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City officials, residents address Tufts University housing proposal



A student housing shortage has Tufts University looking outwards for more space to put beds.

By Jim Clark

At the latest regular meeting of the Somerville Board of Aldermen last week, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang reported on the business of the Committee on Housing and Community Development which met on November 29.

Among the matters discussed at that meeting, was the proposed conversion of wood-framed offices into residential units for students of Tufts University.

According to Niedergang, several representatives from Tufts were present at the meeting, along with city officials and members of the neighboring community.

Niedergang indicated that Continued on page 4

The catalyst for change

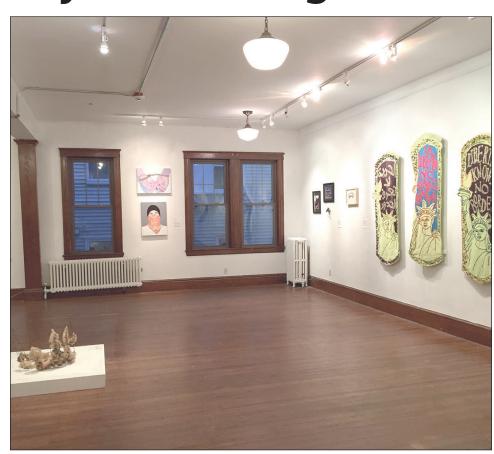
By Ahmed Sorour

"Change begins at home," or so the saying goes. At a time where American institutions are coming under assault, generations are splitting apart, and fault lines in politics are appearing, what better way to exemplify "change" than with an exhibit celebrating community and social change through domestic art?

"Catalyst: craft + social change" is the brainchild of curator Vanessa Marcoux, an exhibit that not only celebrates the domestic arts, but aims to remind its audience of the power behind the often overlooked craft. Gathering 12 artists from across the U.S. and employing an assortment of artistic styles, the show speaks to social issues such as healthcare, immigration, climate change, homelessness, incarceration and domestic violence.

The works on display are not merely statements, but aim to affect the world around them.

"I've been so inspired by the many projects that I've seen that have addressed social causes," Marcoux says, "from the store windows at



Gather Here in Cambridge Continued on page 17 "Catalyst: craft + social change" now showing at the Nave Gallery.

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The Somerville Times staff will be taking a week off, with no publication on Wednesday, December 27. Our print edition will be back on January 3 of next year. Meanwhile, we will still be online at www.thesomervilletimes.com.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a very Happy New Year in 2018 to all our readers both in print and on social media as well as on our website. We hope everyone has a great holiday with their family and friends. A very blessed New Year for 2018. The annual celebration of the raising of the first American flag will be on January 1, as usual, up at Prospect Hill.

Union Square Sip and Stroll is this Thursday, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., sponsored by Queen of Swords, Forestbound Bag and Luggage Co., Loyal Supply, Gracie's Ice Cream and Janji. There are some amazing things happening in Union Sq. this season. Join your favorite local independent retailers for their first annual Sip and Stroll and get your holiday shopping done in Union Sq. - with a drink in your hand. Queen of Swords, Loyal Supply, Forestbound, Gracie's Ice Cream and Janji will host a multi-location holiday party. Each location will be hosting special offers, holiday drinks and festive activities.

This past week we did a story on a person who once worked for Buddy's Truck Stop on Washington Street. One correction (thanks to Dave for letting us know), Buddy's Truck Stop was not a train car, it was lunch car, built by the Worcester Lunch Car Company in 1929. Great people on the weekends, especially Jose as a short order cook.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club, they give an extensive class program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: City seeks to increase fines and penalties for rodent control violations

Chris says:

Courtney is right. Looking through cpa projects – you will find scc being approved for all they put through.

DatGruntled says:

"The affiliation that some members of the Board of Aldermen have and or had with the Somerville Community Corporation concerns me when the approval of CPA projects are presented." There is also their disdain for the open meeting laws.

Macintosh says:

"There is also their disdain for the open meeting laws."

If you think it is bad now just wait until the fab five get up there. All I want for christmas is for certain aldermen and school committee chumps to get busted for violating the open meeting laws.

Somerbreeze says:

@ DatGruntled - Obvious that you've not only got a bee in your bonnet, but your incessant postings suggest a hidden agenda of some kind.

DatGruntled says:

"@ DatGruntled – Obvious that you've not only got a bee in your bonnet, but your incessant postings suggest a hidden agenda of some kind."

What is hidden? I think SCC does a lot of good work. I also think their board and a lot of the former members use lies and other methods I find reprehensible to to get their way. I do not believe the ends always justify the means.

The SCC, along with Our Revolution use the same methods and even borrow tactics from Breitbart when they tried to get Payton in for Mayor, until they dropped him.

I am far from Joe's biggest supporter, but I find things like repeated claims that he is in FRIT's pocket to be without merit.

I dislike the SCC screaming that they were unhappy with the FRIT deal while pocketing \$10 mil that they are allowed to use to pay their own salary. If they did not like it, why not just turn down the \$10 mil and tell the city to go back to the drawing board? The had their cake and ate it too. Matt from Ward 1 is even funnier. Screams up and down how bad the deal was and how it never should have happened and then lists it as one of his accomplishments on his re-election campaign. Now I am just waiting to see what they do as Union Square progresses. And for the record, I was against the use of eminent domain (said so to the mayor in several public meetings) and do not think US2 is the best partner for the city and should be held to a high standard and booted if they

I guess I could have summed this up with I hate hypocrites and it only gets worse when they act self righteous on top of it.

If replying to you makes my postings incessant, I am not sure how to reconcile that with you. As for a hidden agenda, I am speaking my mind pretty openly. what about you? Each of your posts seem to just be an attempt to discredit without actually refuting or stating your own views.

Jim G. says:

"...I hate hypocrites and it only gets worse when they act self righteous on top of it." Sounds like dyed-in-the-wool Trump man to me.

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The winners of The Somerville Times Reader's Choice results for THE BEST OF SOMERVILLE 2017

Congratulations to the winners! Please support their businesses and let them know you saw them in The Somerville Times

Readers choices for 2017

Best Idea in 2017:

Building a new high school

Worst Idea in 2017:

Publishing of fake news

Best Somerville Food & Restaurants:

Best Breakfast: Ball Sq. Cafe, 708 Broadway

Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch: Kelly's Diner, 674 Broadway

Best Italian Food: Vinny's at Night, 76 Broadway

Best Italian Specialty Store: Dave's Fresh Pasta, 81 Holland St.

Best Portuguese Restaurant: Neighborhood Restaurant, 25 Bow St.

Best Brazilian Restaurant: Oliveira's Steak House, 120 Washington St.

Best Chinese Food: China Delight, 524 Somerville Ave.

Best Mexican Food: Sabroso Taqueria, 475 Revolution Dr.

Best Variety and All Around Restaurant: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway

Best Seafood Restaurant: Out of the Blue, 215 Elm St.

Best Local Deli: Victor's Deli, 710 Broadway

Best Irish Pub: Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave.

Best Bar for Bands: Once Ballroom, 156 Highland Ave.

Best Bar/Restaurant: PJ Ryans, 239 Holland St.

Best Brew and Coffee: Winter Hill Brewery, 328 Broadway

Best Bar Food/Creative Drinks: River Bar, 661 Assembly Row

Best Hamburger: RF O'Sullivans, 282 Beacon St.

Best Roast Beef Sandwich: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway

Best Pizza: Posto, 187 Elm St.

Best Chocolate: Taza Chocolate, 561 Windsor St.

Best Donuts: Davis Square Donuts & Bagels, 377 Summer St.

Best Donuts Outside of Somerville: **Demet's Donuts, 199 Mystic Ave.**Medford

Best Bakery: Mike's Pastry, 445 Revolution Dr.

Best Pies: Petsi Pies, 285 Beacon St.

Best Sub Shop: Leone's Sub and Pizza, 292 Broadway

Best Local Coffee Shop: The Biscuit, 406 Washington St.

Best of Somerville Services:

Best Doctor: Andrew Chandler, MD

Hallmark Health Medical Associates at Ball Square

Best Dentist: **Dr. Marhama Alvi, West Somerville Dental 124 College Ave.**

Best Electricians: Bent Electrical Contractors Inc., 59A Inner Belt Road

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

Best Law Firm: Smith, Berman, White, 403 Highland Ave.

Best Attorney: Attorney Phil Privitera, 59 Union Sq.

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

Best Bank: Winter Hill Bank, winterhillbank.com

Best Branch Manager: Karen McCarthy, Winter Hill Bank

Best Bank Officer: Lisa Ramos, Century Bank

Best Paralegal: Paula LeBlanc, O'Donovan Law Office, 741 Broadway

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Best Real Estate Broker/Agent: Irene Bremis, James J. Bremis Realty 1177 Broadway

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

Best Employee: Amanda Hills, Century Bank

Best Florist: Ida Tauro, Bostonain Florist, 92 Highland Ave.

