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2014: The year in review



By Jim Clark

The past year saw many changes come about in the city and its citizens. Longtime development projects came to completion, while others were just begun. Familiar faces bowed out of the spotlight as others took their places.

As it all unfolded, everyday people worked their jobs, tended their business, lived their lives. The political and social changes occurring all around us touched some more intensely than others, but we have all been affected to some degree. The news may not always be uplifting although it often can be - but we all share that universal need to know and understand what is going on in our city, and to discern what it is that we can do as individuals and as a community to shape our own destinies. To have a say in how it all goes.

We will be taking a look back at the major events that have moved us all in one way or another over the past year. This is a time for taking stock in ourselves, our leaders, and each other. It has been an eventful year, and putting it into perspective is very worthwhile. Continued on page 3

'Youth Arts Arise' at the Armory

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Parents always encourage talent in their children. An artistic work their child had done might be on a wall of their living space - or, as a constant reminder - on the door to a refrigerator.

But practice makes perfect. The free-of-charge after school program the "Youth Arts Arise" began during the fall of 2014 at the Arts at the Armory. There, 11 to 19 year olds signed up to participate in a program that worked as a fun sociological exercise: the cultural stamp of approval, a decree of geography, a friendship of neighborhoods instead of allusive lines that blur, lines like dollar signs and ethnicity.

More children are welcome to join, as the program expands in the coming seasons. This generations' children of Somerville will be proud to say they're from Somerville, apart from similarities to Boston, apart from differences in bygone, Old World identities.

The Arts at the Armory staff credit the growth of the program to the Boston Foundation and its Visual Fund grant. Continued on page 9



Kids are getting creative with Arts at the Armory's "Youth Arts Arise" program.

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Happy New Year to all our readers out there both in print and online from the publishers, editors and staff to all here in Somerville. May 2015 be a great year for everyone here in Somerville. Both young and old, new and old time residents come together to celebrate our beautiful city that we all love.

Don't forget the 239th annual Grand Union Flag Raising on New Years Day this Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 at 12 p.m. at Prospect Hill Park. A processional led by a re-enactor portraying General George Washington on horseback will march to Prospect Hill, beginning at City Hall Concourse at 11:30 a.m. Years ago the ceremony began early in the morning on New Year's Day and attracted a fairly large crowd. Now it seems like its getting later and later in the day.

A reader online inquired about the history of the boarded up church on Cross Street, directly across from Chuckie Harris Park. The church was first built as the "Randall Memorial Free Baptist Church" erected in 1873. Revered Edwin P. Moulton was its first minister. At some time in the mid 1930's it folded and became a well-known dance hall for adults then called "Circle Hall," a very active place that was filled every Friday and Saturday night. In the 1960's it closed and an insulation company took over the property until it went out of business. Now the building is boarded up and is expected to come down. Somerville had many Baptist Church's up to the mid 1960's, many from different Baptist organizations (it is estimated at about 57 different Baptist organizations). So many Baptist churches here that they had a large inter-league sports program for kids, known as BYO, throughout the city. A large retreat in Ocean Park Maine as well as Groton-wood in Groton were Baptist owned summer camps.

Normally in the past the city would have a mid-term formal swearing in ceremony on the first Monday of the month of January, full of speeches. This year they are skipping it and having just the swearing in and no speeches. What a great idea.

Happy Birthday this week to some of

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Unshoveled sidewalk fines increased

MarketMan says:

good!! But the key aspect will be enforcement. We have a lot of policies on the books that do not get enforced. This one is important to enforce for safety reasons.

A. Moore says:

I keep my sidewalk clean just for the record. The timelines above are ridiculous and not humanly possible for some of us. I agree 100% sidewalks should be cleared and whoever does not fined but this is insane. Have cameras ready tor pols houses with time stamp. City has really gone nuts once again.

Philb says:

I think the timelines are reasonable. If you are too busy to meet them, please hire someone. Just part of responsibility of owning property. If you wait any longer, it will get harder to shovel as more people walk on it, etc.

not my snow says:

ive been saying forever that the city owns the sidewalks.....we cant plant on them, dig them up, paint them, block them, drink alcohol on them, park on them......then when it snows, we own them!

Big Ed says

I hope the slumlords of the city..and there are a lot...get fined to the max. They can afford to have their walks cleaned off. FINE Them

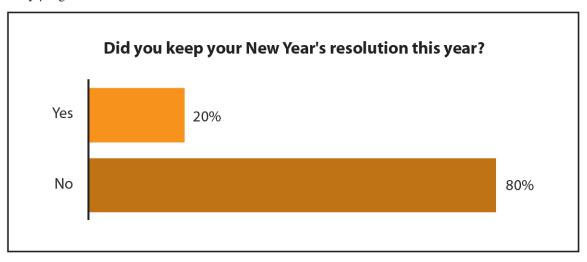
Mary Anne S. says:

The city must think that everyone works City Hall hours. I am a nurse and work 12 hour shifts. If the snow stops mid-afternoon I have until 10 pm to clear the snow, yet I won't be home until at least midnight. And if the snow stops overnight, it must be cleared by 10 a.m.? I leave at 6:00 for the day shift, am I to be outside at 4 am clearing snow? I suspect my neighbors would object to the sound of the snowblower at that hour (as they would at 10 pm as a matter of fact). And, "In cases of extreme snowfall and/or during snow emergencies, the city reserves the option to alter the schedule as necessary." Are they serious? 3 inches and they call a snow emergency, so they can change the schedule on a whim? It's time to return common sense to City Hall.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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2014: The year in review CONT. FROM PG 1

The year began much the same as many years before it. We celebrated our Revolutionary War era heritage with the annual Grand Union Flag Raising ceremony (as we will be doing again this week), reminding us of our unique position as the inheritors of a great legacy, that of freedom and independence from tyranny.

Our freshly elected and returning public servants were sworn into office. Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone commenced his sixth term as the city's chief administrator. Five new members of the Board of Aldermen were welcomed to their new positions.

Old business continued to run its course. The Green Line Extension project pressed forward. Various other development projects throughout the city likewise pushed onward. Tufts University expressed interest in the vacant Powder House Community School property, then reneged on its original offer and pulled out of the deal completely.

The Board of Aldermen approved a \$2.6 million plan to repair the Somerville High School auditorium, kitchen and cafeteria. The bond amount included payment for architectural and engineering services to repair the damage to the school from Superstorm Sandy in October 2012. The auditorium had not been fit for use since then, and the lunches for the students had been prepared at the Winter Hill Community School and



Portions of Somerville High School that were damaged by Superstorm Sandy in 2012 got some much needed repairs following the BOA's unanimous decision to allocate \$2.6M for the renovations.

then shipped to the high school out of necessity.

Later in the year the results of the repairs were unveiled to the public, with the grand reopening of the stunningly refurbished auditorium.

The hunt for a master developer for Union Square was launched in December of the previous year, and a field of ten candidates were vetted and evaluated in the early part of 2014. Union Square Station Associates (US2) was eventually selected to be the master developer for the Union Square revitalization project in July.

The decision brought to a close the six month long search for a master developer. After sorting out the field of initial applicants, the group was narrowed down to four qualifying candidates: US2, The Abbey Group, Gerding Edlen, and the team of Federal Realty and National Development. US2, a partnership between Magellan Development and Mesirow Financial, proved to be the most qualified according to city planners.

A grisly tale emerged in February as a body was discovered behind a Norwood school, determined to be that of a 66-year-old Somerville resident Vincnet Lalli. A woman walking her dog in the woods behind the Coakley Middle School discovered his body, which Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said had "suffered massive trauma."

Two weeks later, Anthony Canejo Sr., 52, and Anthony Canejo Jr., 30, both of Somerville, were charged in connection with the investigation of the death of Lalli. Continued on page 5



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Sunday January 11

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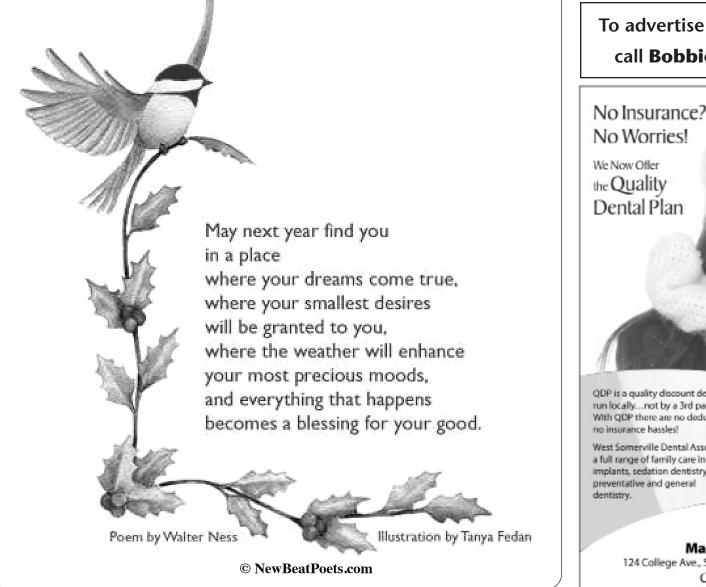
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By Jim Clark

Emergency room emergency

Police were summoned to the Somerville Hospital Emergency Room last week on reports of a patient behaving violently.

Upon arrival, the responding officers were met by the reporting party, a nurse on duty in the ER, who was visibly shaken, according to police reports.

