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Singalong with the mayor



The mayor and a number of other notable volunteers entertained seniors with Christmas carols last week at several live-in facilities in the city. More on p.6. — Photo by Claudia Ferro

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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

By Jim Clark

The Committee on Public Health and Public Safety made a report to the Somerville Board of Aldermen at its regular meeting on Dec. 11 regarding its discussions with a representatives of the Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health (CAFEH) Study and the Housing Department of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development addressing a \$675,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation aimed at ways to deal with the health risks to Somerville residents from Route 93 in Somerville.

It was reported that at the Committee's Dec. 10 meeting, Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine Doug Brugge from Tufts University and President of the Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership Ellin Reisner spoke on the item and explained that Tufts is the primary grantee and *Continued on page 3*

Day After Christmas Concert at Johnny D's

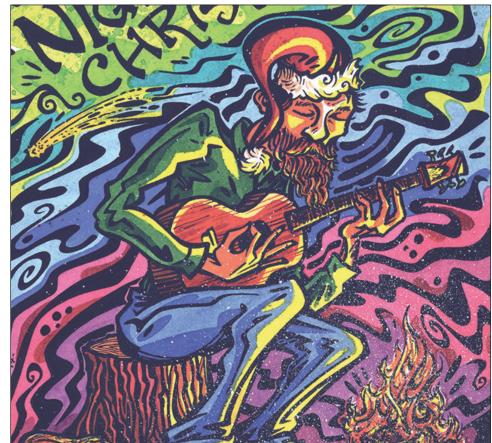
By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Johnny D's will be holding its 7th Annual Day After Christmas Concert this coming Friday at 7:45 p.m., at which time Hello Echo, Nighttime Sunshine, Grimis, and Four Legged Faithful will be performing.

Once the kids have had their fun on Christmas Eve and Day, venture into Johnny D's for this seasonal, 21 years and older special event, not only to celebrate gift-giving and good food but also to prepare for New Year's.

Hello Echo presides over the event. Consisting of Mike Silva, Sean Aylward, Mike Sarno, the indie rock band writes on their Facebook page, "We make big sounds with itty bitty red guitars."

Hello Echo's interests include laserbeams,



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drinking, and surfing. "There should be something for everyone," says Sean Aylward, about the musical line-up. "I used to live around here, near Alewife. Davis is awesome. My dad was born and raised in Somerville. I hung out with my girlfriend of 6 years for the first time here in Davis Square. So I like it! *Continued on page 15*

The Day After Christmas Concert will be held at Johnny D's this coming Friday.





From all of us here at *The Somerville Times*, we wish everyone in the Ville a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mayor Curtatone will announce today that Nicole Terez Dutton has been chosen as the new Somerville Poet Laureate. The selection committee and founders of position, Harris Gardner, Doug Holder, and Greg Jenkins of The Somerville Arts Council, did a great job.

The School Committee signed on the new Superintendent of Schools at Monday night's Board meeting. Congratulations to Mary Skipper. Welcome to Somerville. She came to us recently from the Boston School system.

Happy Birthday this week to some of our readers: What a tough week to have a birthday. Easily lose out on presents as a kid, wouldn't you? This week we have big Happy Birthday greetings going out to our good friend George Landers, well known around the city in many circles for his big smile when he greets you. Have a great day for yourself. Also this week, a guy who is an avid reader of our paper and who knows the political workings around the state house that nice guy, Jim Henry. Happy Birthday, Jim. Also this week Zach Atwell, originally from Maine the fine city of Portland now settled down and family man, we hope you have a great week Zack. Happy Birthday to Kristen Chamberlain. Have a great day. To Kevin Dickinson, who is a fan of our paper, we wish him the very best. To everyone else here in the Ville a very Happy Birthday from all of us here at *The Times*.

Last week wasn't a good one for a few of us here in the Ville. Our own Patti Norton suffered a massive heart attack late night Thursday and was sent to Mass General Hospital where they immediately operated on her. Although she feels a little better, she's still there. They will be performing open heart surgery on her very soon. The doctors were extremely surprised she survived this recent attack (3 in 90 days), all caused by extreme stress brought on by outside sources. The many prayers and best wishes for her worked and hopefully she will be home either Christmas Day Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Our View of the Times – December 17

Sue says:

During the run last weekend, a woman had on my street had a medical emergency. So while detoured cars were being directed down the street, an ambulance blocked the street for about 20 minutes. Traffic was at a complete standstill. This race also reached a new low when even pedestrians were blocked from crossing the street. What no one seems to realize is that not everyone is participating in these events. It was a week before Christmas and some people simply cannot put their life on hold because Marathon Sports wants to use our streets for a for-profit event. I would like the city to release how much is paid to the city by the sponsors of these events and what is the real, actual cost to the city of the event.

jake says:

Marathon Sports is nothing but a cover for the real person running a few of these races and making up to \$300,000 a race. Some of these races have more than 7500 runners paying \$40 each. There are very few costs associated and absolutely no reason these races can not be run by Assembly or Interbelt, with less disruption. This cash goes to support the campaigns of several of our "esteemed" officials, so there is no reason for transparency.

ritepride says:

The common sense solution (then again this is Somerville..common sense??) is to have all these races to take place at Foss Park, around the perimeter area of the park. No street blocked problems, etc.

You can bet if the IRS or the Mass Dept. of Revenue had their auditors check of the funds it would be found that the charity does not get the majority of money collected for each race.

The parties that run these events appear to be the same for each race.

WHY? You would think that each charity would have one of their people be assigned this duty. The person in charge of the races should be from Recreation Dept. and assigned this task.

Ken Westhassel says:

One important item the Commentary on far too many road races blocking Somerville Streets and Davis Square fails to mention is the fact that it also has the MBTA buses that go through the Square (the Route #96 from Medford, for example) dumping passengers to avoid the road closures OVER TWENTY BLOCKS from the Square telling elderly passengers, among others, to walk the distance! (The buses once took a turn onto Morrison Avenue, about 1 block from the Square; then started dumping us at PowderHouse, about 10 blocks from the Square; and now close to a mile (if not over?) away! Get real. So much for public transportation!

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you prefer real or artificial Christmas trees. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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'Pocket Change' to bring opportunities for young adults

By Rebecca Danvers

According to an announcement by the city, Somerville's "Pocket Change" workforce development program for low-income, out-ofschool young adults has a new partner—Help Around Town, a website that allows businesses and residents to post one-off jobs and part-time employment opportunities at no cost to them.

While the Pocket Change program targets young adults aged 18-24 just entering the workforce, the Help Around Town platform can be utilized by all residents; anyone can post jobs and/or apply to them.

Young adults in the Pocket Change program can identify their membership by using a special badge, and employers can give preference to applicants with the Pocket Change badge on their profile. Pocket Change participants get alerts when new jobs become available and case managers help them to apply and follow up.

Through the site, Pocket Change case managers can track communication between job applicants and employers, assisting each applicant in the application process as they work to eventually match the participant with full-time employment opportunities. Job-posters can contact the Pocket Change case managers to provide feedback when necessary. Several participants in the Pocket Change program who applied for oneoff jobs with Somerville businesses through the site and have already transitioned into more permanent employment with a local business.

On a broader level, the Help Around Town platform connects local residents with others in their community, to provide support and job opportunities in a hyper-local way. When you need a second set of hands on a project, this provides a new way to ask your neighbors for help.

Via a \$7,500 contract through April 2015, the city will pay for improvements to the Help Around Town website platform that will allow the city to continue to use the site for the Pocket Change program through April and beyond. Funding for the contract and the Pocket Change program is provided through a \$100,000 Working Cities Challenge Grant, awarded to the city in early 2014 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

The Pocket Change program is designed to connect low-income, out-of-school young adults to full-time employment opportunities and reduce their chances of unemployment. Because many of the program's participants have little formal work experience, the program links them with "micro-level" jobs around the city that provide a bit of "pocket change" and teach on-the-job skills. Pocket Change participants also take part in a series of soft-skill workshops that focus on job readiness skills, such as interviewing, resume writing and group dynamics, and hard-skill training such as CDL licensing, restaurant training and other certificate programs.

The Working Cities Challenge is an initiative with a two-fold goal: to advance collaborative leadership in Massachusetts' smaller cities and to support ambitious work to improve the lives of low-income people in those cities.

For more information, or for businesses and residents interested in participating, please contact Amanda Maher, amaher@somervillema.gov, 617-625-6600 x2528, or go to www. HelpAroundTown.com.

Please tell us why



The sign at Sav-Mor Liquors piqued our curiosity this week. We are not sure of what "Blitzen" may have done to deserve the admonition, but we hope that all will soon be forgiven. In the spirit of Christmas, of course. — *Photo by Donald Norton*

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By Tom Bannister

According to the City of Somerville, Michael Feloney has been appointed its new Housing Director.

A statement issued by the city stated: Feloney brings broad public and private sector experience to the position including serving as the Executive Director of Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (SWBCDC), a community-based nonprofit engaged in community and housing development in Boston's Hyde Park and Roslindale neighborhoods. Feloney will play a key role in implementing Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone's recently announced Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative and in helping to achieve the City's Somer-Vision goal of adding 9,000 new units to Somerville's housing stock by 2030.

"The extension of the Green Line and the major development underway at Assembly Row and elsewhere offer both tremendous opportunities for housing development and also great challenges in preserving Somerville as a diverse community affordable to households all along the income spectrum," said Feloney.





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Prior to his work with SWB-CDC, Feloney spent three years as a senior associate at the consulting firm Abt Associates, in the Housing and Community Revitalization area. Additional past experience also includes

Michael Feloney.

positions with the Cambridge Housing Authority, including the Director of Development and Assistant Director of Planning and Development. Feloney holds a Master in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Somerville is the secondary grantee of a \$45,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation.

