.

Additionally, commendations were awarded to Alderman at Large and Board President William A. White Jr. for his service as President in 2013; to Alderman at Large John M. Connolly in recognition of his service as Vice-President of the Board in 2013; to Robert McWatters,

role on the Board next year as Ward 3 Alderman, for his service as Clerk of Committees from 1997 to 2013; to Assistant Clerk of Committees Peter Forcellese for his service in that position in 2013; and to Charles Sillari, also in recognition of his service as Assistant Clerk of Committees in 2013.

All honorees, with the exception of Alderman Taylor, were presented with their citations by Alderman Connolly at the speaker's dais, and each one offered their thoughts on their tenure in their positions. They also expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to serve their city.

Although not present at the meeting, Alderman Taylor was especially honored for his service to the Board from 1986 to 2013, making him the longest-serving Ward Alderman in the city's history. Everyone in the chamber rose for an inspired round of applause for the Ward 3 Alderman, who was in the hospital at



Courtney O'Keefe's brief but eventful tenure as Ward 5 Alderman was similarly honored at last week's General Meeting.



Alderman at Large Connolly presented outgoing Ward 7 Alderman Trane with his special citation, after which the honoree shared his admiration and affection for the members of the Board and the constituents he served.

In accepting his citation, Alderman at Large Bruce Desmond reminisced about his beginnings as a School Committee member, and all that came thereafter. "You put your best foot forward and just put the effort out there. You get along and people will work with you and respect you," Desmond said, as he expressed his gratitude to the Board, the mayor, and his family.

Alderman Trane reflected on his term as Ward 7's representative, saying, "It's been a great run. I've loved every minute of it. To me it's always been about the people and the friends that I've made along the way. My dad always told me about as you go through life you may be lucky to get five good friends. You count 'em on one hand. Well, I'm a rich man, because I've got hundreds of great friends. And I want to thank you all."

Outgoing Ward 1 Alderman Bastardi also expressed gratitude and affection for her constituents and colleagues. "It's been an honor and a privilege to represent the people of Ward 1, not only as their School Committee representative but also this past year as their alderman," she said. "I love this city. I love Ward 1. I can't thank you all enough for your support and friendship, both personally and professionally, and I know that this board will continue to do the right things for the residents of this city."

While acknowledging the controversial nature of her appointment as acting alderman after Sean O'Donovan's retirement from the Board, Courtney O'Keefe of Ward 5 was both gracious and witty in her remarks to the assembly. "I thank you for the opportunity to sit in that seat. I look forward to the possibility of sitting with you again either as an alderman or as mayor of the city," she coyly stated. "I got the opportunity to sit in that seat and vote for some really phenomenal legislation. But I have to say that my proudest moment was my very first vote. And that was posthumously appointing Sean Collier to the Somerville Police Department. And I just thought that that showed the power of this Board, that when somebody can't make their own dream come true, we can do it for them."

Everyone honored by the Board had their chance to speak of their experience in serving the city, and express their gratitude for having been granted the rare opportunity to do so.

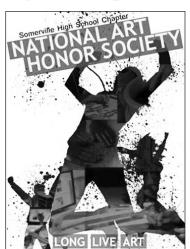
Somerville High School announces **National Art Honor Society Chapter**

By Sean Bianchi Somerville High School

The art department is pleased to announce its affiliation with the National Art Honor Society and has created a new chapter for Somerville High School. Our new chapter is sponsored by Dr. Luci Prawdzik, K-12 Art Supervisor, and co-sponsored by SHS Art Teachers Mr. Sean Bianchi and Mrs. Dorothy Contos. The NAHS has created a great deal of excitement and buzz amongst Somerville's developing artists. In order to qualify for initiation, students must have completed at least three art courses, have a B+ average in their art courses, maintain a C average in their academic course load without any failures, be at least a sophomore,

and pledge four hours of service to the art department.

This month, the Somerville High School chapter of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) is proud to announce 29 new inductees that met the necessary criteria. Congratulations to SHS Art Honor Society students: Aliana Oppedisano, Shianne Harrington, Victor Barbosa Fontes, Kervinson Exilus, Eliza Forest, David Nwachuku, Oswaldo Moreno, Yerri Portillo, Ravneet Kaur, Alba Haximali, Karen Yanes, Ally Wood, Rachael Berry, Jeremy Nelson, Shreyaj Shrestha, Sheyla Chavez, Thiago Nogueira, Brenda Nguyen, Elizabeth Mooney, Taylor Machado, Nifashe Eutatah, Nicole Monolo, David



Fuentes, Sharmine Chowdhury, Anusha Sherchan, Yanira Barrera, Charlotte Schofield, Remona Kanyat, and Fattouma Bekali on their acceptance based on their outstanding artistic achievements. An initiation ceremony is tentatively scheduled for February 2014 for all inductees.



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Monday December 23

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

> **Tuesday December 24** Merry Christmas

Wednesday December 25 Merry Christmas

Thursday December 26 Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band grassy Thursdays

Friday December 27

Radioactive Rustlers 6 p.m. SYM 9 p.m.

Saturday December 28 Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m.

Emily Grogan \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Sunday December 29

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 5 p.m. Trick Wallace presents: Natalie Flanagan Band, Trick Wallace Trio, Trusty Sidekick 8 p.m.



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By Jim Clark

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Arrests:

Joshua Foote, 22, of 23 MacArthur St., December 9, 9:41 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and destruction of property over \$250.

Vincent Norwood, 38, of 68 Waumbeck St., Dorchester, December 12, 1:35 a.m., arrested at 25 Main St. on charges of assault and battery and resisting arrest.

Wayne Napolitano, 23, of 84 Albion St., December 12, 9:06 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, witness intimidation, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Cesar Reis, 62, of 69 Winslow Ave., Medford, December 12, 1:47 p.m., arrested

at Pearl St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to stop or yield.

Juan Navarro, 45, of 19 Edmands St., December 12, 4:27 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on a warrant charge of armed robbery.

Damon Delgaudio, 44, of 50 Winter St., Medford, December 13, 5:18 p.m., arrested at Stone Ave. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Mark Cremin, 25, of 96 Chestnut St., Everett, December 13, 7:28 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of receiving stolen property under \$250.

Anthony Johns, 21, of 10 Ten Hills Rd., December 14, 3:59 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Incidents:

Theft:

December 9, 8:45 p.m., police reported a theft at Albion St.

December 10, 9:27 a.m., police reported a theft at Summer

December 10, 4:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Durham

December 10, 6:23 p.m., police reported a theft at Mc-Grath Hwy.

December 11, 12:48 p.m., police reported a theft at Ellsworth St.

December 13, 12:14 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

December 13, 9:15 p.m., police reported a theft at 30 Washington St.

December 14, 1:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Central

December 14, 1:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Cedar St.

December 14, 1:54 p.m., police reported a theft at 22 Mc-Grath Hwy.

December 14, 2:02 p.m., police reported a theft at 499 Broadway.

December 14, 2:21 p.m., police reported a theft at 247 Elm St.

Breaking & Entering:

December 10, 8:39 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 133 Holland St.

December 12, 2:05 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Elm St.

December 13, 12:17 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

December 13, 4:26 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Montgomery Ave.

December 14, 11:45 a.m., po-

lice reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

Vehicle Theft:

December 13, 7:32 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Mystic Ave.

December 15, 12:08 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Thurston St.

Assault:

December 12, 1:35 a.m., police reported an assault at Main St.

December 12, 9:06 a.m., police reported an assault at Albion St.

December 12, 11:51 p.m., police reported an assault at Mystic Ave.

December 14, 3:59 p.m., police reported an assault at Ten Hills Rd.

December 14, 8:32 p.m., police reported an assault at 230 Highland Ave.

The business of ending bullying

official live launch date of the www.bullyEND.com website. The bullyEND concept is the beginning of a social movement for anyone seeking to make a stand against bullying.

Today, we live in a time where bullying is not only a significant problem in schools it is found in: the work place, home, dating, marriage, college, elder care, and people are bullied for race, religion, nationality or sexual orientation and certainly the list goes on.

The collection that bullyEND. com offers consists of 13 empowering and catchy statements where people are encouraged to find which slogan "represents their voice" and wear it. The slogans are on t-shirts, hoodies, laptop cases, coffee mugs, duffle great gifts.

The perfect storm which bully-END.com offers is the powerful phrases, the S.O.S. Program for schools and the moving Wall of Honor. The S.O.S. Program stands for a "Sea of Solidarity" where schools are encouraged to participate in transforming the halls completely with bullyEND t-shirts or hoodies (every human at the school wears them) empowering the entire school to be a bully-free zone.