The nurse reportedly told the officers that a man, Thomas Miller, 32, tried to punch her as she was checking on his condition.

Miller had reportedly been admitted to the ER for treatment for alcohol intoxication. According to the nurse's statements, she

and another nurse approached Miller as he was lying in a hospital bed and questioned him regarding his condition. It was at that time that Miller allegedly attempted to hit one of the nurs-

The officers went to the room where Miller was and noted that

he was screaming profanities at the hospital security guard.

The officers reportedly asked Miller to calm down, but instead he began shouting at them and threw his shirt at one of them.

The officers escorted Miller outside and attempted to calm him down. They could smell al-

cohol on his breath, police said.

Miller reportedly refused to calm down and cooperate and spat at the officers.

He was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with assault on ambulance personnel and assault and battery on a police officer.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Thomas Miller, of 10 Bartlett St., December 24, 2:08 a.m., arrested at 230 Highland Ave. on charges of assault on ambulance personnel and assault and battery on a police officer.

Michael Taylor, December 24, 3:19 p.m., arrested at 20 Charlestown St. on a charge of assault and battery on a family or household member.

Anthony Azera, of 971 Broadway, Everett, December 25, 11:40 p.m., arrested at 26 Everett Ave. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Gina Deangelis, of 2 Hancock St., Quincy, December 28, 6:32 p.m., arrested at 341 Artisan Way on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug, conspiracy to violate drug law, possession of a class E drug, and possession of a class C

drug.

Incidents:

Theft:

December 23, 4:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.

December 23, 6:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Calvin St.

December 26, 1:46 p.m., police reported a theft at 550 Assembly Row.

December 26, 3:42 p.m., police reported a theft at Lewis St. December 27, 11:05 a.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

December 28, 11:47 a.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

December 28, 4:33 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

December 28, 5:10 p.m., po-

lice reported a theft at 14 Mc-Grath Hwy.

Robbery:

December 28, 12:01 a.m., police reported a robbery at 230 Highland Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

December 25, 1:43 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Belmont St.

December 25, 12:28 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Belmont St.

December 26, 1:57 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Joy St.

Vehicle Theft:

December 23, 12:59 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy.

December 27, 8:03 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

Assault:

December 23, 5:05 p.m., police reported an assault at 18 Holland St.

December 24, 1:17 a.m., police reported an assault at Columbus Ave.

December 24, 2:08 a.m., police reported an assault at 230 Highland Ave.

December 24, 3:19 p.m., police reported an assault at Charlestown St.

December 27, 12:59 a.m., police reported an assault at Simpson Ave.

Destruction of Property:

December 24, 5:39 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Fairmount Ave.

December 25, 6:34 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 133 Middlesex Ave. December 26, 10:21 p.m., police reported a destruction of

property at 30 Broadway.

December 27, 10:05 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Winslow Ave.

December 27, 10:37 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at School St.

December 28, 1:52 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Josephine Ave.

Drug Violation:

December 25, 10:18 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Mystic Ave.

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December 26, 11:02 p.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Laurel St.

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Another controversial development project involved the properties at 181 and 197 Washington St. Abutters appealed the original proposal's approval the previous July. The two properties were being developed jointly between the Somerville Community Corporation (SSC) and a private developer. Both buildings were to be demolished to make room for a mix of commercial/retail space along with market-rate and affordable residential units. Revised plans as part of the land court settlement were then finalized.

The original proposal was for a combined 84 housing units and retail/commercial space in two five-story buildings. The revised plan settled on 65 units in two four-story buildings.

In March the search for a new Chief of Police geared up in earnest. Former Police Chief Tom Pasquarello, who was hired in

2010, resigned the previous November to care for an ill family member. Charles Femino has served as acting police chief after Pasquarello's resignation took effect Dec. 1.

After an exhaustive search was conducted, David Fallon, then Somerville Police Deputy Chief of Operations, accepted an offer from Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone to become the City's new Chief of Police.

Born and raised in Somerville, Fallon joined the Somerville Police Department in 1998 as a patrolman. A graduate of Somerville High School whose parents still live in the city, Fallon rose through the ranks to sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and eventually deputy chief.

"David Fallon exemplifies what we want in the Somerville Police Department—dedication to this city and its residents, a desire to find ways to reduce crime that go beyond arrests and convictions, a commitment to evidence-based decision making, and a spirit of collaboration," Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone said.

The City selected Waters Consulting Group through a request for proposals in December to assist in the search for a new police chief. Working with the Police Chief Search Committee, Waters Consulting representative Chuck Rohre interviewed City officials and over 40 constituent group representatives, held a public hearing and conducted a citywide survey that had more than 200 responses to obtain input on the qualities and characteristics desired of the next police chief. By the April deadline, 37 candidates applied for the position, which the Search Committee narrowed down to four initial finalists. A public hearing with the four finalists was held on June 25, with the public



Former Deputy Chief of Operations David Fallon got the nod from Mayor Curta-— Photo by Claudia Ferro tone to step in as the city's new Police Chief.

submitting questions through the City website and in writing at locations around the city. A team of City officials led by the Mayor then interviewed each of the candidates before narrowing the finalists down to two. Mayor Curtatone and a team of officials conducted site visits on July 21

and 31 before recommending Fallon for the position.

The retirement of another high profile public servant initiated a search for a new Superintendent of Schools. Tony Pierantozzi announced his retirement resignation during the March 17, School Continued on page 6

239th Grand Union Flag Raising

By Rebecca Danvers

According to information provided by the City of Somerville, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Historic Preservation Commission Director Brandon Wilson have announced that the 239th annual "Grand Union" flag-raising ceremony at Prospect Hill Park will be held on Thursday, Jan. 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 annual ceremony commemorates the raising of the nation's first official flag, featuring thirteen red and white horizontal stripes, atop Prospect Hill on New Year's Day, 1776. At the time, Prospect Hill was a key site in a string of fortifications created by



Join in the patriotic celebration as Somerville honors the 239th anniversary of the Grand Union Flag raising on January 1.

Washington and the Con- and Honorable Company (first American Revolution.

The afternoon's program will include songs, readings, and participants from the Ancient

tinental Army in their siege chartered in 1638), as well as served, and miniature replicas of of British troops in Boston the Charlestown militia. The the Grand Union Flag, both as during the first year of the American Legion Post 19 a flag and a lapel pin, as well as Honor Guard will lead a military salute as a commemorative flag is raised atop the Prospect Hill Tower.

Light refreshments will be colonial-era tri corner hats and historic Somerville books commemorating the event will be available for purchase.

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Committee meeting. His resignation takes effect July 5 of next year.

After an almost equally exhaustive search as that of the new Chief of Police, Mary Skipper was unanimously selected by the Somerville School Committee to serve as the city's new Superintendent of Schools.

Skipper had been serving as Network Superintendent for High Schools for the Boston Public Schools. In that capacity she had overseen the district's 34 high schools representing 19,500 students.

Mayor Curtatone praised the decision saying, "Mary Skipper's track record of bringing innovation to diverse neighborhoods is a terrific match for what we're doing here in Somerville. From her time as TechBoston Academy's founding headmaster, to her current role as Boston Schools' network superinten-

dent, Mary has understood the importance of students developing problem-solving skills and the use of transparent, data-based decision-making to drive schools forward. All three finalists were fantastic candidates, and I'm grateful we had such a tough decision before us. I look forward to working with Mary and building upon Somerville Public Schools' great recent successes."

Late in March it was learned that Standard & Poor's raised Somerville's bond rating from the city's previous high of "AA-" to its new high of "AA+," which represented a two-ratings jump. The new rating is just one step away from S&P's highest designation of "AAA." Higher bond ratings typically result in lower interest rates for municipalities when it comes to borrowing and financing for projects.

State Rep. Carl Sciortino's de-

cision to accept the job as executive director of the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts did not trigger a special election to fill his seat after he officially resigned on April 4.

Sciortino served as representative of the 34th Middlesex District, which includes wards 4 and 7 in Somerville, as well as portions of Medford, since 2004. In announcing his decision to leave the Legislature, the 35-year-old Sciortino, who lives with his husband in Medford, revealed he is HIV positive.

"As a gay man living with HIV, I am honored to lead one of the country's oldest and most effective organizations in the battle against this disease, which has raged on over 30 years," Sciortino said. "My goal for AIDS Action in the years ahead is simple: continue the work that has resulted in lowering the rate of



State Rep. Carl Sciortino left his post as representative of the 34th Middlesex District, moving on to new challenges as executive director of the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts.

new HIV diagnoses in Massachusetts; provide the multitude of services needed to keep those living with HIV/AIDS connected with health care pro-

viders; and continue the public conversation about HIV needed to reduce the stigma that is still so closely associated with this disease." Continued on page 17

Energy management partner sought by city

By Tom Bannister

The City of Somerville has announced that it is seeking an Energy Management Partner (EMP) for a new, residential weatherization program for both renters and property owners in the city.

It was further eported that a firm or team of firms is sought to implement a program of energy efficiency improvements to one- to four-family residences, working with the existing Mass-Save Program, to begin in spring 2015 according to a Request for Qualifications issued on Dec. 17, 2014.

"Somerville has a demonstrated commitment to increasing energy efficiency, and to instituting policies and programs that will reduce our carbon footprint, including our ambitious goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Many programs here and across the region focus solely on opportunities for homeowners, without focusing the renters who comprise 67 percent of our housing stock in Somerville. Our goal through this new partnership is to increase energy efficiency opportunities for all of our residents, furthering our commitment to that ultimate net zero goal."