Best Waiter/Waitress: Zenalia Pereira, Buddy's Diner 113 Washington St.

Best Cook: Omar Djebbouri, Ball Sq Café, 708 Broadway

Best Short Order Cook: Jose Ramirez, Buddy's Diner 113 Washington St.

Best Convenient Store: 350 Market, 350 Broadway

Best Laundromat: Spin Cycle, 6 Main St.

Best Liquor Store: Winter Hill Liquor Mart, 313 Broadway

Best Barber: Tony Alibrandi, Alibrandi's Barber Shop, 194 Holland St.

Best Hair Salon: Amal Niccoli, 731 Broadway
Best Gas Station: Good Gas, 345 Medford St.

Best Mechanic: Edwin Sola, Good Gas, 345 Medford St.

Best Painter: Bill Faber, Main St.

Best Pest Exterminator: Best Pest Control Services, 63 Elm St.

Best Dry Cleaners: Mystic Cleaners and Tailors, 282 Broadway

Best of Somerville Municipal Services:

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Best Somerville Department: **Communications Dept.**

Best Somerville Official: Ed Bean, Director of Finance, Auditor

Best Somerville DPW Foreman/Supervisor: Tom Barry

Best City Employee DPW: Kevin Dewitt

Best City Employee City Hall/Annex: Front Office, Water Dept. Staff

Best City Elected Politician: Mary Jo Rossetti, Alderman At-Large

Best Teacher: Mario Sousa, Somerville High, CTE

Best Principal: Dr. Holly Hatch, East Somerville Community School

Best Nurse: Lynne Lenoir

Best Police Officer: Somerville Deputy Police Chief, Paul Trant

Best Fire Fighter: Karl Popken, Somerville Fire
Best Coach: Indira Evora, SHS Girls JV Basketball

Best of Somerville Arts/Entertainment:



Best Somerville Poet: Doug Holder

Best Photographer: Claudia Ferro

Best Commentary Writer: William C. Shelton

Best Somerville Celebrity: Jimmy Del Ponte

Best Somerville Historian: Bob "Monty" Doherty

Best Somerville Non Profit Agency: CAAS, 66-70 Union Square,

Suite 104

Best Somerville Charity: Somerville Homeless Coalition, 1 Davis Square

Best Creative idea in 2017: Aeronaut Brewing Company's limited edition brew, "Municipal Freedom Gives National Strength," in honor of the 175th Anniversary of Somerville

EWEEKIN CRI By Jim Clark

Bad blood at the Stop and Shop

Police officers were dispatched to the Stop and Shop store at Alewife Brook Parkway last week on reports of two customers fighting.

Upon arrival a woman known to them as Kafia Mohamed standing near the entrance abutting Alewife Brook Parkway. According to reports, she was visibly upset, crying and yelling at two other females standing a few feet away.

The officers took separated Mohamed aside and asked the other two females to wait inside.

Mohamed, still excited from the altercation, was reportedly

yelling and stated that she is "sick and tired of being harassed."

After a while the officers were able to calm her down and she stated that she has been having an issue with one of the other women for some time. She spoke of a dispute involving the same parties that occurred in October, to which one of the officers on scene had responded.

When asked what had occurred today in the store, Mohamed replied that she was standing in line at the customer service desk when she heard her name being called. When she turned around she reportedly saw the other woman in question and asked to speak with her. An argument reportedly ensued and Mohamed stated that the other woman punched her several times. Mohamed denied physically striking the other woman in any way.

Mohamed was asked to remain outside with one officer while another officer spoke to the alleged victim.

The woman had told police that Mohamed verbally and physically attacked her while she was in line waiting to pay for food items. The officers reported that they could see a slight scratch on her right cheek area.

While the woman was being medically evaluated, police officers spoke with her friend, who witnessed the entire altercation.

The witness reportedly stated that she was waiting in line with with her friend to pay for items when they observed Mohamed in line at the customer service desk. She said she advised her friend not to communicate with Mohamed, because she knew a fight would ensue due to the nature of their relationship.

The witness then stated that when Mohamed saw her friend she approached her in an aggres-

sive manner and yelled. The witness said she stepped between her friend and Mohamed and yelled, "She is pregnant, she is pregnant!" and not to hit her.

The witness reportedly stated that Mohamed then attacked her friend by punching her. She and a store employee were able to break up the fight and subdue Mohamed. However, she reportedly remained belligerent and disorderly.

Based on various witness reports, Mohamed was placed under arrest and charged with aggravated assault and battery on a pregnant female.

Arrests:

Kafia Mohamed, of 1374 Broadway 6B, December 11, 12:14 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on a charge of aggravated assault and battery on a pregnant female.

Linda Cardalino, of 1 Snow Terr., December 12, 8:46 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Felipe Leao, of 8 Hinkley 15, 4:53 p.m., arrested on a

St., December 14, 6:09 p.m., arrested on charges of distribution of a class D drug and drug possession to distribute.

Courtney Brooks, of 7 Acadia St., Dorchester, December warrant charge of larceny over

Paul Denis, of 156 Cherry St., December 16, 3:52 p.m., arrested at Tufts St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Waddell Williams, of 140 Eustis St., Boston, December 16, 4:02 p.m., arrested on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

City officials, residents address **Tufts University housing proposal**

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there were no updates for Somerville at that time as the project has only been moving forward in Medford to date.

Robert Chihade, Director of Real Estate at Tufts, was present at the meeting and provided maps of locations of buildings that they plan on renovating and converting into student housing, along with a letter explaining the program.

Chihade told attendees at the meeting that only two dorms had been built on campus since 1980 and that Tufts was trying to address criticism of neighbors and leaders in the city by adding 600 beds over the next five years through the proposed conversion program.

Niedergang further reported that Chihade said the real estate they are working on around the campus is owned by Walnut Hill, which does pay taxes on the properties, and that the permitting process and neighborhood meetings in Medford have already taken place.

Chihade said that the new housing would consist of apartments for older students and not dorms, and that there would be only one student per bedroom. No parking would be provided.

While construction in Medford is expected to take place next year, as far as Somerville is concerned such plans will not be formally introduced until the summer or fall, when community meetings can be held and the plans can be presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

At the meeting, Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne expressed her opposition to the proposed expansion into Somerville and said that she is also opposed to current tenants being forced to move out of these wood-frame houses that some have been living in for a long time.

Ballantyne further said that Tufts never communicated to her as the ward alderman about the program and that she wants to understand better what the impact on the neighborhood would be.

Tufts should be increasing the density of the current housing that they control on campus, according to Ballantyne, and she has a number of concerns about this project.

Director Chihade told the committee that there would not be any evictions and that people will be relocated by the project, adding that the affected area in Somerville is just on streets that border Tufts, and only those particular woodframe houses already mentioned.

Four members of the public that were sponsored to speak by Alderman Ballantyne raised concerns about the impact on the West Somerville Neighborhood School with the proposed changes to residents in the area. Opposition to having transient students moving into locations that currently house long term families and staff members was Continued on page 16

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City officials commended for their service

Citations were awarded to outgoing members of the Board of Aldermen and other civil servants at the latest regular meeting of the Board last Thursday. Commendations were awarded to:



Alderman Maryann M. Heuston for her outstanding service to the people of Somerville as Ward 2 Alderman from 2002 to 2017.



Somerville as Ward Four Alderman from 2012 to 2017.



Alderman Tony Lafuente for his outstanding service to the people of Alderman Robert J. McWatters for his outstanding service to the people of Somerville as Ward Three Alderman from 2014 to 2017.



of Somerville as Alderman At-Large from 2004 to 2017.



Alderman Dennis M. Sullivan for his outstanding service to the people Alderman William A. White, Jr., for his distinguished service as Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne for her distinguished service as President of the Board in 2017.



Vice President of the Board in 2017.



Clerk of Committees Rositha Durham for her outstanding service to Assistant Clerk of Committees Peter Forcellese for his outstanding Assistant Clerk of Committees Charles Sillari for his outstanding service the Board and its Committees in 2017.





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Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone requests the honor of your presence at the 2018 City of Somerville Inaugural Ceremony, taking place on Monday, January 1, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., in the Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Ave., Somerville. A reception follows immediately at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., Somerville. RSVP by December 29, 2017 to: inauguration2018@ somervillema.gov.



PARKING: Because January 1 is a holiday, on-street parking is available. Please note that parking on the main concourse is reduced due to construction, with the exception of the handicapped parking spots, all of which will remain available. The library parking lot is available, as is the parking lot behind the high school, accessible from School Street (however the School Street lot is not ADA accessible).