It was further reported that much data has been collected and statistical models have been developed. Key pieces of the study are nearing completion and more information will be forthcoming over the next 3-6 months. The Committee Chairman,

Alderman At Large Jack Connolly, requested that the committee be apprised of the plan's release so that the committee might assist in getting the information out to the public.

As soon as a plan is finalized, there will be a public release.



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Christmas party aftermath

Police were dispatched to a Medford St. location on last week on reports of a vehicular accident with the driver being kept from leaving the scene.

Upon arrival, officers observed that the vehicle in question had sustained severe damage on the passenger side. Two men, who were witnesses, and a female, the driver of the car, were standing nearby.

The woman, Gladys Novoa, 41, was asked if the damaged car was hers and she reportedly acknowledged that it was. She further said that she did not know what happened and began to apologize, police said.

After police pointed out the

damage, Novoa reportedly said that she did not know what happened and that she had just left a Christmas party at her office in Cambridge.

One of the witnesses told officers that he though Novoa had been drinking, and police said that the smell of alcohol was evident on Novoa's person. When asked if she had been drinking Novoa reportedly told the officers that she had three glasses of wine at the party.

The witnesses reportedly told police that they had heard a crash and observed Novoa leaving the scene, but they convinced her to stop and wait for police. The officers administered standard field sobriety tests and reportedly determined that Novoa was alcohol impaired while driving.

Novoa was placed under arrest and charged with operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and leaving the scene of property damage.

Midnight car 'ninjas' nabbed

Reports of two men dressed in dark clothing, checking out parked cars in the area of James Street and Pearl Street brought police officers to that location last Friday at approximately 1:00 a.m.

Reporting witnesses reportedly said that the men were looking into cars and checking door handles.

As police arrived at the Medford Street and School Street area they reportedly spotted the two individuals in question, who began running from the area after they noticed the approaching police vehicle.

One male, later identified as Keith Francey, 22, was captured and detained by police.

Geraldo Da Silva, of 94 Pearl

St., December 20, 3:39 a.m.,

arrested at 163 Summer St. on

warrant charges of operation of

a motor vehicle with a suspend-

ed license and operation of a

motor vehicle with a suspended

Luciano Soares, of 144 Lam-

ont, Springfield, December 21,

12:23 a.m., arrested at Broad-

way on a warrant charge of op-

eration of a motor vehicle with

Hector Duran, of 41 Frank-

lin St., December 21, 12:45

a.m., arrested at home on war-

rant charges of destruction of

property over \$250, assault and

battery of a family member,

Lana Golinder, of 40 Peter-

borough St., Boston, Decem-

ber 21, 11:37 a.m., arrested at

and threat to commit a crime.

a suspended license.

The other male jumped onto the train tracks that run parallel to Medford Street and ran east towards the Walnut Street Bridge. Officers searched the train tracks from the area behind Medford Street down to the Cross Street Bridge but could not find the other male.

Francey was placed under arrest and charged with trespassing, attempt to commit a crime, and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

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registration.

Arrests:

David Cormier, of 314 Ocean Ave., Marblehead, December 16, 1:36 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and possession of a class B drug.

Antonio Lee, of Bx 456, Weymouth, December 16, 1:36 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of drug possession to distribute, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to violate drug law, and distribution of a class B drug.

Gladys Novoa, of 1 Dartmouth St., December 16, 8:48 p.m., arrested at 415 Medford St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and leaving the scene of property damage.

Martin Wells, of 1 Susan Ave., Burlington, December 17, 1:54 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of leaving the scene of personal injury, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and leaving the scene of property damage. Wanderson Amorim, of 7 Columbus Ave., December 18, 12:59 a.m., arrested at Bow St. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

vehicle with a suspended license and on a warrant charge of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Laura Hendsbee, of 83 Putnam Rd., December 18, 9:31 p.m., arrested at 90 Putnam Rd. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Keith Francey, of 18 Broadway, December 19, 1:00 a.m., arrested at James St. on charges of trespassing, attempt to commit a crime, and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Joy Jarvis, of 3 Newtowne Court, Cambridge, December 19, 2:43 a.m., arrested at 18 Union Sq. on warrant charges of unregistered motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer. Beth Mackey, of 39 Berwick St., Melrose, December 19, 2:48 a.m., arrested at 17 Melville Rd. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Charles Roussopoulis, of 17 Melville Rd., December 19, 3:37 a.m., arrested at 115 Shore Dr. on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Ever Fabian, of 15 Rhode Island Ave., December 20, 2:25 a.m., arrested at 147 Broadway on warrant charges of indecent exposure and indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or

Ave.

December 19, 2:32 p.m., police reported a theft at Leland St.

December 19, 6:03 p.m., police reported a theft at 544 Assembly Row.

December 20, 4:59 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

December 20, 5:40 p.m., police reported a theft at Aldersey St.

Breaking & Entering:

December 17, 6:04 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Otis St.

December 18, 12:26 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 2153 Mystic Valley Rd.

December 18, 5:38 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

Vehicle Theft:

December 18, 7:16 p.m., police reported an assault at Franklin St.

December 19, 2:48 a.m., police reported an assault at Melville Rd.

December 20, 2:27 p.m., police reported an assault at Josephine Ave.

Destruction of Property:

December 15, 6:51 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 42 Joy St.

December 15, 7:36 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 15 Linwood St.

December 20, 5:53 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at North St.

December 21, 4:35 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Sargent Ave.

December 21, 4:42 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Sydney St.

Patrick Scully, of 394 Broadway, December 18, 6:17 p.m., arrested at 511 Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor 709 McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Incidents:

Theft:

December 15, 8:08 a.m., police reported a theft at Beacon

St.

December 16, 10:15 a.m., police reported a theft at 81 Highland Ave.

December 16, 10:37 a.m., police reported a theft at 81 Highland Ave.

December 17, 8:59 a.m., police reported a theft at Lake St. December 17, 2:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Lake St. December 18, 6:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Waldo

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December 16, 5:19 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 37 Mystic Ave.

December 17, 7:42 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Assembly Row.

December 20, 1:42 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at College Ave.

December 21, 3:58 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 30 Washington St.

December 21, 6:30 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 30 Washington St.

Assault:

December 15, 1:57 a.m., police reported an assault at Pearl St.

Trespassing:

December 19, 12:08 a.m., police reported a trespassing at Gilman St.

Disorderly Conduct:

December 16, 9:08 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Washington St. December 19, 3:37 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Shore Dr.

DUI:

December 16, 8:48 p.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Medford St. December 18, 9:31 p.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Putnam Rd.

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New city snow shoveling policies announced



By Tom Bannister

The City of Somerville has announced its updated snow shoveling policies as follows:.

To ensure streets and sidewalks remain safe and accessible throughout the snowy winter months, changes to the city's existing ordinance, effective immediately, make shoveling timelines more predictable and understandable; increase fines for properties with un-cleared sidewalks; and add a "clean and lien" component, allowing the city to address repeat offenders by removing snow and ice and placing liens on those properties to recover associated costs.

Residents are reminded to review new and existing policies for snow removal, and snow emergency procedures, by visiting www.somervillema.gov/ snow, and encouraged to sign up to receive city alerts regarding snow emergencies by visiting the website or by calling 311.

New Regulations for Shoveling Schedules

Property owners are responsible for shoveling sidewalks shovel sidewalks before incurring fines. The new schedule is:If snow ceases to fall after

sunrise (during daylight hours), property owners must shovel sidewalks by 10 p.m.

• If snow ceases to fall after sunset (overnight), property owners must shovel sidewalks by 10 a.m.

In cases of extreme snowfall and/or during snow emergencies, the city reserves the option to alter the schedule as necessary. Fines for Un-Cleared Sidewalks Increased

Fines for failure to shovel within the allotted timeline have doubled. Property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks abutting their property of snow and ice to a minimum width of 42 inches (a requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act). Failure to shovel sidewalks within the timeline set in city ordinance (see description above) will result in fines, which have doubled in amount for the 2014-2015 winter season:

- 1st offense: \$50.00
- 2nd offense: \$100.00
 - 3rd and subsequent offenses:

it may take up to three days for owners to receive the citation. The door hangers will be delivered immediately, and will help property owners to address the violation and avoid incurring additional fines while helping to increase compliance with shoveling regulations.

"Clean and Lien" Program Introduced

After the third offense, the city will have the right to use its own resources to clear sidewalks of snow and ice, and to lien the affected property to recover costs for time, labor, and resources.

Youth Sought to Assist Senior Citizens, Persons with Disabilities with Shoveling

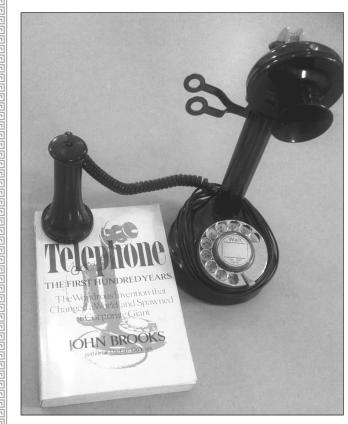
The city is seeking Somerville youth to participate in its annual Snow Shoveling Assistance program. Interested youth will be paired with senior citizens or residents with disabilities who need assistance with snow shoveling. Youth will be paid by the residents at a fixed rate per storm. Interested Somerville youth should contact Sonja Darai in the Office of Commissions at 617-625-6600 ext. 2406, or SDarai@somervillema.gov. The program is run in partnership with the Somerville Council on Aging and the Somerville Health Department. For more information on all of the city's snow removal policies and procedures, visit www. somervillema.gov.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



First Call By Bob (Monty) Doherty

"It is my heart-warm and world-embracing Christmas hope and aspiration that all of us, the high, the low, the rich, the poor, the admired, the despised, the loved, the hated, the civilized, the savage (every man and brother of us all throughout the whole earth), may eventually be gathered together in a heaven of everlasting rest and peace and bliss, (except the inventor of the telephone.)" This was quoted from a letter Mark Twain sent to Gardiner Hubbard, father-in-law of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone. This was Twain's reaction to phone usage in the 1890's, much like today's older generation's reaction to the modern assault of today's cell phone technology and its lack of ethics.