Building upon the existing MassSave program and Somerville Residential Energy Efficiency Program

(REEP), the residential weatherization program will provide enhanced opportunities for building owners to improve the energy performance of their buildings. EMPs will coordinate energy-efficiency management and retrofit services, including an extensive community outreach campaign, beginning in early 2015. The City is seeking partners who will utilize strong data collection and analysis plans to further its goal of reducing energy consumption by 20 percent citywide by 2020.

"We're looking for an EMP with creative ideas on how to connect Somerville residents with information and services they need to make smart choices about home energy," said Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Director of the Somerville Office of Sustainability & Environment, which is co-leading this effort with the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. "We believe that residents and property owners across our diverse community are very interested in saving money and reducing their carbon footprint."

RFQ bids are due to the City on Jan. 30, 2015, and additional important deadlines are as follows:

- Pre-proposal Conference / Meeting: Jan 8, 10:30 a.m. EST
- + Deadline for submitting questions: Jan. 9, 4:30 p.m. EST
- Bids due and opened: Jan. 30, 11 a.m. EST
- Anticipated contract award: Feb. 15
- Services Commence: March

For more information on the City's energy efficiency pro-

grams, contact Residential Energy Efficiency Program Manager Russell Koty at 617-625-6600 ext. 2568, or RKoty@somervillema.gov. If you have questions about the Weatherization RFQ, download the bid documents at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids, and contact Michael Richards at mrichards@somervillema.gov to register as a bid document holder.



Dorothy's Corner



Stuffed Mushrooms

Whenever I ask what I can bring to a gathering, this particular appetizer is the most requested. I have made other recipes over the years for stuffed mushrooms, but have been disappointed with the stuffing coming out soggy. After multiple testings of my own recipe I finally came up with a combination where multiple textures are experienced, moist on the inside and crunchy on the top.

Serves 6-8

- 2 Packages of white (stuffing mushrooms)
- 1 Cup of seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 1/2 Panko (Japanese) bread crumbs
- 2 Cloves of finely minced garlic
- 1/2 Cup of freshly grated Pecorino Romano Cheese
- 3 Tablespoons dried parsley
- 4 Tablespoons melted, unsalted butter
- 1/4 Cup of extra virgin olive oil
- 1/8 Teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 Teaspoon Kosher Salt

Optional - White truffle oil for drizzling (Highly recommended this elevates the flavor to the next level.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Prepare the baking sheet(s) with foil and lightly oil the surface. Prepare the mushrooms by removing the stems and cleaning the outside with a damp paper towel. Mix all of the ingredients together in a medium sized bowl EX-CEPT for the truffle oil. Now you're ready to stuff the mushrooms. With a teaspoon, scoop some of the stuffing into the mushroom cavity. If the stuffing doesn't quite hold together, you can add a teaspoon or two of water to the stuffing mixture. Once all the mushrooms are stuffed and right before you put them in the oven, drizzle with the truffle oil. Just a couple of drops on each mushroom goes a long way. Bake for 15-20 minutes until slightly browned on top.

Here's the best part. You can pre-stuff your mushrooms the day before and refrigerate. Once you're ready to put them in the oven, drizzle with the truffle oil.

Teen Empowerment holiday party

Last Saturday, December 20, Teen Empowerment hosted their yearly holiday event for anyone who wanted to spend their holiday season celebrating with their fellow Somervillens. All were welcome to come by their site at 165 Broadway and join them downstairs for some holiday cheer. Delicious food, fun activities, and amazing performances were shared by attendees that included Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti and Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin.

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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.

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (H 4377)

House 144-9, Senate 40-0, approved an economic development package that included a summer 2014 sales tax holiday allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 16, and Sunday, August 17, without paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax.

Other provisions include \$2.5 million for loan guarantees to small businesses; \$10 million for brownfields redevelopment; \$2 million in the Talent Pipeline initiative that encourages students and young innovators to get a head start on their futures by matching stipends for interns at innovation startups; \$1.5 million for MassVentures

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll to fund early-stage, high-growth startups in Massachusetts as they move from concept to commercialization; creation of a program to increase consumer demand and preference for local seafood products; and requiring a study of the possibility of Massachusetts hosting a major NASCAR event.

> Supporters said the package bolsters the economy and creates jobs. They noted it encourages private sector investment, supports the manufacturing sector and expands economic opportunity beyond I-495.

> Opponents said that government cannot fix the economy by throwing money at it. They said they favored proposals that would reduce taxes, cut regulations and create greater predictability for the business community.

(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

\$1.9 BILLION ENVIRONMENTAL BOND BILL (H4375)

House 151-2, Senate 39-0, approved a \$1.9 billion environmental bond package allowing the state to borrow funds to finance various environmental projects including \$75.7 million for water and air quality protection; \$48.8 million for the design, construction and repair or removal of municipally-owned dams and \$20 million for state-owned dams; \$30 million for the dredging of coastal public harbors; \$20 million for the acquisition of open space, recreation and conservation land; \$255.4 million for the construction and improvement of reservations, forests, parks, harbor islands and other recreational facilities; and \$312 million to improve the energy efficiency of state-owned facilities.

The package includes dozens of earmarks costing hundreds of millions of dollars proposed by individual legislators and designed to fund projects in their districts. 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 this landmark environmental package is a fiscally responsible one that helps the state and local communities improve the environment. They argued it is fair and balanced and provides for important projects in all parts of the state.

Opponents said the package is loaded with unnecessary spending. They said the state already has the highest debt per capita in the nation and argued more borrowing will devastate our children's already debt-ridden future.

(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

SUBSTANCE ABUSE (S 2142)

House 149-0, Senate 40-0, approved a law designed to remove barriers to treatment for individuals battling addiction. Provisions include removing prior-authorization requirements for outpatient substance abuse treatment and providing for coverage of up to 14 days

in an inpatient setting; giving the Department of Public Health (DPH) new authority to reduce abuse of opioids and emergency scheduling powers to temporarily ban dangerous substances like bath salts; and requiring coroners to report overdose deaths to DPH and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Supporters said this groundbreaking law increases addicts' access to treatment and offers appropriate and effective treatment to patients at all levels of care. They pointed to the rising epidemic of substance abuse and addiction, which often leads to death.

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

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

INFO TECHNOLOGY (H 4355)

House 147-4, Senate 40-0, approved a \$929 million technology bond package including \$50 million to increase broadband service to homes and businesses in underserved areas in central and western Massachusetts; \$38 million for a matching grant program to help public schools improve student instruction through the use of information technology; \$65 million for technology improvements at the State Lottery; \$68.2 million to upgrade the State Police communications network; and \$5 million to improve wireless internet accessibility at the Statehouse.

Supporters said this helps bring the state's technology into the 21st century and makes state government a digital business. They argued the measure institutes reforms that will help protect taxpayers against expensive and broken IT projects and ensure that public schools implement technology upgrades to improve the state's education system.

Opponents said this additional spending is excessive and noted they have little confidence in the Patrick administration to appropriately manage IT projects in light of the \$600 million it has spent on the flawed Health Connector.

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

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

AUTISM (H 4047)

House 151-0, Senate 39-0, approved a law to expand treatment and support for individuals with autism or a developmental disability. Provisions include creation of a tax-free savings account for autism and disability care that will allow all families of individuals with disabilities to save in a 529-style plan for expenses including education, housing and other services; giving public school special education teachers the option to attain an Autism Endorsement certification, a concentration in autism coursework and training that will prepare them to be leaders in their schools; expanded coverage for Mass-Health recipients to help persons with autism spectrum disorders receive medically necessary treatments; requiring programs that provide residential or day care services and treatment for persons with a developmental disability to obtain a license from Department of Developmental Services (DDS); and requiring DDS to

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continued

provide transportation for education, day care or treatment.

Supporters said this landmark legislation makes major strides to help meet the needs of the autism and developmental disabilities community. They said it increases access for thousands to education, job opportunities and developmentally appropriate programs.

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

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES TO \$8 PER HOUR ON JANUARY 1 - The state's current \$8 per hour minimum wage increases to \$9 on January 1. The wage will then go to \$10 in 2016 and to \$11 in 2017. The new law also raises the minimum hourly wage for tipped employees from \$2.62 to \$3 on January 1, \$3.35 in 2016 and \$3.75 in 2017.

HEADLIGHTS (H 4567) - The House approved and sent to the Senate legislation requiring drivers to turn on their headlights when visibility is less than 500 feet or when the use of windshield wipers is necessary. These requirements would be added to the current law that mandates the use of headlights during the period from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise.

Supporters said the bill will prevent accidents and even save lives. They noted that studies show collisions in Canada have decreased since that nation required more frequent use of headlights.

CONCUSSION TRAINING PROGRAM (H 4563) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a proposal that would amend a current law requiring all public schools and private schools subject to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association rules to provide an annual mandatory training program about

concussions and head injuries. The bill would require

the same training in all charter and private schools.

The program would be mandatory for coaches, trainers, doctors, nurses, school marching band directors and parents of any child who participates in an extracurricular athletic activity.