A financial portion from each S.O.S. Program school order is pledged from bullyEND BACK to the school for anti-bullying programs. This one program is groundbreaking and essential in a day and age where so many cuts have stripped schools abili-

December 5, 2013 marked the bags and phone cases and make ties to implement vital programs for bullying. The Wall of Honor is a personal invite from bully-END.com to the families who have tragically lost a member from bullying. It is an online memorial where ONLY the families can post a photo and a bio that will endure. The Wall of Honor hopes to be a place to always remember the biggest hearts, the widest smiles and the amazing people we have lost in this generation to bullying.

The bullyEND.com business was created over two years ago from one family's painful walk through the flames of profound bullying. The founder hopes the world will embrace the slogans and will soon be a brand known by the masses so that we can all lock arms and do our part to end



bullying and its ravages.

For more information contact Elaine E. Iagatta email: info@

bullyEND.com. Twitter: @ elaine.iagatta or like them on Facebook: bullyENDdotCom.



What to know with the snow

By David R. Smith

With the snow comes a list of policies and procedures residents need to know to help keep the streets clean, clear and safe. The city's policies include regulations for snow plowing, property owner and city responsibilities both before and after snowstorms, parking restrictions during snow emergencies and more. Residents are encouraged to sign up for phone, email and/or text notifications through the city's alert system by visiting www.somervillema.gov.

"As we work to keep our city safe, clean and accessible, we ask you to please help us do our part by following our snow removal and snow emergency regulations and shoveling out fire hydrants in your neighborhood if possible," Mayor Joseph Curtatone said in a press release.

The Somerville Department of Public Works and its contractors are responsible for clearing public streets, sidewalks abutting public property, walkways in municipal parks and open spaces throughout the city. Streets will be treated with salt and sand prior to or during snowfall as appropriate. Snow will be plowed to the curb (where possible).

Owners, tenants or other occupants of any building abutting a public way must shovel the sidewalk and accessible ramps in front of their property. Once snowfall has ended, residents and property owners will have six hours between sunrise and sunset to clear snow and ice from sidewalks. Per federal ADA requirements, sidewalks



Don't forget to keep those all important fire hydrants clear of snow.

must be shoveled to a minimum of 42 inches wide where possible. Failure to comply with this ordinance will result in fines, which may be issued on a daily basis in increasing amounts. Residents may not shovel snow onto city streets.

A snow emergency may be declared whenever four or more inches of snow is predicted. City officials closely monitor storm forecasts through various means and will use all available information to make an informed decision as swiftly as possible.

Residents will be informed of snow emergencies through citywide alerts issued by phone, email and text message to subscribed users of the city's alert system. Announcements will also be made via cable access on Channel 22 (Comcast) and Channel 13 (RCN), notification on all major broadcast channels, radio stations and local media, as well as postings to social me-

Help your neighbors this winter

The city is seeking residents who would be willing to volunteer to assist elderly and disabled residents who may

not be able to shovel sidewalks during snow storms this winter. Interested residents will be added to a contact list

for residents in need of assistance, with priority given to senior citizens and residents with disabilities. To sign

up for this service, click on "constituent services" under the "departments" tab on the city's homepage.

dia including Facebook (www. facebook.com/311Somerville, www.facebook.com/SomervilleCity) and Twitter (@somervillecity, @311somerville) and alerts on the city's homepage, www.somervillema.gov. In addition, Somerville police will make announcements loudspeaker from their vehicles warning residents to move their cars. Flashing blue lights at major intersections will be activated at soon as an emergency is declared and will remain flashing until the emergency is over.

Residents may call 311 or the 24-hour Snow Line at 617-628-SNOW (7669) to find out when an emergency is

"Winter weather has its challenges," Curtatone said, "but we take pride in the safety and appearance of our city year-round, so we hope we can work together again this winter to achieve that goal as efficiently as possible."

Parking, ticketing and towing information during a snow emergency

- Parking is allowed on the odd-numbered side of the street only unless otherwise posted. Residents with cars on the even side of the street must either move their cars to the odd side or, if they cannot find a space, move to another location.
- · Ticketing of cars parked on the even-numbered side of the street will commence on all streets four hours after the emergencv is declared
- * Towing of cars parked on the even-numbered side of the street will also commence four hours after the emergency is declared. If your car is towed, you may retrieve it from Pat's Towing (617-776-5810). Fines are \$100 and can be issued for failure to move the car to the proper side of the street, obstructing a snow plow or parking in a tow zone, parking within 10 feet of a hydrant or designated fire lane or within 20 feet of an intersection. Visit the town's website for a map of available off-street parking locations.

Parking, ticketing and towing information after a snow emergency

- Permit-parking enforcement resumes 24 hours after the snow emergency has been lifted. It is the responsibility of residents to clean off their vehicles and ensure their residential/visitor parking permit is visible. Parking control officers are not authorized to remove snow from any vehicle. If the permit is not visible, the vehicle will be ticketed for a permit-parking violation.
- City ordinance restricts any vehicle from remaining in the same space on any street for a period exceeding 48 hours. This violation will be strictly enforced on both the odd and even sides of the street 48 hours after the snow emergency has been lifted. Failure to comply will result in the ticketing and potential towing of the vehicle.
- · Residents may not put objects on the street to reserve parking spaces.

Plowing procedures

- + The streets will be treated with salt and sand once the snow
- Plowing will begin after two inches of snow has fallen.
- Main roads, cross streets, bus routes and the "hospital hills" will be plowed first
- · Plows will be sent out in tandem, where applicable, to plow to the curb on the even side on the street.

Homeowners' responsibilities for sidewalks

- + Homeowners must shovel, salt or sand their sidewalks when it
- Homeowners have six hours between sunrise and sunset after the snow stops to shovel sidewalks.
- Homeowners are not allowed to shovel snow into the street.
- Not complying with these provisions could result in a \$25 fine for the first offense, \$50 for the second and \$100 for each subsequent offense.

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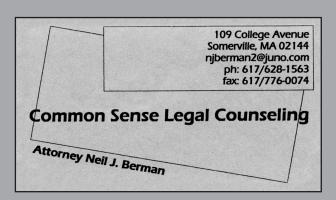
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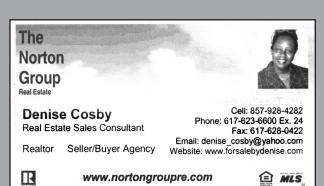


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Glad to be back

By David R. Smith

Fourteen years is a long time to be away from someplace you love, and coming back after so long should have taxed my memory when it came to which exit to take and which streets went where.

But it didn't. Bad memories you repress; good ones you cherish.

Coming back to Somerville after living and working on the South Shore had the feeling of a homecoming. I suppose that's not surprising, since I did live here for a few years in a very cozy, very cool studio apartment across from City Hall.

My family is from here, and even though my parents had moved out of town (and briefly out of state) before I was born, my grandparents – on both sides - remained in the city until their last days.

As much as I regretted leaving the city in 2001, circumstances were what they were, and I found work as a full-time reporter covering Marshfield and Duxbury. Years quickly went by, and I stayed with the same company through one acquisition after another and changed beats along the way (first as a reporter for Wareham and then Plymouth).

For the past five years, I've been the editor of a few papers, namely Wareham, Carver and Duxbury (those little towns you might see on the map during the weather report). I enjoyed the work, and I especially enjoyed the company of my coworkers, many of whom I had known for over a decade.

The unexpected offer to return to Somerville, however, was too good to pass up, as was the opportunity to take all the good initiatives and insights gained from working for a national company and bring it to bear on a truly local paper like The Somerville Times while leaving behind the cookie-cutter requirements that come with working for such a large corporation.

While my memory of Somerville's geography is crisp as it ever was, I am well aware that the political landscape has changed, and some of the issues residents care about today (like a casino next door) weren't even on the radar when I lived here before. Rest assured, though, I'm a fast learner.

I know Somerville will not leave me wanting for news to cover, personalities to encounter and new places to discover.

So let's get to it!

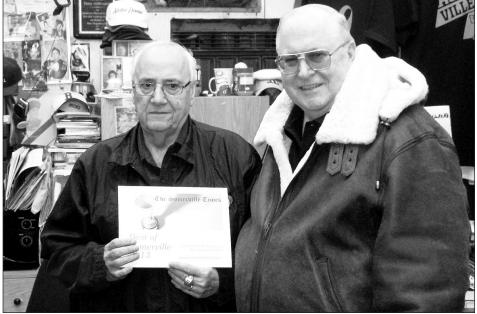


David R. Smith joins The Somerville Times staff as Editor/Reporter.

'Best of Somerville' winners in the spotlight



The Somerville Times Publisher Ross Blouin congratulates Renee's Café, located at 198 Holland Street (corner of Claremon and Holland), for winning "Best of Somerville Breakfast" for 2013. It's easy to see and taste why Renee's was voted Best Breakfast here in Somerville. The food is great, with a large selection on the menu, and just a nice twist of something good for the morning to get your day going. Shown in the picture as well is one of Somerville's best ladies about town and hardest worker, Patty Oppedisano. She not only won this year's "Best of Somerville" Best Waitress, but also for so many years we have lost count. What a combination you get when you enter Renee's, a smiling face from Patty and a great breakfast on top of it. We salute Renee's Café and Patty Oppedisano for winning "Best of Somerville 2013." The restaurant is open Wednesday through Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They have plenty of seating, but the lines outside on weekends are testimony to how great the food is and how your day will be when you start it at Renee's Cafe.