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the 2017 session through December 15.

The House has held 305 in 2017. We tabulate the number of roll calls on which each representative was present and voting and then calculate that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Several quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business, are also included in the 305 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 65 (41 percent) of the House's 160 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The representative who missed the most roll calls is Rep. James Arciero (D-Westford) who missed 74, (75.7 percent attendance).

Also included in the top five worst records are Reps. Angelo Puppolo (D-Springfield) who missed 70, (77.0 percent attendance); Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) who missed 69, (77.4 percent attendance); Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley) who missed 68, (77.7 percent attendance); and Brian Ashe (D-Longmeadow) who missed 66, (78.4 percent attendance).

Beacon Hill Roll Call requested a statement from those five representatives. Here are their responses.

Rep. James Arciero: Jeff Tucker from Arciero's office responded. "The representative's mother had terminal lung cancer and he spent some time with her at the end of her life. She lived in North Carolina, so [he] missed these roll calls."

Rep. Angelo Puppolo: He did not respond to repeated requests for a statement.

Rep. Aaron Michlewitz: "The reason I missed those roll calls was it was the week I was on my honeymoon in Europe."

Rep. Alice Peisch: "I was unexpectedly hospitalized from September 18th to 28th during which time I had abdominal surgery. On September 27th, while I was in the hospital recovering from the surgery, the House voted on about 60 veto overrides. That was the only day that I was not present for a formal session this year. Had I been able to attend that day, my voting percentage this session would be in line with my high percentage in past sessions. I take my job as State Representative for the 14th Norfolk District very seriously and do not lightly miss votes, as is evidenced by the fact that I was present for all roll call votes on October 4th, less than a week after I was discharged from the hospital and still recuperating."

Rep. Brian Ashe: "Unfortunately the votes that I missed were all on one day. I was at a National Conference of State Legislatures working on cybersecurity issues facing the commonwealth and the entire country. I had committed to the conference months in advance and it

was too late to cancel by the time I found out that we would be in session. I was disappointed that I had to miss any votes as I had only missed one formal session in the past nine years."

REPRESENTATIVES' 2017 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORD THROUGH DECEMBER 15

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. Christine Barber 100 percent (0) Rep. Mike Connolly 100 percent (0) Rep. Denise Provost 78.6 percent (65)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ATTLEBORO'S REP. PAUL HEROUX VIO-LATES SEVERAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS

- The Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) entered into an agreement with Rep. Paul Heroux of Attleboro to resolve issues concerning non-disclosure of campaign contributions, accepting prohibited contributions, poor recordkeeping and personal use of campaign funds in 2015 and 2016. Heroux was elected mayor of Attleboro in November and will resign his House seat when he begins his term as mayor. As part of the agreement, OCPF agreed not to refer Heroux or his committee to any other law enforcement agency, including the Office of the Attorney General, for the violations.

OCPF's review of Heroux's campaign finance reports found that Heroux did not keep adequate records of the bank records and campaign finance reports. Violations include failure to disclose \$2,737 in contributions; failure to disclose \$3,766 in expenditures, \$1,725 of which were transfers to Heroux's personal bank account; accepting \$235 in prohibited business contributions; a 2016 year-end report disclosing an ending balance of \$16,808 while the actual bank balance was \$13,780; and expenditures totaling approximately \$900, in which campaign funds were used for personal expenditures, and subsequent transfers were made from Heroux's personal account to the committee's account to reimburse the campaign. OCPF found that some of the personal use expenditures occurred at a time when Heroux's personal bank balance was minimal.

To resolve these matters, Heroux agreed to pay a civil disposition totaling \$2,500. He has made a personal payment of \$1,435 to the state's General Fund and has repaid his committee \$1,065 for the personal use of campaign funds.

As part of the agreement, Heroux and his campaign committee agreed to an enhanced reporting schedule for 2018 and 2019 – two additional paper reports in 2018, and two additional paper reports in 2019. Paper reports are filed in addition to the regular reports that are e-filed. Heroux and his committee also agreed to provide OCPF with copies of its bank statements, expenditure checks, deposit tickets and contributor checks with each report through 2019; to cease making transfers between the committee's bank account and Heroux's personal bank account; to cease making personal expenditures from the committee account; and for Heroux and his committee treasurer to attend an OCPF educational seminar no later than February 28, 2018.

Here is Heroux's response, take directly from the

agreement:

"I'm very pleased to have worked with OCPF to resolve a discrepancy in my campaign account. When I noticed there was a difference between my bank account and my campaign account, I tried to reconcile the difference on my own. When it became clear to me that I could not find out what happened I requested an audit from OCPF, readily providing them with access to my campaign account and my personal checking account. I had nothing to hide.

It turns out that mistakes were made on my campaign account, which I am ultimately responsible for. The first mistake involves the manner in which I purchased work related items with my personal debit card and was intentionally reimbursing myself from my campaign account at a later date, which I did. However, I reimbursed myself using a wire transfer, but I later learned this is not permitted. It is technically a commingling of accounts.

Over the last 5 1/2 years I loaned my campaign account thousands of dollars. There were times when I would need to reimburse myself with the intention of redepositing money into my account in order to maintain a healthy balance. However, as it turns out, because of some inconsistent reporting between me and campaign volunteers, I thought I had a balance, or I should say campaign liabilities, that I was able to reimburse myself for. I withdrew funds and later redepositing them. Put another way, my thinking was that I had still had a balance of loaned campaign funds, when in fact I did not. The consequence of this was that I was borrowing from my campaign account, which was unintentional, but not permitted nonetheless.

There was an easy way to avoid all these errors and that is if I was in the depository system that other elected officials are in. I'm glad to have worked with OCPF. Mistakes were made with my campaign account, which I am responsible for. I don't expect to make these mistakes again in the future."

COUNTERFEIT AIRBAGS (H 4015) - The House gave initial approval to legislation that would impose a 2.5-year prison sentence and/or up to \$5,000 fine on anyone who imports or sells counterfeit airbags in Massachusetts. Over the past few years, thousands of counterfeit airbags have made their way into the Bay State through purchases and sales on the Internet.

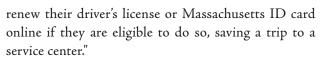
"I filed this bill to protect Massachusetts drivers from being injured and killed when counterfeit airbags fail to deploy properly," said Rep. Jennifer Benson (D-Lunenburg).

THE REGISTRY MAKES DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL EASIER - The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has extended the length of time a driver's photo is valid on his or her license from nine years to 14 years. Bay State driver's licenses are valid for five years. That means customers can now renew their license online three times (once every five years) before they must go to a Registry office to have a new picture taken. Under the prior 9-year system, drivers could renew their license online only twice before being required to have a new photo taken.

"The Registry is pleased to offer these helpful enhancements to service options that are currently available to our customers," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Erin Deveney. "We encourage customers to conveniently

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The Registry projects that the new regulation will result on an estimated 360,000 additional renewal transactions to be processed online annually and will substantially decrease the number of customers who must visit a Registry office and make in-person transactions faster and more efficient for customers who do need to visit an office.

SENATE CANCELS HOLIDAY PARTY - Acting Senate President Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester) has canceled the annual holiday party for senators and their staffs. Chandler's office told Beacon Hill Roll Call, "There will be no Senate holiday party this year. After speaking with her leadership team, the Acting Senate president made the determination that a holiday party would not be appropriate."

Chandler's decision was made as a result of the current situation in which she has temporarily replaced former Senate President Stan Rosenberg who stepped down from the post pending an investigation by the Senate Ethics Committee into allegations in the Boston Globe that Rosenberg's husband, Bryon Hefner, groped three men and kissed another one against his will. The Globe story also included claims that Hefner has said he speaks for Rosenberg and talks about Senate business with legislators and their staffs.

The Senate Ethics Committee is beginning an investigation of the sexual assault charges against Hefner, whether Rosenberg violated any rules of the Senate and if Hefner did have any influence over what happens in the Senate.

NUCLEAR, LEAD AND TOXIC CHEMICALS -The Public Health Committee held a hearing on several bills including:

PREPARE FOR NUCLEAR DISASTERS (H 1131) - Increases from 10 miles to 20 miles the radius around a nuclear power plant in which the state's Department of Public Health is required to conduct environmental monitoring. Another provision provides for the stockpiling of thyroid-blocking agents for use by cities and towns within the expanded radius.

"[This bill] updates emergency preparedness requirements to better comport to the experience of nuclear disasters around the world," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Jim Cantwell (D-Marshfield). "We've learned from the

2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster that high levels of radiation impacts were detected in an area well over 20 to 25 miles, and that residents were encouraged to vacate an area of 50 miles from the nuclear plant following the initial meltdown ... These measures will provide better protection to citizens in the event of a reactor event."