CULTURALLY SENSITIVE HOME VISITING PROGRAMS (H 4556) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would create home visiting programs that provide "culturally sensitive services" to parents, infants and children. The measure does not provide a definition of "culturally sensitive." Home visiting programs are a voluntary home-based service for families with children up to age five years that provides visits by trained workers to promote positive parenting practices and build healthy child and parent relationships.

TOWN MEETINGS (S 2121) - The House approved a bill that would allow town moderators, after consultation with local public safety officials and local selectmen, to recess and continue a town meeting to a future time, date and place because of a weather-related or public safety emergency. The bill also repeals the current law that requires the moderator to be present at the physical location of the town meeting in order to declare the

Supporters cited the example of the town of Georgetown, which had to postpone its town meeting during Hurricane Sunday but could only legally do so if the moderator actually braved the hurricane and went to the location of the meeting. They said this is unnecessary and dangerous.

CANCER VICTIMS AND DRIVER'S LICENSES

(S 2417) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill giving cancer patients who have lost their hair as a result of 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 it is unfair that cancer patients who have lost their hair are required to take a new photo while they are bald. They noted a picture of a bald cancer patient can be psychologically harmful because it is a constant reminder of their illness. They argued this compassionate bill would give them time to grow back their hair before taking a new photo.

DOMESTIC WORKERS' DAY (H 4559) - The House gave initial approval to a bill making every June 16 Domestic Workers' Rights Day, to honor all domestic workers who work in private homes and in recognition of Massachusetts' historic enactment of basic labor standards in the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - "By the Numbers" Edition

\$190,000 — The projected amount of annual savings from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's plan to replace one-third of its current streetlight fixtures across Massachusetts with efficient LED lighting.

21 — The number of states, including Massachusetts, that will have their minimum wages increase on January 1.

220 — The age in years of the 1795 time capsule unearthed at the Statehouse in November and scheduled to be opened on January 6 at the Museum of Fine Arts.

71 — The number of governors who served Massachusetts before Governor-elect Charlie Baker assumes office on Jan-

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of December 22-26, the House met for a total of 42 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 40 minutes.

Mon. December 22 House 11:05 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Tues. December 23 No House session No Senate session

Wed. December 24 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:31 a.m.

Thurs. December 25 No House session

No Senate session

Fri. December 26 No House session

No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

'Youth Arts Arise' at the Armory

terested in pursuing a career in art will have an opportunity to become peer leaders and receive a stipend to assist the artist instructors on a rotating basis," writes the press release. Furthermore, Bridget Galway, an artist and teacher is on hand to help teenagers who might want to apply to art school. The deadline has already passed, but call or email the Armory for instructions to catch-up: visit www.artsatthearmory.org.

The purpose of the program is to encourage the curiosity of Somerville's youth, to explore a side of themselves that is best begun at an early age. "My Dad has a studio at Vernon. As I got ing around and explore different forms and stuff," says Shane, who's pizza-eating robot-piece evoked a sense of humor, a feature missing from art at large and relegated to the misunderstood genre/medium of cartooning.

"I taught this workshop titled "What's in Your Head?" They were shown examples of artist/ writer Saul Steinberg. He was best known for his cartoon/illustrations in the New Yorker. Shane was very specific regarding his title [Pizza Party] being bracketed, so as to give it a heightened sense of the evolving technological world we are experiencing daily," says Bridget Galway, Shane's teacher.

"I know that humor is a com- ready obvious. fortable way to engage people in subjects that can be difficult to discuss. The more of that, the better!" says artist/teacher Emily Bhargava. "I find it rare when art evokes a sense of humor. But when it does happen, it's usually awesome," says Jessica Liggero, another teacher.

One of Ms. Galway's other students, Bianca, explored the depiction of boxed, almost 3D prints that were very aesthetically pleasing and showed an early understanding of design. Her mother, proud of her daughter's skill, stood by her; Bianca was one of the younger children participating in the program and her talent and prowess were al-

Young Nikolas didn't want to pry himself from the large pizza slice he was eating. His father Pavlos said that Nikolas early on loved to illustrate art on restaurant napkins. When asked about the origins that sparked his interest, Nikolas interceded as if to say, "Dude, I don't know. I've been doing this since I was one years old."

Bridget Galway is in excellent company with Jessica Liggero and Emily Bhargava among other staff members. "In life I genuinely believe that 'everything affects everything.' Once you realize that negative energy can yield powerful work that inspires people, then you see the need and relatively for all emotions. How they are all connected and perfectly balanced. How everything affects everything," said Ms. Liggero, whose art can be seen online at www.jessicaliggero.com.

Like the studio-friendly Liggero, Emily Bharagava sees the advantages of sampling artistic mediums: "The technical skills that I teach the students may eventually help them tile a shower or pour a cement sidewalk, but more importantly, the skills of breaking a complex project into manageable pieces," said Ms. Bhargava. Her community health art from her day-to-day life can be seen online as well: www.connectionlab.org www.glassandlead.com.

COMMENTARY

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2014: A year of community achievements and milestones



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Before we move on to 2015 and all we hope to accomplish in the coming year, it's natural that we reflect on what we accomplished together in the past year. Thanks to our community's vision and dedication to our shared hopes and dreams, Somerville had no shortage of accolades earned and milestones reached in 2014. Here's a look back at only a few of those awards and milestones:

- + The Obama Administration has pledged nearly \$1 billion for the Green Line Extension. We heard a lot of people over the years say that we'd never get a station at Assembly. We heard a lot of people say the Green Line Extension would never get funded. You knew they were wrong. You kept fighting for it. Assembly Station is open, and the Green Line Extension is happening.
- + And alongside the Green Line Extension, MassDOT and

the MBTA announced they will fully build the Community Path Extension alongside the Green Line Extension from Lechmere Station to Lowell Street, where it will connect with the current path and create a highway for bicyclists and pedestrians throughout the entirety of Somerville, from the Cambridge line to the Boston line. Once fully built, it will create a seamless link from the Minuteman Bikeway to the Charles River paths, creating a 48-mile continuous path network connecting 11 cities and towns in the Greater Boston region.

+ Speaking of biking, Somer-

ville was ranked the #1 city in the northeast of the U.S. for bicycle commuting in the League of American Bicyclists' annual report on bike commuting. According to that report, 7.8 percent of the city's residents use biking to get to work. That puts Somerville in first place in the League's East region, which stretches from Maine to Maryland, and fifth in the nation for commuter percentage regardless of the city's population size. When compared to cities of similar population size (65,000-100,000), Somerville ranks third in the nation.

· Somerville Schools broke

into the top 15% of all Massachusetts school districts for combined student growth, both maintaining its phenomenal progress in recent years and cementing its status as the leading urban school district in the state for student growth. Coupled with more students scoring higher on English-Language Arts, Math and Science MCAS tests, Somerville's results this past year catapulted nearly every school in the District to either the highest or second highest levels on the state's accountability scale, showing that Somerville is making significant progress in addressing Continued on page 17

Life *before* death



By William C. Shelton

This article was first published on July 6, 2011.

The most important thing that I know about life is that it is finite. I will die. You will die. Everyone we know will die. Even the stars will fade away, one after another.

But while we live, there is am-

ple time for loving, learning, joy, and making a difference. The potential to love and be loved is all around us. Joy awaits us in so many moments, if we but embrace it. Injustices that we encounter are opportunities to do great deeds and make a dif-

Yet so often we do not seize the finite time that is given us. We are petty. We speak falsely. We don't show loved ones how much we care. We unnecessarily endure mistreatment.

ference.

Those of us who believe in a god, and those who don't, talk about life after death. We speculate as to its existence and form while we squander our precious gift of life before death.

I think that we waste this gift because we forget that life is finite. We imagine that we will always have time to right wrongs, say what needs saying, find delight in the now, and pursue our dreams.

Long ago I experienced the certainty of imminent death—the acceptance that no amount of resistance, bargaining, or denial would prevent my dying within a few moments.

And then I didn't die.

But I was changed. My many self-deceptions became transparent and unnecessary. Others' faults became trivial, and their virtues, obvious. What was

most important to me came into sharp focus. The urgent but trivial faded.

That lasted maybe a week. Conducting the daily routines of my life evoked my routine responses of patterned thought, feeling and behavior.

It is difficult, for me at least, to change myself without changing the personal world in which I live my everyday life. And that world is embedded in a culture that encourages and reinforces a collective amnesia about death, an unconscious accord to deny that our lives are finite.

The fear of death is universal. If it were not built into our DNA, we would not have sur-

vived as a species. But our ways of coping with death and dying have changed.

Until the mid-20th Century, Americans' exposure to death was commonplace and how we dealt with it was different from what we do today. Families whose children all lived to adulthood were rare. Diseases ravaged populations. Death in the workplace was routine.

People usually died at home. Loved ones prepared their bodies for burial.

Rather than being "shielded," children were present for a dying loved one's farewell and for the family's discussions of plans, expressions Continued on page 20

Life in the William by Jimmy Del Ponte

Yikes! New Years 2015!

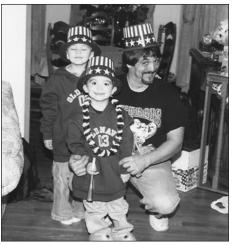
Unless you are a bank robber, embezzler, common thief, con-artist, or just a jerk, you may not have a list of resolu-

tions this year. Jerks for the most part don't think they are jerks so why would they want to change? Giving up smoking is always one worth trying, but normal workaday folks probably don't have to worry about major changes. We can, however wish for other people to make some minor tweaks in their personalities. Say ... your boss or a co-worker has an annoying habit that bugs you, now would be a good time for them to ease up on it. Ya, like that's going to happen!