Like Mark Twain, we just have to grin and bear these changes. This is called progress. This progression began when the world's first outside telephone call was received at One Arlington Street, Somerville. Through the years, this house has been owned by Nathan Tufts in 1858, and later by Charles Williams, Jr. in 1876. Bell invented this device in Charles Williams' electrical shop at 109 Court Street, Boston, and tested it there by making the first call to Williams' house in Somerville. The first words spoken were "ahoy!" and later were replaced with the greeting "hel-

abutting their property of snow and ice. To ensure sidewalks remain accessible for all residents, particularly senior citizens, residents with disabilities, and young children walking to and from schools, the city has updated its allowable timeline in which property owners must

/ \$200.00

To increase awareness of these policies and to expedite notification for residents who may receive violations, city inspectors will leave brightly colored notifications on the doors of affected properties. Because violations are mailed to property owners,

'Black Lives Matter' banner hung at Somerville church

By Rebecca Danvers

In response to the recent incidents in Ferguson, MO and Statin Island, NY, First Church Somerville (United Church of Christ), 89 College Avenue, Somerville, has hung a 14 foot by 8 foot banner proclaiming "Black Lives Matter" from the church tower.

On Wednesday, December

17, ministers and members of the congregation gathered to hoist the banner into place and show solidarity with all those affected by the recent grand jury decisions. lo!" Williams became the first mass producer of the telephone and owner of telephone #1 at his home and telephone phone #2 at his shop.

Through the years, the name Tufts has often been synonymous with Somerville. Different branches and generations of the family left an indelible mark here. They witnessed the original events of Patriots Day, Bunker Hill Day, and the siege of Boston. Investing in grain, quarrying, brick manufacturing, and farming, they once had extensive land holdings and operated businesses and farms throughout the city. Today, the historic 300 year-old Oliver Tufts House (1714), is the city's oldest home and proudly stands on Sycamore Street. Samuel Tufts donated Somerville's first cemetery in 1804. Charles Tufts gave the land to build his namesake Tufts College in 1852. Also, Nathan Tufts' family donated the beautiful 41/2 acre park in his name which contains the historic Powderhouse which became the city's seal. Nathan was a successful businessman, a former Selectman, Alderman, and Continued on page 17

Holiday carols with the Mayor & Co.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone was joined by Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti, Jimmy Del Ponte, and City Hall staffers as they sang Christmas carols for residents of Lowell street VNA and the Little Sisters of the Poor on Tuesday, December 16. The residents joined in and had a great time. — Photos by Claudia Ferro



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The Somerville Times Christmas Poem contest winners

Here are the winners of our Christmas Poem contest, chosen by the staff of The Somerville Times. The winners will receive gift certificates four Mount Vernon restaurant in the amounts of: \$100 for First Place; \$75 for Second Place; and \$50 for Third Place. Runners up will each \$25 gift certificates. We thank everyone who participated and submitted their poems.

First Place winner: **The Holiday Spirit** By Francesca Zimmerman

As white little flakes fall down from the sky. Excitement fills every boy and girls eyes. Christmas is coming! Let the holiday songs play. It's time to start decorating and count down the days.

The city workers come out to set up the tree; For the Christmas Tree Lighting that fills people with glee. All the kids gather with family and friends. We put aside our differences and make our amends.

He's coming! He's coming! All the kids scream. Santa arrives to fulfill every kids dream. The whole city gathers and together we stand. We light up the tree and in comes the band.

"Christmas means gifts", some people may say. Others say "family" is what they love on Christmas day. Whether it's gifts, family or food we all share the same thing. The love of the holidays and the joy that it brings.

The parents make hot chocolate while the kids play in snow. The family snuggles up while they watch Christmas shows. Keep yourselves warm and don't let the cold bite. Happy Holidays to all and to all a goodnight.

> First Runner-up: **Return of the Christmas Season** By Walter Ness

I know it's finally Christmas, for bells are ringing, voices are singing of love and peace, goodwill toward all, our hearts are filled with joy. Smiles now start showing where once there were but frowns, because Santa Claus is coming to town. I know he is for real, for me there is no doubt, because come Christmas season he uses my bank account. He buys toys for all the children, goodies for boy and girlfriends, married folk, they love to talk of the things that Santa brought them. That jolly bearded fellow has a good reason to laugh, come every Christmas season he spends my money well. Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer must guide him to my vault, how he manages to forge my name on checks is something I'll never know. He's such a jolly fellow, and I would be one too, if I could spend like crazy, and someone else would pay for it all. I know it's finally Christmas, for bells are ringing, voices are singing of love and peace, goodwill toward all, our hearts are filled with joy. Smiles now start showing, where once there were but frowns, and money starts disappearing from my bank account.

Second Place winner: Winter Hill By Karl Thidemann, SHS '78

Leafless trees along the street Bootprints etched in frozen sleet Mounds of snow, all soot encrusted Salt corrosion, cars are rusted School vacation, students cheer Teachers psyched, parents despair In the houses, candles burning Lights aglow, hearts are yearning Holiday joy now fills the air Once again, that time of year Things to do and food to cook Gift card for best-selling book Friends, libations, mistletoe Yield happiness and ho-ho-ho Keeping cold and dark at bay Till springtime brings a warmer day Third Place winner: **The Tree** By Mary Margaret Sawyer, age 9

All Christmas means to me Is Jesus born and garland on a tree The tree Dark green full of life, children Gleam with delight They sing, jump for it is Christmas night presents Have been Opened And the advent read This Is Christmas To me!

Second Runner-up: A Christmas Poem By Ed Hallet

I Remember Christmas, The happy Time of year. It came in late December and spread good will and cheer.

It was all about a Baby, born to love us all

But now to praise and honor him, you have a lot of gall.

People seem to forget, that one is not for all.

So let my Christmas be the same as it was when I was small

In those days it was okay to say Merry Christmas.

But now its Happy Holidays I wish I could dismiss it

But I'm really getting rattled by all these politicians.

Who have the backbone of a fish and cave to end traditions

So Merry Christmas to one and all, that's all I want to say

And if you don't celebrate Christmas have a Happy Day!

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calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll average home sale price in the nation. They noted this package will help thousands of people remain in their homes or find new affordable housing in the state.

> Opponents expressed concern that another \$1.4 billion is being approved for housing without assurances that the benefits will be reserved for people with proper legal documentation.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

\$1.31 BILLION CAPITAL PROJECTS (H 4362)

House 147-3, Senate 40-0, approved a \$1.31 billion capital spending package that allows the state to borrow funds for various projects including \$378 million for general state facility improvements; \$312.5 million for health and human services state facility projects; \$25.5 million for accessibility improvements at state facilities; \$50 million for the Massachusetts Cultural Fund; \$60 million for State Police cruisers; \$151 million for library projects; \$15.6 million for cities and towns to renovate police and fire stations; and \$20 million each for renovation and repairs to the Senate and House chambers.

Hundreds of millions of dollars of earmarks to fund projects proposed by individual legislators for their districts were also included in the package. In reality, the projects are actually more of a "wish list." The Patrick administration is required to adhere to the state's annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded.

Supporters said the package is a fiscally responsible one that funds important projects while maintaining the state's excellent bond rating.

Opponents urged the Legislature to rein in spending and said the state's debt is one of the highest in the nation and will be a huge burden to our children.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

PROHIBIT SHACKLING OF FEMALE IN-MATES (S 3978)

House 146-0, Senate 39-0, approved a law that would prohibit the shackling of a female prisoner during pregnancy, labor and delivery except to prevent her from escaping or seriously injuring herself or others. It would also establish minimum standards for the treatment and medical care of pregnant prisoners to promote safe and healthy pregnancy outcomes, including adequate nutrition and prenatal care.

Supporters said that shackling a female prisoner during birth is an archaic practice that should have been banned years ago. They argued that all women deserve a safe, healthy pregnancy and birth of their baby.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

BENEFITS FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (H 4023)

House 149-0, Senate 39-0, approved a law increasing the benefits for families of public safety employees killed in the line of duty from \$100,000 to \$150,000. This change applies retroactively to the families of Firefighter Michael Kennedy and Lt. Edward Walsh, who were killed on March 26 while fighting a fire in Boston's Back Bay, and Plymouth Police Officer Gregg Maloney, who died in the line of duty on April 1.

Supporters said it is time to increase this benefit, which has not been raised since 1994. They argued this should be approved quickly in honor and memory of these fallen heroes, who made the ultimate sacrifice.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
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This week, with the end of the 2013-2014 session approaching, Beacon Hill Roll Call continues its series that takes a look at some of the bills approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Deval Patrick in the 2013-2014 session.

APPROVE \$1.4 BILLION FOR HOUSING (H 3727)

House 151-2, Senate 39-0, approved a package allowing the Patrick administration to borrow \$1.4 billion over five years for affordable public housing. Provisions include \$500 million to renovate and modernize many of the state's 45,000 public housing units; \$55 million in loan guarantees to assist homeowners with blindness or severe disabilities to make their homes accessible; and \$45 million for loans for the development of community-based housing for individuals with mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

Supporters said that Massachusetts has the 4th highest

HELP MILITARY FAMILIES (S 2052)

House 146-0, Senate 39-0, approved the VALOR II Act, which expands financial and education benefits and many other services for veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families. Provisions include increasing penalties for disturbances of military funerals; allowing college students who are called to active duty the option to complete their courses at a later date or withdraw and receive a refund of all tuition and fees; and allowing private-sector employers to give preference to veterans and spouses of 100 percent disabled veterans.

