

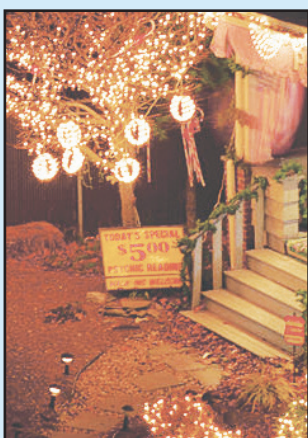


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'Tis the season to be crafty



The SHS Craft Fair took place last weekend. Turn to pages 12-13 for a look. — Photo by Claudia Ferro

Somerville adopts 2015 tax plan

By Douglas Yu

The residential value in Somerville will increase over 10 percent in the next fiscal year, according to the findings of the most recent Board of Alderman public hearing. However, the city is also going to raise the property tax at the same time, especially on condominiums.

"Real estate in Somerville is vibrant and strong," Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone said during the classification hearing. He suggested, however, that the increase of the property value causes a burden for some residents in the neighborhood.

"As Somerville grows more desirable, it's a sign that we must remain vigilant in our pursuit of policies that will keep our tax bills manageable," Curtatone said.

The mayor also gave assessment key updates, including new tax relief for Somerville's active guardsmen and reservists, new 35-percent residential exemption (<http://www.somerville.ma.gov/sites/default/files/Res-Exemption-FY2014.pdf>) that gives

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Needy pets find shelter in Somerville

By Laura Stiffler

Pets In Need Animal Shelter is a small animal rescue run solely by volunteers saving unwanted and abandoned cats and dogs.

The shelter has had a few different names, but has been running strong since 1992. Originally founded as Safe Harbor for Animals by Diana Sprenkle Tabachnick, the shelter then became PawSafe before changing to Pets In Need in 2007 under new founder and director Keri Demers.

Pets In Need have stand alone adoption centers in Somerville and Hudson New Hampshire. They also run out of Petsmart Everett and Chelmsford, as well as Petco Nashua.

All Pets In Need centers have a very strict no-kill policy and will do everything they can to save an animal. Due to the limited amount of space, the shelter depends heavily on foster homes and families. Pets In Need works very hard not to overcrowd the animals in their centers and is one of the only shelters in Massachusetts that takes in cats that are Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) positive.

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Adorable potential pets are getting the chance they need to find good homes, thanks to the generous efforts of Pets in Need in Somerville.

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The Chamber of Commerce monthly Business After Hours is this Thursday, the 4th. It is an excellent networking event featuring free appetizers and a free business card drawing with cash bar. Guests are welcome to bring unwrapped Toys for Local Children. Sponsored by Bonney Automotive and the Law Offices of Isaac M. Machado. Hosted by Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Chair Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil & Energy.

Alderman Mark Niedergang of Ward 5 is having a fundraiser this week on Thursday, the 4th, at a favorite local spot, Daddy Jones in Magoun Square, 525 Medford St., beginning at 6 p.m. and running into 8 p.m. Alderman Niedergang is in his freshmen year as alderman in Ward 5 but he's no stranger to the political scene here in Somerville, in particular in his ward. He's done a great job so far in his first year, constantly reaching out and working closely with residents on their concerns. Mark's special guest is our own very popular Congressman Mike Capuano. Cong. Mike was former mayor and some will remember he once served as Ward 5 Alderman in the seventies.

The annual city Christmas tree lighting ceremony will take place this week on Thursday, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the concourse at City Hall. We hear Santa will also be present.

Don't forget to support the Full Circle/Wave Christmas Tree sale at Foss Park.

Happy Birthday this week to some of our readers this week: Charlene Harris celebrated this past Sunday, we wish her all the best. A Happy Birthday to our good friend and well-known guy at city hall, Peter Forcellese Sr. We hope he has a great time this week. A Happy Birthday out to Craig Remini this week as well. Everyone knows Craig, especially in the Winter Hill area. Another guy here in the city who's popular is our good friend Peter Blaikie, who is also in Winter Hill. Peter is a busy man, has a few jobs and represents one of the city unions here in Somerville. We hope Peter has a good day for himself.

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Comments of the Week

Response to: College Ave. Speedway

A. Moore says:
Sorry to say Jimmy it will make no difference. Not just your area but all over the place. Red lights, stop signs and no turn on red have no meaning anymore. I don't know how many need to be killed before something happens. I am on the road everyday and can't be much more left I have not seen. When my wife went to driving school and came down the street where we lived the instructor got upset with her because she stopped at a four way but had the right of way. Told him her husband always stops there. Sure enough one time coming down a car blew threw the stop sign not even slowing down. When lights turn green you have to proceed with caution. Can't trust anything today. I leave early and try to get from point A to point B in one piece and always on time. No need of it. Sure I would like to go fast but reality is to be cautious. I could not live with causing harm to anyone. But Somerville is pretty bad. I would think there would be enough revenue from aggressive ticketing for bad drivers to put more police on the force. Plenty of spots where they could get writers cramps.

Paul & Carol Bradford says:
We just LOVE your articles in the Somerville Times. Keep up the good work!
Best wishes
Paul and Carol Bradford

It's about time. says:
Jimmy,
You are so right. This morning (Tuesday) I was stopped at the red light (pointing toward Davis Square) by the College Ave "T" stop. Some bright inpatient individual on my right that didn't want to wait for the light decides to do a full U turn without signaling to head back up the raceway.
Keep up the great work!

JB says:
I think you hit the nail on the head, Jimmy- speed bumps on College Av.!

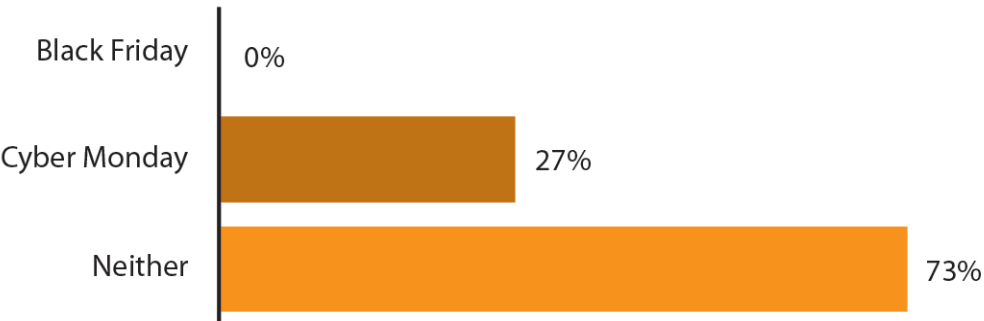
Steve Keenan says:
I just want to say "Tis the season to be jolly." People can agree to disagree and keep it civil. Merry Christmas to all and a happy new year in 2015. Live and let live to all.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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

Which day do you prefer to shop, Black Friday or Cyber Monday?



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Somerville adopts 2015 tax plan CONT. FROM PG 1

Somerville the largest residential exemption in the state, zero record of seeking for override over the past 15 years.

In addition, 56 percent of the new tax, which amounts to over \$2.2 million, is from commercial sources, 37 percent of will come from the development of Assembly Row, according to the hearing.

As a result of the key assessment updates, the average two-family homeowner will see a tax increase of \$199 instead of the originally estimated \$462, not to mention the \$6 million increase in stabilization funds and the highest bond rating ever.

On the other hand, Somerville continues investing in local schools in response to a values driven budget. Curtatone pointed out that 30 percent of the general fund will be spent in the School Department in the next fiscal year.

As Greater Boston became the most gentrified area in the country, the City of Somerville also came up with strategic plan (<http://www.thesomerville->



Chief Assessor and Chairman of Somerville Board of Assessors, Marc A. Levy, reported his findings to the Board of Alderman.

[times.com/archives/53238](http://www.somervillema.gov/archives/53238)) to support life-long Somerville residents, as addressed by the mayor's Sustainable Neighborhoods plan last month.

During the hearing, the Chief Assessor and Chairman of Somerville Board of Assessors, Marc A. Levy, gave a report regarding the adoption of Tax Levy Percentages for FY15, including a minimum residential factor, a residential exemption, and an additional statutory exemption (<http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/assessing/statutory>) of up to 100 percent.

"The residential values on one, two, three family and condos are about 11 to 12 percent up from what they were than last year, commercial and industrial about 1 percent, and commercial property about 8 percent," Levy said.

In FY2015, the Board of Alderman in Somerville will adopt a minimum residential factor, approve a residential exemption of 35 percent of average assessed value for owner occupied properties and vote an additional statutory exemption of up to 100 percent.

Best of Somerville 2014 honoree: Mount Vernon Restaurant



By Rebecca Danvers

Mount Vernon Restaurant, located at 14 Broadway in Somerville, has been a family owned business going on 80 years next April, a distinction that most restaurants only hope to achieve.

In a city of under 4 miles in area and with all the various new restaurants popping all over the city, Mount Vernon

has to be considered the city's best of the best.

Recently in the dining room of their restaurant *The Somerville Times* publisher Ross Blouin presented Brett Henry (left) and his father Martin Henry (center) three well earned "Best of Somerville 2014" certificates: Best Roast Beef Sandwich, Best Caterer and Best Variety and All Around Restaurant.

If you are new to the city the

family and staff will welcome you with open arms. There is free parking in the rear.

Their famous lobster dinner will be the best you've ever had. Look for weekly and monthly specials advertised exclusively in *The Times*.

By the way, Brett says their Sunday brunch is the best. Everyone loves it so we are going to try it and let you know.