Where did all this resolution stuff come from anyway? Wikipedia tells us that the ancient Babylonians made promises to their gods at the start of each year that they would return borrowed objects and repay their debts. Over the years goals that people set for themselves involve healthy eating, weight loss, exercise, finance reform, positive thinking, spending quality time with friends and family, volunteering time to needy and elderly, reducing stress, traveling, reading more, trying new foods, settling down and getting married, or trying something daring, challenging, and dangerous. Isn't getting married trying something daring, challenging and dangerous? Hey everyone should try it at least once.

I took a little walk yesterday since I have been on vacation and have not started the list of things I planned to accomplish while away from the job. I decided to walk from my house to my favorite spot ... Davis Square. And since I hadn't really sunk my teeth into my own resolutions, I thought I would observe the public for a while. In other words, I was looking for trouble. I would see if I could see any bad habits people around my own neighborhood could change. I didn't set out to be judgmental ... just observant, with an opinion, and too much time on my hands.

I walked out my door and right off the bat I see an empty Starbucks cup in the gutter. This person needs to resolve to not being a litter-pig. Then I notice someone had parked too close to my driveway. This driver should work on his/her depth perception. Next, a Black BMW blows through the stop sign. This nut should resolve to obey laws. And that's it! I made it all the way to Davis Square without



seeing any more infractions! Good for us! We are a pretty classy city on the whole.

If you have something that you want to resolve to change, that's your business. Of course, I'm not going to mention the kid with the dual stretched ear pierces and black fingernail Continued on page 17

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times



Looking back to the year just passed is an interesting thing to do. Sometimes sobering, at other times amusing, yet always somewhat inspiring if one considers what has been accomplished and what else is left to be done.

A lot has been accomplished in the city. Many ongoing and new initiatives have been pushed forward and continue into the new year. The advance of progress and renewal marches on as we in turn

continue the pursuit of our individual hope and dreams.

Observing and participating in the machinations of municipal goings on, even at the lowest level, is something of a civic duty that we all should share a sense of responsibility for. It's what makes democracy great, that every man and woman makes a difference in what transpires, mainly when they express their viewpoints at the polls.

Looking ahead to what may come in 2015, we can't help but feel optimistic about the days ahead. It will take some hard work and serious planning, but an improving economy is within sight, as is better civic infrastructure, community resources, and a plethora of other important quality of life issues.

As always, it's up to us to push things in the right direction. To send the proper signals to our city officials. To back them up when they get it right, and to call them on it when they seem to go astray. They have their duties and we have ours. Let each one carry on in the best fashion possible.

It is the way of our community. We enjoy a uniquely favorable reputation as those who can.

We wish each and every one of our readers the best in the year to come. May peace, prosperity, and good health bless you and yours.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

our readers: Happy Birthday to a wonderful lady here in the Ville, Elaine Czesniuk (daughter of former Mayor Bill Donovan). Elaine is still very active here in the community. We wish her the very best. A good and popular guy, Danny Kallis, General Manager and Director of Community Relations at Arts at the Armory, we wish a very Happy Birthday. A couple of East Somerville guys who grew up here, moved, and still have some strong roots here: Paul Peddle a new real estate agent in Derry, NH, with CBRB. A nice guy, and if you're moving to NH give Paul a call. You won't be disappointed. We wish him a Happy Birthday. Another guy who grew up here and still roots here is Jack Bassett, retired and hopefully enjoying retirement. We wish him a Happy Birthday. Good friend Christopher Kenney, who also grew up here and is in Somerville all the time, we wish him a Happy Birthday. Our good friend Pam Gee, who is accounts representative for RLS-2000, a Massachusetts real estate website, we hope she's enjoying herself this week and has a great birthday. She deserves it. Also celebrating this week is Caroline Koty, just finishing her first

semester at college. We hear she's on the Dean's list as well. And finally, a well-known historic figure here in the city is Archibald Query of Marshmallow Fluff fame. To all others that we didn't get to this week, we wish everyone a Happy Birthday.

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 cohost 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.

This Thursday, Jan. 1, city offices will be closed in honor of New Year's Day. Trash and recycling collection will be on a holiday schedule starting Thursday and residential parking and parking meters will not be enforced. Street sweeping ends Dec. 31, and will resume April 1.

The Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation Annual Meeting will be held in the Gallery 81 Conference Room at Somerville High School on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 7 p.m. The meeting is for current officers, directors, and members. New members are welcome. The agenda includes the election of directors. For information, contact Noreen Santucci at NFSLEARN@aol.com or 617-448-0145.

The City of Somerville invites all inter-

ested community members to join in a discussion and submit feedback on the Recreation Department's programming and activities. The city will host a public forum on Wednesday, Jan. 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Argenziano School cafeteria, 290 Washington St. Last spring, Mayor Curtatone convened a Recreation Task Force to develop recommendations on ways to expand and strengthen existing programming. Task Force members will

present their findings, and new Rec-

reation Director Jill Lathan will share

her feedback and her goals for the de-

partment in the coming year. Community members are invited to provide feedback and to meet the new Director. For more info visit somervilleresistat.blogspot.com/p/rectaskforce. html, or contact Stephanie Hirsch at SHirsch@somervillema.gov.

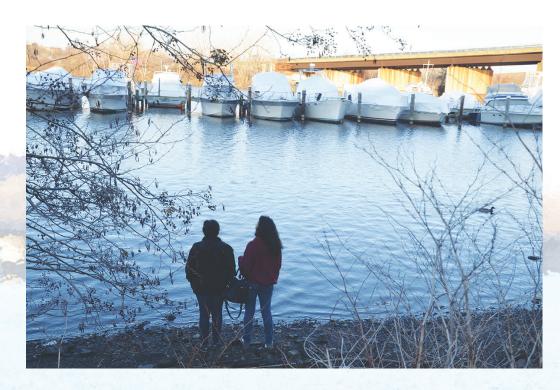
Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, Ward 3 Alderman Robert McWatters, and the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OS-PCD) invite all interested community members to the latest in a series of meetings and public forums to discuss future roadway and utility improvements for Union Sq. on Thurs., Jan. 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Argenziano School cafeteria at 290 Washington St., and will focus on the draft interim design for Webster St. and Prospect St. Traffic and utility plans for the Early Action Plan will also be presented. For more information, contact Hayes Morrison at 617-625-6600 ext. 2522, or HMorrison@ somervillema.gov. The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. Spanish and Portuguese interpretation will be provided.

Winter on the Mystic

















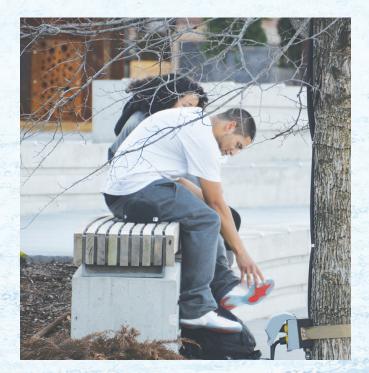


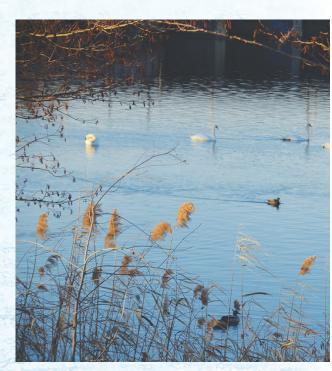


















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SPORTS

2014: The year in sports

By Rebecca Danvers

Somerville once again in 2014 proved itself to be a sports loving - and playing - city, with school and semi-pro teams taking it to the competition, and more often than not prevailing as winners.

The Somerville Alibrandis won the Yawkey Baseball League Championship for the fifth straight year in a row, beating the Al Thomas Athletics in 5 games in the championship series.

The Alibrandis have won the league championship 15 times in past 25 years. The team was honored by the Boston Red Sox at a luncheon on September 24.

School athletics kept up its proud tradition of excellence as local high school and lower grade programs instilled skill and sportsmanship in the students who participated.

Football, baseball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, track and field, and numerous other programs flourished in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and ambition, as all participating students showed the community the worth of their mettle.

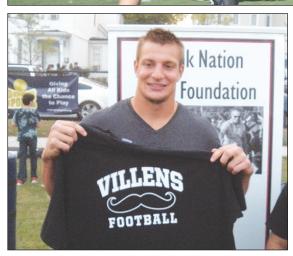
Pop Warner football enjoyed tremendous participation in the community, as youngsters signed on to learn the fundamentals of the game and engage in friendly competition.

Celebrity sports figures also pitched in to help encourage participation by kids and their parents in supporting community sports programs. Star New England Patriots player Rob "The Gronk" Gronkowski visited the local Pop Warner teams.

Lots of road races through the city top off the indisputable fact that Somerville loves its sports.









Ms. Cam's Dlio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. The New York New Year's Eve Ball Drop has been taking place since when?
- 2. What was the year of Guy Lombardo orchestra's first New Year's Eve radio broadcast?
- 3. Who wrote The Man In The Iron Mask?
- 4. In football, where are the "Chargers" from?
- 5. What color is the "M"
- 6. In Greek, Irene means what?
- 7. What country singer

starred in the movie 9 to5?