DISCLOSE LEAD IN PIPES (S 2224) - Requires owners of property for sale to disclose any information they have on whether there is lead in the water pipes.

Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester), the sponsor of the proposal, said, "I'm pleased to sponsor this impactful legislation as increased disclosure helps to reduce lead exposure by raising awareness of hazards so people can take action to reduce risk; helping renters and homebuyers make more informed decisions; and creating market incentives to replace potentially harmful pipes."

DISCLOSE TOXIC CHEMICALS (S 1191) - This bill would require manufacturers who make children's consumer products that are for sale in the Bay State to notify the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in writing if the products contain toxic chemicals at certain levels.

"Studies have repeatedly shown that a variety of toxic chemicals we come in contact with every day are linked to chronic diseases and disorders," said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington). "This bill would aid in protecting the health of our children by requiring certain manufacturers to disclose the toxic chemicals in their products. It's time we made serious efforts to reduce the use of toxic chemicals in children's products by urging manufacturers to use safer alternatives."

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"The freest economies operate with comparatively less government interference, relying more on personal choice and markets to decide what's produced, how it's produced and how much is produced. As government imposes restrictions on these choices, there's less economic freedom and less opportunity for prosperity." — Fred McMahon, co-author of the "Economic Freedom of North America Report," published by Boston's Pioneer Institute and Canada's Fraser Institute, that ranked Massachusetts 13th 'in economic freedom out of the 50 states.

"The Soldiers' Home in Holyoke is responsible for providing our brave men and women with a safe and secure home and care befitting the sacrifices they have made for us. I'm pleased that the home has indicated its commitment to implementing our recommendations." — State

Auditor Suzanne Bump on her audit of the home and her recommended improvements to several things including the system of documentation of inspections of safety equipment, dormitories, and care areas after the home could not provide evidence that these inspections occurred as required. The home indicated in the audit report that it is working with the appropriate authorities to implement proper electronic tracking and monitoring of inspections.

"Companies cannot use deceptive practices to increase their profits, while compromising the safety and well-being of patients. With this settlement, we are bringing more than \$2 million back to Massachusetts after uncovering this unlawful conduct." — Attorney General Maura Healey announcing that Massachusetts will receive \$2.4 million from a medical device company in a multistate settlement resolving allegations that the company unlawfully promoted a device used in certain surgical procedures.

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 11-15, the House met for a total of 55 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 49 minutes.

Mon. December 11 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:33 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.

Tues. December 12 No House session No Senate session

Wed. December 13 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. December 14 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:23 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 11:38 a.m.

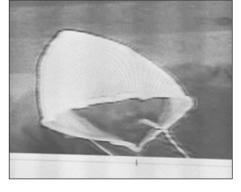
Fri. December 15 No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Somerville City Hall vandalized









On Saturday, December 9, at approximately 1:30 a.m., alarms went off at Somerville's City Hall. Police discovered three broken windows (front door, basement, and 2ndfloor windows on the School St. side).

The suspect was observed on surveillance footage, but Somerville Police needs your help to try to identify the suspect. If anyone has any information on the suspect, they can email Sgt. Michael Capasso at mcapasso@police.somerville.ma.us or call 617-625-1600 ext 7276. You may also leave a tip anonymously via our TIP411 App Please use the subject line "VANDALISM".

— Somerville Police Dept.

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Somerville Kiwanis Head Start Christmas party







The Kiwanis Club of Somerville held its 18th annual Christmas Party for Early Head Start children on Sunday evening at the Somerville Holiday Inn. Forty-seven Head Start youngsters, accompanied by their families were sponsored by Kiwanis members who supplied them with salad, pizza and soft drinks before the big event, the appearance of Santa Clause. Thanks to the generosity of sponsoring members, Santa was able to present each child with a present selected just for him or her. A good time was had by all.





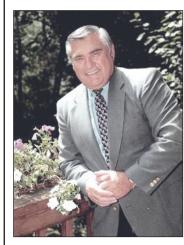


Last Thursday, the Somerville Kiwanis Club hosted a Toys for Tots luncheon at the Mount Vernon Restaurant. Kiwanis members were joined by friends from the Somerville Lions Club and Somerville Rotary Club where representatives from the United States Marine Corps Reserve accepted toys supplied by the three service clubs. The Somerville High School Chorus joined in to provide holiday music, which is one of the club's highlights of the year.

"Somerville's local service clubs do a great job providing important programs and services for the Somerville community," said Kiwanis President, Paul Upton. "Members consist of local business leaders, government employees, or are retired, who volunteer their time, energy and financial support to make these important programs possible. Anyone interested in becoming a Kiwanis member can visit their website: www.somervillekiwanis.org, or like their Facebook page, Kiwanis Club of Somerville.

OBITUARY

Retired Somerville Police Officer Arthur J. Pino, Sr.



Arthur J. Pino, Sr. – Retired Officer, Somerville Police Dept., Of Somerville, December 8, 2017 surrounded by his loving family.

Beloved husband of Maureen

E. (McCoy). Dear son of the late John and Domenica Pino.
Devoted father of Mary Beth Pino-Fee and her husband Joseph of Medford, Arthur J. Pino, Jr. and his wife Sharon of Methuen, Thomas B. Pino and his wife Julie of Melrose,

William J. Pino and his wife

Noelle of Somerville.

Loving brother of Susan Carleton of Barnstable, Salvatore J. Pino of Somerville and the late Anthony, John, Sadie, Mary, Josephine, Joseph, Rudolph, Frank, and Samuel. Brother in law of Marlene Pino of Somerville.

Dear Papa of Michael, Gianna, Vanessa, John, Francis, Thomas, Jason, Vincent, Robert, Isabella, and Ava. Brother in law of Alice Holloran and her late husband Joseph, Peter and Lucille McCoy, Cathy and Frank Mainero, William and Jeanette McCoy, Susan and Michael Coveney and the late Nancy and John Christopher. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

If you wish donations may be made in Arthur's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



The practice of salting and drying Cod has been around for hundreds of years. It was used to preserve large quantities of fish for long periods of time while out at sea. Many cultures use this technique for preservation, including those located in the Mediterranean, Northern Europe, the Caribbean, and Brazil just to name a few. Of course, with the celebration of Christmas upon us, that brings us to the Italian-American tradition of what is called the Feast of the Seven Fishes served on Christmas Eve.

This recipe was passed down from my grandmother's family who came to the United States from Calabria in the early 1900's. My Aunt Dot has preserved this recipe and has made this dish on Christmas Eve for many years. I hope you enjoy this hearty dish as my family does every year.

2 to 2-1/2 lbs. Baccalà (salted, dried cod)

4-5 Medium All Purpose Potatoes, peeled and cut into bite size pieces
3 Tablespoons Olive Oil

1/4-1/2 Teaspoon Peperoncino, Red Pepper Flakes 1 Medium Onion, small dice3 Large Garlic Cloves, finely minced3 Medium Bay Leaves1-28oz. Can Crushed TomatoesSalt and Pepper to taste

This dish takes 2 days of preparation in advance. You need to soak the Baccalà prior to cooking and serving. Place the dried cod fish into a large bowl and cover with cold water. Cover and place in the refrigerator. Change out the water about every 4-6 hours. When approaching the 36-hour point of soaking, taste the water and check for saltiness. If the water is not salty, you're ready for the next steps.

Drain the water from the fish and pat dry with paper towels. Be careful not to break apart the fish. Cut into approximately 2"x3" pieces and set aside in the refrigerator.

Rinse and peel the potatoes and cut into bite size pieces. Place the potatoes into a pot large enough for all the potatoes to fit and add cold water covering the potatoes by about an inch of water. Bring to a simmer and cook for about 10 minutes.

In another pot, (6 quart), add the olive oil and red pepper flakes. Heat



for about a minute on medium heat, lower the heat to medium low and add the diced onion and sauté for 5-7 minutes just until translucent. Add the minced garlic and sauté for 30 seconds. Add the crushed tomatoes and bay leaves. You should add a pinch of salt and pepper at this time to season the tomatoes.

Gently add the pieces of fish into the sauce. Add the drained potatoes into the sauce. Make sure all the ingredients are covered by the tomato sauce. Cover and simmer on low for 30-45 minutes checking on it periodically making sure it doesn't boil. You may gently move the potatoes and fish with a spoon, making sure nothing is sticking to the bottom of the pot. Taste and season with additional salt and pepper to taste. Ladle out into a bowl and serve with crusty bread.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief.