Supporters noted that one in three homeless people in the nation are veterans, one in five Massachusetts veterans suffer post-traumatic stress and 11 percent suffer traumatic brain injuries. They said the state should provide these additional benefits and opportunities to the thousands of Bay State veterans who have served and are still serving our nation.

MINIMUM WAGE HIKE TO BEGIN JANUARY 1 (S 2195)

House 124-24, Senate 35-4, approved a law hiking the current \$8 per hour minimum wage by \$3 over the next three years. The first hike to \$9 will occur in just a few weeks on January 1, 2015. The wage will then go to \$10 in 2016 and finally to \$11 in July 2017. The measure also makes changes in the state's unemployment insurance system; creates a Council on the Underground Economy to combat the growing exchange of goods and services that are conducted "off the books;" and raises the minimum hourly wage for tipped employees over three years from its current level of \$2.63 to \$3.75.

Supporters said this pro-worker law would ensure economic justice and help thousands of families who are living near the poverty level despite the fact that the breadwinner works in excess of 40 hours weekly. They argued that a minimum wage hike is one of the best

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anti-poverty programs available.

Opponents said the hike is unfair to businesses that are already faced with skyrocketing health care and energy costs and would also hurt consumers by forcing businesses to raise prices. Some said they supported a smaller increase to \$9.50.

(A "Yes" vote is for the minimum wage hike. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (S 2334)

House 152-0, Senate 35-0, approved a law that allows employers with 50 or more employees to allow workers who are victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault to take a paid or unpaid annual 15-day leave of absence to address court, housing, health and other issues arising from the incident. Another key provision would prohibit the use of an "accord and satisfaction" agreement in domestic violence cases. These agreements allow the courts to dismiss a domestic violence charge over the prosecutor's objection if the victim acknowledges in writing that he or she has signed an out-of-court private agreement with the offender.

Other provisions create a new charge for a first offense of domestic assault and delay bail for domestic violence offenders by six hours, allowing victims an opportunity to find a safe place and get the necessary help.

Another provision requires local police departments to withhold from their public reports all the information about domestic violence allegations including the identity of the person arrested on these charges. Supporters said this is designed to protect the confidentiality of domestic violence victims. Opponents, led by Robert Ambrogi, executive director of the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association, said this would in fact violate freedom of the press and protect the alleged perpetrator by hiding his or her name.

Supporters said this long-overdue law is a critical step toward protecting victims of domestic abuse. They argued it is time to ensure that victims don't have to choose between dealing with problems from their assault and losing their jobs because of excess absences.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep Timothy To

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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CANCER VICTIMS AND DRIVER'S LICENSES

(S 2417) - The Senate approved a bill giving cancer patients who have lost their hair to treatment a one-year extension on having a new photo taken for their driver's license. A Massachusetts driver's license photo must be updated every ten years.

Supporters said that it is unfair and psychologically harmful that cancer patients who have lost their hair are required to take a new photo while they are bald. They noted it is a reminder of their illness and argued that the extension is compassionate and would give them time to grow back their hair for the photo.

ACCOSTING AND ANNOYING (S 2362) - The House approved a Senate-approved bill that would change a current law that makes it illegal to annoy or accost people of the opposite sex with behavior that is deemed offensive and/or disorderly. The measure would allow the charges to be brought even if the victim was a person of the same sex.

Supporters said the bill will change this antiquated law and is aimed at sex offenders who target children regardless of gender. They cited an incident in Bellingham in which a male offender accosted young boys but the charges were dismissed because under the law, it was only a crime when it was against the opposite sex.

Only final approval in each branch is needed before the measure goes to the governor.

TAX EXEMPTIONS OFFERED BY LOCAL COMMUNITIES (H 4553) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill requiring all cities and towns to submit to the state a list of all the exemptions, deferrals or other reductions from locally assessed taxes that are available to individuals in that community. The state would then compile a complete list of what each city and town offers. Currently, the state only tracks these tax exemptions and deferrals if they are reimbursed by the state.

Supporters said this will ensure that there is oversight and tracking of all these programs regardless of whether their costs are reimbursed by the state.

TASK FORCE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION (H 4305) - The Senate approved a House-approved proposal creating a task force on child sexual abuse prevention. The task force would develop strategies to encourage organizations serving children to create and implement sexual abuse prevention and intervention plans. The proposal would also develop a five-year plan for using community education and other strategies to increase public awareness about child sex- Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com



ual abuse including how to recognize signs, minimize risk and act on suspicions or disclosures. The task force would make recommendations to the Legislature.

Only final approval in each branch is needed before the measure goes to the governor.

GROWTH FOREST RESERVES (S 749) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would protect old growth forests from logging and development by establishing a system that would prohibit new development, new or expanded recreational facilities and commercial timber cutting in these forests. The Massachusetts Audubon Society describes these extremely rare growth forests as "living laboratories where students, scientists and the public can learn more about forest development, tree genetics and climate change."

Supporters said that of the three million acres forested in the Bay State, only 1,500 acres are currently old growth forests. They noted that in these forests, which have not been disturbed for hundreds of years, there are canopy layers and fallen trees that create rich and diverse habitats for many species of birds, insects and reptiles.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special "Departing Representatives Make Farewell Speeches" Edition

"After 25 years in the exciting but insane world of politics, I am as ready to retire as anything." — Rep. Christine Canavan (D-Brockton)

"My wife and I 'licked' the competition. — Rep. Ryan Fattman (R-Webster) referring to his campaign brochure with the controversial picture of Fattman licking his wife's face. Fattman ousted incumbent Sen. Richard Moore and will move to the Senate in January.

"I met a voter at her front door and was chatting with her only to see over her shoulder her very large dog climb onto her kitchen counter, devour two huge steaks that were about to be put on the barbecue ... I ran back to my car, I went to the supermarket and I grabbed a couple of steaks. I drove back to the house ... and I said ... 'Here's a couple of steaks, I hope I can make things right here." — Rep. Tom Conroy (D-Wayland) telling a story about going door-to-door on his first campaign.

"I hope I will continue to be invited back to the 'Kowloon Caucus' as you have your meetings on the way home with the Republican caucus." — Rep. John Keenan (D-Salem) referring to the sometimes gathering of some GOP members at the Kowloon Restaurant, which is owned by Rep. Don Wong (R-Ipswich).

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Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes



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Reflecting on community for the holidays



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Nothing says the holidays like things we consider homeyfireplaces, cups of cocoa, the comfortable and cozy stuff that makes us feel like we're home. Of course, what really makes something homey-and what things like evenings by the fireside remind us of-is people. Home is about people. And that doesn't mean just family, or the people living with you. It means your neighbor offering to bring in your mail or watch your pet while you're away, the convenience store clerk who greets you each day as you grab your morning coffee on the way to work, all those familiar faces you regularly greet with a smile and hello.

These people are everywhere, of course. What makes Somerville stand out as our home and our community is the diversity of its people. Neighbors, business owners, teachers and city employees: living in Somerville is an unparalleled experience in multiculturalism. The people you see every day that enrich your life, who introduce you to foods you've never tried, songs you never knew, and wisdom you've never heard.

Living in Somerville is an education, regardless of your age. Whether you're a student in Somerville Public Schools, where more than 50 languages from around the world are spoken, or an adult trying the new mom-and-pop restaurant that opened down the street, every day here holds the promise of a new and exciting experience.

It's all right around the corner in Somerville. This isn't a city where the student stronghold is on one side of town, the lifelong townies on another, and the young professionals somewhere in between—we don't have the room in four square miles to spread everyone out. And that's a good thing. Every Somerville neighborhood, from Ten Hills to Davis Square, has an eclectic mix of neighbors spanning generations, nationalities and cultures.

When you live in Somerville, you're not flying through town in your car on your way back from an errand, the building outside nothing but a blur, until you park, rush inside and hole up inside your home. You're walking or biking to the store, taking in a fantastic array of choices offered by locally owned businesses where you're more than a customer. You're a regular. You're a neighbor.

It's not only the day-to-day errands or the work commute where you'll see these faces. It'll be at the block parties, or PorchFest and ArtBeat, when the Somerville Arts Council puts on display the vast artistic talent that's proud to call the city home. It's another example of the richness and depth of the cultural experience that is living in Somerville—right outside your front door.

Our kids experience it in Somerville Public Schools, where they receive a full education—from academics, to sports, to music and visual arts—and each day are part of the unparalleled multicultural experience that the city has to offer. When students walk to one of our neighborhood elementary schools, when the bell rings at our middle school and high school, it's the beginning of a day that offers much more than reading, writing and arithmetic.

Somerville is also a home like none other because of our dedication to making an already great city even easier to live, work and play in, and our commitment to education and to families. And, our focus on neighborhoods. Because neighborhoods are not defined by geographic borders. They're defined by the people there—your neighbors, teachers, stylists and chefs. And those people make Somerville what it is: a home. That's what we want to keep and build here.

Whatever you celebrate this holiday season, whether Christmas, Hannukah, or otherwise, I hope you enjoy spending time with your family and have the opportunity to appreciate everyone who helps make our city the community that it is today.

Life in the **VILLE** by Jimmy Del Ponte

A very special gift



Before December 15th, I was checking my gift list over and over in my head and also looking at it on my phone notebook.

"Did I get enough gifts for my grand daughter? Will the boys get some good stuff?" I was planning a few last minute trips to Target and the mall just to make sure everyone would be taken care of for Christmas. Having enough gifts for everyone seemed to be a crucial part of my Christmas season even though I know that it's not about giving or receiving material things. But it actually took a few Christmas caroling visits to some of our local nursing homes and Visiting Nurses Associations to discover what was really important about the holidays. Mayor Joe Curtatone had the idea of assembling a Christmas troupe to serenade our shut in seniors. The group consisted of an alderman, some city hall employees, and some members of Somerville's Swinging Singing Seniors also known as The Moonlighters. We showed up wearing Santa hats and Rudolph noses, and festive clothes of green, red and gold. The true gold however was the gleam in the eyes of the precious seniors who enjoyed seeing their mayor and his band of merry elves singing and

dancing their hearts out.