- 8. In 1982, what actor won a special award for 50 years of film making?
- 9. What ship's lookout was miffed when his request for binoculars was denied?
- 10. Who was the Roman Emperor that had the name that meant "little soldier's boot"?
- 11. What newspaper won a Pulitzer for the Water gate coverage?
- 12. What is the name of flower?

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the vegetable that is also a

Bay State Skating School

Ice Skating

NEW Winter Fall Learn-To-Skate classes for children, ages 4 ½ and up, and for adults at the local ice rink in Cambridge. At the Simoni Rink, on Gore Street in Cambridge, classes start Satur-

day, January 3 at 2:00 p.m. Use hockey, recreational or figure skates. Beginner, intermediate and

advanced classes are available. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at

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By Tom Bannister

As most know, Somerville High School has one of the most storied histories in Massachusetts High School Basketball that dates back almost 75 years. In those dominant years that stretched from the early 1940's until the early 1980's, Somerville was a constant contender for sectional and state titles.

In the famed Tech Tourney days, Somerville took home the Class A championship seven times including the final Tech Tourney ever played in 1971. Somerville would show up with 7,000 plus fans for those games. When the Highlanders would win, which happened often, the crowds would march from North Station to Highland Avenue chanting "S-O-M-E-R-V-I-L-L-E" and singing the school alma mater "Somerville leads the way".

This season, the Highlanders are going to get a chance to compete on the sacred parquet floor of the Boston Garden (now known as the TD Garden). The TD Garden will be hosting the "Good Sports High School Invitational" on January 10, 2015. Somerville will take on Belmont at 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$12.00 and includes admission to seven other marquee high school games including teams such as Andover, Central Catholic, Newton North, St. John's Prep, Malden Catholic, Arlington Catholic, and Mansfield.

Head Coach Mark Antonelli and the Highlanders are calling on all students, faculty, alumni, and community members to come out, wear their red and blue, and rock the Garden the way only Somerville can.

Each participating school is required to sell 400 tickets. Tickets will be available through the SHS Athletic Department.

Please contact Athletic Director Nicole Viele 617-625-6600 ext. 6161 nviele@ k12.somerville.ma.us or Head Coach Mark Antonelli mantonelli@k12.somerville.ma.us for ticket information.







What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

On the last newscast of the year, Executive Director Wendy Blom and Somerville Neighborhood News Director Jane Regan consider some of the hot topics of 2014, discussing some of the hundreds of stories from 25 newscasts.



For older stories from the year and for more information on how to get involved with SNN, visit www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE **MAYOR**

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** PLANNING DIVISION

> **LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Third Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA.

485 Mystic Valley Pkwy: (Case #ZBA 2011-79-E1-12/2014) Applicant and Owner, the Somerville Housing Authority, seek a time extension (SZO \$5.3.10) to a Comprehensive Permit (#ZBA 2011-79) under M.G.L. Chapter 40B for an Inclusionary Housing Development. The approval was for 60 affordable one-bedroom residential dwelling units for seniors and person with disabilities in two buildings. The project would consist of the redevelopment and conversion of the existing Mystic Water Works into a 25 affordable housing unit rental apartment building and the demolition of the existing office and garage outbuilding to be replaced with a newly constructed 35 affordable housing unit rental apartment building. The Applicant is requesting waivers from various sections of the City's ordinances and requirements, including but not limited to waivers from the following sections of the SZO: §4.4.1, §4.5.3, §7.2, §7.3, §7.9, §7.11, §8.5.B, §8.5.C, §8.5.E, §8.5.F, §8.5.I, §9.4, §9.5.1.b, §9.6.1, §9.9, §9.11, §9.15, §10.5, and §10.6. RA zone. Ward 7.

23 Ames St: (Case #ZBA 2014-114) Applicant and Owner, Cattello Battinelli II, seeks a Variance under SZO §8.6.17 to construct a pool less than 6' from the side property line. RA Zone. Ward 5.

11 Landers St. (Case #ZBA 2014-117) Applicant and Owners, John Murphy and John Berrigan, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to extend a dormer, modify a rear addition, and add rear decks. RB Zone. Ward 2.

25 Ivaloo St: (Case #ZBA 2014-118) Applicant and Owner, Richard Williams and Jeane Segal, seek Special Permits under SZO§4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure to create a new single-family dwelling, and under SZO 9.13.a for one space of parking relief. RB zone. Ward 2.

315 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-120) Applicants, Gwen Simpkins, Theresa Nibi, & 311 Highland LLC, along with Owner, the Diamond Club LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO \$7.11.1.c to construct a mixed-use building with seven (7) residential units and ground floor retail, Special Permits under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure and under SZO §9.13.e to share parking, and a Variance under

18 Burnside Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-128) Applicant, Peter Kochansky, and Owners , Peter Kochansky and Lauren Dias seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by enclosing a front porch. RA Zone. Ward 6.

Copies of these applications 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, $8:30\ am-12:30\ pm;\ and\ at\ \underline{www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning}.\ As\ cases\ may\ be\ continued\ to\ later\ dates,\ please\ check\ the$ agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Somerville



Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION

> **LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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-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.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD) will hold a public hearing on the 2015-2016 One Year Action Plan and to receive community input on priority needs related to affordable housing, community development, and homelessness for grants funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and the HOME Program. The public hearing will be held at the Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood Center (150 Glen St. Somerville, MA 02145) at 6:30 pm.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available. Requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Monday, January 12, 2015 by contacting Betsy Allen at 617-625-6600 x2323. Accommodations for non-English speaking or hearing impaired persons are available by contacting (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500; requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Monday, January 12, 2015. General questions about the hearing should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500. Written comments will be accepted up to Tuesday, February 17, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to the attention of Kesh Gedeon at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or email to OSPCD@somervillema.gov.

Joseph A. Curtatone

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NOTICE AND ORDER Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

Docket No. MI14P6332GD

In the interest of Haylee Nicole Silva-Reardon

of Somerville, MA

Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1) Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 12/02/2014 by

Madelaine C. Starr of Somerville, MA

Barbara J. Silva of Somerville, MA

Will be held 01/28/2015 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 208 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02141

2) Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days

3) Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that the counsel be appointed for the minor.

4) Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds it is not in the minor's best interest.

ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)

IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor, (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner), the Guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date listed above.

If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, IT IS ORDERED that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least <u>fourteen (14)</u> days prior to the date of the hearing listed above.

If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party is not known, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date by mailing first class mail and by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in Somerville Times Somerville publication to be at least Seven (7) days prior to hearing date.

If required, services on the United States Veteran Administration and Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least **Seven (7)** days prior to hearing.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

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

Date: December 12, 2014

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding the proposal by Applicants, Rebecca Fordon & Eric Chon, to demolish the barn, which is first illustrated on the 1895 Bromlev Atlas, at 63 Hudson Street.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7- 28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@ somervillema.gov.

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2014: The year in review CONT. FROM PG 6

Democratic candidate Christine Barber handily defeated Nicholas Lanzilli for the seat in the statewide election in November.

Mayor Curtatone continued his adamant opposition to the Wynn Casino development in Everett. The Board of Aldermen studied strategies for dealing with the issue in April.

A controversy developed regarding the proposed sale of the post office in Union Square. The building houses an historically important mural by artist Ross Moffett that was commissioned under the Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression. Concerns over the accessibility of the mural to the public got the attention of public officials, both locally and nationally. The Cambridge-based investor group Union Square Partners LLC purchased the building, but has not indicated what they intend to do with it. They have said that they are exploring a number of alternatives that include the possibility of installing an entertainment venue with an additional café or restaurant as part of the plan.

Both the Somerville Fire and Police Departments were equipped with nasal naloxone (Narcan), a prescription medication that can reverse an opioid overdose.

The ongoing rodent problem was still a hot topic in 2014. A

task force created by the Board of Aldermen was formed to study the issue and come up with solutions. Rodent resistant trash carts were distributed throughout the city, but many residents still complain that the problem persists and that too little has been done.

Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone took what he described as a "pro-safety and pro-family" action by signing an executive order to withdraw the city from the Secure Communities program, a program initially enacted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to remove illegal aliens who pose a threat to public safety.

Curtatone called the program "a flawed federal program that has left communities less safe, torn apart families and deported people with no criminal convictions."

Around 25-35 employees and customers of Somerville Avenue Market Basket demonstrated in front of the store in support of their fired CEO, Arthur T. Demoulas, who was let go recently by the company's board of directors. The issue was resolved and the stores reopened.

The City of Somerville Police Department, in conjunction with the Middlesex Sheriff's Department, offered gun buyback in exchange for grocery store gift certificates in August.

The event did not require iden-

tification from the firearms owners, and it successfully collected 15 firearms by the end of the day.

The collected firearms included a .21 shotgun that is usually used for hunting and target shooting and a couple of .22 rifles.

The grand opening of the Orange Line Assembly Station T-stop in Somerville, MA—the first new MBTA T-station to open in more than a quarter century— and Somerville's newest neighborhood Assembly Row took place on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, representatives of Federal Realty, along with other Somerville officials and the general public participated in the celebratory walk to the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

A resolution regarding the impact of Logan Airport flight paths was discussed and adopted by the Somerville Board of Alderman in September.

Citing the multitude of complaints from residents made to members of the Board of Aldermen and the government of the City of Somerville about the noise from flights taking off from Logan Airport since the beginning of this spring and continuing through this summer, the Board unanimously resolved to take measures to try to alleviate the problem.