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Union Square Redevelopment Project reaches major milestone

\$1 billion Union Square redevelopment moves forward

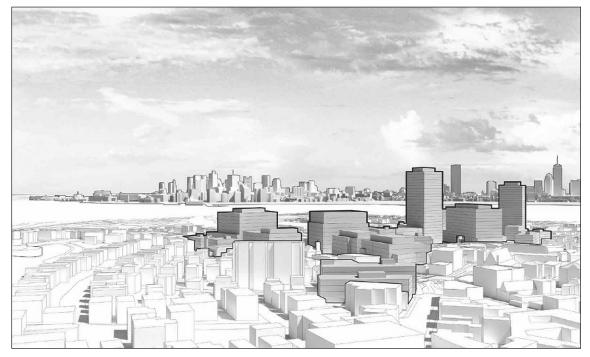
The Somerville Planning Board recently voted unanimously to support Union Square Station Associates' (US2) Coordinated Development Plan (CDP), a plan that will propel Union Square into the future as an economic engine for the City. In another crucial step, the Board of Aldermen also voted to approve District Improvement Financing (DIF) for Union Square, setting in motion crucial upgrades to Union Square's infrastructure.

"Votes to approve the DIF and the CDP are the culmination of decades of careful planning by residents, stakeholders, business and the city and will spark the creation of an employment center in Union Square," said Greg Karczewski, president of US2. "We are proud to be creating a true economic hub and place where startups and entrepreneurs can grow, families can work and live and residents can enjoy new amenities and more open space. We look forward to working together to make that collective vision a reality."

"The Somerville Planning

Board and Board of Aldermen have secured a bright future for Union Square," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone. "This is one more step in the progress we've made towards creating the employment center that we've been envisioning for so long, and additional housing options, including affordable units, that we are working as a region to increase. We're eager to keep moving forward so that Somerville residents will have more job opportunities, access to housing, and new amenities within their community."

The CDP is a blueprint that maps to the goals set by the Union Square Neighborhood Plan, which includes new commercial, housing, open and green space - each an important component that will contribute to a dense and diverse network of public spaces that serve a variety of people. Now, the stage has been set for growth and the evolution of a 2.4 million-squarefoot mixed-use employment center in Union Square that will garner \$11.3 million in annual



tax revenue through commercial development.

At full build-out, the project will include 1.4 million square feet of new work spaces for companies that will generate 5,000 new permanent jobs, along with more than 4,000 new construction jobs and millions of dollars in job linkage payments to support local workforce development initiatives. Desperately needed housing and new open space and retail are also planned. This mixture of commercial and residential uses will activate Union Square during work hours and in evenings, bringing in significant new spending to neighborhood businesses. Community benefits include a \$5.5 million contribution to the Green Line extension and millions in infrastructure improvements, better connecting Union Square and opening it up as a

key driver of the regional econ-

With last week's approval of the CDP, design review of the first phase of the project will begin. Construction of the first development phase, a mix of commercial and residential uses, is slated to begin in 2018.

— Union Square Station Associates (US2)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The 242st Marine Corps Birthday was held on November 10, 2017 to benefit Toys for Tots. I would like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals that supported the fundraiser.

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I greatly appreciate the efforts of my committee and its chairman, Mark Killoren. A special thanks to Diane Ferola who, once again, went above and beyond the call of duty. My thanks to all who participated in this event which allowed us to present a check for \$1341.00 to Toys for Tots.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardy, Commander VFW Post 529

Note: Dilboy VFW Post 529 lost one of our finest veterans this year. Jimmy Hogan lost his battle with cancer. He was a veteran, former police officer and a friend to everyone. He will be missed.

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2017: Together we made our 175th year one of the best yet



By Joseph A. Curtatone

From celebrating a milestone birthday, to seeing the highest local election turnout in years (31.6 percent - more than double the turnout in 2015), to launching various community planning processes focused on community health, workforce development, and combating climate change locally, Somerville's 175th year has been one of the best yet. While it's impossible to list everything we've accomplished together in 2017, take a look at just some of the highlights:

* As our community values were tested time and time again this year, Somerville came together to prove that our diversity is our strength. On the heels of the Boston Women's March, thousands of Somervillians gathered at City Hall to rally in

support of our immigrant communities and Somerville's status as a sanctuary city. From that first sanctuary city rally to a vigil in support of Charlottesville in the aftermath of the domestic terrorism tragedy that took place there, I've been reminded this year of how incredibly lucky I am to be the mayor of a city that's not only diverse, tolerant, and welcoming but also not afraid to show up and stand up for what's right.

• In 2017, the City's healthy financial position, strong financial practices, conservative budget management, and growing, diverse tax base led to the highest ever bond rating. Moody's raised the City's bond rating from Aa2 to a new high of Aa1, the second highest rating on the agency's scale and one step from an Aaa rating. Better bond ratings affect the entire community, ultimately making it more affordable for the City to make needed investments in community priorities such as schools, roads, public safety facilities, parks, fields, affordable housing, and other important infrastructure. Lenders see Somerville as well-managed and reliable and give our community better borrowing terms as a result. We've been steadily improving city finances and financial management for more than a decade. It has taken time to get here, but now our community can benefit from the public investments for years to come.

- Our upgraded bond rating wasn't the only accolade we received this year. We improved bicycle infrastructure, increased road safety education efforts (thanks to the continued work and advocacy of the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee), and made a commitment to Vision Zero. This year was topped off with Somerville earning the designation of a Gold-Level Bicycle Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists. We join our neighbors in Cambridge as the only two communities in the Commonwealth to earn the Gold-Level distinction.
- * Somerville's Community Preservation Committee hosted the first ever "CPA in the City" event so that urban communities like ours can talk through challenges around how to best utilize Community Preservation Act funds in an urban environment as well as share best practices. Somer-

ville CPA also celebrated its 5th birthday this year!

- But the CPA event wasn't the first time this year Somerville tried its hand at hosting something new. In July our Economic Development Division hosted our very own Public Private Partnership (P3) Showcase. City staff and community partners presented a variety of capital projects and infrastructure priorities to international P3 leaders focused on long-term investment, development, and management of public infrastructure. Public Private Partnerships aren't utilized often in Massachusetts, and at this point it remains unclear if a new public safety building, infrastructure, more units of affordable housing, or some other unique concept could be delivered using the P3 method. However, showcasing our ability to be ahead of the curve and leading the charge on this conversation remains a highlight of the year for me and something we're looking forward to exploring further in the year to come.
- While overall it's been a great year for Somerville, 2017 hasn't been without its challenges. The

issue of housing has continued to be our biggest concern. Just a few weeks ago, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and I, alongside our fellow members of the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, announced a regional housing task force that will accelerate the discussion around housing affordability and availability. We've bolstered our own commitment to the City's inclusionary housing program and continue to work alongside many community partners to increase the availability of affordable and market-rate housing, but there is much more to be done. This is a problem that plagues our entire region, and we need to work together as a region to solve it.

The list above represents just the tip of the iceberg of all that we have accomplished this year. As we go into a new year, I want us to let this year's successes and challenges inspire us to work even harder together to achieve our common goals. It won't be easy, but it never is. This year was one for the books, but let's make 2018 even better. Until then, I wish you, your families, and friends the happiest and healthiest of holidays.

Why we need a community-focused Planning Board



By William C. Shelton
Tim Talun AIA, Seth
Hoffman, in behalf of Union
Square Neighbors
Renee Scott, Victoria
Antonino, in behalf of
Green and Open Somerville

Four years ago, this season found city officials and advocates of wise development enthusiastically hopeful in anticipation of what Union Square's redevelopment could bring. An overflow crowd packed the Somerville Theatre to see a film about planning for livable cities, and Mayor Curtatone affirmed our city's "people-centered approach as the focus of city design" as he introduced the film.

Today, the hope for Union Square development that will strengthen the bonds of community, improve health and wellbeing, enhance the quality of life, and economically sustain us is increasingly replaced by disappointment.

Last Thursday the Somerville Planning Board approved a Coordinated Development Plan (CDP) for 2.4 million square feet of new construction. Proposed by Union Square's Master Developer, US2, it falls short of delivering on the bold aspirations of this community for its future.

It was approved despite clear deficiencies, including lacking the basic information and analysis required to evaluate its own merits. It incorporates glaring inconsistencies with Somerville's Comprehensive Plan and Union Square's Neighborhood Plan. Although it will literally shape Union Square's future and Somerville's fiscal health for a century, the Planning Board

and staff rushed approval without attempting to work through these shortcomings

Planning Board Chairman Kevin Prior insisted that after years of Union Square discussion and planning, it was time to vote. But the Planning Board has a responsibility to evaluate whether what is being proposed is consistent with the plans and regulations which embody the community's shared wisdom and vision for the future. Decisions should be made based on this, not a desire for expediency.

Most Somervillians will never set foot in the proposed new residential or work space. What they will tangibly experience is the public realm, the common ground where diverse citizens come together to experience their city and create their community. It is what transforms space into place. It can also help to increase or reduce crime, public health, and shape the experience of community —three other tangible impacts.