And here we see The Somerville Times Publisher Ross Blouin congratulating Tony Alibrandi for again being voted number one Barber Shop in the "Best of Somerville 2013" reader's poll. Tony has been around for many years, a celebrity himself and a great guy. But one thing that he does big time is support his local sports charities, including a team named after him. Tony's a lifelong Somerville resident and if you haven't been to his place at 194 Holland Street (between Cameron and Claremon) you're missing out on a great conversation. Tony has some awesome people who work there as well. Paul McGlashing is one of them. A nice guy and maybe about as well known as Tony is, and he's a good barber. Check them both out the next time you want to find out what's going on in Somerville and get a great haircut at a great price. Just make sure you tip them nicely. Together, Tony and Paul have a great business. No appointments are needed, just walk in and it won't be long before you're hearing what's going on here in Somerville.

Affordable housing application deadline

The lottery period for the 31 new green affordable apartments at Saint Polycarp Village Phase III in Somerville closes Friday, Dec. 20. Applications can be picked up at the following locations: Winn Residential, 36 Linden St.; Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road; Somerville Homeless Coalition, 1 Davis Square; Somerville Community Corporation, 337 Somerville Ave.; Mystic Activity Center, 530 Mystic Ave.; City Hall and City Hall Annex, 93 Highland Ave.; Somerville Library, 70 Highland Ave.; LIFT, 336 Somerville Ave.; and the Multi-Cultural Independent Living Center of Boston (MILCB), 327 Centre St., Jamaica Plain.

Applications must be received in person no later than 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, or postmarked no later than Dec. 18. Take or mail applications to Winn Residential, 36 Linden St., Somerville, MA 02143.

Tenants are selected for initial occupancy and waiting list placement through a lottery. Placement is determined by lottery number priority and preference categories, not the time and date of application. The lottery will be held the end of December. Applicants will be notified of date, time and location prior to the drawing, but they are not required to be present.

For more information about the application process or reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities, call (TDD/TTY: 617-591-0577 617-624-6001).



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate during the week of December 9-13. The House and Senate are meeting only in brief, informal sessions until January and there will not be any additional roll calls until that time. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local representatives' final roll call attendance records for the 2013 session.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen **DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Second Middlesex. - Medford, Somerville, entire city, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

The House has held 279 roll call votes. Beacon Hill Roll Call tabulates the number of roll calls for 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 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 279 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 36 percent or 55 of the 158 House members have perfect 100 percent roll call attendance records.

Some representatives may have poor attendance records because of a variety of reasons including health problems or military service. Beacon Hill Roll Call does not ask each individual representative why he or she missed roll call votes.

The worst roll call attendance record belongs to Rep. Benjamin Swan (D-Springfield), who missed 41 roll calls (85.3 percent roll call attendance record).

Rounding out the top five worst are Reps. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) and Rep. Bradford Hill (R-Ipswich) who both missed 36 roll calls (87 percent attendance) and Reps. Joseph Wagner (D-Chicopee) and William Pignatelli (D-Lenox) who both missed 31 roll calls (88.8 percent attendance.)

REPRESENTATIVES' FINAL 2013 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

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

> Rep. Denise Provost 99.2 percent (2) Rep. Carl Sciortino 97.8 percent (6) Rep. Timothy Toomey 96.0 percent (11)

LOWER TUITION FOR ILLEGAL IMMI-GRANTS (H 1078) - The Higher Education Committee heard testimony on a bill allowing some illegal immigrants to pay the in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts universities. To qualify, the student must have attended a high school in Massachusetts for at least three years and have graduated or received the equivalent of a diploma. The measure also requires these students to provide the university with an affidavit stating that he

or she has filed or will in the future file an application to

become a citizen or permanent resident.

Supporters said that many of these students were babies when they were brought here by their parents and had no choice about entering the country illegally. They argued that many are unable to afford the five-times-higher tuition for out-of-state students and end up skipping college and working in low-pay, low-skilled jobs.

No opponents testified against the bill. In the past, opponents have said the state should not offer financial rewards to anyone who has broken the law and is in this country illegally. They've noted that it is in appropriate to offer low tuition rates to these students while legal citizens from outside Massachusetts, including war veterans, are required to pay higher rates if they attend a Massachusetts state school.

PAY GAS TAX BASED ON MILES TRAVELED

(H 3142) - The Transportation Committee held a hearing on a bill that would establish a pilot program taxing drivers for each mile they drive. The pilot program would include 1,000 drivers who will have on-board mileage-counting equipment added to their vehicles. The bill is unclear on whether the mileage tax would replace the current gas tax or be in addition to it.

Supporters said the tax is necessary to raise revenue to fund the state's crucial transportation programs. They argued it would help determine whether this tax can be imposed while still protecting the privacy of drivers.

Opponents said this is nothing more than another unnecessary tax and noted the state recently raised the gas tax by 3 cents per gallon. They argued the bill would also invade people's privacy and provide the government with a record of each driver's travels.

INMATES PAY COSTS (S 1173) - The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on legislation that would require prison inmates who are not indigent, pregnant, terminally ill or confined in a hospital to pay the state \$2 per day to defray the cost of incarceration.

Amendment supporters say it is time these criminals share a small portion of the financial burden of incarcerating them.

Amendment opponents say the proposal is misguided and mean-spirited and argued the revenues will amount to less than the cost of administering the program.

OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY BILLS - Other measures on the committee's agenda include requiring that all school buses seating more than 16 and manufactured after January 1, 2013 be equipped with seat belts (H 2122); prohibiting the use of restraints on pregnant inmates while they are being driven to doctors' offices and the courts (S 1125); banning inmates from using cell phones or other handheld electronic transmission devices and adding a minimum one-year additional prison sentence on violators (H 2169); and requiring all drivers of recreational vehicles (RVs) to take a new state-run educational safety program for the operation of RVs.

REGISTRY OF VOLUNTEERS FOR EMERGEN-CIES (H 1970) - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on a measure requiring the Department of Public Health to establish a registry of volunteer personnel who are available to provide medical and other services during an emergency or disaster.

ASSISTED SUICIDE (H 1998) - The Public Health Committee's agenda also included a proposal allowing physician-assisted suicide for the terminally ill. Voters defeated a similar measure on the 2012 ballot by a slim 51 percent to 49 percent margin.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"These are our kids. They are no different than your or

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continued



my children. This is wrong. It is not equitable, and it is not what we value in America." - Secretary of Education Matt Malone on a current law that bans illegal immigrant students living in Massachusetts from paying the less expensive in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts universities.

"I think it is unfair to the taxpayers that we are funding people who are in this state without the proper documentation." - Rep. James Lyons (R-Andover) defending the current ban.

"I was in the Legislature when this Education Reform Law passed, and it was never intended to deprive teachers of their collective bargaining rights." - Steven Tolman, president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, on a union-backed bill protecting teachers' collective bargaining rights.

"We are in Japan because we know that if we want to

sharpen our edge in the innovation economy, we must strengthen our existing relationships and build new ones." - Gov. Deval Patrick on his trip to Japan.

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 9-13, the House met for a total of 25 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 28 minutes.

Mon. December 9 House 11:04 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

Tues. December 10 No House session No Senate session

Wed. December 11 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. December 12 House 11:05 a.m. to 1:19 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.

Fri. December 13 No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Smart commercial development keeps Somerville affordable



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The Board of Aldermen took great steps this month toward keeping our community affordable and leveraging new development to enhance residents' job and career opportunities. Three votes made this happen.

First, the Board voted to approve an increase of the housing linkage fee, which is a fee

on new development used to support the city's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. That fund has already assisted in the development of over 350 affordable housing units, and it assists first-time homebuyers annually through the Closing Cost Assistance program, assists renters annually through the Tenancy Stabilization program, and makes annual grants of roughly \$55,000 to nonprofit housing assistance agencies. Second, the Board also voted on two Home Rule Petitions to establish a linkage program for job creation and retention.as well as the establishment of a dedicated job creating and retention

trust fund. These initiatives aim to provide residents with greater access to occupational skills training and other employment related services, preparing them for the expanded job opportunities that are part of our city's future economy.

I put forward these proposals because the passage of the new housing linkage fee and creation of the jobs linkage program and trust fund are important steps for addressing affordability and opportunities for residents as Somerville sits on the cusp of a wave of commercial development. They are not the only steps we should take, but they make a critical contribution to our

broader goals. If we build smart, high-density mixed-use and commercial development while staying true to the community's values, codified in SomerVision, we can help keep Somerville affordable and open to all.