An updated version of the socalled "Pay-to-Play" ordinance



The groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Partners Healthcare headquarters took place earlier this month at Assembly Row.

regulating campaign contributions approved by the Board of Alderman's Legislative Matters Committee was formally vetoed by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone in writing at the regular meeting of the Board in October.

The mayor had argued for a differing version of the ordinance, one featuring measures that would restrict city employee contributions, rather than the Boards version that focused on contributions made by property developers.

The City of Somerville created the position of Poet Laureate for the City of Somerville. Nicole Terez Dutton has been chosen for the position.

Frustrated neighbors that live near the halfway house operated by Vinfen and overseen by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH) voiced their concerns to the representatives of those organizations that something needs to be done to improve the situation at 155 Central Street. A series of meetings have taken place in the hopes of resolving these issues.

Row developer Assembly Federal Realty kicked off the construction of a 750,000-sqaure-foot office headquarters for Partners Healthcare on Monday, Dec. 1. Situated between the 73acre proposed area of development, which includes Assembly Square Marketplace, a Home Depot, a large office building and other retail businesses, and the newly built MBTA station, the new 13-floor office building will bring more than 4,500 administrative, finance and IT employees to this area within two years time.

These are just a few of the events that shaped our lives in 2014.

2014: A year of community achievements and milestones CONT. FROM PG 10

the needs of students at every level.

Our school district was also only one of 67 agencies nationwide to be awarded a Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant to improve physical activity and nutrition education opportunities for students. Awarded more than \$613,000 for the first year of a 3-year project, this grant funds the improvement of physical education and nutrition programs by strategically aligning before-, during- and afterschool programs as well as school-based and community initiatives, focusing on physical activity and healthy eating habits. Somerville Public Schools were one of only two applicants in Massachusetts to be awarded PEP grant funding this year. The total 36-month award was for almost \$1.4 million.

+ For the second straight year, Somerville earned the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting in North America for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting recognizes the city for going beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted

accounting principles in preparing a CAFR that achieves a "spirit of transparency and full disclosure," according to awarding nonprofit Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

• Our commitment to the highest principles of governmental budgeting was also recognized by the GFOA through the city earning the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for our fiscal 2014 budget. In earning the award—the only national awards program in governmental budgeting—we met

or exceeded 27 criteria that assess how well the budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communications device.

+ Only months after Moody's Investors Service reaffirmed its highest ever bond rating for Somerville, Standard & Poor raised its rating from AA- to a new high of AA+, the second highest rating on the agency's scale and one spot from the rare AAA rating. In its report, the bond rating agency cited the city's strong financial practices and budget management, low overall debt, strong capacity to

meet its financial commitments including aggressive paying off of debt, and a robust, growing economy.

There are too many great milestones, awards achievements to list here. We should be proud of what we have accomplished together, but we also know we have a lot of work ahead of us. As we look forward to the hard work in 2015 we must undertake to keep our community strong, let our past achievements remind us that if we have a vision and stick to it, there's nothing that we can't achieve together. Happy New Year!

Yikes! New Years 2015! CONT. FROM PG 10

polish ... because ... that's my son! God bless him and everyone's right to express themselves. After all, I was the hippie-est hippie in The Ville back in the day. I can't wait to see the tattoos he decides on. (Oy Vey!)

1. Monday, December 29th: Okay, now its my turn. I have been off from work since Thursday the 18th. I planned to clean out a bunch of crap from this hoarders paradise that I call

my home. I have made two bags for the Big Brothers Big Sisters that they picked up already. I have been watching football, The Nanny, John Wayne movies and Wonder Woman on TV. I have, however, hit the gym everyday ... I have been eating Christmas leftovers ... But no cleaning! I am off until January 2 but I have no ambition to toss crap out. Now its Monday and there is more football and more food (I did

make it to Stop' N Shop to stock up on more football watching food). I could and should make a resolution to clean this place ... we'll see.

2. Wednesday, December 31st: (New Year's Eve) I just finished two days of cleaning. I still have a ways to go, but I'm making progress and there seems to be hope for me.

3. For the most part it will be a quiet New Year's Eve spent with loved ones.

Nothing like the old days when you would wake up on January 1st with a hangover. The photo up top is of me and my two boys who are now almost 19 and 17. We sure had fun back then. And I am still having fun! Yay for fun! If 2015 is anything like 2014 I will be very happy. Good health has blessed my friends and family. Happy New Year to all who read this column. Happiness and health to you and yours.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday December 31

New Year's Eve - Libraries Close at 5 p.m.

Thursday January 1

New Year's Day - Libraries

Monday January 5

East Branch Library

Read to Bead Winter Reading

Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970

9 a.m.-9 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Sing-along with Jeremy Lyons 11 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland

Tuesday January 6

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. 40 College

Wednesday | January 7

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball-617-636-9033 6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

MUSIC|ARTS 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-

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-

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse NYE Bash 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

Davis Square Theatre

Mike Bent's Abrakidabbra!|3:30 New Year's Eve Comedy Explo-

sion!8 p.m.|10 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Thursday January 1

Johnny D's

New Year's jazz Brunch with Tom

Pendergast Guitar 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Happy 2015! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room

Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. **Back Room**

Scattershot

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

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

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

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

Arts at the Armory

Closed for the holiday 191 Highland Ave

Friday January 2

Johnny D's

The Barley Hoppers plus Easy Ed's Variety Hour

We Dig Free Fridays Presents: The Skunks plus The Family Dinner 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders | 6 p.m. Finding Dimes \$5 cover 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Spike the Punch

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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

Bull McCabe's Spotted Tiger

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

Joshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-

Live music

718-9177

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Saturday January 3

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Luther "Guitar Junior" Johnson & The Magic Rockers

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

• • • • VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin & Wicked Heart |6

George Washington Carver|9

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Back Room Scattershots

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's

The Blue Ribbons 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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

Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DI 608 Somerville Avel617-718-

Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

Davis Square Theatre Road to Greatness 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Somerville Songwriter Sessions

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Sunday | January 4

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

3589

The Burren

Front Room Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller 7

p.m.

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

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Avel617-776-1557

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Samba Bar & Grille

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

Monday January 5

Johnny D's

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

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-

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Tuesday January 6

Johnny D's

Jesse & Mariam Tuesdays in January 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

3589

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Burren Front Room

Back Room

Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.

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-**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 Ouiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-

625-8200

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Graffiti Art 3:30 p.m. | Mezzanine A Winter Sing for Twelfth Night

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Wednesday | January 7

Johnny D's

Erin Harpe and the Delta Swing-

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

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

The Burren Front Room

Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy@10

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New Year's Eve - Libraries Close at 5 p.m.

New Year's Day - Libraries Closed

Thursday | January 1

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 | January 3 Arts at the Armory

Market

Somerville Winter Farmers'

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 | January 4

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

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

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Monday January 5

basement.

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Central Library Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Poetry Reading with Michael Todd Steffen, Dennis Daly, and Irene Koronas

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Tuesday January 6 Arts at the Armory

Third Life Studio

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Prenatal Yoga 7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

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

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

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

The trip scheduled to Wildwood, NJ on May 11 - 15 is **SOLD OUT**.

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.

IMPORTANT NEWS

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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.

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

 $\mbox{\bf Men's Group}$ – Meets the first Tuesday of each month

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

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

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

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

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. Our Social Worker intern, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. Please call us at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 for additional information or if you have any questions.

Book Club – Meets the first Friday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. Senior Project Manager, Janine Lotti, facilitates this group. Join this group to read and discuss a different book each month. In most cases, copies of the book are available in the COA office. Contact Janine at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2321 or JLotti@ Somervillema.gov if you require additional information.

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 A.M. and running for an hour most times. Our volunteer, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive "greenhouses." Please contact Senior Project Manager, Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2321 or JLotti@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or require additional info.

Brain Games – Meets the first Tuesday of each month starting at 10:00 A.M. This group is facilitated by our volunteers Eileen Jones & Jan Ciganelli. Engaging as a group in brain healthy activities. Proven that keeping the mind active can actually reverse the signs of aging and improve memory and cognitive functioning. Call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up!

*All these groups meet at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street

English Conversations – Meets every Tuesday & Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Sandy Francis, our Cross Street Center Volunteer, facilitates this group.

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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 31

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

Thursday|January 1

All Centers Closed Happy New Year

Friday|January 2

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

Monday|January 5

9:30 Monthly Breakfast (H) 10:30 Moonlighters (H) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

Tuesday|January 6

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 10:45 Culinary Arts Lunch 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday|January 7

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Life before death

CONT. FROM PG 10

of fear, and grieving of loss. Children learned early that death is inevitable, grief can be discharged, and dying can bring people together, instruct them, and enrich their relationships.

Antibiotics and inoculations have eliminated entire diseases. Changes in workplaces and health-and-safety regulations have greatly reduced on-the-job accidents.

Most people die in hospitals. Their bodies are whisked away to embalmers where they are made to look as if they are robust, but merely taking a nap. Children are "protected" from awareness of their own mortality and, therefore, of the implication that we should live fully in every moment.

Now people don't die, they "pass away." When I was a child it was the middle class who said, "pass away." The rich and the poor used the more forthright "died." Today, the euphemism seems to have infected all.