The Union Square Neighborhood Plan anticipated this. It is far from perfect, but it was supposed to be the starting point for US2's Coordinated Development Plan. Instead of moving forward from this starting point, the CDP retreats. For example, it

- Excludes or compromises such rudimentary information as circulation diagrams, building footprints, setbacks, heights, and three-dimensional perspectives.
- + Purports to be a coordinated development plan, but does not coordinate the City's public-realm streetscape planning with US2's plans.
- + Appears to erase the broad sidewalks and thoughtful set-backs intended by the Neighborhood Plan to create interactive spaces where social and commercial forces can mix to create a vibrant neighborhood center rather than a collection of anonymous pass throughs.
- + Expands building footprints to encroach on viable public

space in order to increase building space by 100,000 square feet over what was anticipated when the Redevelopment authority selected US2.

- Includes no indoor civic space, such as a community center, branch library, or arts center—amenities that community residents and some city officials have advocated for years.
- + Reneges on US2's commitment to collaborate with the community in shaping and locating a 27,000-sq.-ft. neighborhood park, siting it instead on city-owned land next to US2's proposed parking garage. US2 is required to build this park within a specific timeframe, and locating the park on cityowned land instead of a privately-owned property transfers risk onto the City while cheating the community out of determining how our limited open spaces can best serve all residents.

So, we have arrived at a cross-roads. Words like "livable city" and "people- Continued on page 17

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Merry Christmas from all of us here at The Times.

Our View Of The Times



Every Day is Christmas

Every day is Christmas when you have the kind of mind, That stores up all the goodness and the sweetness it can find When you don't need an occasion, to spread a bit of cheer, But just keep on a-giving, of yourself throughout the year

Every day is Christmas, with a gaily wrapped surprise, When you to see the friendship, in someone else's eyes.
When you try a little harder, and complain a little less, Holding fast to all the fervor of the faith that you possess

Every day is Christmas, when you've found that you can be More concerned with words like "you" and less with "I" and "me".

When it's fun to do a favor, and to lend a helping a hand,

When being understood means less, than when you understand

Every day is Christmas, with a beauty deeply cast, When you find it doesn't matter, if you're first or if you're last When you can face your conscience, and be glad of what you are, Then every day is Christmas, with a stable and star.

— Anonymous

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women, we can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and through. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

Hopefully in 2018, the "Winter Hill Yacht Club for Criminals" – which still has convicted felons as members of the club - will become a public marina for the use of all the residents of Somerville. We can't understand why a club that rents from the STATE that beautiful piece of land which has a huge fence around it - not to mention a gate to keep out residents, we guess - can still occupy the premises? We understood that the lease to DCR states that no criminals can be members or is that the club rules? We get confused sometimes. We also understood that over 90% of the membership doesn't even live here in the city and we know many from the city have applied but must wait their turn. Maybe it's because they don't have a criminal record. That might be a reason the club won't open its membership. Just saying.

There needs to be an investigation by someone on their membership list and their applications. We raised this question before and we will keep raising it until the club cleans up its act. Again, we hope that the club will become a public marina for the residents of Somerville, especially now that 90% of the current club lives outside the city. We think the gates should be open to all here in Somerville, maybe when the lease is up that will happen. We think the DCR should take back the lease and make it a public marina for the residents of Somerville to use and enjoy for free. We ask the DCR to take down that gate at the so-called club for non-residents and those with criminal records.

The Somerville Times Best of Somerville voting is finished (results on page 3) and congratulations to all those that won this year. To the many people who sent in their ballots and or phoned them in, we thank you for your votes.

We hear that a certain someone is going to be getting some court orders very soon over some FAKE news they put out this past year. We all know who it is who has been downright and nasty to

The Council on Aging's Annual Toy Drive for Local Children continues through Friday, December 22. Donation boxes for new, unwrapped toys are available at all municipal buildings and will be distributed to children in Somerville families for the holiday season. The last day to drop off toys is December 22.

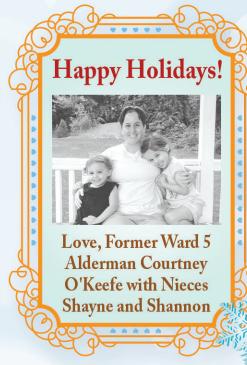
President William A. White, Jr. has cancelled the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen previously scheduled for Thursday, December 28, at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Aldermen is the Organizational Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 1, at 5:00 p.m., in the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen is the Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 11, at 7:00 PM, in the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall.

In its annual tradition, the City of Somerville will kick off the New Year on Monday, January 1, 2018, with a reenactment ceremony for the 242nd anniversary of the "Grand Union" flag-raising ceremony at Prospect Hill Park.

A processional led by a re-enactor portraying General George Washington on horseback will leave from the City Hall Concourse at 11:30 a.m., followed by a ceremony at Prospect Hill Park. As always, members of the public are invited to participate, and are encouraged to wear traditional colonial clothing. The annual ceremony commemorates the raising of the nation's first official flag, featuring thirteen red and white horizontal stripes, atop Prospect Hill on New Year's Day, 1776. At the time, Prospect Hill was a key site in a string of fortifications created by Washington and the Continental Army in their siege of British troops in Boston during the first year of the American Revolution. The afternoon's program will include songs, and remarks by participants from the Charlestown and Rhode Island Militia, and the Ancient and Honorable Company (first chartered in 1638). His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot, representing the British Army, will bring a message from King George III. Brigadier General Richard Johnson for Massachusetts, and the American Legion Post 19 Honor Guard will lead a military salute as a commemorative flag is raised atop the Prospect Hill Tower.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday se





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Maryann Heuston Ward 2 Alderman

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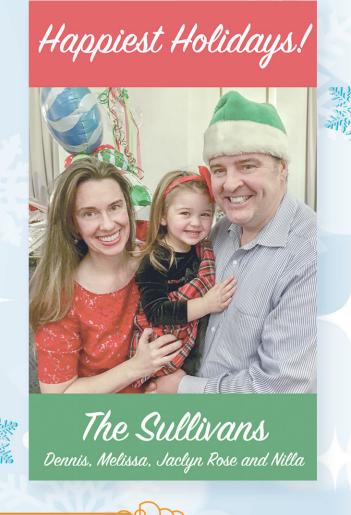
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and a Healthy New Year

from
Ward 3 Alderman
Bob McWatters



SPORTS

New Balance and New York Road Runners spread holiday cheer at Arthur D. Healey School



New Balance and New York Road Runners teamed up last Wednesday, December 13, to spread holiday cheer to students at the Arthur D. Healey School in Somerville. Approximately 50 students (grades 3 – 8) were gifted shoes through New York Road Runners and New Balance's 1 for You 1 for Youth program. Pictured above (L to R): New Balance President and CEO Rob DeMartini; Third and fourth grade teacher and coach to the school's Rising New York Road Runners team Julia Hermann; New York Road Runners President and CEO Michael Capiraso; New York Road Runners President of Events and Race Director of the TCS New York City Marathon Peter Ciaccia; and New York Road Runners Senior Vice President of Youth and Community Services Rachel Pratt.



- 1. What Christmas movie did Arnold Schwarzenegger star in?
- 2. Who was the author of A Christmas Carol?
- 3. What country is Stollen the traditional fruit bread of?
- 4. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish?
- 5. When was Christmas declared a federal holiday in the United States?
- 6. Which Christmas song's second line begins with, "They looked up and saw a star"?

- 7. What is a dreidel?
- 8. How many blessings are said on the first night of hanukkah?
- 9. What band released the song Candy Cane Children?
- 10. What is the name of the little girl in the *Nut-cracker Ballet?*
- 11. What are the names of the 3 ghosts that visited Scrooge?
- 12. What novel was the film *A Christmas Story* based on?

Answers on page 17

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 $Elijah\ Vieux-Simon, third\ grade\ student\ at\ Arthur\ D.\ Healey\ School, with\ New\ Balance\ Vice\ President\ of\ Running\ Tom\ Carleo.$



Samantha Pierre, fifth grade student at Arthur D. Healey School.

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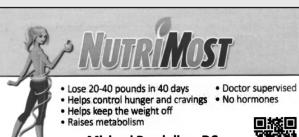
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LEGAL NOTICES



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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

*** Cases are sometimes postponed to later dates. To sign up for emails to inform you of a change of hearing date for a project near you, please use the url associated with your address of interest that appears at the end of this legal notification.***

5 Chandler Street (ZBA 2017-124): Applicant / Owner, Mouhab Rizkallah as manager of LaCourt Enterprises, LLC, seeks an Administrative Appeal per SZO §3.1.9, §3.2, and §3.2.3 and MGL c. 40A §8 of enforcement actions by the Inspectional Services Department to issue a violation notice (File #: 17-017204) and fines (67498 and 67514) for violating SZO §9.8.d by parking within the front yard of the structure and Code of Ordinances §11-33b for failure to secure a driveway permit, at 5 Chandler Street aka 11 Park Avenue. RB Zone. Ward 6.