We've already seen how capitalizing on commercial development directly benefits our residents. This coming year brings with it a significant shift in the tax burden off residential property owners, a 3 percent decrease that's more than three times the decrease in any previous year. More than two-thirds of the tax burden still rests on the backs of residents, while businesses contribute less than one-third. But

that's changing. By bringing in more commercial contributors that help pay the cost of our police officers, firefighters and teachers, of repaving our roads, improving our infrastructure and providing great parks and green space, we can continue to ease the tax burden on our residents and provide a better balance for residential and commercial property tax owners alike.

Our aldermen rightly pointed out that accompanying the great news about this shift in the tax burden is the news that assessed property values increased for most property types as well. They raised

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A humbug homily



By William C. Shelton

It's coming on Christmas, They're cutting down trees, Putting up reindeer, Singing songs of joy and peace.

Oh I wish I had a river I could skate away on.

-Joni Mitchell

A few days before my eighth Christmas, I confronted my mother with my growing suspicion that Santa Claus was a hoax. To her credit, she was truthful and forthright in her response.

She admonished me not to share this discovery with other kids, so I agreed that I wouldn't. But I didn't feel like I was now an insider, on the smug side of an adult secret. I felt confused. And my mother was unable to explain why adults systematically deceive their kids.

My inability to fully suspend disbelief in how we celebrate Christmas continues to this day. I am sincerely moved by the delight that I see people, young and old, take in Christmas. I'm sobered by the stress that the season seems to bring for many of those same people. And I still don't understand why so many things are false about the way that we celebrate the birth of the one who said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."

Start with the date. No living human knows when Jesus was born, but the gospels make clear that it was not in late December. In Judea, shepherds did not "watch their flocks by night" at that time of year.

There was nothing for their sheep to graze on, and they had the good sense to get out of the cold, rain, and snow.

Nor did the Roman Empire conduct censuses in winter. They wouldn't have succeeded, since the weather could be bitter, fodder was expensive, and the roads could become impassable.

Jesus was probably born in late September or early October. He was six months younger than John the Baptist, and from Luke's gospel, we can surmise that John was born in late March.

So if we want to pick a day to remember Jesus' birth, and no one knows when it really was, what's wrong with December 25th?

Nothing, I suppose. But the way that date was selected seems to me to presage so many false elements about our celebrations of Christmas that have nothing to do with, and distract from, what Jesus lived and died for.

During the Church's first three centuries, being a Christian could be risky. Sporadic persecutions eventually became systematic in the late Third Century, when emperors declared that Rome's crises were the result of pissed-off gods, and Christians declined to sacrifice to them.

Moreover, for the first couple centuries, Continued on page 21

Life in the Will by Jimmy Del Ponte

'The Old Aluminum Christmas Tree'



Originally published December 23,2009

It came in a box with a stand and a pole
And branches that fit

snuggly into each hole

No strings of lights came along with the deal

To light it up you needed a color wheel

We hung ornaments on it, like it wasn't fake

The ones from the store and the ones school kids make

We still have some of them, though they're yellowed and torn

They've survived many, many a happy Christmas morn While the color wheel spun casting tones on the tree

You better not touch it, because believe you me

That contraption got hot and it was the hard way I learned

That if you touch a hot color wheel, then you will get burned!

That aluminum Christmas tree that once graced our den

Reminds me of Christmases way back when

Although it was long ago I still recall a few facts

Like the stencils we made on the windows with Glass Wax

The toys were much bigger, and the stockings more stuffed

Santa always made sure he brought more than enough

Mom and Dad, and my sister, my brother and me

Opening gifts underneath that aluminum

We had plenty of real trees in my days as a kid

But they didn't spark the memories that that old fake tree did

The real ones had needles and bulbs big as balloons

And you could still find some strands of tinsel in June



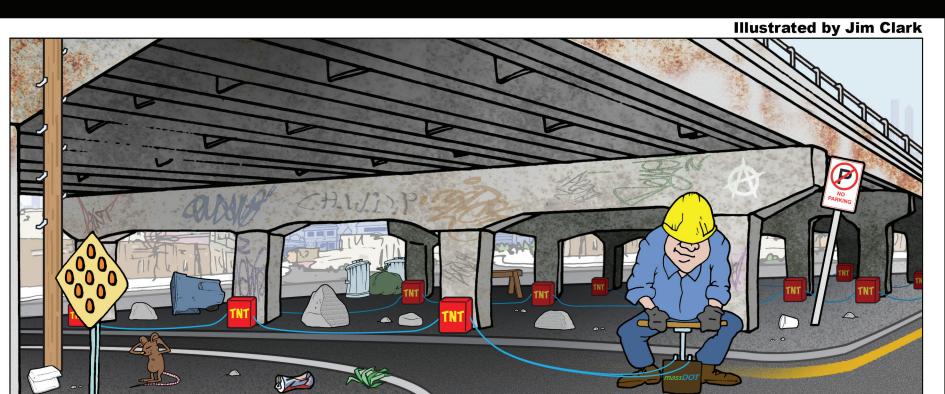
Life in the '60s had really progressed It was hip to have an aluminum tree I guess

Hopefully at the height of the fake tree influx

Some real trees escaped hacking, and being loaded on trucks.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES



Thar she blows!

The View Of The Times



It's now more than fairly likely that the old McGrath Hwy. structure will be coming down, to be replaced by a ground level boulevard, as recommended by Mass-DOT and others who have been involved in the process of determining the best solution for the future of the thoroughfare. Even though the consensus of opinion

would seem to support the proposal, questions remain regarding timelines, costs, and the optimal configuration of the new roadway. It is certain that much discussion, including input from those affected in and around the community, will be forthcoming.

It is hoped that all concerned residents,

commercial interests, and civic leaders give serious time and consideration to the project and let their views be known. This will be a major undertaking, costing a lot of money, and affecting the lives of nearly all of us who live in or near the city.

Now is the time to let our voices be heard, during this period of planning and

refining of the general strategy to be implemented over the near and long term. After the plan is set and the wheels are in motion there won't be much of an opportunity to make an impact on what will be done. Once the horse is out of the barn it'll be too late to make much of an impact, if any at all.

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Curtatone, the present Registrar of Deeds, and a very familiar face here in Somerville. Also, East Somerville's Ann Cassesso Ercolini from another well known local family, we wish her a Happy Birthday. To Pam DeMaria, formerly Lewis, we wish happy birthday as well and to each of these well known East Somerville ladies we give a salute. Also celebrating this week is Kim Brown, who works at the city. A good friend and a great guy, Zack Wells is also celebrating this week. Another lady, Patricia Zirpolo, is celebrating her birthday. Happy Birthday to Dennis Moynihan, another local celebrating this week. Happy Birthday to Cindy Santos, who works at Cambridge Hospital. To these and many others who are celebrating this week we salute you and hope everyone had a great day for themselves.

Make sure to check out Local is for Lovers: Holiday Market 2013, this Sunday, the 22nd, at the Arts at the Armory on Highland Avenue from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Get your local shopping on! Still have some last minute shopping needs? Well, you can supply them locally with Somerville Local First! Shift your shopping. Featuring local music by Jeff Jam and David Tanklefsky, caricatures by Alejandro, a photo booth with Jeremy Heflin Photogra-

phy, and a giant play space by Knucklebones Also featuring an amazing beer tasting by Slumbrew! As always, FREE admission.

Don't forget, we mentioned this before but a great birthday present this year is the *The Spirit of Somerville* book written by our own Eugene Brune, former Mayor and holder of many titles. It's a great book on the Ville, good reading, and those of us who lived in those times will enjoy reading it. Those who are recent Villens here in Somerville should get the book and get a feeling for what Somerville was, is and can be. Contact Eugene C. Brune, 25 Lowden Avenue, Somerville 02144 for a copy of the book, which is \$23.99 plus tax. It's great reading for those cold wintery nights.

The DPW did a great job with our first snowstorm of the season. The streets looked fantastic, and if you don't think so, go and visit some of our neighbors in other communities. Hats off the DPW crews, bosses and of course Stan Koty, the commissioner. Great job.

Following a fan vote, the Boston Public Library overwhelmingly won the Legoland Discovery Center's Miniland contest and will be immortalized in Lego bricks alongside other Boston land-

marks when the attraction opens in May at Assembly Row in Somerville.

If you missed the Trolley Tours, not to worry! Illuminations Tour Maps are available for \$3 at Magpie in Davis Square and Blue Cloud Gallery in Ball Square.

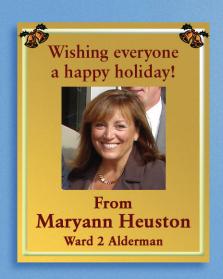
Donations of gently used winter coats, clothing, books, toys and art supplies for Somerville families are being accepted at the Parent Information Center (42 Prescott St., Somerville). Coats and clothing for infants, children, teens and adults are requested (no broken zippers or permanent stains, please). Items can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday or 10 a.m. Fridays. Use the Parent Information Center main entrance at the school tot lot for item drop-offs (do not leave items on the sidewalk).