Some members of The Moonlighters are well into their 80's themselves and for the residents to see folks that were of their own generation, singing Christmas songs for them made them perk right up. When the beautiful woman who was going to be 100 years old soon stood up and danced to *Holly Jolly Christmas*, it was a sight to see. Among the facilities visited were The Lowell Street VNA, the Alewife VNA, The Somerville Home and last but not least, The Little Sisters of The Poor.

The fabulous Little Sisters are a loving and nurturing order of nuns that are themselves seniors. They are taking care of a lot of our relatives, neighbors and friends and doing it with gentle, sweet understanding and patience. They greeted our jovial crew of singers with open arms. The sisters also joined us in song. As Mayor Joe joked, "We have The Andrew Sisters, The Lennon Sisters, and The Little Sisters!" They brought us up to the 2nd floor where the residents were having lunch. The smiles on the faces were warm and genuine. A few of the volunteer singers were new at performing in this environment but they came through with flying colors. When we sang Dominick The Donkey, Moonlighter Dominic, (yes, that's his real



name!) who introduces himself as, "The handsome gentleman with the beard," led us with the "Hee Haws." They all got a kick out of it.

After we sang on the second floor, the sisters asked if we could go up to the third floor where some of the more frail residents were. The smiles they shared with us brought a lump to my throat. It's amazing how *Rudolph*, *Jingle Bells*, and *White Christmas* can brighten people up. We even added a couple of verses of Silent Night especially for the sisters. I felt like I had finally discovered the real meaning of Christmas.

We all left there with a new outlook on what Christmas can be. We set out to simply share a small gift of Christmas music, but we were the ones who received the best gift of all.

If you are interested in joining us as we continue to visit our loving shut-in seniors year round, please contact me at jdelponte@somervillema.gov. Have a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas!

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COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times



us also give a little thought to extending that warmth and sense of solidarity into the year to come.

We may certainly face adversity from time to time, but we can hold that spirit of tolerance and magnanimity in ourselves as we deal with it.

We are only human, and often fall short of it. But it is well worth the effort to try.

The shopping is done, the presents are (hopefully) wrapped, and the plans for the big day have been made. Now is the time to slow down, relax and enjoy the holiday and all the finer things that come with it.

Being with family, friends and loved ones and sharing warmth of the occasion is unquestionably at or near the top

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

or right afterwards, and awaiting another major surgery.

A couple of bullies were sent a clear message recently that they probably didn't like. Most people here in the Ville know who we are referring to. The court system worked and justice was swiftly served and. Now those particular people and a few others might just move on with their own lives. Special thanks to all those who know the truth. It's been a horrible past few years, never mind few of the list of things we like most at this time of year.

Whatever faith one may adhere to, we can all agree that the spirit of the moment can be meaningful to one and all. Kindness, charity and camaraderie are ideals that we particularly embrace at this time, and wish to uphold throughout the year. If we can be firm enough in our convictions to see that through, then our world will be a better place for us all to share.

We try our best, and that is all that can be asked of us.

Let us enjoy this holiday season to the fullest. Exchange our gifts, hug our loved ones, catch up on our big dramatic doings in life, and all the rest. But let

> Kensington Avenue in Somerville, hosted by Smiles By Rosie Family Dentistry in cooperation with Rite Aid Pharmacy. Several health and community organizations will also be available. For more information, please email info@vaccinatesomerville.com or call (617) 623-2100.

The Somerville High School Art Club has assembled a 2015 calendar showcasing the outstanding visual arts courses offered at SHS. The calendar highlights student work in a wide variety of media, created through the Somerville High School course offerings. Calendars are available for purchase for just \$10 apiece. Funds raised from calendar sales will be used to fund Art Club projects, activities, and events. You can order your calendars by emailing Art Club Advisor, Sean Bianchi (sbianchi@k12.somerville.ma.us), and dropping off or mailing your payment by check at the Somerville High School main office (81 Highland Avenue). Please include the following with your order: your name, telephone number or email where you can be reached, number of calendars you are ordering. Calendars will be printed after payment is received. Make checks payable to: City of Somerville, and include Art Club in the memo section.

A little trivia: Not that it has anything to do with Somerville, but how's this? Both current New York City Mayor DiBlaiso and former Mayor Bloomberg are originally from Medford. Who knew?

City Hall will close at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24. Residential parking and parking meters will not be in effect. On Thursday, Dec., 25 city and school offices will be closed. There will be no street sweeping and parking meters and residential parking will not be the Ancient and Honorable Company (first chartered in 1638), as well as the Charlestown militia. The American Legion Post 19 Honor Guard will lead a military salute as a commemorative flag is raised atop the Prospect Hill Tower. Light refreshments will be served, and miniature replicas of the Grand Union Flag, both as a flag and a lapel pin, as well as colonial-era tri-corner hats and historic Somerville books commemorating the event will be available for purchase.

past weeks. But again, in the end justice prevailed! Merry Christmas.

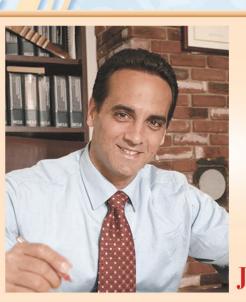
Coming up on Friday, January 16, at the Somerville City Club, a Comedy Night to raise money for Rett Syndrome Research. Master of Ceremonies will be comedian Pete Costello, a regular and favorite at Foxwoods. He has worked with the likes of Joan Rivers and The Beach Boys, to name a few. Headliner Dave Russo (http://www. daverusso.net/), a Boston comedy Festival winner and co-host of NESN's Dirty Water TV, has also been seen on **Comics Come Home with Denis Leary** and the E-TV series The Entertainer. The event will also feature comedian Patty Gould and special guest Al Park. *****

in effect. Thursday and Friday's trash and recycling pickup will be on a holiday schedule - put your carts out one day later than usual.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Historic Preservation Commission Director Brandon Wilson announced that the 239th annual "Grand Union" flag-raising ceremony at Prospect Hill Park will be held on Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 12 p.m. 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. As always, members of the public are invited to participate, and are encouraged to wear traditional colonial clothing. The afternoon's program will include songs, readings, and participants from New winter Learn-To-Skate classes for children ages $4 \frac{1}{2}$ and up and adults are available at 11 Greater Boston rink locations: Brookline - Cleveland Circle & Larz Anderson, Cambridge, Medford, Newton-Brighton, Quincy, Somerville, South Boston, Waltham, West Roxbury and Weymouth. Use hockey, recreational or figure skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes taught by professional instructors. 46 Years Experience. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit online at www.BayStateSkating-School.org. Gift certificates available.

A free community vaccination clinic for adults will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at 6

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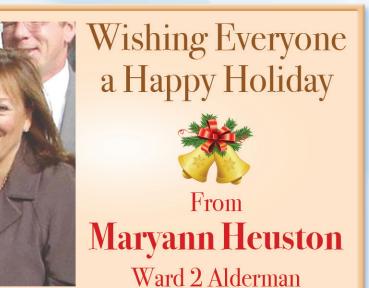
Season's Greetings

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

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Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





Historic Somerville wishes one and all Best Wishes for the Holidays. May the New Year be historically peaceful!



Season's Greetings

State Representative **Timothy J. Toomey Jr. (D)** 26th Middlesex District **Alderman Mary Jo Rossetti and family**

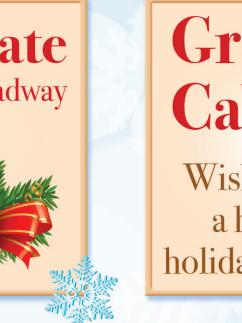


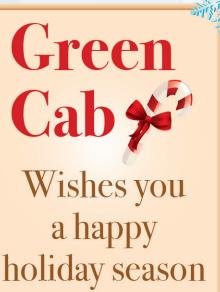
wish your family a very Happy and Healthy New Year



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Merry Christmas Happy Holiday Season



Alderman at Large Jack Connolly and all of the elves at the

WCC Insurance agency @ 19 College Ave. 🚚





Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season and a healthy new year!

Love, Former Ward 5 Alderman Courtney O'Keefe and nieces, Shannon & Shayne



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Enjoy the sweetness of the season



Alderman at Large **Dennis Sullivan** and family Wishing folks a happy healthy 2015

State Representative **Denise Provost**

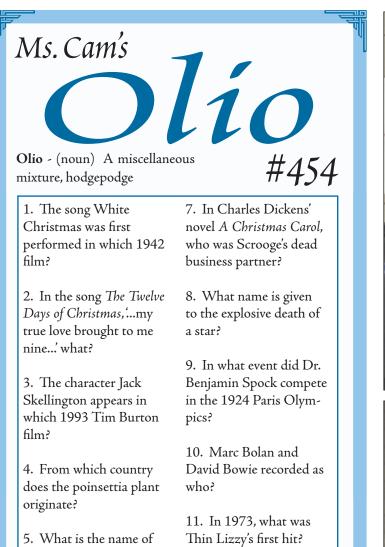
SPORTS

SHS Varsity loses against Westford Academy



The Somerville High School Varsity team lost in a match up with Westford Academy on Tuesday, December 16, with a score of 47-43.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro





the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas?

6. What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?

12. Robert Redford, Steve McQueen and Paul Newman all rejected what \$4,000,000 movie role? Answers on page 23

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ESCS Holiday Shop





East Somerville Community School held its Holiday Shop from December 15-17. — Photos by Claudia Ferro

Day After Christmas Concert at Johnny D's CONT. FROM PG 1

I live in California so it's always great to be back in this neighborhood."