By pretending that we're going to live forever, we not only fail to live fully. We trivialize death. In an action movie dozens of people die in two hours. In a video game a player kills them in a few minutes. They get shot, they stop moving, and the action continues. In life, those who are shot rarely die quickly, quietly, or inoffensively. And watching them die changes you forever.

Sometimes I hear an annoyed acquaintance lightly say to someone, "I'm going to kill you," and I writhe inside. I doubt people would say that so lightly if they had actually seen one

human kill another.

I spent some time in Mexico where, on All Souls' Day, they celebrate el Dia de los Muertos—Day of the Dead. Adults give children skull-shaped candies and bake bone-shaped bread. They have picnics where their loved ones are buried. They dress up as skeletons, dance, and party late into the evening.

Rather than being ghoulish, the Mexicans are taking delight in being alive. They are practicing a form of *memento* mori. This Latin phrase meaning "Remember your mortality" is the name of an art genre that goes back to the Romans, medieval Christians, and New England Puritans.

Our contemporary culture does not tell us "memento mori." It tells us the opposite. You and I must say it to each other. And we do that as much by encouraging each other to live truthfully, joyfully, and completely as by reminding each other that the time we have to do so is finite.

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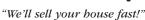
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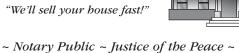
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Thursday.	January 1	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group:	12:30pm	Somerville Film Group	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Friday Shorts	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	What the Fluff Festival?
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Energy Theater - haunted Halloween	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	2:00pm	Art at SCATV: Dixie Manley
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
9:00am	Cancer Explained!	10:00pm	The Somerville Line	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	3:00pm	Tele Galxie
9:30am	Girls Talk	11:00pm	Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:30pm	Somerville ArtBeat 2014	5:00pm	Race, Community, and Police Relations	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer (L)
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9:00am:	Voices of Somerville				
12:00pm:	Illuminations Tour				
1:00pm:	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas				
1:15pm:	Connecting Communities – Somerville PD				
1:45pm:	Veterans Day Observance				
2:00pm:	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting				
4:00pm:	Voices of Somerville				
6:30pm:	Illuminations Tour				
7:30pm	Voices of Somerville				
8:00pm:	The Mayor's Report – Year in Review				
8:30pm:	Unearthing Lost Somerville				
9:30pm:	Voices of Somerville				
10:30pm:	Partners Healthcare Groundbreaking				
Thursday, January 1					
12:00am:	The Mayor's Report – Year in Review				
12:30am:	Illuminations Tour				
1:30am:	Interfaith Panel Discussion				
2:00am:	Aldermen at Work				
2:30am:	SomerViva em Portugues				
3:30am:	Connecting Communities – Somerville PD				
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12:00pm:	Senior Circuit				
12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults				
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2:00pm:	The Mayor's Report – Year in Review				
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EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15 Wednesday, December 31

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Thursday, January 1 12:00am: SHS Hockey v Matignon SHS Hockey v King Phillip - 12/13 1:30am: 3:00am: SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester 4:30am: SHS Boys Basketball v Malden Catholic 9:00am: SHS Boys Basketball v Arlington SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester 11:00am: 1:00pm: SHS Girls Hoopfest Tournament, Rd. 1 SHS Girls Hoopfest Tournament, Rd. 2 3:00pm: 5:00pm: SHS Boys Basketball v Arlington SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester 7:00pm: SHS Girls Hoopfest Tournament, Rd. 1 9:00pm: 10:30pm: SHS Girls Hoopfest Tournament, Rd. 2

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When the Christ Child is a Girl for Ellen

Janus puts on his forward face Turns up the candlewick for her

Holds the double-sacred That seasons may begin Sets merchant sails to sea

Unlocks the gates of favor Doors of plenty Lets fecundity take its course

Wards off the owl All war in her Lays down his staff, his key

Bring dates and honey A bowl of figs

For her, today, gold coins

— Joanne DeSimone Reynolds

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Ms. Cam's Tom on page 14 Answers

- 1. 1907
- 2. Radio in 1928 their first New Year's TV special on CBS was in 1956
- 3. Alexander Dumas
- 4. San Diego
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- 5. Yellow
- 6. Peace

- 7. Dolly Parton
- 8. Mick Rooney
- 9. The Titanic
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- 10. Caligula
- 11. The Washington Post
- 12. Broccoli

OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Nicole Terez Dutton:

New Poet Laureate of Somerville

Nicole Terez Dutton's work has appeared in *Callaloo, Ploughshares, 32 Poems, Indiana Review,* and *Salt Hill Journal.* Nicole earned an MFA from Brown University and is currently serving as the 2013 Dartmouth Poet in Residence at the Frost Place. She has been awarded the fellowships at the Fine Arts Work Center, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Cave Canem and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. She is the winner of the 2011 Cave Canem Poetry Prize for *If One Of Us Should Fall.* She lives in Somerville, Massachusetts and teaches at the Solstice MFA Program at Pine Manor College and Grub Street.

The panel that selected Nicole consisted of Somerville Arts Council Director, Greg Jenkins, Ibbetson Street Press founder and Arts Editor of *The Somerville Times*, Doug Holder, Tapestry of Voices founder, Harris Gardner, Poet Linda Conte, Poet Bert Stern, Mass. Cultural Council, Charles Coe, Grolier Poetry Book Shop owner, Ifeanyi Menkiti, and Interim Director of the Somerville Library, Ron Castile. The panel and position



were founded by Harris Gardner, Greg Jenkins and Doug Holder.

The finalists were: Gloria Mindock, and Ralph Pennel.

Somerville Songwriter Sessions Anniversary Concert

By Rebecca Danvers

Somerville Songwriter Sessions at the Armory Cafe celebrates its third anniversary with a concert featuring founding members Bethel Steele, Jan Luby, Beth DeSombre and Terry Kitchen plus newest member Kim Jennings on Saturday, January 3.

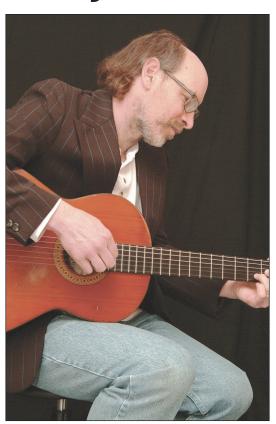
The concert will feature a solo set by each artist, followed by a round robin song swap. The show begins at 8 p.m. and there is a suggested donation of \$10. The Armory Cafe is at 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville. For more information call 617-718-2191 or visit artsatthearmory.org or www.facebook.com/SomervilleSongwriter-Sessions. Performer details below.

Somerville Songwriter Sessions at the Armory Cafe presents contemporary folk singer/song-writers in concert on the first Saturday of each month. The Armory Cafe features live music in an intimate setting, a menu featuring sandwiches, soups, desserts and coffees, and plenty of free parking.

Bethel Steele is an Americana-inspired singer-songwriter who calls Boston, Massachusetts home. Bethel's smoky alto and playing style - which ranges from driving rhythm guitar to delicate finger-picking - evokes a wide range of emotions.

Jan Luby is known for her engaging, often riveting stage-presence as well as her voice full of passion, range and power. Her songs are evocative, lyrical and infectious personal stories. Her approach to songwriting ranges from socially relevant to irreverent, heartbreaking to humorous.

Beth DeSombre sings new songs that spring from old traditions, telling the stories of people and places along life's crooked highways. Sing Out! Magazine describes her songs as "smart and uplifting... focusing on the quiet meaning to be found in ordinary life." Chris-



tine Lavin calls her songwriting "wonderful," and the folk-pop duo The Kennedys laud her "catchy melodies and insightful lyrics." Beth's second CD, At Home In This Town, was released in January 2011.

Award-winning Boston contemporary folk singer/songwriter and novelist Terry Kitchen's songs are portraits of ordinary people and emotions, captured with extraordinary compassion, honesty and humor. He has released ten CDs of original music since the 1990s, and his songs have won the Mid-Atlantic and USA Song Contests and been runner-up in the John Lennon Songwriting Contest.

Kim Jennings is a Worcester-based folk songstress with an indie edge. Her latest album Here Now was nominated for Best CD in the 2014 Worcester Music Awards. Law Offices at 741 Broadway

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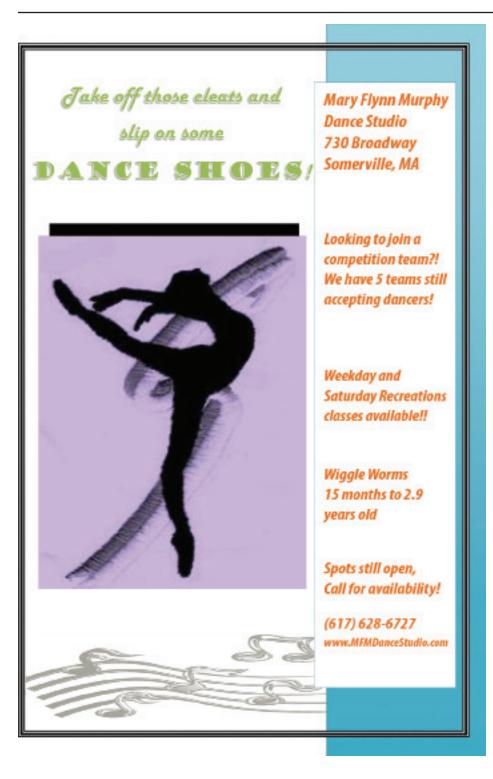
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