'Tis the season for the schools to hold their annual winter concerts. The West Somerville Neighborhood School's concert takes place at 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at the school at 177 Powderhouse Blvd. The Healey School, (5 Meacham St.) concert begins at 9:15 a.m. Dec. 19, and the Somerville High School (81 Highland Ave.) Winter Concert is also that Thursday

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Alderman Maureen Bastardi invite you to the second community meeting for Symphony Park (corner of Pearl and Florence Streets). Let's Talk Ideas. Thursday, December 19, 2013, 6 p.m. in the Community Room at Bryant Manor, 75 Myrtle Street.

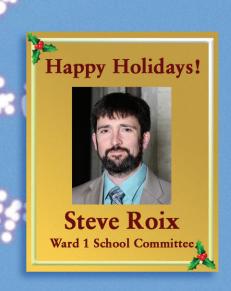
******** BeardFest 2014 will be taking off on Sunday, February 2 and interest is rapidly growing! Contestants will vie for prizes in 5 categories: natural full beard, free-style full beard, free-style moustache, free-style partial beard, and for follicle challenged, best fake beard. Food and drink, scratchy music, whimsical prizes for our contestants, a make-your-own beard table, and a room full of artistic facial hair. Competitors who choose to be shaven on site at our Beardfest will be eligible to compete in the "6-month Sprint" category at the Regional Championships on August 2. General public invited. \$5 for general entry and for registrants. Go to http://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/beardfest for info.

Wishing you a Happy Happy Health











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Happy Holidays to you and yours from Assembly Row.

See you in May!

Best Wishes for a Joyous
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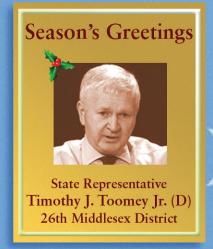
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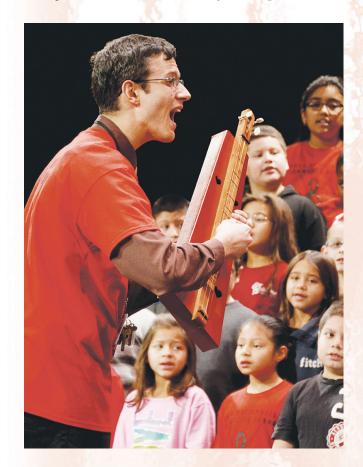






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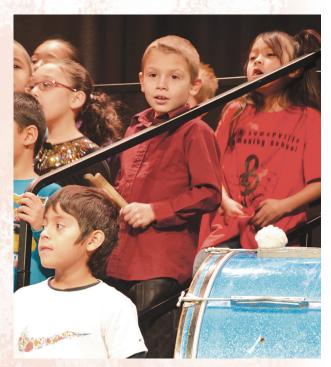
The East Somerville Community School Winter Concert was held Friday, Dec. 13. Students in kindergarten through grade 8 performed more than a dozen songs covering a wide range of styles and genres, such as Jingle Bell Rock, Oh, How Lovely and Cape Cod Girls.















SPORTS

Somerville Youth Football standouts chosen for Team Mass

Team Mass wins the first one 48 to 0 on the way to the Alamo Dome. 6 of the best 8th graders in the state are from Somerville Youth Football.

Six 8th grade football players from the Somerville Youth Football Program have been chosen to play for Team Mass, an All-Star team made of 35 of the best players from around the state.

#1 Jiovanny Pierre (East Somerville Community School) WR/DB/PR 5'9 155

#23 Marcus Thomas (Prospect Hill Academy) DB 5'10 170.

46 Henry Augustin (Next Wave Alternative School) TB 6'

#54 Matheus Bragatto (East Somerville Community School) OLB 5'9 190.

#96 Joe Gulla (John F. Kenne-

dy Elementary School) OG/DE 5'11 210.

99 Quency Bocage DT (West Somerville Neighborhood School) 5'11 205.

Coach Makonnen Fenton Defensive Coordinator Team Mass, SHS '99, Temple University '04.

This past fall the Somerville Recreation Department introduced The Somerville Youth Football and Cheer Program (SYFC) an associate member of the Northeast Conference Youth Football League (NECY-FL). The NECYFL is affiliated with American Youth Football, which is a "Grade Based, Age Protected" youth football league. In the inaugural season over 100 Somerville youth were given an equal opportunity to play youth football and cheer.



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The FBU National Championship is a 64-team youth football tournament with 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade national brackets featuring the best youth athletes selected from the best youth leagues and top youth programs

from around the country. The FBU National Championship is a single-elimination all-star tournament, occurring annually from December to January. The semi-finals for all grades are held in San Antonio, Texas, Al-

Jingle Bell Run rescheduled

amo Dome in association with the U.S. Army All-American

More info can be found on the official website: http://fbunc. com/ and also on Facebook: FBU Team Mass.

Ms. Cam's lio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous #401 mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. In the song *The Twelve* Days of Christmas what gift was received on the ninth day?
- 2. What does the evergreen tree symbolize?
- 3. Where in the U.S. would you find the towns "Santa Claus," "Noel," and "Christmas"?

The next three questions may have different meanings for different faiths:

- 4. Why are red and green colors mostly used at Christmas?
- 5. Who invented candy
- 6. Why do we put bows

Burger Company

- on presents?
- 7. Who recorded Rocking Around The Christmas Tree first?
- 8. What furry trio recorded the song that contains the line "Christmas, Christmas, time is here," that topped the charts in 1958?
- 9. In what year was the first Christmas card printed?
- 10. Who recorded Jingle Bell Rock first?
- 11. What state is called the Treasury State?
- 12. How did the Poinsettia get it name?

Answers on page 17

"Best of Somerville"

 $Due to the winter storm \ last weekend, the \ Marathon \ Sports \ Somerville \ Jingle \ Bell \ Run \ has been \ rescheduled to \ December \ 22 \ at$ 11:00 a.m. All registered runners have had their registration extended to December 22.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFQF 14-53

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites separately sealed price and non-price proposals from licensed master electricians for:

Wire & Electrical Inspections and Consulting Services on an As-Needed Basis

The Request for Qualifications and Fees (RFQF) may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or by contacting the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after: Wednesday, December 18, 2013. Separately sealed Non-Price and Price Proposals will be received at the above office until: Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at which time sealed non-price proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served in so doing

The initial contract term shall be for the remainder of the City's fiscal year, from January 2014 through June 30, 2014, with two optional one-

Please contact Michael Richards mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and proposal packages.

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP # 14-52

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

Residential Property Rodent Control Assistance Program

A Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained online http://www. somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after Wednesday, December 18, 2013. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The City of Somerville is seeking proposals for inspection and rodent control treatment assistance to residential properties (exterior only). The City is offering this residential rodent control assistance program as part of the City's broader Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) for long-term pest suppression.

The successful bidder must be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please contact purchasing@somervillema.gov for more information.

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

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JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance has been recently updated

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO PLACE ADDITIONAL LAND INTO THE CCD-45 ZONING DISTRICT. THIS AMENDMENT, SUBMITTED BY SONOCO INC AND KRISTCO REALTY LLC, WILL CHANGE THE ZONING OF THE SUNOCO PARCELS (MBL 80-B-4, 80-B-1, 80-B-27) FROM BUSINESS B

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING **ORDINANCE (SZO) WITH RESPECT TO MODIFICATIONS TO** ARTICLE 15- LINKAGE TO AMEND THE USES, SOUARE FOOTAGE THRESHOLD, FEE AND FEE RECALCULATION FORMULA IN **SECTIONS 15.2, 15.3, AND 15.5**

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 6.6: NORTH POINT SPECIAL DISTRICT, MODIFY SECTION 5.4; DESIGN AND SITE PLAN REVIEW, AND MAKE RELATED MODIFICATIONS TO **SECTIONS 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 17**

Per MGL 40, Section 32A, copies of the City of Somerville's zoning ordinance, as updated, including these amendments as well as any and all previous amendments may be examined at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development on the 3rd Floor of Somerville City Hall at 93 Highland Avenue. Claims of invalidity by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption may only be made within ninety days after the final posting of this notice.

To be published in the Somerville Times 12/18/2013, 12/25/2013

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Wynn lays cards on the table **CONT. FROM PG 1**

The Gaming Commission's Investigation and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) last week issued its 200-page report with the recommendation that Wynn be found "suitable" for licensing, subject to the condition that Wynn satisfy the commission that its business practices in Macau meet the state gaming law standard of "responsible business practices in any jurisdiction."