— Photo by Donald Norton

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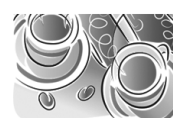
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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Heck, the wheel fell off

Police were dispatched to a Beacon St. location last week on reports of a vehicular accident. Upon arrival, the officers observed a car which had its passenger side front axle broken along with damage to the passenger side front fender on the side of the road. Additionally, a parked minivan with damage to the driver's side rear was also spotted. The officers spoke with the reporting party and were told the driver of the car, later identified as Jeffrey Costello, 33, was driving erratically along Beacon St., hitting several orange construction barrels that were set up along the street, according to reports. The witness reportedly pointed Costello out as he stood across the street. The officers approached Costello and asked if he had been driving the damaged car. He reportedly replied, "Yes, I was driving and the [expletive] wheel fell off." Police reportedly detected the odor of alcohol on Costello's breath. When asked if he had been drinking Costello reportedly admitted to having a few drinks at his home, police said. After failing several field sobriety tests, Costello was placed under arrest and charged with operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Francisco Rosa-Aponte, of 153 Alewife Brook Pkwy., November 25, 9:38 a.m., arrested at 1370 Broadway on charges of assault and battery and drug possession to distribute.

Jeffrey Costello, of 173 Highland Ave., November 26, 3:09 p.m., arrested at 88 Beacon St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Troy Madison, of 23 Radcliffe Rd., November 28, 11:41 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of indecent assault on a person 14 or older.

Carlos DeLarosa, of 6 Lancelot Ct., Salem, NH, November 29, 10:17 a.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class B drug, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and distribution of a class A drug, and on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, assault and battery on a police officer, possession of a class B drug, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence

of liquor second offense, distribution of cocaine, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, marked lanes violation, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Mallory DeRosa, of 124A Pond St., Billerica, November 29, 10:17 a.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of conspiracy to violate drug law.

Dawn DeRosa, of 124A Pond St., Billerica, November 29, 10:17 a.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, possession of a class B drug, and possession of a class A drug.

Rakim Smith-Lartey, of 25 Mansfield St., December 1, 1:06 a.m., arrested at 54 Highland Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Incidents:

Theft:
November 26, 9:56 a.m., police reported a theft at 180

Somerville Ave.
November 26, 10:56 a.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.
November 26, 1:59 p.m., police reported a theft at Gorham St.
November 28, 12:55 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.
November 28, 7:20 p.m., police reported a theft at Cross St.
November 29, 1:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Great River Rd.

Robbery:
November 25, 5:30 p.m., police reported a robbery at Park-er St.

Breaking & Entering:
November 25, 9:25 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Summer St.
November 25, 9:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bay State Ave.
November 26, 3:29 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Sycamore St.
November 30, 8:30 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Edgar Ave.

Vehicle Theft:
November 25, 12:34 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Sycamore St.
November 25, 4:12 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Hawkins St.

Assault:
November 25, 9:38 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.
November 26, 4:15 a.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave.
November 26, 11:06 p.m., police reported an assault at Taylor St.
November 28, 6:51 p.m., police reported an assault at Virginia St.

Destruction of Property:
November 26, 8:47 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Derby St.
November 26, 10:31 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 30 Inner Belt Rd.
November 28, 10:22 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 180 Somerville Ave.
November 28, 1:15 p.m., po-

lice reported a destruction of property at Hooker Ave.
November 28, 12:17 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Artisan Way.
November 30, 8:35 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Spring St.
November 30, 11:42 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Benton Rd.
November 30, 12:10 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Belmont St.
November 30, 12:32 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Belmont St.

Counterfeiting/Forgery:
November 26, 8:36 p.m., police reported a counterfeiting/forgery at McGrath Hwy.
November 29, 1:16 p.m., police reported a counterfeiting/forgery at Washington St.

Drug Violation:
November 29, 10:17 a.m., police reported a drug violation at 75 Mystic Ave.

DUI:
November 26, 3:09 p.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Beacon St.

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Somerville, Cambridge police receive DMH training

By Tom Bannister

More than two dozen police officers from Somerville, Belmont, Everett, Malden, and Cambridge, and received specialized mental health training last week through the Cambridge-Somerville Regional Crisis Intervention Team Training and Technical Assistance Center, created through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH). The program trains officers in the region in the latest techniques for safely and effectively responding to individuals and families experiencing a mental health crisis.

DMH and its partner, the National Alliance on Mental Illness Massachusetts (NAMI Mass), worked with the Cambridge and Somerville Police Departments to establish the curriculum for 40-hours of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training and coordinate partnerships between law enforcement and community human services providers, with the goal of improving community response to people with mental illness.

"This important program increases training and support for our partners in the law enforcement community," said DMH Commissioner Marcia Fowler. "Police are often first on the scene when an individual may be experiencing a mental health crisis. Our goal is to increase



Some 28 police officers from Somerville and surrounding communities partook in a special mental health crisis training program.

awareness of mental illness, help link individuals in need of treatment to resources and maximize public safety."

"We laud the Department of Mental Health and our partners – the Somerville and Cambridge Police Departments – for their leadership and for serving as a model for communities across the Commonwealth," said June Binney, director of the NAMI Mass Criminal Justice Program.

"A lot of calls we respond to involve people who are in mental health crisis," said Somerville Police Chief David Fallon. "Having the skills to de-escalate is invaluable. But also, now we can reach out to other commu-

nity organizations and connect people with the support and help they need."

The model for CIT training was developed in Memphis, TN in 1988 and is now recognized as an international model for training police officers on how to best respond to people with mental illness. Improved police training helps protect the safety of the public as well as law enforcement personnel and first responders. It also provides the tools necessary to de-escalate a potential crisis and oftentimes avoid the arrest and incarceration of a person who is better served with community mental health services.

Bank customer offended by protesters



A peaceful protest was challenged on Monday. — Photos by Donald Norton

By Tom Bannister

A quiet protest of two individuals on Winter Hill in front of Citizens bank on Monday drew the attention of many passers by and customers of the bank.

One customer was offended by the protesters' signs that read "Impeach Obama" so he called the Somerville Police.

The police arrived and explained to the person complaining that the protesters were not

disturbing anyone and had the right to be there as it was a public sidewalk.

The protesters were passing out literature from the Lyndon LaRouche PAC only to those requesting the literature. The police had a discussion with the protesters and then again with the person who said he was offended by what they were doing.

Shortly thereafter the police left and later on the protesters left as well.



One customer of the bank was so disturbed by the protest that he called the police.

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Community input sought on Superintendent finalists

By Rebecca Danvers

It has been announced that the members of the Somerville School Committee will hold neighborhood meetings throughout the city from December 5 through December 8, seeking post-interview community input on the three finalists vying for the Superintendent of Schools position.

The School Committee anticipates making a final decision on Somerville's next Superintendent of Schools on Monday, December 8.

Community members are invited to meet and learn about the finalists during their day-long visits to Somerville on December 2, 3 and 4, respectively. Opportunities to meet the finalists include:

- 3:00-4:30 p.m. Somerville High School – Open forum for all staff, parents, guardians, and community members. This is an opportunity to ask questions of the candidate directly.
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. City Hall, 2nd Floor – Open meet-and-greet session. This is an informal opportunity to talk with the candidates one-on-one.
- 7:30-9:30 p.m. City Hall Aldermen's Chambers – Formal interview with the Somerville School Committee, open to the public. Public interviews will be televised on Somerville's local cable television stations (Channels 15/16). Community members can email Paul Bockelman (Pbockelman@k12.somerville.ma.us), chair of the Superintendent Search Committee, with candidate questions for consideration. Interviews will also be posted on the Somerville Public Schools website (www.somerville.k12.ma.us) the following day.

Community members are encouraged to register their opinions on the three candidates following the formal interviews with the School Committee, and can do so in one of three ways:

- 1) Online at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/school_committee. Superintendent Candidate Input Forms can be accessed off the left side menu. A separate form should be completed for each candidate.
- 2) Send an email to members of the School Committee to share your opinion about any of the candidates. School Committee email links are available at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/school_committee.
- 3) Attend any of the announced School Committee neighborhood meetings.

City seeks answers via new program

By Rebecca Danvers

The City of Somerville has some serious questions it wants answered, such as does workplace safety affect substance abuse? How does access to a means of transportation weigh upon how quickly someone becomes proficient in English? The city doesn't know yet, but is launching a new program to explore those possibilities and more, fundamentally changing the way the city approaches policy-making.

According to public statements recently released, Somerville's NEXUS (Network for Exploring and Understanding Systems) Policy Fellowship Program will bring six systems thinkers trained at Harvard University to Somerville, where they will work with stakeholders over the next year to holistically examine complex, seemingly intractable issues the city and residents face, beginning with English as a Second Language (ESL) programming and opioid treatment and prevention, then moving on to student achievement and housing affordability.

The program will include meetings where NEXUS fellows and staff from the city's SomerStat and Communications Offices work directly with residents to gather information and develop system maps—visual representations of how various

factors relate to each other within a larger issue. This systems-thinking approach seeks to combat the so-called law of unintended consequences and to identify and target leverage points that produce positive, catalytic change. Every three months, NEXUS fellows will report their findings, which will include policy recommendations that could capitalize on the identified leverage points.

"Like cities across Massachusetts, the nation and the globe, Somerville faces problems that are systemic. Systemic problems require systemic solutions," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "We have to think holistically and intuitively if we're going to tackle these problems. It can't only be number-tracking and data-crunching, although that's an important and necessary part of the solution, because that can tell us something happened but not necessarily why or how. We need to complement our data-based approach with intuitive, long-term thinking."

The Policy Fellowship initiative began with a collaboration between city staff and students in Professor Mark Esposito's internationally acclaimed Harvard University Systems Thinking Course, used in 2013 by European Parliament President Martin Schulz as an incubator for ideas on solving the EU financial


crisis. Students in the 2014 class tackled a few key systemic policy challenges in Somerville, including housing, education, social cohesion and opioid overdoses, and a report on the students' findings will be published in early 2015. Professor Esposito along with class teaching assistants Ayesha Khalid and Miroslava Parsons will serve as special advisors to the city's NEXUS Policy Fellowship Program, which will run as a one-year pilot.