Hello Echo's music, spiritual to a T, stops traffic and lifts you heavenward. If you want goose bumps they're the place to start. It is not a stretch to say that Hello Echo is what Coldplay should be if the latter wanted to respect the origins of the genre, and if those pop stars wanted folk or blues in their life.

"I am playing the Christmas show because Sean Aylward is one of my best friends in the world and he asked me to perform, and I said sure," said Jesse Gallagher of Nighttime Sunshine. Gallagher's music is in the vein of Pink Floyd and Radiohead, during the latter's Kid A and Amnesiac years. Jesse is playing as Nighttime Sunshine, but he is also performing as DJ Nighttime Gallagher during a later set. Gallagher lives in Inman Square and runs the venue "the lilypad." He's starting a weekly residency at Johnny D's in January. Four Legged Faithful has been together for five years. "Our practices usually involve warming up with a few older songs that need the rust knocked off of them, followed by one of us teaching the other three his new song. We all write our own songs so we are constantly working on new songs," says Jon Kaplan. Four Legged Faithful is always busy. You might even catch them in one of Somerville's street corners playing for the public. Their influences, including Grateful Dead, are very down to earth and specific, almost rare, while also humble.

These groups do not just play music, they also live, eat, and breathe it. Dave Tanklefsky of Grimis expresses his enthusiasm for the Somerville scene very poignantly, richly and emotionally: "Living in the area, I try to get out at least once or twice a week to see local music if I can. It's nice to just play in the area and feel part of that local community."

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

We have some interesting headlines for the latest Somerville Neighborhood News show, a community news production brought to you by the dedicated staff, volunteers and interns at Somerville Community Access TV. Here are some headlines:

Somerville Says: Black Lives Matter:

Somerville's residents, students, agencies and even the Somerville Police Department have been taking part in the nationwide discussion about the recent grand jury decisions where white police officers were not charged after they killed unarmed black men.

Somervillians and members of Somerville Community Access TV have marched in Boston and, on December 5th, from Somerville to Cambridge. And they helped produce a discussion program called *Community, Police, and Race in Somerville* on Monday, November 24.



Behind the Scenes at the Illuminations Tour in Somerville:

For the 18th year in a row, about 1,000 residents and visitors climbed aboard trollies to visit "illuminated" houses all over Somerville on December 13. The families who "deck the halls," hang the lights, wire the facades and pay the extra-large electricity bills are artists as much as anyone else, according to Rachel Strutt of the Somerville Arts Council.

For these full news stories and more, watch SNN on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on Ch. 3 if you have cable TV, or online at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

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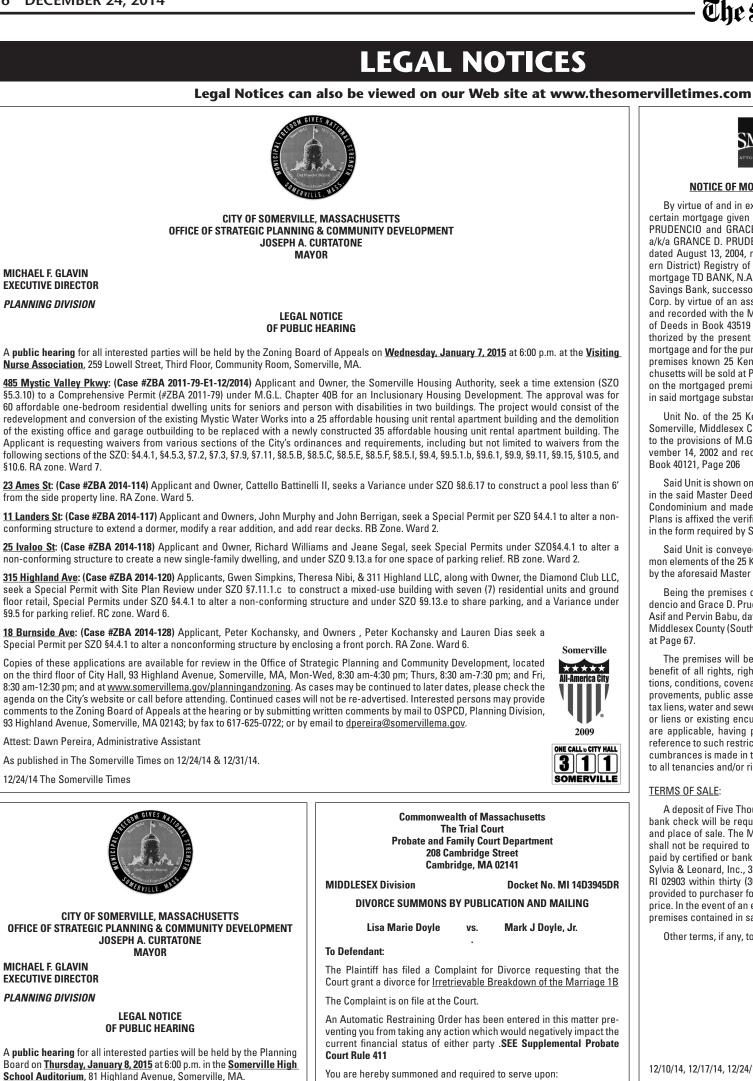
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by RICHARD A. PRUDENCIO a/k/a RICHARD PRUDENCIO and GRACE D. PRUDENCIO a/k/a GRACE PRUDENCIO a/k/a GRANCE D. PRUDENCIO to CORNERSTONE MORTGAGE CORP. dated August 13, 2004, recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43519 at Page 382, of which mortgage TD BANK, N.A. (successor by acquisition to Boston Federal Savings Bank, successor by assignment from Cornerstone Mortgage Corp. by virtue of an assignment of mortgage dated August 13, 2004 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43519 at Page 406) is the present holder, or is authorized by the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises known 25 Kensington Avenue, Unit 1, Somerville, Massachusetts will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 P.M. on January 7, 2015, on the mortgaged premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage substantially as follows:

Unit No. of the 25 Kensington Avenue Condominium, situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts and created pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 183A, by Master deed dated November 14, 2002 and recorded with the County Registry of Deeds in Book 40121, Page 206

Said Unit is shown on the "Site Plan" and "Floor Plans" referred to in the said Master Deed and any amendments thereto, creating said Condominium and made a part thereof, and on a copy of said Floor Plans is affixed the verified statement of a Registered Land Surveyor in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A.

Said Unit is conveyed with an undivided percentage of the common elements of the 25 Kensington Avenue Condominium established by the aforesaid Master Deed as amended.

Being the premises conveyed to the mortgagors, Richard A. Prudencio and Grace D. Prudencio a/k/a Grance D. Prudencio, by deed of Asif and Pervin Babu, dated November 21, 2003 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41512,

The premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, reservations, conditions, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The premises are also sold subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

A deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) by cash, certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The Mortgagee and its authorized representatives shall not be required to pay the deposit to bid. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the law offices of Salter McGowan Sylvia & Leonard, Inc., 321 South Main Street, Suite 301, Providence, RI 02903 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt of the full purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

TD Bank, N.A., Present holder or authorized by the present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys, Salter McGowan Sylvia & Leonard, Inc. 321 South Main Street, Suite 301 Providence, RI 02903 (401) 274-0300

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts **City of Somerville** Office of the Acting Treasurer/Collector

PMP) approved by the Planning Board on Sept 6, 2001 and Nov 1, 2001 and as revised on Dec 11, 2014. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct an approx 107,597 sf 3-story residential building with 75 units and approx 100 parking spaces. Zone BA / PUD-B. Ward 1.

779 McGrath Hwy: (Case #PB 2014- 31) Applicant, CPC-T Holdings,

LLC, and Owner, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company LLC, seek

a Special Permit with Site Plan Review, final level approval of the

amended Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 12/24/14 & 12/31/14.

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your answer, if any on or before **01/22/2015**. 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. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 11, 2014.

Stephanie Lyons, Esq.

49 Myrtle Street

Melrose, MA 02176

Law Office of Myra Lyons

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

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NOTICE OF TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREUNDER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 9th, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Collector's Office/Treasury, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, the following described parcels of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid in full before Signed: Peter K. Forcellese, Jr. Treasurer/Collector. that date.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 275 HIGHLAND AVE CURRENT & SUBSEQUENT OWNER(S): SAUL L. APPEL; TERRY K. ARMSTRONG; JESSICA FLOOD; BORIS EPSTEIN. ASSESSED OWNER: BEAUDET DOUGLAS DEMAND: 05/06/2013 PARCEL ID: 034-E.00059-000000 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 04180120 SOUARE FEET: 5.500 TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 59908, Page: 434; Book: 60426, Page: 254; Book: 60592, Page: 316; Book: 60753, Page: 70; Book: 61073, Page: 124.

Fiscal Year 2013 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$746.23
Interest to Date of Taking	\$176.89
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$1,115.23

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 15-62

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for: Micro transaction Merchant Services for Parking Meters

Nature and scope of work: The City of Somerville is a firm to provide fixed-fee merchant services for micro transactions for the City's parking meter transactions.

The RFP will be available form 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, Fridays, at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 starting **Wednesday, December 24, 2014**.

Sealed bids will be received at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 until January 14, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5



Somerville's first Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. He was the man who built the handsome property at number One Arlington Street. Ironically, this old, stately house, the termination of the first outside telephone line, is for sale and by today's trends possibly could go wireless.

If Mark Twain heard this, he might say, going wireless ... The pigeons who have been roosting on these historic lines for the past 138 years will have to look for a new resting place!



SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

The SCOA is NO LONGER excepting applications for free smoke alarms / carbon monoxide detectors

It is the hope of both the Somerville Fire Department and the Somerville Council on Aging that we will receive the grant again in the future. If you would like your name put on a waiting list should this grant be received again, please contact Maureen Bastardi at the Somerville Council on Aging at 617-625-6600, extension 2316.

Please note all Centers close at noon on Wednesday, December 24 and all Centers are closed on Thursday, December

The trip scheduled to Atlantic City on January 11th is **SOLD OUT**

The trip scheduled to Wildwood, NJ on May 11th – 15th is $\ensuremath{\textbf{SOLD}}\xspace$ OUT

IMPORTANT NEWS

The Ralph & Jenny Center will remain closed on Mondays and will resume Mondays after the first of the New Year.

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

LGBT Advisory Group – Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month.

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, January 12, 11:30 A.M., Somerville Cambridge Elder Services will provide a hot or cold lunch – suggested contribution of \$2.00 – RSVP required no later than 2:30 P.M. Thursday, January 8th. This event happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6 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.

The Moonlighters

Have you heard of the SunSetters? How about the Moonlighters? The Moonlighters are an older version of the Sunsetters! Interested in joining? Led by Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, Jimmy Del Ponte, the Moonlighters meet every Monday at 10:30 at our Holland Street Center and sometimes take their skills on the road. This year the Moonlighters will be performing with the Powers School of Music for a Holiday Concert in December. Keep an eye open for more details. Back by popular demand are the Holiday Inn Dances. Lunch and dance to music provided by Hank our resident DJ. All dances are on Mondays and from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. December 15, January 26, February 23, March 23, April 13, May 18, June 29. A \$15.00 fee is required along with a RSVP so please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. Come chat about what is on your mind! If you have any questions or require additional information, please give us a call at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, 1:00 P.M. (H)

Tuesdays:

Strengthening, 9:15 A.M., \$3 per class (H) Dalcroze Eurhythmics, \$2.00, 1:00 P.M., (H) LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M., (H)

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H) Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H) Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M. Zumba for All, 5:15 P.M., \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

Strengthening, 9:30 A.M., \$3 per class (RJ) LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M.

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M. *All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday December 24

Cross Street Center Closed Ralph & Jenny Center Closed All Centers close at Noon – No Bowling

Thursday | December 25

All Centers Closed Christmas

Friday | December 26

11:30 Lunch (H) No Programming No Fit 4 Life Ralph & Jenny Center Closed

Monday December 29

11:30 Lunch (H) No Programming No Fit 4 Life Ralph & Jenny Center Closed

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GROUP INFORMATION

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Men's Group – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can Tuesday December 30

11:30 Lunch (H) No Programming No Fit 4 Life Ralph & Jenny Center Closed

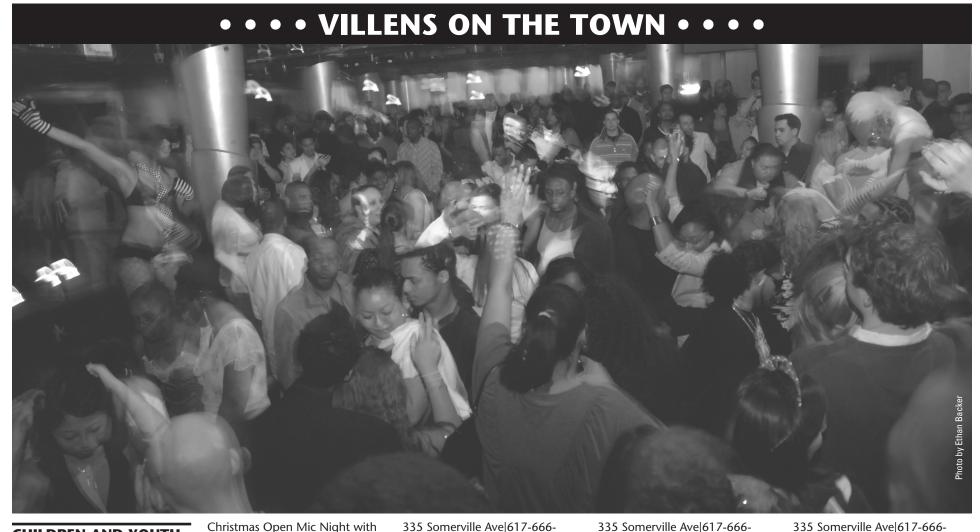
Wednesday December 31

11:30 Lunch (H) No Programming No Fit 4 Life Cross Street Center Closed Ralph & Jenny Center Closed

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Facebook page. Check us out at www. facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

You can receive our monthly newsletter that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday December 24 **Christmas Eve - Libraries Close**

at 12:30 **Thursday** December 25

Christmas Day - Libraries Closed

Wednesday December 31 New Year's Eve - Libraries Close

at 5:00

MUSIC ARTS Wednesday December 24

Johnny D's Bar open 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Merry Christmas 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy@10 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Dr Grant 17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Merry Christmas 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room

Christmas Open Mic Night with

Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern Live DJ Music 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Christmas Day-no music 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

3589 The Burren

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

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

DI 10 p.m. 65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge WEMF Radio|Lee Preston|Off Grove|The BXG|People Like You 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Ali McGuirk|10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Samba Bar & Grille

Live music 9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Back Room Swerve 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge WEMF Radio|Tony Figueroa|Coquette|Boys Room|Calvinball

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 **On The Hill Tavern** Live DJ Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Michael Gabriel Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Casey's Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory

Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller 7 p.m. Back Room **Burren Acoustic Music Series** 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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The Burren

Front Room

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Stephen Kellogg with Ben Fields 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Cafe Rags 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

Christmas Eve= Early close 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Thursday December 25

Johnny D's

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Arts at the Armory Closed for the holiday 191 Highland Ave

Friday December 26

Johnny D's 7th Annual Day of Christmas Show w/ Hello Echo, Grimis, Nightime Sunshine, Four Legged Faithful, Lyle Brewer Trio & DJ Nightime Gallagher

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

Tuna Rangers | 6 p.m. Hear Now Live presents Diana DeMuth, Ivory Wax, Miscellaneous Mischief \$10 cover |9 p.m.

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory Closed for holiday 191 Highland Ave

Saturday December 27

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast Guitar Track44 with Special Guests Rafet El Roman 17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. Black Dog Brother, Jiblantos \$5

cover |9 p.m.

Davis Square Theatre

Old School Game Show's "Holiday Gift To You!" A Music & Comedy Variety Benefit Concert 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Sunday December 28

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast Guitar

Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Bandr

Tinsley Ellis and Mike Zito 17 Holland St. 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Mark Brine with Chuck Parrish and Larry Flint |5 p.m. Natalie Flanagan Band, Leon Rich, Trusty Sidekick |8 p.m.

Monday December 29

Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase **Presents: Interesting Points** Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

• • • • VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •

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

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

PA'S Lounge Amerciana Monday 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Bull McCabe's Pub Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Tuesday December 30

Johnny D's Eric Lindell plus Jesse Dee 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Kristen Ford December Residency featuring stellar guests|8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers[8:30 p.m.

Back Room

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **On The Hill Tavern**

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

PA'S Lounge Open Mic 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Wednesday|December 31 Johnny D's Booty Vortex NYE 2015 Early and Late shows 17 Holland St[617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Rockin New Years Eve! The Byrneouts|6 p.m. Kristen Ford \$10 cover|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Happy new Year Scattershot 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge New Year's Eve Show|Jason Anderson & The Best 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Pub The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday | December 24 Christmas Eve - Libraries Close at 12:30

Thursday| December 25

Christmas Day - Libraries Closed

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

Saturday December 27

Arts at the Armory Somerville Winter Farmers' Market 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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

Sunday December 28

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

Third Life Studio

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Tuesday|December 30

Arts at the Armory Prenatal Yoga 7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio

The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana. com

7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday December 31

New Year's Eve - Libraries Close at 5:00



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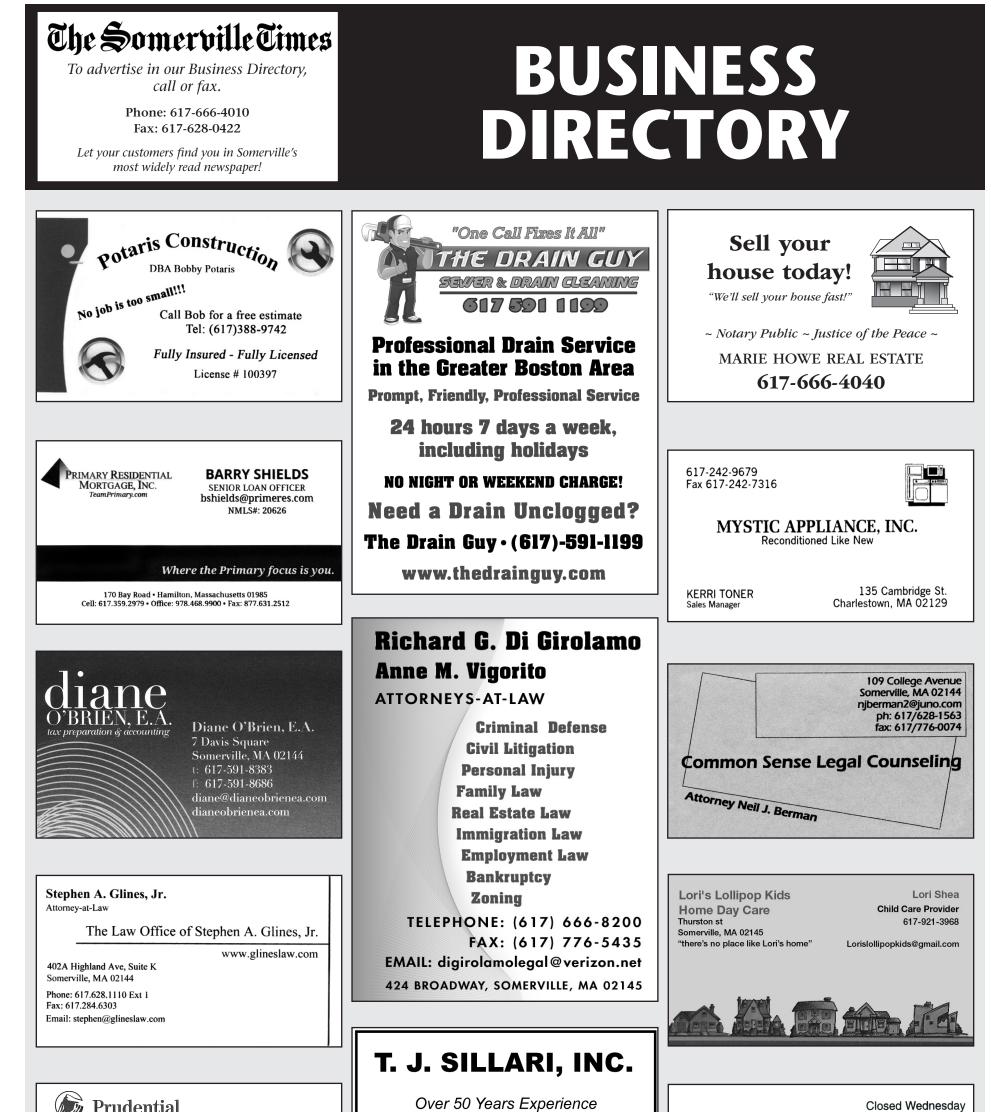
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6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
7:00am	Somerville Film Group	6:00pm	Tails of the City	1:00pm	Somerville Times and Journal Reading	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Life Matters	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	7:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Telemagazine	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group:
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Dixie Manley	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	4:30pm	Culture Club	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
11:00am	Abugida TV	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:30pm	Esoteric Science
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	11:00pm	Bay State Biking News - Rerun	6:00pm	SCATV Presents Telethon	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	Friday, D	ecember 26	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
2:00pm	Physician Focus	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group	7:30pm	Fluff Festival	5:30pm	Literati Scene
2:30pm	Race, Community, and Police Relations	7:30am	Shrink Rap	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	Ville Pirates
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5:00pm	Energy Theater	10:00am	ArtBeat 2014	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Abugida TV
6:00pm	Trance: A Romantic Journey	11:00am	The Art of Animation: a series of Karen Aqua	Sunday, D	ecember 28	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
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10:00pm	Art at SCATV: Dixie Manley	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	10:00am	Shrink Wrap
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11:00pm	Visual Radio	6:30pm	Art at SCATV: Dixie manley	12:00pm	Inside Talk	11:30am	Ablevision
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6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Friday Shorts	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	What the Fluff Festival?
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Energy Theater - haunted Halloween	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	2:00pm	Art at SCATV: Dixie Manley
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11:00am	Greater Somerville	Saturday	, December 27	6:00pm	Abugida TV	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
11:30am	Ablevision	6:00am	Arabic Hour	7:00pm	African Television Network	6:00pm	Tails of the City
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	The Somerville Line	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:30pm	Culture Club
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

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Senior Circuit

A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas

City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting

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5	2:00pm:	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting	9:00am:
	2:30pm:	Illuminations Tour	12:00pm:
5	3:35pm:	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	1:00pm:
	6:30pm:	Connecting Communities – Somerville PD	1:15pm:
	7:30pm	Veterans Day Observance	1:45pm:
	8:30pm:	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting	2:00pm:
	9:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	4:00pm:
	9:30pm:	The Mayor's Report – Year in Review	6:30pm:
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9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City
10:00am:	ESCS Winter Concert
11:00am:	Connecting Communities - Somerville PD
12:00pm:	SHS Football v Cambridge RLS
3:00pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Winter Concert
4:00pm:	WHCS Winter Concert 12/17
5:00pm:	All-City Middle School Winter Concert
6:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Malden Catholic
8:00pm:	SHS Boys' Basketball v Westford Academy
9:30pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Winter Concert
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11:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City

Thursday, December 25

12:00am: SHS Boys' Basketball v Westford Academy

Saturday,	December 27	
12:00am:	SHS Hockey v Matignon	
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2:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester	
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Tuesday, December 30 12:00am:

Superintendent Selection Interfaith Panel Discussion 1:45am: 2:45am: Partners Healthcare Groundbreaking Talking Business A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas 3:40am: 9:00am: The Mayor's Report - Year in Review 12:00pm: Senior Circuit Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults 12:30pm: 1:00pm: Winter Hill Charrette: Housing 2:00pm: Talking Business 2:30pm: Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner

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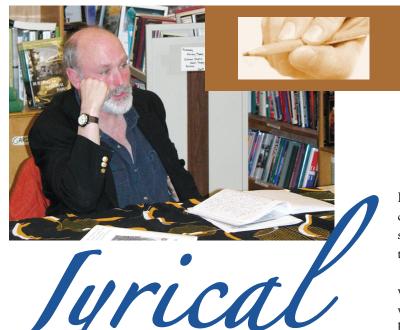
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Kate Chadbourne: An Irish Gal for All Seasons

Kate Chadbourne is about all things Irish. She radiates warmth and a passion for Irish folklore, music, literature, poetry, food ... in short everything the Emerald Isle has to offer.

Chadbourne is a singer, storyteller, and poet whose performances combine traditional tales with music for voice, harp, flutes, and piano. She holds a PhD in Celtic Languages and Literature from Harvard where she teaches courses in Irish language and folklore – but the heart of her understanding of Irish folk tradition comes from encounters with singers, storytellers, and great talkers in Ireland.

She has been a "tradition bearer" in the Revels Salon series and in the Gaelic Roots Concert Series at Boston College. Her music was featured recently on NPR's programs, *Cartalk* and *All Songs Considered*, and songs from her latest CD, *The Irishy Girl*, are played on Irish radio programs throughout the country. *The Harp-Boat*, a collection of poems about her father, a Maine lobster man, won the Kulupi Press 2007 Sense of Place Chapbook Contest and was published in 2008.

Whether she is singing, telling stories, teaching, or sharing a poem, she aims to leave her audiences moved, enlivened, and eager for their own adventures.

I had the pleasure to speak to her on my Somerville Public TV show *Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer*.

Doug Holder: Kate you have a PhD in Celtic Studies, you have taught at Harvard – you are a scholar. But in fact you said you learned more from your informal education – talking to regular folks in Ireland than in your scholarly pursuits.

Kate Chadbourne: I think you need to learn from both. You need to do your book learning, but then you have to get out and around. I was walking in the hills of eastern Ireland and I meet this cheerful, little man. I was fresh out of doing folklore research at the Folklore Archive in Dublin. I asked him: "What do you do for fun in the evening?" He replied, "Oh, we talk, play cards or fight." And it so happens I was looking at things like ritualized conflict and there it was. So this was the payoff from the scholarly work. So I listened to what people were saying about their lives. And this is when it all comes together. I am mad about the music, poetry and the storytelling of the Irish. I want to hear it in



Kate Chadbourne with her constant companion.

friend looked at me and said, "You look like a harper." So when I was back in the states, my ex-husband bought a harp, because it was his dream to play one. So I kept my hands off it. He never played it, but eventually I did. I was going to play music in an assisted living home and I asked him to borrow his harp to make some chords. And that was the beginning of my affair with the harp. I lost my husband, but I gained a harp. (*Laugh*)

DH: How do you integrate your music and poetry?

KC: I integrate it all the time. When I tell a traditional Irish story, I bring up some poetry. I am crazy for putting poems to music. Not so much mine but others'. I do it with poems that speak to me. I get seized with the desire, and then I hear it in my head. I just love the process. Song writing is like poetry writing. You are trying to access this bedrock of truth and feeling.

DH: You started this online website the Bardic Academy http://www.bardicacademy.org Tell us about this.

KC: I view it as a resource for writers and musicians. It is a website for my school where I give lessons in voice, harping, poetry, piano playing singing in the Irish language. I also compose well-wishing poems, to make my music useful. People send me letters, about a sick loved one, their wife, etc. I hold it my mind, then I let it rip on the piano. I send a recording to the person.

DH: Reading your poems I get the sense that you do not manipulate nature, but you sit back and learn.

KC: I love that. I have a great deal of trust in nature – human nature too. I love the integrity and holiness of the world.

THE MOTH

Singer/Songwriter Jennifer Matthews

responds to the massacre of school chil-

dren in Pakistan with this poem.

As the moth squeezes through the cracking debris... we stop in silence and pray we pray for those we cannot save we pray for those we cannot face we pray for, we pray for, we pray

As the moth gets through, her wings become weighted... we pray for those in confinement we pray for those who kill in the name of God we pray for the innocent children who lost their lives taken by radicalized violence...

it is this that shatters the wings of the moth stains the flesh of the cloth maims the house of the heart ingrains impurity of thought

— Jennifer Matthews

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7. Jacob Marley	

life. Like when you are in a pub, and the fiddler is playing slowly, and you observe the etiquette of the moment – and it comes together.

DH: You have an award-winning collection of poetry *The Harp Boat* that is about your late lobster man father in Maine. The sea, I am sure you will agree is a good source for poetry- we are often transfixed by it. Did your father instill in you a love of poetry?

KC: My father would have said he was the farthest thing from a poet and yet there were rhythms in his speech and his swearing that were poetic. Or just the way he could complain. I really got a sense of season and time. My father was with nature. Hey – you reach a certain point in life, and this all comes together.

DH: You play the harp – quite impressively – how did this come about?

KC: I have worked with harpers for 10 or 11 years now. When I was doing research in 2003, a

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I have sailed a life at sea while my father works the ocean.

— Kate Chadbourne

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