During more than four hours of testimony and questions at Monday's hearing, commissioners delved into the details of Wynn's operations in the Chinese special administrative territory, where it is one of three big U.S. players in the world's fastest-growing gaming market. Much focus was on so-called junket operators, who recruit high-end Chinese players to VIP rooms in Macau casinos, and who have at times been linked to orga-

Wynn executives described how junket operators are licensed and regulated by the Macau gaming authorities, and they detailed Wynn's own procedures for vetting staff and preventing money laundering, which they said go above and beyond regulatory requirements for oversight.

"I don't think that any executive in my business can stand up and say that with all that money moving around every second that everybody can keep track of it, not 100 percent perfectly," said Wynn. "But the issue is do we allow illegal activity in our No. No. Do we do everything that you can reasonably do to stop it? The answer is yes."

Wynn said his past record from 47 years in the gaming industry should be a good indication of his commitment to compliance.

"I want to sleep at night," said Wynn, noting that his personal reputation is on the line for anything that happens in his casinos. "My name's on the sign, so I'm going to take the rap."

The commission did not immediately vote on the suitability finding recommendation at Monday's hearing, but commissioners appeared to have had all their questions answered with respect to Macau.

Prior to the suitability hearing, Wynn had already taken steps to settle questions about who will benefit from its plans to buy the blighted riverfront property that was once a Monsanto Chemical plant. The IEB's suitability report dedicated over 40 pages to its investigation into suspicions that "persons with documented criminal histories" had a hidden beneficial interest in FBT Everett Realty, the selling group.

Investigators concluded there was "a substantial basis" to believe sellers withheld material information from both Wynn and the IEB, and provided misleading and even falsified documents.

The report also laid out evidence, including transcripts of monitored prison phone conversations, that Revere businessman Charles Lightbody "possessed a significant criminal history and took affirmative steps to conceal his role and interest in the transaction," since Lightbody's involvement would hurt the buyer's ability to get a casino license, which would in turn put a cap on the potential value of the property.

Investigators found no evidence Wynn could have or should have known about deliberately hidden interests in the land deal, and the Gaming Commission last week approved Wynn's re-negotiated option to buy the land. The revised deal cuts the potential sale price from \$75 million to \$35 million, to reflect the land value without a casino license, and requires sellers to sign under oath that no one else will profit from the sale. Chairman Steven Crosby recused himself from the land deal vote due to a prior business relationship with one of the named sellers.

In other recent Gaming Commission decisions, Suffolk Downs got the green light to move forward with a Revere-only version of its own competitive casino bid, with Mohegan Sun as a partner. Now that commis sioners have turned over all the stones in the Wynn deal, the contest for the single available resort casino license for Eastern Massachusetts looks to be nearing its final round, and both Revere and Everett are still in play.

'The Old Aluminum Christmas Tree' CONT. FROM PG 10

I'll never forget that aluminum tree Shining and glimmering and something

And the sound I recall in my head never

That squeaky, squealing sound that the color wheel made

The tree could be real, or the tree could

Great Christmas memories did not a tree

When I think of those times when my family was whole

I sigh, then I smile, and feel love in my

Merry Christmas to all my friends from The Del Ponte family!

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

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

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

LGBT Events (Open to all ages):

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

Ralph & Jenny Center Weekly Events:

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

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

Trip Corner:

Atlantic City/Taj Mahal - January 12-14.

STAY ACTIVE:

Wii Bowling League - at Holland - Mondays at noon.

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

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

December 18

Hanscom Field

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life A & B&C

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

English Conversation 10:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway 617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage | 10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

December 19

Holland Street Center

Current Events 10 a.m. Blood Pressure 12 p.m.

Musical Conservations 6 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Strengthening Exercise 10 a.m. Crochet and Knitting | 10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

Bingo Break Exercises | 1:30 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

December 20

Holland Street Center

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

December 23

No programming – all centers closed

December 24

No programming – all centers closed

December 25

No programming - all centers closed

Check out our Facebook site for photos from our events and exercise and tips for everyday healthy living at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

Smart commercial development keeps Somerville affordable CONT. FROM PG 10

concerns about higher tax bills that could come in future years as those values increase. It's important to remember that Somerville isn't alone in facing this problem. Market forces are driving up real estate costs metrowide. The affordable housing shortage throughout the metro area has been well-documented, as has the fact that the Boston area ranks among the most expensive real estate markets in the country. And we know that we can't build housing unit after housing unit and hope that solves the issue.

It's also important to remember that Somerville's increased values also indicate something positive: People want to live here. They see our investments in our neighborhoods and schools, the services that we offer, and see Somerville as a home, not a transitional place-between-places. So as our value grows, so does the risk of pricing out the diversity that our community deeply values. We could suppress property values by not investing in our schools, not building parks, letting crime increase and making our city less livable ... but I doubt anyone would support that approach. So what can we do?

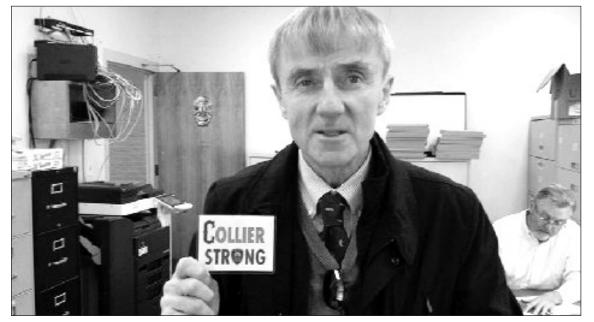
Smart, high-density mixeduse development that includes commercial space is the key to maintaining our affordability. As we've already seen, it shifts the tax burden off all residents and brings it into better bal-

ance. It brings in more business owners to pay for the cost of the services that make Somerville a great place to live, work, play and raise a family. On top of a range of housing created in mixed-use projects, including affordable units mandated by the city's inclusionary housing program, making sure commercial development is part of the equation also brings more job opportunities—including high-quality jobs—to Somerville, so residents can work near where they live, reduce their commuting costs and have access to more high-quality jobs. We will connect Somerville workers with those jobs, too, through a contract with a local workforce development agency that will provide both job training and promote all opportunities for residents to have first access to local jobs.

Of course, we must manage the redevelopment within Somerville to ensure that we stay true to our community's values and our collective vision for our community's future. SomerVision isn't just a colorful document to point to and say, "Here's some wishful thinking. Wouldn't this be great?" Every decision we make is based on the commuin SomerVision. Every decision. And it's not the end—it's not a one-time temperature taking. We'll take those values and apply them to every project and proposal, and continue to have public processes every step of the way as our city evolves. We have enormous potential in our city, and commercial development is key in our efforts to keep Somerville affordable and open to all residents.

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Marathon Sports 'Somerville lingle Bell Run' donation



Marathon Sports "Somerville Jingle Bell" donated \$3919 to the Somerville Police Officer Sean Collier Memorial Fund granite plaque which will be displayed at Somerville Police Department. Alderman At Large Jack Connolly (pictured here) was present, along with representatives of the Marathon Sports "Somerville Jingle Bell Run."



1. 9 dancing ladies

2. Staying green all year, it 7. Brenda Lee symbolizes eternal life

3. Santa Claus, Arizona & Indiana; Noel, Missouri;

and Christmas, Arizona &

Florida

Red for the blood Christ shed for us, and green for life

5. Legend has it a choir master in Cologne Cathedral, Germany, had given children blocks of candy to keep them quiet and was the first to bend them to represent shepherd's

6. It represents true gift,

with true love, unity

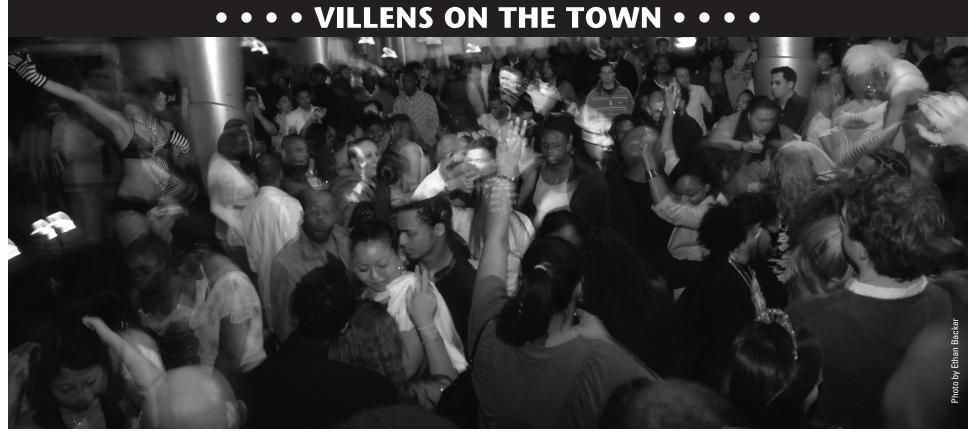
8. The Chipmunks

9. In 1843

10. Bobby Helms

11. Montana

12. The poinsettia got its name from Joel Roberts Poinsett. He was Ambassador Mexico's and sent the flowers to South Carolina. One of the beliefs as to why it is called the Christmas flower is that its flower and leaves represent the star that led the Wise Men to Bethlehem.



FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday December 18

Central Library

StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000

7 p.m.- 9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Thursday December 19

Central Library

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

East Branch Library

Good CRAFTernoon! Meghan Forsell 617-623-5000 x2970 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 115 Broad-

Friday December 20

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year

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

Central Library

Teen Program TBA Cynthia or Ron 617-623-5000-2936 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Saturday December 21

Central Library

StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000 x2910

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

Sunday | December 22

Central Library

StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000

1 p.m.. - 5 p.m. |79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink Free public skating

3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somer-

Monday December 23

Central Library

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

Tuesday December 24

Christmas Eve - Libraries Close at 12:30

Wednesday December 25

Christmas - Libraries Closed

MUSIC

Wednesday December 18

Johnny D's

Bar and Kitchen Open to Public 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm **Back Room**

Burren Backroom series 7:30

Comedy @ 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

Magic Island|The Dawn Drapes | Durt Dog the Band 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

On The Hill Tavern

Sports Trivia

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Trivia 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Radio Bar

625-1131

UP: Dave Crespo CD Swap!!: The Inebriations 379 Summer St

Thursday December 19

Johnny D's

Bar and Kitchen Open to Public Dining Room Closed for Private

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

The Lonely Heartstring Band grassy Thursdays 335 Somerville Avel617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. **Back Room** Scattershot 80's night|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar

The Upper Crust 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's

Dub Down Featuring The Scotch **Bonnet Band**

366A Somerville Ave 617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

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

Radio Bar

Up: The Great AK, Four Point Restraints, LeafCutter 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

Third Thursday Jazz at the Ar-

7:30 p.m. |Mezzanine Castle of Comedy 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre

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

Friday December 20

Johnny D's

Sugar Ray & The Bluetones | 7 p.m.

American Symphony of Soul|10 p.m.

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

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m.

Birds of Play Christmas Party! Birds, The Summer Villains, Three Day Threshold|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

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

Mugsy

3589

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar

HearNowLive presents: Swiss Clark & The Eskimo Project|Ellis Ashbrook|Yankee Power|Patch Of Grass|The Dirty Dottys 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge

Spectre Hawk|The Woods|The Warning Shots|Hudson Falcons 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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

Bull McCabe's

Dave Wells & Andrea Gillis 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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

Radio Bar

379 Summer St.

Somerville Theatre Slutcracker-A Burlesque

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Saturday December 21

Johnny D's

International Night of Greek, Arabic & Armenian Music & Belly Dancing

Mitchell Kaltsunas|Harry Berdrossian|Charlie Makredes|George Mansour

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Les Sampou Trio|6 p.m. One Thin Dime|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. **Back Room** Scattershot 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

Precinct Bar

HearNowLive presents:The Olde Maids|Red Star Super Giant|Something Sneaky|Cardboard Mercenary|The Groovalottos 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke 65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge

LT Live presents: Malignancy Internal Bleeding|Dehumanized|Dysentery|Totality 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

1557 On The Hill Tavern

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256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

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Radio Bar

379 Summer St **Somerville Theatre**

Slutcracker-A Burlesque

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

• • • • VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •

Arts at the Armory

Kielbasia, the Accordion Playing Drag Lunch Lady, presents her Holiday Extravaganza 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday December 22

Johnny D's

Open Blues Jam featuring Hot Sauce BPS

17 Holland St. 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5

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

The Burren

Front Room

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

Back Room

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

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar

6045

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Radio Bar

Winter Solstice Party: Andre Obin, Bathaus, Ruby Ridge, Lend Bias, Coralcola(DJ Set) 8PM, 21+,

379 Summer St

Somerville Theatre

Slutcracker-A Burlesque 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. | 55 Davis Square Arts at the Armory

Local is for Lovers: Holiday Market

9 a.m.-2 p.m.|Performance Center

Cafe Rags

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday December 23

Johnny D's

Team Trivia

8:30 p.m.|17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

3589

Front Room

Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.

Back Room

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway 617-629-5302

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

1557 **Precinct Bar**

70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia

8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday December 24

Johnny D's

Holiday Brunch 9:30-3:30pm

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Merry Christmas 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

3589

The Burren

Front Room

Jason Anick and the Swing-

ers|8:30 p.m. **Back Room**

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

On The Hill Tavern

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

PA'S Lounge

Closed

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Precinct Bar

Bull McCabe's Pub

Bar open 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz

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

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Wednesday December 25

Johnny D's

Merry Christmas from Johnny

Happy Holidays!

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

Merry Christmas

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm

Back Room Merry Christmas

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

Closed-Merry Christmas 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Precinct Bar

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

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Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday December 18

Third Life Studio

Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal|Level 2

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

Thursday | December 19

Central Library

Drop in meditation 1 p.m.-2 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 **Third Life Studio**

Roots and Rhythm 33 Unions Sq| www.libana.com

Friday December 20

Arts at the Armory

2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland

Saturday | December 21

Arts at the Armory

Winter Farmers' Market 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m

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 22

Unity Church of God

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

Enter upstairs, meeting is in

Third Life Studio

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday December 23

Third Life Studio

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal

6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Tuesday | December 24

Christmas Eve - Libraries Close at 12:30

Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga

7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland

Third Life Studio

The Art of Group Singing For

with Susan Robbins, www.libana.

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Adela & Jude 'Will Sing for Food' **CONT. FROM PG 1**

to discuss the past, present, and future of Adela & Jude.

Somerville Times: How did the two of you meet?

Jude Moran: We met about 5 years ago, originally as a couple without performing. When we met outside of music, Adela was intrigued with an old Estey Pump organ that I had found years before. With a love of old Southern spiritual music, the band was born.

We have been performing as a duo for about the last four years. We're both lifelong musicians with a really diverse background.

ST: Between the two of you, how many instruments do you use?

JM: Probably about a dozen. I play kick and snare [drums] with my feet while strumming six- and four-string guitars, banjos, mando[lin], and autoharp. Adela plays pump organ, toms, cymbals, comb, and hand percussion. We joke that we have as much as a full band for two people.

ST: How much touring have the two of you done?

JM: We tour a lot in the spring and summer months, usually six to 10 days at a time. We've been developing some solid routes from Boston to Tennessee, up to Chicago, and back to Massachusetts over the last four years. We started playing farmers' markets as fill-in for afternoon shows and found that our music was a perfect fit.

This is when touring and playing club and gastropub venues began to shift to farmers' markets and outreach shelters for the poor and hungry. Drawn to the local food movement, we began reaching out to markets and found an audience who was keenly attuned to the music and message.

bare bones on the road. When we played markets, the farmers and market managers would hand us huge bags of produce. When we'd count up our tips, we realized we could make more playing markets than most clubs loaded down with 4 or 5 acts for the night. Over 2011 and 2012, our shows became more and more focused on performing 3to 4-hour sets at markets. Our visual stage set is full of iconic pieces picked up along our travels, each bringing a unique spirit to our stage.

ST: Which venues have you played in Somerville?

IM: We've played a lot over the last few years: Johnny D's, Sally O'Brien's, Precinct, the late Rosebud. But we've been changing our direction gig-wise and playing more things like the Monday Project SOUP [Share Our United Pantry] at the First Congregational Church in Somerville. We hope to continue reaching to the community to bring more music to situations like this. We also have played the Somerville Farmers' Market at the Armory for the last three years, and love it there.

ST: What is Will Sing for

JM: It occurred to us that the people we met over the past couple years—the farmers, the market managers, the customers—all contribute to the thriving of their local economies. As traveling musicians, we are interlopers into every community that welcomes us in. We feel so lucky that we can experience this. The most vibrant towns that we encounter are the ones where community means everything.

Keeping the money local ends up keeping the economy We travel in our van, living very healthy, and the community



farmers' market work. We've felt that a wonderful way to celebrate these communities is to document our travels, and make a commitment to feeding ourselves on the food we get donated by farmers. In this way, we can showcase the vibrancy of local farms and markets.

Food is such a powerful social medium that the result of these markets is the re-engagement of community. Adela and I come from families where farming was a big part of our heritage, and our musical style and social commitments naturally led us to performing at farmers' markets.

ST: How extensive, in terms of time and geography, is the tour? JM: 2014 will be a year of planand our tour starts in 2015, with the fall of that year to be our release. It will take us from the Northeast all the way to Florida and toward the Mississippi River, and following along the river north to Chicago. We are getting offers from farmers' markets in Colorado and beyond. We're still in the planning stages of the route, and more markets are signing on for us. We expect to be on the road full time from April until October.

It's a big risk for us, professionally and personally, but we feel it's the right thing to do.

ST: How will local farmers, businesses, and needy people benefit from Will Sing for Food? JM: We want people to realjust a trendy fad. There are real serious issues with our food system in America. We must focus on local farms feeding local people through encouraging people to grow food themselves, on a micro scale, and helping others to learn how easy it is to grow basic vegetables.