A data-based approach to management has been used in Somerville since the founding of SomerStat during Mayor Curtatone's first year in office in 2004. The NEXUS program's systems framework for policy development complements the city's data-driven approach and builds on previous systems work by the city, including the city's national award-winning Shape Up Somerville healthy living program, its comprehensive rodent control efforts, and its first-in-the-nation Happiness Survey, which each address the whole environment that affects how people live, work and play in the community.

For more information on NEXUS, contact John Harding, NEXUS Program Director and Community Analytics Manager with SomerStat, at jharding@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2107.



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(The following is a letter sent to Realtor Louise Olson & Scott Kistenberger of Coldwell/Banker Cambridge)

Open letter to the editor

Dear Ms. Olson &
Mr. Kistenberger:
Re: Prospect97.com,
Olson Homes

You really are doing more than ample advertising, sending large leaflets into senior buildings where big money is not an option.

It's a sham and a shame, and I feel I must tell you how many who have lived here all or most of their lives don't like this at all. Somerville is a people's town, not a place where the rich should come in buying up condos that equal prices seen in Brookline, Newton and Lexington. Next follows the high-end shops, shops that many Somervillens may never step into. And moves

like yours aren't always healthy for townies. Certainly the new restaurants are a great bonus, but try living here in one of the newly constructed apartment's buildings.

Gentrification is the name of your game. Now, why is that? It's totally unfair to most. This town is not quite glamorous. It's made up of families that have lived here for generations in their 2- and 3-family homes. It's a people's town as I mentioned. Some of our relatives seek to sell their homes to purchase condos or rent apartments, and now people like you are making Somerville into another Cambridge. Nice to visit, but how many would like to live here? Do you really think this is an improvement? This happened in Lexington years ago to long time home owners, seniors who had to move because of their limited incomes and the influx of younger and richer generations.

Does what you are doing help this flailing economy? Or does it just fill your (I must say greedy) pocketbooks? If I were part of the governing group in Somerville, I'd say, please keep your expensive condos and stay away. You can do far better in the richer towns mentioned above.

It's just unfair to live in a small condo that costs a million dollars or even half a million. We don't need condos that most can't afford, not here, not ever.

Sincerely,
Carol Rae Bradford,
M. Ed Author
Real Estate license
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of Gov. William Bradford
of Plymouth
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Cc: The Somerville Times
Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone
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Holiday illuminations at Nave Gallery

By Gabriela C. Martinez

Nave Gallery is currently holding a photography exhibition titled *Illuminated: A Photographic Essay of Holiday Lights*, which explores the spirit and feelings of holiday season through images of winter lights.

The exhibition features work by local artists as well as international artists: Jim Baab, Zsolt Bátori, Kelly Burgess, Greg Cook, Melissa Eder, Ileana Hernandez Hernandez, MaryAnne Hinkle, Bill Kouwenhoven, Rachel Mello, H.D.

Motyl, Robert Thurlow, Lenny Rigione, V Van Sant, and Jill Waterman. Serving as judges for the exhibition are the staff of the Somerville Arts Council, who also happen to be local experts on holiday lights. Each year the Somerville Arts Council runs a trolley tour throughout the city that spotlights the city's most unique holiday light displays.

"There's just something so cozy and uplifting about seeing beautiful little lights everywhere on cold winter nights. It just really encapsulates the entire feeling of the season for me," says Kelly Burgess, a



Illuminated: A Photographic Essay of Holiday Lights is lighting up Nave Gallery, now through December 14.



"Holiday Lights" by V Van Sant.

photographer from Arlington. Kelly, who also runs a Tumblr dedicated entirely to pictures of the Christmas season, is one of the artists exhibiting at Nave.

Jim Baab, another local photographer, learned about the exhibition through an email sent out by Somerville Arts Council. His image, an outline of a Christmas tree reflected on a wall of his house, was photographed on his iPhone 4S using Instagram.

"As an artist who enjoys light, simplicity and illusions – and one who had his passion for photography renewed by the simplicity of Instagram – I really enjoy this image. My creative side made the 'tree' and photographed it. Now, this simple image is being shared with a larger audience. I wonder if viewers sense a larger story in the simplicity," says Baab.

Every year Nave Gallery holds an annual fundraiser for the Somerville Homeless Coalition, known as the Wrap Around

Sale. Because the sale usually takes place at the same time as the gallery's last exhibition of the year, Nave Gallery decided to organize an exhibit with a community focus. Given the popularity of holiday lights in Somerville—as evidenced by the Somerville Council of Art's yearly illumination trolley tour—the gallery theme of holiday lights was the right choice for the exhibition. In addition to gallery hours during *Illuminated*, Nave Gallery will also have a tent in Statue Park in Davis Square, where they will be selling goods as part of Dec. 4th Midnight Madness Sale from 5-10 p.m.

Needy pets find shelter in Somerville

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FIV is shrouded in rumor and negativity, and as a result of that many cats are deemed unadoptable and ultimately end up being euthanized. FIV is a cat only virus and cannot be transferred to other animals or humans. Cats who are FIV positive can live long, healthy and relatively normal lives with no symptoms at all.

The virus is slow and affects the cat's immune system over a period of years. An infected cat can either fight off the infection and become totally immune, become a carrier and never get sick or, at worst, end up with a compromised immune system.

To adopt an animal through Pets In Need, one must fill out an online application to be approved by one of the local Adoption Screeners. Once approved, there is an adoption fee that goes towards any medical attention given to the animal, as well as any additional housing costs. All animals from Pets In Need go to their new homes once they have been given their first set of vaccines and a clean bill of health.

Anyone interested in adopting any of Pets In Need's amazing and sweet ani-



The "guests" at Pets In Need enjoy all the comforts of home.

mals can go to www.animal-adoptions.org to view the available animals and fill out an application. Additionally, Pets In Need holds open house visiting hours every other Saturday and Sunday from 12-2 p.m. at 2 Bradley Street, Somerville.

When you donate and become involved with Pets In Need, 100% of donations go directly to the animals. The shelter is

always in need of food dishes, dry food, toys, blankets, beds, cleaning supplies and paper towels.

When you adopt, volunteer or donate to Pets In Need, you are joining the fight to help all deserving animals who may have suffered cruelty, abuse, neglect and abandonment, but now have a second chance at a wonderful life.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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

In light of President Barack Obama’s recent action on immigration, this week *Beacon Hill Roll Call* examines the votes of local senators and representatives on immigration issues debated in the Legislature in the 2013-2014 session.

DELAY PROHIBITION OF LOWER TUITION RATES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

The House on three separate roll calls, approved amendments delaying a proposal to prohibit illegal immigrant students from paying the preferred, lower in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts universities. The amendments would replace the proposal with a study of the issue by the Higher Education Committee.

Currently, the lower tuition rate is offered to Massachusetts students who have been accepted into the federal program for those who immigrated illegally to the country as children and have a work permit.

Some supporters of the study acknowledge they oppose the ban and favor the study because it kills the ban while avoiding a direct vote on it. They said many of these students were babies when they were brought here by their parents and had no choice about entering the country illegally. They noted some hardworking students are currently required to pay out-of-state tuition rates that are significantly higher than the in-state rate.

Opponents of the study said the “study” is a blatant, age-old tactic by Democrats to kill the ban by studying it “to death” and avoiding an up or down vote on it. They noted past experience shows that none of these alleged studies are actually done. They argued that the state should not offer financial rewards to anyone who has broken the law and is in this country illegally. Some argued it is outrageous to offer low tuition rates to these students while legal citizens from outside Massachusetts, including war veterans, are required to pay higher rates if they attend a Massachusetts state school.

TUITION VOTE #1

On February 6, 2013, the House voted 123-31 for the study.

(A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

TUITION VOTE #2

On April 22, 2013, the House voted 107-46 for the study.

(A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
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TUITION VOTE #3

On April 29, 2014, the House voted 103-46 for the study.

(A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

PUNISH “SANCTUARY” CITIES AND TOWNS (H 3400)

House 31-125, rejected an amendment that would withhold local aid from any cities or towns that do not enforce federal immigration laws. The withholding would also apply to communities that have established themselves as “sanctuary” cities or towns that offer protection in a variety of ways to illegal immigrants.

Amendment supporters said cities and towns that encourage law-breaking are hurting this nation. They argued the state should do everything it can to dissuade those who seek to come here illegally.

Some amendment opponents said the amendment is mean-spirited and noted that some individuals are here because of political asylum. Others said the amendment will not have any real impact, just like a municipality declaring itself a sanctuary city is nothing but symbolism.

(A “Yes” vote is for cutting off local aid to sanctuary cities and towns. A “No” vote is against cutting it off.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

DELAY REQUIRING THAT SPONSORS MUST PAY FOR IMMIGRANTS (H 3400)

House 128-29, approved an amendment that would indefinitely delay a measure requiring sponsors of immigrants who have green cards (lawful permanent residents) to reimburse the state for any means-tested state assistance the immigrant receives. The amendment would replace the proposal with a study of the issue.

Supporters of the study said the House should get more information prior to voting on this. Others said they simply oppose the mean-spirited measure meant to hurt legal residents who through no fault of their own need some assistance. They noted that the state shouldn’t be punishing eligible individuals who have become estranged or disconnected from their sponsor.

Opponents of the study questioned why the state is providing these benefits when each green card holder is required by law to have a sponsor who has promised to be financially responsible for that person.

(A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against the study.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

PROHIBIT LOWER TUITION RATES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 57)

Senate 12-25, rejected an amendment that would prohibit illegal immigrant students from paying the preferred, lower in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts colleges and universities.