197 College Avenue (ZBA 2017-112): Applicant and Owner, Anthony Seretakis, as manager of 197 College Avenue Partners, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by reconstructing and extending a three-story rear deck within the nonconforming rear yard and left side yard. RA Zone. Ward 6

109 Porter Street (ZBA 2017-126): Applicants and Owners, Chris Winkler and Susan Wu, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing second-story rear deck and stairs down to grade within the nonconforming left side yard. RA Zone. Ward 3.

55 Sargent Avenue (ZBA 2017-117): Applicant and Owner, Girma Beka, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing three-story rear stairway and roof deck within the nonconforming rear yard and right side yard. RB Zone.

5 Chandler Street: http://eepurl.com/ddSKhH 197 College Avenue: http://eepurl.com/ddSKKL 109 Porter Street: http://eepurl.com/ddSLdL
55 Sargent Avenue: http://eepurl.com/ddSLSH

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30pm www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning.

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending a meeting. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 12/13/17 & 12/20/17.

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AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATIONS

360 Medford Street, Somerville, MA 02143 **Release Tracking Number 3-15184**

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.1081) an amended Activity and Use Limitations (AUL) used to control the future use of the property has been recorded. The Amended AUL was recorded at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 70407 on page 79. Response actions at this site were conducted by Mr. Anthony F. Martignetti who employed Geological Field Services, Inc. to manage the response actions in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.000). Any person interested in obtaining additional information or reviewing the disposal site file may contact Luke Fabbri, at Geological Field Services, Inc., 14 Hubon Street, Salem, MA 01970 or at (978) 594-1376.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville,

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845 McGrath Highway & 74 Middlesex Avenue (PB2017-27): Owner/ Applicant, 845 Riverview LLC, is seeking a Planned Unit Development - Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) under Article 16 and Section 6.4 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) for 0.85 acres in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District (ASMD) to develop a transit-oriented mixed-use development of two buildings. Applicant also seeks relief under Section 6.4.12.A for additional building height. One building will be 147' to the top of roof containing up to 180 hotel rooms, and the other, 235' high containing approximately 215 residential units. Both supported by 9,515 square feet of ground floor retail and restaurant space, with parking relief for 293 structured spaces. ASMD zone. PUD-A Overlay District.

Ward 1. 845 McGrath Highway: http://eepurl.com/ddSNpf

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in the Somerville Times

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB 17-73

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

Bike Path Retaining Wall and Drainage Upgrades

Bid packages for may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema. gov/bidpostings or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on Thursday, December 21, 2017.

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 11:00am. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Michael Richards at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

> Michael Richards **Assistant Purchasing Director**

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

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 17P6198EA

Estate of:

Thomas J. Foster

Date of Death: 04/07/2017

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:

Wheatland WY

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

The Petitioner requests that:

Joanne M. Foster Wheatland WY of

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

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

10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/05/2018.

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

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

Date: December 08, 2017

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114

SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU17D2652DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Tara Jean Pizzotti-Caper vs. Katie Jean Cooper

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .SEE Supplemental Probate **Court Rule 411**

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901 Winthrop Ave Revere, MA 02151

your answer, if any on or before 02/15/2018. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: December 6, 2017.

Felix D. Arrovo Register of Probate

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City officials, residents address Tufts University housing proposal

CONT. FROM PG 4

also expressed, along with concerns that with the current housing crisis in the city, this program would negatively impact the character of the neighborhood.

According to Niedergang's report, these neighbors would

rather see dorm rooms on campus increased, and that many felt this proposal could be harmful to the relationship between the community and the university, citing the possibility of problems with student behavior with so many living together in these houses.

The Director of Community Relations at Tufts, Barbara Rubel, said that the neighborhood residents have some misunderstandings about the program, pointing out that there are a lot more students now living in Medford rather than Somerville because rent prices are so high here. She also said that Tufts cannot afford to build a new dorm on campus at this time.

Director Chihade acknowledged that there is a housing shortage at Tufts and said

that everyone there is working hard to provide more housing for students.

Alderman Niedergang indicated that the matter is being kept in committee so that it can monitor the program as it rolls out both in Medford and in Somerville.

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Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill hosts Cobble Hill residents for breakfast with Santa

A festive event took place last Wednesday, December 13, when the Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill in Somerville hosted residents of Somerville's Cobble Hill for a "Breakfast with Santa" event to celebrate the holiday season. 25 residents of Cobble Hill attended the breakfast event, complete with laughs and chatter with Santa Claus himself. Also in attendance were Jim Harvey, General Manager of Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker-Hill; Robyn Haye, Associate Director of Sales; Emilia Fertykowska, Conference Services Manager; Shannon Hogan, Catering Sales Manager; and Amy Ordway, Director of Sales.









The catalyst for change **CONT. FROM PG 1**

to the banners and handknit hats at the Women's March. I wanted to bring together examples of that kind of work and look at the many different things that people were making, both public and personal."

One such example is "re[fuge]" by Karen Krolak and Nicole Harris. Done in collaboration with the Welcome Blanket project, Love Letters from Boston, and the Sanctuary Print Shop, the work extends local activism through textiles.

"There are activism art projects popping up all across the United States. While each is making a big splash in their local communities, it's hard to have the resources to expand beyond that,"

reads the description, "[Karen] and Nicole quickly realized that by using the Sanctuary Printshop's design on a Welcome Blanket that was not just donated but included in art exhibits in Boston, they could drastically increase awareness of both proj-

Another work on display is Alexandra Zevin's sequin adorned "Liberty Knows No Borders."

"This artwork is a group effort by People's Puppets of Occupy Wall Street," Zevin says. "We make signs, banners and other objects to help front line communities to amplify their voice." Commenting on the multilingual messages atop the depiction of Lady Liberty, she notes, "The three Liberty banners express solidarity with immigrants. The banners place value on political, social, religious, economic, and personal freedom."

Asked if she feels her work has had any social impact, she responds, "The banners have been used in many rallies and marches in support of immigrant rights and the rights of Arab, Muslim, African, and Spanish speaking communities in New York City. Strong visuals help get marches on TV and in the newspapers, so that rally organizers can get their message out. It is not enough for New York to just say it is a sanctuary city. We need to break down systemic racism and prejudice in New York City and



"What Do You Want Me To Say?" by Jenna DeLuca.

beyond."

"Catalyst: craft + social change" is showing Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

through December 30 at the Nave Gallery. For further information or details go to http:// navegallery.org/wp/

Why we need a community-focused **Planning Board CONT. FROM PG 10**

focused design" are meaningless community questioned wheththem a reality. The community has been patient and remarkably engaged during the last four years of planning, but it is time to deliver on goals and aspirations through the actual details of what is being proposed.

Conditions attached to the CDP's approval appear to leave the door open to work through for neighborhood options park(s) and indoor civic space(s). The City and US2 must commit to following through on this if they are to keep faith with the public. That includes devoting staff time and design team resources to it.

The terms of four of the six Planning Board members are currently expired. Many in the

without actions that will make er an expired Board should be they were selected. voting on a plan of this significance, calling for these members to be reappointed or replaced prior to a vote. These calls were ignored, but this must be addressed prior to a vote on design and site plan approval for the D2 block, which includes the 24-story residential tower and plaza next to the future Green Line stop.

Somerville prides itself on being an innovative and creative city. But the development review processes currently in place fail to encourage good design or create accountability around community feedback. It is the City's responsibility to do better, and US2's responsibility to deliver on the high-caliber design they promised when

In the next 30 days we call on the City to set out a clear, iterative process for review of the D2 block that creates real accountability for community feedback during design instead of simply asking for feedback after decisions have already been made.

Wise development can bring us fiscal health and community benefits. But it is also about shaping our lives and the quality of our community for generations to come. While there is frustration about the shortcomings of the CDP, nothing is built yet; if changes are made to get this right, it's not too late to deliver on the promise that many were excited about four years ago.

Ms. Cam's Answers

1. Jingle All the Way

2. Charles Dickens

4. ¡Feliz Navidad!