Helping the poor, elderly, and needy is simply the right thing to do, especially when you look at, for example, the number of children in Somerville living in poverty. Schools need to have classes in farming for the children, a school farm. We're hoping we can include this kind of action in our film and encourage the schools to move in this direction.

A humbug homily **CONT. FROM PG 10**

Christianity was a form of Judaism. One couldn't be a Christian without also being a Jew.

Then, Christianity became respectable. It spread first to working people, and then to aristocratic women. The Emperor Constantine's mother was one of them. He credited the Christian god with his military victory. He legalized religion and gave lavish gifts of land and money to the Church.

Being a Christian went from being risky to being advantageous. The upwardly mobile, opportunistic, and politically ambitious began joining the Church. This became a stampede when Christianity became the state religion in 380. The

new "converts" brought with them practices that had nothing to do with Jesus.

Sometime in the Fourth Century, the Roman Church established December 25th as the feast of Jesus' birth. Early Christians had been suspect of such celebrations. The theologian Origen of Alexandria had written in 245 that in the Bible, only evildoers like Pharaoh and Harod celebrated their birthdays. Writing in 303, the Christian apologist Amobius ridiculed the pagan celebration of gods' birthdays.

Pagan it was. The selection of December 25th coincided with a series of pagan celebrations surrounding the Winter solstice. The practice of gift giving came directly from Saturnalia, the festival honoring the Roman god Saturn.

Over the following millennium, as the Church rolled over the peoples of Europe, it placated them by adopting other pagan elements that are now inseparable from our celebration of Christmas-the tree, Yule log, greenery, lights.

I have nothing against pagan celebrations. As someone prone to the winter blues, I love celebrating the return of the light on Winter Solstice.

But I'm saddened that, rather than savoring peace, solace, and contemplation, we so often feel stressed by an urgency to get our shopping done, or by a sense of inadequacy if we have scant funds with which to shop.

Over my lifetime, consumption has gone from representing a third of our economy to 70%. I can't help but speculate as to whether this has something to do with the onset of Christmas season having crept from mid December to mid November over the same period.

I'm saddened that there is only one season in which we are enjoined to be good to each other. By "good" I mean kind and caring rather than effective and efficient. Too often we confuse the two meanings of

I don't wish to diminish anyone's Christmas joy. In fact, I believe that Joy is what it should be about.

So here is my Christmas wish for you:

May you know Love;

May you always have a home and enough to eat;

May you have productive work that is meaningful to you;

May you have a rich and abiding understanding of your own worth, independent of what you

May you have the courage to acknowledge your wrongs and the wisdom to forgive yourself;

May you know Grace and be gracious unto others;

May you be joyful.

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8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Play by Play	7:30am	Eckankar		
9:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	6:30pm	Chatting with History	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		
9:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00pm	Sound Off (Veterans Programming)	2:30pm	The Awesome SCATV Holiday Variety Show	9:00am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez		
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12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF						
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3:00pm:	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner						
6:30pm:	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting						
8:30pm:	Talking Business						
9:05pm:	The Aldermen's Hour						
9:30pm:	Congressional Update						
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7:30pm:	Illuminations Tour						
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Friday, December 20

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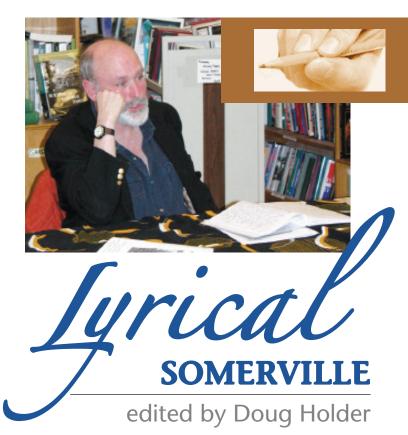
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ANXIOUS POCKETS

Why do all the men I know feel the need to write down their feelings, and slip them under my door?

Like my mind is just a mail slot, a cubby for them to deposit their lies into at the end of the month.

As if their debt to me weighs down their pockets after awhile, and they need to pacify it. Get it out out out out of their minds, and into mine.

So now I can have the pleasure of walking around all day with anxious pockets.

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by Doug Holder

Somerville Artist Jesa Damora creates and works in an 'Asylum'

Jesa Damora works in an asylum. No, not in a psychiatric hospital like McLean Hospital, where I have labored for thirty or so years. She works in the Artisan's Asylum a huge open space for artists of all stripes, that is located here in Somerville. She is also a consultant for other artists, as well as creating her own acclaimed prints and drawings. Like many Somerville artists of my acquaintance Damora is a refuge from the Republic of Cambridge. She and her husband moved from the rarefied environs of Appian Way in Cambridge to the more egalitarian territory of Prospect Hill in Somerville. Now she owns a home, and has a small carriage house that acts as her art studio. Of our town Damora told me: "We moved from Cambridge because it was so expensive. I love the multicultural aspect of Somerville. I mean in Cambridge where we lived, it was all rich, white doctors and lawyers." Damora is also excited by the subway coming to Union Square and the changes it will bring. She is a member of the Mystic Valley Task Force and feels that in the end this will help the creative economy in the Square. Damora, by her own description, is not a political animal but hopes that there will be advocacy for low income and moderate income housing so Union Square will not just be a home for high income young urban professionals. She wants Union Square to retain its unique flavor—a very hard task if you examine other neighborhoods that went through similar transformations.

Damora is known for her drawings and limited edition of flowers and seedpods. Her work according to the website of the Somerville Open Studios consists of "vital, luminous immensely detailed drawings. They are about the wildness both in nature and ourselves, that we think we have tamed."But Damora is not only about flowers; she is also known for her drawings of men's testicles. Damora feels the penis has overshadowed the testicle--so to speak, and she has given it more...well... exposure. And after all, isn't the sacred sac a sort of seedpod...huh?

Damora attended Harvard University and majored in General Studies. She said Harvard was not a good place to study to be an artist because it was too traditional. But Damora came from a rather unconventional family. Her father was a noted architectural photographer, and was friends with Walter Gropius, the founder of the Bauhaus Art Movement. The house Damora lived in when she tact Damora at jsdamora@gmail.com.



was a child was designed by Philip Johnson. Her life was filled with unconventional and creative people that has influenced her rather unconventional life.

Because of some physical problems Damora was unable to paint and draw as much as she would of liked. So after browsing Facebook she realized that a lot of artists do not really know how to market their work properly. So she started an artist consulting business titled FunnelCake. Because of her extensive background in the arts and the connections she has, she helps the artist to get the word out about their work, and teaches them how to connect to the markets that best serve them.

Damora is also involved with the Artisan's Asylum located right outside of Union Square off of Somerville Ave. This is a huge open space that rents sections to any number of artists. Damora is the unofficial tour guide and is heavily involved in the promotion of the facility. She told me: "We have 3D printers there, a jewelry school, glass work artists, plasma cutters, etc...There is a great crosspollination of artists here." The venue was founded by Gui Cavalcanti. Damora added: "There a lot of incredible but unassuming people here."

Damora is married to John Bailes—a poet of some note, and a protege of the late bard Philip Whalen. As Damora left the Bloc11, she seemed to be swept away by some creative breeze that graced Bow St- and then out to the wilds of the Paris of New England.

To find out more about FunnelCake Marketing con-

Manchester Police Department's tribute to Sean Collier

Wanting to honor the memory of his friend, Officer Sean Collier, Sgt. Stephen Louf of the Manchester Police Department recently presented a check for \$4,000 to the staff of the Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC).

Officer Collier was tragically killed in the line of duty on April 18, 2013, in connection to the Boston Marathon bombings. With this gift, Louf helped fulfill Collier's desire to help those less fortunate in the Somerville area. Over the course of seven months, Louf and his colleagues sold nearly 1,000 "Collier Strong" decals.

"Sean had great compassion for the homeless people he encountered regularly while working at the MIT Police Department," remarked Sgt. Louf when he and Officer Meola presented the check. "He always wanted to do more to help, rather than just move them along when they were looking for a warm and dry place to spend the night," he ex-

"These funds will make a great difference in our work to help people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless," affirmed Mark Alston-Follansbee, SHC's executive director. "We are deeply grateful for Officer Collier's service and Sgt. Louf's efforts to honor him."

Collier and Louf met at the beginning of their careers as security guards and attended Salem State University together. Collier graduated with Honors in Criminal Justice in 2009, then went on to work at the Somerville Police Department in information technology for five years before he joined the MIT Police Department in Jan-



uary 2012. He also served on the Somerville Auxiliary Police, which provides coverage for the Somerville Homeless Coalition's 5K Road Race each October. In August 2013, Officer Sean Collier was sworn in as a Somerville Police Officer posthumously, fulfilling another of his life ambitions.

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