Amendment supporters said the state should not offer rewards in the form of reduced tuition to any lawbreaker who is in this country illegally. They noted that these students are receiving better treatment than out-of-state veterans who pay the higher out-of-state rate.

Amendment opponents said that it is unfair to ask these students to pay out-of-state tuition rates that are much higher had no choice about entering the country illegally because they were babies when they were brought here by their parents.

(A “Yes” vote is the prohibition. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY TO REGISTER CAR (S 3)

Senate 13-25, rejected an amendment that would require applicants to provide specific proof of legal residence in order to register their cars. The accepted IDs include a driver’s license, Massachusetts identification card, social security number or other proof of legal residence issued by the state or the federal government.

Supporters of the bill said it would prevent illegal immigrants and people who lose their driver’s license in other states from illegally registering their cars here. They argued that the Registry of Motor Vehicles has refused to enforce the current law and is still allowing people to get their licenses by just showing a utility bill.

Opponents said allowing an illegal alien to own a vehicle in Massachusetts does not jeopardize the public’s safety. They argued the bill seems aimed at using the Registry of Motor Vehicles to identify and police undocumented people.

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(A “Yes” vote is for requiring proof of legal residence. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

MUST PROVIDE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FOR PUBLIC HOUSING (S 3)

Senate 11-27, rejected an amendment prohibiting potential tenants who cannot provide a social security number from being placed in a public housing unit prior to any applicant who can do so.

Amendment supporters said this would ensure that illegal immigrants who are breaking the law are not given priority over citizens and others who abide by the nation’s laws. They argued it is outrageous that illegal immigrants should be considered for scarce public housing units prior to legal residents of the community.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is mean-spirited, goes too far and will remove any flexibility.

(A “Yes” vote is for requiring a social security number. A “No” vote is against requiring it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

DELAY FOLLOWING OF FEDERAL STANDARDS (S 1835)

Senate 31-7, approved an amendment that would require the state to study and determine the costs and benefits of limiting eligibility for state-assisted public housing to individuals who qualify under federal guidelines. The amendment would replace a proposal that would require applicants to qualify under federal guidelines. Federal eligibility standards and proof of identity for housing assistance are stricter than state standards and include requiring a social security number.

Supporters of the study said requiring applicants to meet federal guidelines is unconstitutional and would take housing away from immigrants including people who were granted temporary status from Haiti, Sudan and Syria, and domestic violence, torture and crime survivors.

Opponents of the study said it is outrageous that currently people can get subsidized housing ahead of verified citizens without producing a social security number. They noted the federal guidelines offer exemptions for many of the categories mentioned by supporters of the study.

(A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

COST OF TRANSPORTING TO HANSCOM (H 4217)

Senate 9-29, rejected an amendment requiring the state to submit a report on the details of and the cost to the state of the transport of illegal immigrants to the Hanscom Air Force Base and Logan Airport by Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The amendment was proposed to a bill that would fund the state temporarily until the Legislature approves a fiscal 2015 budget.

Amendment supporters said taxpayers have a right to know the details and cost, including whether any detainees were released from federal custody into the state and whether the state has provided any detainees with state benefits.

Amendment opponents said they weren’t necessarily opposed to the idea but noted that the passage of this temporary budget cannot be delayed or the state will run out of operating money.

(A “Yes” vote is for requiring the report. A “No” vote is against requiring it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REPORT DRIVERS WITH SUSPENDED LICENSES (H 4521)

The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill requiring the Registry of Motor Vehicles to notify the local police department when the driver’s license of a local resident is suspended or revoked. The notification is only required when the offense is a specific crime committed by the offender including vehicular homicide and drunken driving, and if the person is a habitual traffic offender or poses an immediate threat to public safety. Included in the notification would be the offender’s name, address, license plate number, type of car and driving record.

Supporters said this would enable local police to spot and track drivers who are driving without a license. They noted this could prevent injuries and even save lives.

REGULATE PORTABLE ROCK CLIMBING WALLS (S 2253)

A new law requiring companies that set up portable rock climbing walls higher than 12 feet to be equipped with an inflatable protective base and guardrail surrounding the base of the wall is in effect as of November 28. The measure also requires that all climbers use a safety harness and a helmet.

Supporters say this popular but potentially dangerous industry should be regulated in order to prevent injuries and save lives.

Opponents say this unwarranted government intrusion would hurt many companies by not allowing them to use their existing walls and requiring them to purchase expensive new equipment.

NATIONAL GUARD (H 4109)

December 4 is the day a new law making changes in the state’s National Guard system takes effect. The measure gives the Guard the authority to address homeland security threats. Other provisions add new protections against discrimination on the basis of religion or sexual orientation, increase the penalty for obstructing an enlisted person while on duty and prohibit students from being penalized academically if they have to take a break to serve in the Guard. Students would have the option to complete the course at a later date without penalty or withdraw from the course with a full refund of fees and tuition.

Supporters say the laws governing the Guard’s operation have not been updated since 1954. They noted this law will bring the guard into the 21st century in many areas.

POET LAUREATE (H 2999) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would create the position of Poet Laureate of the Commonwealth. The Poet Laureate would serve a two-year term and would act as a public emissary and advocate for poetry in the state and “seek to raise the consciousness of all Commonwealth residents, especially schoolchildren, to a greater appreciation of the reading and writing of poetry.” The unpaid position would be filled by gubernatorial appointment. The House gave initial approval to a similar bill in 2012 but it died in a House committee.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - By the numbers

“\$400,000.” — *The cost of the application fee for companies applying for the third and final casino license in the state.*

“\$329 million.” — *The projected shortfall in the state’s \$36.5 billion state budget that runs through July 30, 2015, according to the Patrick Administration.*

“40,165.” — *The official number of votes by which Governor-elect Charlie Baker defeated Martha Coakley. It was the closest gubernatorial race in 50 years.*

“2,186,789.” — *The official number of voters who voted in the November election. The turnout was a little more than 50 percent of the state’s 4,301,118 registered voters.*

“49.” — *Following a recount, the number of votes by which GOP Representative-elect David DeCoste ousted incumbent Rhonda Nyman (D-Hanover).*

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 November 24-28, the House met for a total of 22 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 17 minutes.

Mon. November 24	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.
Tues. November 25	No House session No Senate session
Wed. November 26	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.
Thurs. November 27	No House session No Senate session
Fri. November 28	No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Partners groundbreaking a milestone for Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

On Monday, we held a groundbreaking for Partners Health-Care's new administrative building in Assembly Square that will bring 4,500 permanent office jobs and 1,500 construction jobs to Somerville. This building is the first phase of Partners' eventual 1.1-million-square-foot development that, when complete, will yield slightly more revenue

for the City than the site would have generated in commercial taxes if IKEA had developed the site as previously planned. Partners' move is a milestone—the first in what will be a surge of new businesses coming to Somerville, and this isn't happening by accident. It's only happening after years of patient, prudent planning with the community and investments based on that planning.

Before you can plan for something, you need a vision—and determination to match that vision and make it reality. In Somerville, that vision and determination comes from the people in our community. We've worked together to expand access to quality public transit, be-

cause we know the demand for both homes and businesses located near public transit. We also know that high-density, mixed use development around transit centers is the way to create a resilient, self-sufficient economic base. We've worked together to create walkable, bikeable neighborhoods, because we know the historic return to the urban core is fueled in part by the desire to live in a community where people can walk or bike to the store or local coffee shop, and that vibrant, close-knit communities are created when there are people out on sidewalks and in the streets and paths, walking, pushing strollers and biking.

We worked together and codified this vision in our 20-year

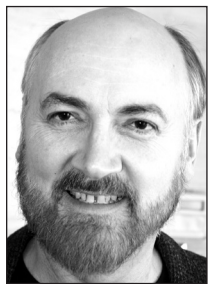
comprehensive plan, SomerVision—a plan that asks not what we want to build, but what kind of community we want to be in 2030. In that plan, we match the community's vision and determination with clearly defined goals. One of those goals is to create 30,000 new jobs as part of a responsible plan to create opportunity for all Somerville workers and entrepreneurs. Partners' move contributes at least 4,500 jobs toward that goal, and our residents can take part in Partners' career and workforce development program that focuses on youth and community members, along with its current employees. Local jobs improve quality of life for workers, decreasing the time and money workers spend on

commuting and allowing them to spend more of that time and money on their families.

Job creation is critical to creating a resilient, self-sufficient economic base for Somerville, but we want to make sure we're doing it in a smart way. The Partners building (and Assembly Row as a whole) adheres to those smart growth principles that are in SomerVision—transit-oriented and densely built, creating an active streetscape with office jobs above that support retail on the ground floor. Bringing in the daytime population of office workers that will eat, shop and purchase services in Somerville creates the kind of 18-hour economy that allows local businesses

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A name for ourselves: Part 2



By William C. Shelton

Those who call themselves “conservatives” attack those who call themselves “liberals” with a sustained hatefulness that I can't recall from any other period that I've lived through. Yet if you ask a self-described “conservative,” or for that matter “liberal,” or “progressive,” what his or her chosen term means, you will be hard pressed to get a clear definition.

One reason is that the policies that each group advocates and practices are contradictory with that group's stated philosophy. Conservatives argue that there is a “right-to-life” for the unborn, but favor the death penalty. They oppose killing fetuses, but resist programs to reduce the nation's shameful infant mortality rate.

They insist that government should tax and spend as little as possible, but Ronald Reagan, their poster president, doubled the debt that the nation had previously taken 200 years to accumulate. The elder Bush's administration continued mushrooming the deficit, and Bush Jr. outspent both of them.

Conservatives opposed sin-

gle-payer healthcare, even though it would be the least costly system that keeps healthcare enterprises privately owned—far less expensive than “Obamacare,” a Frankenstein system invented by the Republicans who now demonize it.