3. Germany

9. The White Stripes

10. Clara

8. Three

11. Ghost of Christmas

mas Yet to Come

5. 1870

Present, Ghost of Christ-

7. A four-sided spinning

6. The First Noel

top, played with during the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah

12. Jean Shepherd's In God We Trust: All Others

Past, Ghost of Christmas

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Thursday December 21

Central Library

Teen Empowerment Event 2:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library

Lego Club

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

Friday December 22

Central Library

Teen Game Day and Holiday

12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Sunday December 24

Library Closed

Monday December 25

Library Closed

Tuesday December 26

West Branch Library

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Castle of Comedy 9 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet

7 p.m|255 Elm St

Somerville Theatre

The Slutcracker

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Friday December 22

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Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh

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

PA's Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

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

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz

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

379 Somerville Ave

Thunder Road

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Pub Sing at The Armory

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Wednesday December 27

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

Thunder Road

Highland Kitchen

156 Highland Ave

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

6045

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

150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131 **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Haley and the Suns

Wednesday December 20

Central Library

(Upstairs Parlor).

Market

Bagel Bards

48 Holland St

Central Library Favorite Things: A Holiday Movie

CLASSES AND GROUPS

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

Thursday December 21

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

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

program for people with prob-

lems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday December 23 **Somerville Winter Farmers**

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.|Arts at the Armory|191 Highland Ave

meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-

Somerville Writers and Poets

Sunday December 25 Library Closed Fourth Step to Freedom Al-

Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday December 25

Library Closed Wednesday December 27

Central Library

Mystery: Book Club 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

HAPPENINGS: CENTER ENIO

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Free Groceries Every Month? - You may be eliqible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center. Pick up for December 21st will be at 167 Holland Street, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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

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

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway, December 14. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.

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

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

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

Holiday Fun Day – Friday, December 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Come and join in for some Holiday fun. Wear your favorite pajamas or ugly sweater. If you would like to participate in a gift swap bring a \$5 gift. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Kim by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Arts & Crafts - Starting Thursday, January 11 and meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Cross Street Center. Join as in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn, share and teach each other various crafts. Because we want to make sure we have enough material for everyone please call a week in advance if you are planning on attending. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Maureen by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Amateur Classical Guitarist, Dan Shugrue - Tuesday, January 16 at Holland Street Center from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Bring a Friend Monday – Monday, January 29 starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us and make new friends, have some great conversations and learn what the SCOA has to offer. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Maureen by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

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

Powers Music School Neighborhood Concert Series

- Thursday, February 1st starting at 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Caregiver Support Group – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMAITON

English Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday beginning at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English. Continue conversation throughout a healthy lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Arts & Crafts – On hiatus until after the 1st of the year. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

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

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Assembly Row Ice Sculpture Stroll



An Ice Sculpture Stroll was held on Friday, December 15, that featured ice carvings by the Somerville High Culinary Arts Program students. The students sculpted from 4:00-6:00 p.m., with assistance from Jeff Stuart, Chef Instructor and Culinary Arts teacher at Somerville High. The public took part in a stroll from 6:00-9:00 p.m. to view the sculptures, vote for their favorite designs, and enjoy giveaways from select retailers at Assembly Row.





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The event opens at 5:30 p.m. The film viewing will start at 6:30 p.m.

The full movie lineup includes:

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12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Library Book Talks - Winter Read	2:30pm	SMC Youth Media	11:00am	Community Lens	
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	11:30am	DW conflict Zone	
7:00am	Wide Angle	10:00pm	This Week at NASA	4:00pm	SMC Special Programming	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	5:00pm	Library Book Talks - Winter Reads	1:30pm	DW Global 3000	
9:00am	DW Global 3000	11:30pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions	5:30pm	Health is Wealth	2:00pm	Science 360	
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10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	12:00am	Esoteric Science	6:30pm	Community Bulletin Board	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx	
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	12:30am	Signs of Life	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	4:30pm	Legacies	
11:00am	Fallon's Daily Toast	1:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	8:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie	
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3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	12:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction	
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12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash Hour	6:00pm	The Boston Medium	1:00pm	Reeling Review	10:30am	DW In Good Shape	
1:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Real Estate Answers	1:30pm	Henry's Baseball Club	11:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	
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7:00am	Road to Recovery	8:00pm	(LIVE) The Somerville Line	3:00pm	African Television Network	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	
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8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout							
9:00am	Illuminations Tour 2017							
9:30am	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas							
10:00am	The 26th Yankee Division in WWI Lecture							
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12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 12.18.17							
2:30pm	SomerViva em Português							
6:00pm	175th Birthday Celebration							
6:21pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas							
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7:02pm	Talking Business							
7:15pm	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony							
7:30pm	Illuminations Tour 2017							
8:00pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards							
10:00pm	Rally Point							
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11:30am	SomerViva em Português							
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175th Birthday Celebration

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Illuminations Tour 2017

City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa

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Raising Families Rally Point

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Drip Drip Drip

This morning the plumbing sighs that impatient sigh that suggests how the world's water supply has tired of servicing humans. The hot water faucet dripping in the bathtub angers you with a waste of the resources on which our retirement relies.

I'm too gnarled to turn a wrench the way a wrench wants to turn. Too rusty to handle small parts like plastic washers and O-rings. Too intemperate to sweat-solder the copper piping we reclaimed from the landfill. Blue jays creak in the yard. Their harsh noises sound far more fatal than plumbing, but they aren't serious enough to follow up on their threats.

You're tired of smutting curses over every naked surface and taking the shine off objects that were new in our lifetimes. You dislike the washer, dryer, refrigerator, toaster, and range but have tired of saying so. Only the microwave oven escapes your sultry expression.

But you hone your most poignant silence to scrape the plumbing clean of the foulest words. Maybe thus unburdened, the faucet will heal and we'll save the plumber's fee. Then the water of the world, pumped from our modest well, will restrain itself from unholy baptisms of the psychic void.

- William Doreski

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Richard Hoffman discusses his memoir 'Half the House' and the art behind it

From Richard Hoffman's website: "Against the backdrop of post-war, blue-collar America, Half the House tells a story both intensely personal and universal. Depicting his family's struggles to care for two of his brothers who are terminally ill, Hoffman also recounts the horrific abuse he suffered in secret at the age of ten by his baseball coach. In a memoir Time magazine called "spare and poignant," the author explores the ways in which grief and rage become a tangled silence that estranges those who need each other's love the most, and demonstrates the healing power of truth-telling in both the personal and public spheres."

I had the pleasure to talk with Hoffman at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Somerville, MA.

DH: This memoir certainly wouldn't be considered a journalistic account.

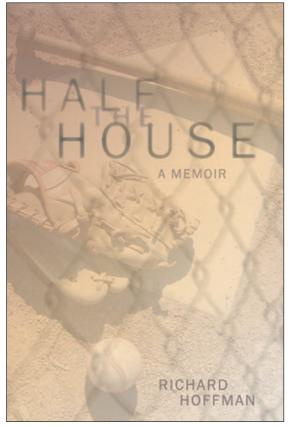
RH: I don't think there is anything journalistic about it. It is a series of scenes that form make a narrative. I came to this as a poet. I believe the sentences should sing. And if they don't, the memoir is insufficiently artful.

DH: I see you used a Camus quote in your memoir, "Freedom is not to lie." Did you achieve this with your story of childhood sexual abuse and its aftermath?

RH: I have a lot of freedom for having written it. You are not free if you have to lie. Silence is a kind of lie. You have to make ethical decisions about what you will write about people. To say you shouldn't write anything is nonsense. A student reminded me once that I said, "If we are made of memories, then we are made of each other." That comes with a lot of responsibility to be fair to people.

DH: How would you suggest creative writing students go about starting their memoir?

RH: The key is to write about a place you felt safe and secure in. Everybody had a place to go to feel safe as a kid. Maybe you had a favorite tree to climb, etc. To write about this connects you to your interiority. And from their you can go anywhere. You can go outward from this. You are more in touch with yourself. Where most memoirs fail is with the "I." The characters are not fleshed out. The



character doesn't have a sense of his or her self. The reader will not have the sense who the character is at that moment in time.

DH: And in your memoir there was an underground crevice that you kids used to go to.

RH: Yeah. We used to go into the sewers. It was like a big concrete room. People are always in a rush to tell people what happened to them. And what happened to them is not as interesting as getting to know who you were then and now.

DH: You organized the memoir by years. Why? RH: I couldn't figure out any other way.

DH: Did the memoir go through many drafts?

RH: The memoir took me 15 years to write so yes, a lot of drafts. You know, I never meant to write a memoir. I was and I am a poet, basically. The book started out as scenes. It bodied forth on its own. When I realized it was to become a memoir I panicked. I thought I am not a prose writer. I don't know how to make a story. My skill as a poet worked for a memoir - after all it's all about language, isn't it?

Annual ceremonial Menorah lighting

Somerville's annual ceremonial lighting of the Menorah on the City Hall Concourse took place on Tuesday, December 19, with Rabbi Eliana from Temple B'nai Brith. All members of the community were invited to join Mayor Curtatone and city staff for the brief ceremony.





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