Conservatives rage against government infringement on individual freedoms. Yet they prosecute individuals for victimless crimes. The financial burden of imprisoning more people than any other empire in world history is arduous. Conservatives justify the prison-industrial complex as protecting the public, but defund agencies that actually save lives.

They condemn foreign entan-

lements. You might remember George W. Bush's ridicule of “nation building.” Yet they continue to support interminable war that has wrecked our nation's reputation, multiplied our enemies, savaged our fiscal health, and done lasting harm to our military, our combatants, and their families.

“Liberals,” on the other hand, deplored poverty while supporting welfare programs that encouraged dependence and discouraged entrepreneurship. They were all for minority advancement, but instituted bus-ing regimes that destroyed the communities that nurtured minority children.

Purporting to be champi-

ons of labor and friends to the world's poor, liberals gave us the World Trade Organization and NAFTA. Together, they destroyed living-wage jobs in the U.S., increased misery among the world's poor, and brought a new wave of illegal immigration from Mexico.

Then liberals helped lock in domestic poverty. They presided over the destruction of a deeply dysfunctional welfare system without replacing it with meaningful incentives and supports for self-reliance and self-development, thereby trapping people in a lifetime of working poverty.

Modern liberal ideology holds that concentrated economic power can

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Mr. Rose



When you walk into most retail stores these days, every single item has one of those plastic anti-theft devices attached to it. It is virtually impossible to shoplift in a store where these devices are visible on the merchandise. Some clothing items have the anti-theft device sewn into the product.

Then, of course, there are many surveillance cameras throughout most stores. Before there were all these theft deterrents, it was up to the staff of the store to try to ward off thievery while also wel-

coming you to spend money. To achieve store security while being a nice guy was a tough act. Enter, Mr. Rose. For those of us who grew up here in Somerville, there are many cult figures that had a distinctive presence in our past histories. Here is what I remember about one of these icons of old Somerville, the debonair storekeeper, Mr. Rose.

Mr. Rose was the manager of FW Woolworth's five and ten cent store in Davis Square way back in the late 60's. He was a real throwback to the stereotypical vintage store manager. Mr. Rose was a bald gentleman with glasses. He was always dressed impeccably, unruffled and

unwrinkled. He ran his Woolworths with an iron fist, and a sparkling smile. If you asked Mr. Rose a question, you didn't just get a short and sweet answer. You heard an articulate, entertaining dialogue peppered with humor and wit. He could have been an actor because he would have fit in with any of those old black and white sitcoms of the 1960's.

There were no security cameras back then. Mr. Rose was all the security they needed. The man could move around with grace and swiftness to wherever there was a customer checking out his shelves. He moved even faster when there were a group of kids poking



around the aisles.

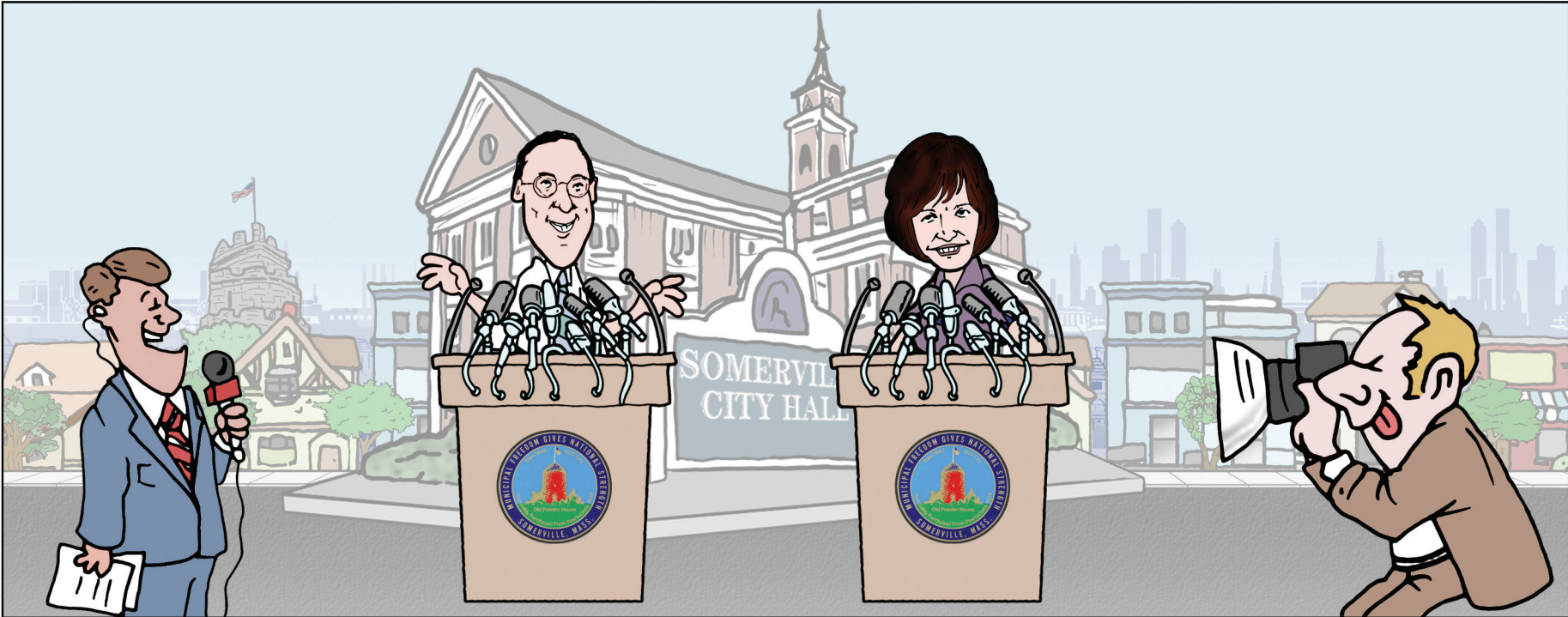
His face became stern as he assessed a group of rambunctious browsing rug rats. At times, I was one of those aforementioned rug rats. We used to love to go into Woolworths and check out the pet section with canaries, parakeets, turtles and fish.

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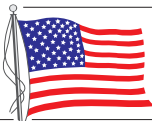
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Congratulations to returning BOA President White and newly confirmed Vice President Ballantyne.

The View Of The Times



No matter what end – or portion of the middle – you may lean to politically, you have to hand it to those who step up and serve their communities. It takes a lot of dedication and know-how to effectively get there, and then do a good job once one actually gets there.

This is so on the grand national scale, and just as much so on the smaller, civic

level of city administration. Service is service, and it takes the same grit and commitment, no matter how large or small one’s constituency may be.

Alderman At Large and Somerville Board of Alderman President William A. White Jr. is one such giant of service to his community. He has just been elected Board President for his third term, and

a well-deserved vote of confidence it is. The alderman has a brilliant command of issues that confront the Board, and comprehends the eye-wateringly obtuse legalese and knotty legislative puzzles that would make most of us throw up our hands and run for cover.

Likewise, we commend relative newcomer Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 7 Al-

derman, and newly appointed Vice President of the Board.

Both of these individuals have risen to the occasion, to lead the way in taking on the weighty issues and questions that confront our city.

Small town heroes, perhaps. But heroes nonetheless. They stand up for us and let it be known that they care.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Our condolences to the family of James J. Carroll who recently passed away recently at the age of 95. James was a retired Somerville Police officer, a resident of Winter Hill for many years and life long resident. He also served in WWII in the army. Officer Carroll was well known to many here in the Ville, a nice guy and always was pleasant to everyone no matter who you were and knew just about everyone here as well. He will be missed by all those who knew him.

Our condolences also go out to the family and friends of Dorothea A. Macero (Lombardi), a lifelong resident of Somerville died after a short illness on November 24, 2014 at the age of 87. Dorothea was the beloved wife of Daniel N. Macero and the loving mother of Rosemary Macero of Somerville, Patrice Ambrosia and her husband Patrick of Arlington, Paul Macero and his wife Suzanne of Wakefield. She was the sister of the late Philomena Lombardi, Louise Gordinier and Susanne Lombardi and the dear grandmother of Gillian Ambrosia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dorothea’s memory to Dana Faber Cancer Research, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115.

We saw Marie Howe this past week. She looks awesome and has a great memory. What a wonderful lady. She served our city well back starting back in the 60’s. Did you know that Somerville pioneered women as state representatives? Mary Fantasia (also still here in the city) and Marie were both elected state representatives here in Somerville from the late 60’s right up to late 80’s. Both served the city with distinction. Marie and Mary were well known and they served in a one time three representative district here in the city. Three candidates all ran on the same ballot for the same district and Marie Howe would top the ticket every time with over 20K votes and more. It’s too bad the city doesn’t recognize them for their efforts and history here in Somerville. We think that the city administration as well as the Board of Alderman should do something to recognize them for their effort. We can name a school after a living Superintendent of Schools and another school after our congressman Mike Capuano, but they can find something to give credit to these fine women who you can say laid the groundwork for other women to follow? If you agree, let City Hall know that they should recognize these two ladies.

Don’t forget we are having a contest

here over the next few weeks. We are asking anyone here in the Ville who would like to write a poem on the Christmas holiday and what it means to them to send it in to us. Deadline is Friday, December 12. You can email it to news@thesomervilletimes.com, mail it or drop it off at 699 Broadway, Somerville 02144. Poems will be selected by the *The Times* staff and the three top winners will have their poem published in time for Christmas. The best one submitted will receive a \$100 gift certificate for the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, a \$50 Mt. Vernon certificate for second choice and a \$25 Mt. Vernon gift certificate for third place. Submit your poem to be published by *The Somerville Times* in time for the holiday.

Also, if you’d like to send a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays greeting to your special person or to anyone across the city, we’re going to have a section in the December 24 edition set aside for your holiday greetings. Mail your greeting or deliver to *The Somerville Times*, 699 Broadway, Somerville 02144. The cost is only \$5 for 25 words. The deadline for entry for the Christmas edition is December 19. Cash or check is due when submitting your greeting. Here’s

your chance to show your loved ones and family or friends how special they are to you!

Congratulations and best of luck to David Libardoni of Beacon Street, who recently passed the Massachusetts Bar exam and is headed to work in a downtown Boston Law firm. David was sworn in recently in Boston. He is a graduate of BC Law and undergraduate at Tufts University. David is the nephew of proud aunt of Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston. We, along with many here in the Ville, wish him the very best in his career.

A fundraiser for Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin is being held on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Casey’s Bar, 173 Broadway, Somerville. Matt’s another alderman who has been fighting hard for the people of East Somerville. So much so that he hasn’t had a fundraiser yet. Please attend and donate so that he can continue to represent the people.

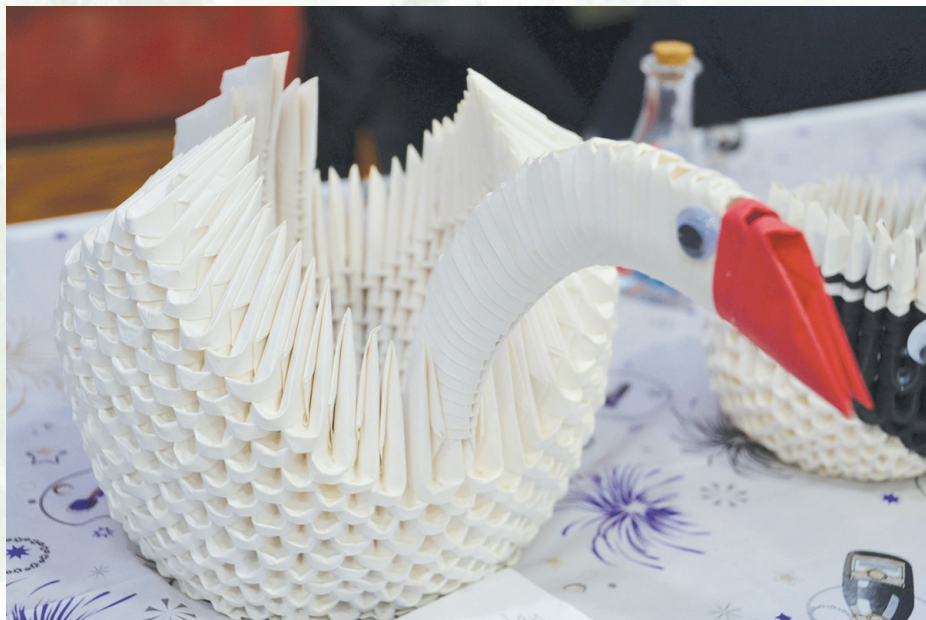
Also, on the first Saturday of every month, Alderman McLaughlin hosts a Community Council meeting to give a voice to residents. The subjects vary every month. The

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SHS Craft Fair 2014

The annual SHS Craft Fair Sponsored by Track PAC took place on Saturday, November 29th. It was a day of gift shopping at the Somerville High School Atrium/Field House.





Photos by Claudia Ferro



SPORTS

2014 Jingle Bell Run at 94.6% registered

By Tom Bannister

The 2014 Marathon Sports “Somerville Jingle Bell Run” taking place on December 14 in Somerville, MA is about to close out it’s registration.

This years event benefits: Somerville Toys for Local Tots, Breast Cancer Fund, Somerville High School Track PAC, Somerville High School Football, Somerville High School Ultimate Frisbee, Somerville High School Soccer, Somerville YMCA Learn to Swim Program, Somerville Recreation Department, Medford High School Track, Wakefield High School Track, CHIPS House, and Boston Triathlon Team.

The Marathon Sports Somerville Jingle Bell Run is a 5Km run and walk that is a city wide celebration of the Christmas Season.

Harpoon Brewery sponsors the post race celebration that takes place at The Sligo, Olde Magoun Saloon, The Burren, Five Horses Tavern, The Druid, The Pub, Sally O’Brien’s, BRASS, The Foundry, Redbones, Daddy Jones, Joe Sent Me, P.J. Ryans, On the Hill Tavern, Orleans Restaurant & Bar, Redbones, Bull McCabes, The Independent and The Joshua Tree.

Go to see www.baevents.com for more information and to register.



The annual Marathon Sports “Somerville Jingle Bell Run” is one of the most popular running events of the year.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What is the subtitle of *Peter Pan*?

2. In what city is the world's largest soccer stadium?

3. Whose first solo hit was *Got To Be There*?

4. What UK TV series had a signature tune called *Liberty Bell*?

5. Which Fred starred in vaudeville with his sister Adele?

6. Which English rock band made the rock operas *Tommy* and *Quadrophenia*?

7. What was used to erase lead pencil marks before rubber came into user?

8. What is the origin of the \$64 question?

9. Before the 1990's what two letters did not appear on a rotary or push button phone?

10. In which US city is Churchill Downs racetrack?

11. What taste is it that cats are unable to detect?

12. What are you doing when you pandiculate?

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Mr. Rose CONT. FROM PG 10

I always marveled at how quickly Mr. Rose could get from one end of the store to the other, almost as if he was on roller skates. If you recall, Woolworths was a pretty long store and he was up and down those aisles with great speed.

Mr. Rose showed up to see if you needed help and to keep you honest. He ran a tight ship with his staff of salesladies. One of which was named Mary. She had jet-black hair, dark drawn in eyebrows, and bright red lipstick. Mary cut an unforgettable figure for sure. She rarely smiled and she was quite outspoken and frank, and very entertaining. Nothing got by Mary. I worked with her when I

was a stock boy at Woolworths a few years later and I'll never forget her unique personality. Mary and Mr. Rose were quite a pair.

Lifelong Somerville resident Ken L recalls: "A great man was Mr. Rose! I sold shoes at Spencer Shoes next door to Woolworth's. He would drop in daily to wish me a good day and served as a power of example of how to treat people. I witnessed a man confident in his demeanor, and witnessed how to best handle customers, by managing a well-oiled operation at Woolworths. A positive role model in my life."

John R says, "Funny how I totally forgot about him until you mentioned his name and when I

heard it I immediately remembered him. I suppose that speaks to the impression – and it was a positive one – that he made on customers. You just don't see much of that these days, and when you do it stands out."

When Mr. Rose eventually went on to manage Fields Stationary, also in Davis Square, he brought Mary with him. It really speaks volumes when someone from the past maintains a positive space in your memory decades later. I can still see the dashing figure he cut, in his fine suit and his welcoming yet stern smile. Mr. Rose is indelibly etched into the tapestry of historic Davis Square.

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Angels at East Somerville Community Center

By Tom Bannister

On Tuesday December 2, 2014, Somerville Attorney Philip J. Privitera visited a First Grade Classroom at the East Cambridge Somerville Community School on Cross Street and presented a \$1,000 donation to assist the children and the school during the Christmas season.

"I wanted the children to be a part of the presentation, so I sat right on the mat which was in the middle of the floor in the first grade classroom" recalls Privitera. "The children seemed to love it, and there's nothing is more gratifying than making children laugh and smile, especially around the holidays," commented Privitera.

The donation comes from the Masonic Angel Fund from the Mystic Valley Lodge of Freemasons where Privitera is currently the presiding Lodge Master. Privitera visited Cambridge with Ted Wilson, who is the Treasurer of Mystic Valley Lodge as well as a Vice Principal at Dearborn Academy in Arlington. Both had a chance to visit the school and meet with some of the children. Arlington's Mystic Valley Lodge's Angel Fund is a Charity Fund comprised of money raised by the lodge to assist children in need. Privitera and Wilson were met and greeted by many members of the East Somerville Community School including the Head Social Worker, Jean DeVanthery and the Counselor on Education, Carlie Calioro.



(L to R) Attorney Philip J. Privitera, presents \$1000 Angel Fund Donation from Arlington's Mystic Valley Lodge of Freemasons to Jean DeVanthery, at the East Somerville Community School, while the School's Counselor on Education, Carlie Calioro, and Ted Wilson of Dearborn Academy in Arlington stand by.

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Get the latest on the possible plastic bag ban, hear about development across the City and over by the Stop & Shop, visit Greentown Labs and learn about a new partnership, check out the new parking app and get the story behind that marker across the street from the Somerville Police Department.



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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, December 10, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

1108 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2014-78) (Amended) Applicant and Owner, JSS Realty Corp., seeks a Special Permit under SZO §9.13a to not provide two parking spaces required under SZO §9.4 while converting a two-family to a three-family dwelling. Ward 7. BA zone.

53 Kent St: (Case #ZBA 2014-82) Applicant and Owner, Kent Street Partners, LLC, seeks Special Permits to establish 4 dwelling units under SZO §7.11.1.c, provide one less parking spaces than is required under §9.5 & 9.13, and substantially alter the existing nonconforming structure to construct the dwelling. RC zone. Ward 2.

50 Harrison St: (Case #ZBA 2014-109) Applicant and Owner, Alex Van Praagh, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by enlarging basement windows. RB zone. Ward 2.

74B Trull St: (Case #ZBA 2014-110) Applicant, Kevin Flaherty, and Owners, Amanda & Luke Owen, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming structure by adding living area in the basement. RA Zone. Ward 5.

2 Belmont Terr: (Case #ZBA 2014-111) Applicant, Philip Kramer, and Owner Dorothy Suput & Will Thalheimer, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming structure & a Variance per SZO §8.5.g to construct a 2-story side addition. RB zone. Ward 3.

7 & 11 Fairview Terr: (Case #ZBA 2014-112) Applicant, Wojciech Szczerba, and Owner, Fairview Terrace Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.2 to construct 2 single-family dwelling units on the lot. RA zone. Ward 4.

33 South St: (Case #ZBA 2014-113) Applicant, Sproot/Katherine Saamraj, and Owner, BBD Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO 7.11.10.4 to establish a catering operation and a Special Permit under 9.5 & 9.13 for parking relief for approximately 2 spaces. BA zone. Ward 2.

25-27 Claremon St: (Case #ZBA 2014-115) Applicant and Owner, Ariel Plotkin, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the height and roof of the rear 2-story portion of the 2-family house. Zone RB. Ward 7.


862 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2014-116) Applicant, Mary McPartland, and Owner, Charles Kostopoulos, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.5.1 to change the nonconforming use from a personal training studio to a specialty food store §7.11.9.3.a. RB 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 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.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Thursday, December 11, 2014** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA in the third floor community room. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following proposed zoning amendment.

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTED BY 13 REGISTERED VOTERS AMENDING SECTION 4.4.1. OF THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF ANY SHADE OR FRUIT TREES DURING THE CONVERSION OF SINGLE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, December 11, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room**, Somerville, MA.

ASQ Block 7: (Case #PB 2014-33) Applicant Street Retail, Inc. & Owner FR Sturtevant Street, LLC, Street Retail, Inc, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, as tenants in common & others seek a Revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review—A that was granted by the Planning Board under SZO §7.11.11.10 for a parking lot with approx 284 spaces to alter a condition of approval. ASMD, PUD-A Zones. Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 14P5857EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
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To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Anna Maria Del Priore of Somerville MA

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

And also requesting that:

Anna Maria Del Priore of Somerville MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to **serve Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on 01/05/2014

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

This estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.


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

Date: November 10, 2014

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Register of Probate

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding the proposal by Applicants, Cambport Group, LLC to demolish the dwelling shown on the 1874 Hopkins Map at 56 Line 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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A milestone for Somerville

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to thrive and flourish.

That’s important, but beyond that, Partners’ move highlights what can be built in Assembly Square and Somerville’s transformative areas as identified in SomerVision—research and development in industries that are tied to nearby academic and research institutions. It says to companies in health care, software, biotech and green tech: You can grow in Somerville. In Assembly Square, Boynton Yards, Inner Belt or Brickbottom, we are creating fertile ground where these companies can take root. Attracting and retaining those companies is a critical component of Somerville remaining competitive in the new economy, and our community has put in the work to make Somerville the obvious choice for them to call home.

This work benefits Somerville, but it also benefits the region and Massachusetts as a whole by creating a stronger regional economy. Partners’ move saves the costs of having multiple offices spread out across the area, helping it achieve its goal of maintaining affordable healthcare for people across the Commonwealth, while keeping Partners based in the region. And smart development like what’s happening at Assembly Row will result in hundreds of millions of dollars flowing through the Massachusetts economy.

Partners has already demonstrated its willingness to be an active contributor to our community by agreeing to municipal services contributions, which will help fund public safety, our school, roads and more in Somerville. I look forward to working with Partners and helping to build a stronger community, region and state for all.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

December 3, 2014
City of Somerville
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617-666-6600

On or about December 15, 2014 the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the renovation of Otis Street Playground; located 59 Otis St. Somerville, MA 02143. The total estimated project costs for this project is \$350,000.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. All comments received by December 12, 2014 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Somerville's certification for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD Office of Community Planning and Development at Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor of the City of Somerville

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A name for ourselves: Part 2

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be as dangerous as concentrated political power. But it was liberals who led the repeal of Glass Steagall and the other financial industry regulations that had protected Americans from the reckless greed that melted down the world economy in 2007-2008.

We don't have to indulge conspiracy theories to see that the interests most consistently served by liberals' and conservatives' departures from their stated philosophies are those of concentrated wealth. Whether deregulating the financial sector, feeding the war machine, slashing social programs, genuflecting to pharmaceutical and insurance cartels, building a prison gulag, or undermining fair trade, the richest get richer when liberals and conservatives betray their core principles.

That suggests the second reason why self-descriptors like "liberal" and "conservative" are increasingly meaningless. The world has changed so much that the assumptions that liberals and conservatives cling to no longer accommodate reality.

We are blessed with the democracy and protections provided by our Constitution. But those who wrote it did not know concentrated power, other than the state and a faded aristocracy. Almost all Americans then were farmers, merchants, tradesmen, or slaves.

They did not know that the very economic system that spawned democracy, individual freedom, and more prosperity for more people contained internal dynamics that would, over the centuries, threaten each of these values.

One such dynamic is that at the end of every profitable transaction, investors must either reinvest profit to gain even more profit, or consume it and cease to be investors. This expand-or-die competition produces winners and eliminates losers.

Over time, fewer and fewer winners remain in any industry, and they have more and more concentrated power, wealth, and influence.

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Only about 20% of U.S. businesses are corporations, and most are small in scale. They make important contributions to our lives. They bring us new technologies, develop life-saving drugs, keep us entertained, and provide jobs.

Senior corporate managers and shareholders with whom I have worked are decent people who have no particular desire to harm others. They merely accept the institutional rules and play hard by them.

But those rules give corporations characteristics that enable them, even compel them, to do harm. Corporation law separates management from ownership and shields owners from liability for corporate misdeeds.

It requires directors and managers to act in the "best interest of the corporation," which case law most often interprets as maximizing shareholders' value. Investment flows to those companies that sustain the absolutely highest rate of profit, whether or not they harm their community, employees, small businesses, and future generations. Shareholders can sue managers who do not pursue such opportunities. Mainstream economists call these injuries "externalities"—other people's problems.

Corporations enjoy protections that the Constitution's framers intended to apply only to human beings. This has been used successfully to strike down laws that limit corporations' influence on politics.

Of the world's 100 largest economies, 53 are corporations. Exxon Mobil is larger than 180 nations' GDPs. Corporations are growing stronger as states grow weaker. They have replaced the self-organizing market with the corporate equivalent of central planning.

Governments remain focused on short-term election cycles, corrupted by money, and poorly informed. In so many matters, they are little match for giant corporations. In 1968, there were fewer than 1,000

Washington lobbyists. Today there are 35,000. Of the 100 largest lobbying efforts between 1998 and 2004, corporations and their trade associations conducted 92.

Meanwhile, the same trend that is intensifying economic inequality is increasing money's corrupting influence on government. After a sixty-year interlude during which the rate of return on capital was less than economic growth, the relationship between those two factors has reversed back to its historical norm. The continued hollowing out of the middle class is only one outcome. The soaring amounts spent on campaign contributions and lobbying are trivial in comparison to the rising profit available to those who can buy public policy.

Neither conservatives nor liberals offer solutions to Americans' most pressing problems because they take the institutional arrangements that they still call "capitalism" as a given. Progressives decry both corporate capitalism and state socialism, but they have not offered an alternative that is persuasive of its efficacy.

The economic system that we live and work in today has lost capitalism's virtues while acquiring additional flaws. John Roderick, a thoughtful libertarian and periodic poster to the *Somerville Times* blog, calls it "corporatism."

I believe that we as citizens must look at our shared situation with fresh eyes, abandoning the ideological lenses that deform clear vision. We must reject name callers who use political labels primarily to invoke blind loyalty and incite hatred.

We need, as John Roderick has done, to reject the obsolete names that distort rather than illuminate, that separate people with shared interests rather than unifying them in what Martin Luther King called "the beloved community." We need new names for how the world actually works and how it can be made to work better.

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11 a.m. -11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Middle School Writers’ Den
Alan Ball-617 636-9033
6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday|December 4

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

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

Friday|December 5

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

Monday|December 8

Central Library
Sing-along with Raquel Leburn
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|December 9

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 11-13
Tammy McKanan617-591-0216
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|December 10

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

East Branch Library
Rosalita’s Puppets present The Nut-cracker
Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Middle School Writers’ Den
Alan Ball-617 636-9033
6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|December 3

Johnny D’s
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
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Arts at the Armory
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|December 4

Johnny D’s
The Los Fletcheros|9 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
BYOBluegrass Party grassy Thursdays.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Scattershot |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
WEMF Radio|Aqua Hamster|White Leather|Eclypse
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Bull McCabe’s
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory
Singers’ Open Mic with Bill Duffy
6:30 Café
Identidad
8:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Friday|December 5

Johnny D’s
Frank Vignola & Vinny Raniolo
Walk of Shame: Slutcracker Opening Night After Party feat. Johnny Blazes & The Pretty Boys
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
December Birthday Bash with The Byrneouts, Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.
John Shakespeare with The Dying Falls |10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Fighting Fridays
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
WEMF Radio|The Wolf Hongos|Harvey Mapcase|The Shallow End Divers|Lee Preston
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Bull McCabe’s
Corner Funk All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Casey’s
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory
THANGsgiving
9:30 a.m. -6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
A December to Remember (Artist and Producer showcase) - 21+
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Saturday|December 6

Johnny D’s
Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast
Guitar
The Mezz Band
Joe Hertler & The Rainbow Seekers
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Stan Martin & Wicked Heart |6 p.m.
Super Ska, Brass Knuckles \$5 cover |9 p.m.
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
WEMF Radio|The Natural Disasters|No Plateau|TBA|Parasoma
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe’s
BCAP & The Peoples
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory
Moulin Rouge at the Castle - A Twist-ed Night Takes Flight
7 p.m.|Performance Hall
Somerville Songwriter Sessions
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|December 7

Johnny D’s
Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast
Guitar
Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Bandr
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Dave Foley Band|5 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

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

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

Davis Square Theatre
Festivus of Comedy - 21+ with valid id
3 p.m./7p.m./9p.m.|255 Elm Street
Arts at the Armory
The Somerville Flea
11 a.m.-5 p.m.| Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday|December 8

Johnny D’s
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Pres-ents: Tight 5
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
Americiana Monday
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Arts at the Armory
Manchester Orchestra with Chris Staples
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|December 9

Johnny D’s
The Black Lillies plus Stan Martin
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday|December 10

Johnny D’s
Jan Marie & The mean Reds
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
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Arts at the Armory

Boston Music Collaborators Open Mic
7p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|December 3

Central Library
Mystery Book Club
7 p.m.-9 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday|December 4

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
(Session 1)|6 p.m.-7 p.m.
(Session 2)|7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
40 College Avenue

Central Library
Astronomy for Everyone: Size & Scale of the Universe
Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000 x2914
7 p.m.-8:30 .m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

Saturday|December 6

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

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

Sunday|December 7

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

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

Monday|December 8

Central Library
An Evening with Barbara Mancini
Andrew Bishop-857-214-1148
7:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
(Session 2)|7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
115 Broadway

Tuesday|December 9

Central Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

Third Life Studio
The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com
7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday|December 10

Central Library
Improve your Skills and Career with Free Help from JVS
Joyce Lin-(617) 399-3305
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

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

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

Concord Museum – Thursday, December 4 – 19 Annual Family of Trees: A Celebration of Children’s Literature. A \$20.00 fee includes transportation and museum admission. Lunch at a local restaurant is a separate cost. Departing our Holland Street Center at 9:15 A.M. with an approximate return time of 4:00 P.M. Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you should have any questions.

Illumination Of Lights – Saturday, December 13th – Join the SCOA & the Somerville Arts Council for its annual tour of the holiday lights in Somerville. There is limited seating - \$5.00 fee – check-in time is at 4:15 P.M. at the High School concourse. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Multicultural Day – Wednesday, December 17 – At our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway – from 10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Learn more about different languages, music, foods and cultures. One day of international adventure begins with a music selections from the East Somerville Community School chorus, delicious food samplings, various exhibitors will be on hand to promote multiculturalism. For more information or to reserve a space please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 before Wednesday, December 11th.

Free Holiday Concert – Thursday, December 18 – At our Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street – 10:00 A.M. Come and join the talented faculty members of the Powers Music School as they celebrate the season with old favorites from popular literature, and enjoy trying to “stump the band” by requesting a song the musicians may not know. The SCOA’s own senior choir, The Moonlighters, will be joining in on the fun as well. RSVP at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

The luncheon at the Highlander Café scheduled for Thursday, December 9 is **SOLD OUT**.

Holiday Party at the WHYC scheduled for December 10 is **SOLD OUT**.

Huke Lau trip scheduled for December 16th is **SOLD OUT**.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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LGBT EVENTS:

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

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, December 8, 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, December 4th. This event happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Dinner & Movie – Monday, December 15th – 5:30 P.M. meal time - This month we will be showing the movie The Family Stone and there will be a pizza & salad dinner served for a \$5.00 fee. Must RSVP by 10:00 AM on Monday, December 15th. This event happens the 3rd 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.

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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.

GROUP INFORMATION

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.

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 for info.

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.

STAY ACTIVE:

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 3

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
1:00 Whist (H)
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Thursday|December 4

10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
10:00 Current Events (H)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)
12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)
Concord Museum

Friday|December 5

10:00 Book Club
11:30 Lunch (H)
12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday|December 8

10:30 Moonlighters (H)
11:30 Lunch (H)

Tuesday|December 9

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
10:30 Men’s Group (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday|December 10

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
1:00 Whist (H)
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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next Ward 1 Community Council meeting will be Saturday, December 6, 3pm at 165 Broadway. This month’s topic will be opiate abuse, a subject that affects everyone in this community directly and indirectly. McLaughlin will host a community dialog where neighbors will discuss what we as a city and community can do better to address this problem. McLaughlin will bring these findings to the city and suggest changes or improvements to address the problem. Anyone is welcome to attend, but Ward 1 residents are strongly encouraged.

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Learn the best way to prune woody landscape plants at the Wednesday, December 10 meeting of the Somerville Garden Club. Chuck Sherzi, Jr., senior staff Arborist and Agronomist at Tree specialists, Inc. will present a talk focusing on pruning as what is now being called “Best Management Practices” by the green industry and how that applies to the health, struc-

ture, and appearance of our own gardens and urban landscapes. Sherzi will bring an array of pruning tools and will discuss the proper care and sharpening of your pruning equipment to keep it in good working order. He will also bring a handout for meeting attendees. You do not have to be a member of the Somerville Garden Club to attend a meeting; all meetings are free and the public is invited to attend. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month. 7-9 pm, at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland Street, Somerville, second floor, wheelchair accessible. Parking is available on site and the building is a short walk from the Davis Square Redline T station. For

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Wednesday, December 3					
6:30am	Road to Recovery	6:00pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	1:00pm	Somerville Times and Somerville Journal Reading
7:00am	Somerville Film Group	6:30pm	Tails of the City	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector
7:30am	Life Matters	7:00pm	Health is Wealth	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine
9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	8:00pm	Active Aging	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:30pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:30pm	Culture Club
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Dixie Manley	10:00pm	The Steve Katsos Show	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
11:00am	Abugida TV	11:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	6:00pm	Down the Lynde
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show		Bay State Biking News - Rerun	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	Friday, December 5		7:30pm	Fluff Festival
2:00pm	Physician Focus	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)
2:30pm	Tap Water	7:30am	Shrink Rap	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
3:30pm	What the Fluff Festival	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm	Energy Theater	10:00am	ArtBeat 2014	Sunday, December 7	
6:00pm	Trance: A Romantic Journey	11:00am	The Art of Animation: a series of Karen Aqua	6:00am	Program Celebrai
6:30pm	SCATV Presents: US2 100 Days of Engagement	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe
7:00pm	Inside Talk	1:00pm	Tap Water	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
7:30pm	Crossroads: a Search for An American Dream	2:00pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	International Church of God
8:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)		Active Aging
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:00pm	Somerville Jazz Festival 2014	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
10:00pm	Art at SCATV: Dixie Manley	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour		Taking Back Your Health
10:30pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Inside Talk
11:00pm	Visual Radio	6:30pm	Art at SCATV: Dixie manley	12:30pm	Somerville Film Group
Thursday, December 4			7:00pm	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Friday Shorts	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Energy Theater - haunted Halloween	2:30pm	Life Matters
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe
9:00am	Cancer Explained!	10:00pm	The Somerville Line	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade
9:30am	Girls Talk	11:00pm	Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	International School of Boston Presents
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:30pm	Somerville ArtBeat 2014	5:30pm	Honk Festival
11:00am	Greater Somerville	Saturday, December 6		6:00pm	Abugida TV
11:30am	Ablevision	6:00am	Arabic Hour	7:00pm	African Television Network
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	The Somerville Line	8:00pm	Tele Magazine
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	11:00pm	100-Second Film Festival
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	Monday, December 8	
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	11:00am	Dead Air Live	6:00am	Ablevision
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		12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	7:30am	Eckankar

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22					
Wednesday, December 3					
9:00am:	Partners Building Groundbreaking	1:40pm:	Union Sq. Utility & Streetscape Study & Design	3:30pm:	Veterans Day Observance
9:30am:	Aldermen at Work		Talking Business	7:00pm:	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa Claus
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 12.1.14	3:10pm:	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	9:00pm:	Voices of Somerville
3:00pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	6:30pm:	Partners Building Groundbreaking	9:30pm:	Partners Building Groundbreaking
6:30pm:	Connecting Communities – Student Nursing	7:00pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	10:00pm	SomerViva em Portugues
7:00pm	Superintendent Interviews II - LIVE	7:30pm:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	12:00am:	Senior Circuit
10:00pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	8:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults
Thursday, December 4			9:00pm:	1:00am:	Voices of Somerville
12:00am:	Talking Business	Sunday, December 7		2:00am:	Partners Building Groundbreaking
12:30am:	Interfaith Panel Discussion	12:00am:	SomerViva em Portugues	2:30am:	SomerViva em Portugues
1:30am:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:30am:	Voices of Somerville	9:00am:	SHS Fall Sports Rally
2:00am:	SomerViva an Kreyol Ayisyen	1:00am:	Interfaith Panel Discussion	10:00am:	SHS Football v Cambridge RLS
2:15am:	Greentech RFI Launch	2:00am:	The Somerville Guard “Race to Laurel Hill”	12:30pm:	SHS Auditorium Re-Opening Ceremony
2:30am:	The Somerville Guard “Race to Laurel Hill”	9:00am:	The Somerville Guard “Race to Laurel Hill”	1:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
3:30am:	Congressional Update	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:00pm:	Early Childhood Literacy Fair
9:00am:	SomerViva an Kreyol Ayisyen	12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	3:00pm:	Connecting Communities - School Nursing
9:15am:	Talking Business	1:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	3:30pm:	Student of the Qtr Awards - Healey
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7:30pm:	Superintendent Interviews III - LIVE	9:40pm:	Talking Business	12:00am:	SHS Football v Danvers - 11/7
Friday, December 5			10:00pm:	2:00am:	Playoff Football: SHS vs Marblehead
12:00am:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	Monday, December 8		9:00am:	Somerville Rocks!!
12:30am:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	10:05am:	SHS Football v Danvers - 11/7
1:00am:	SomerViva en Espanol	12:30am:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	12:00pm:	Post High School Planning Night
1:30am:	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	1:00am:	Aldermen at Work	1:30pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Everett - 10/29
2:15am:	Somerville ROCKS!	1:30am:	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	3:30pm:	Student of the Qtr Awards - WSNS
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12:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	9:00am:	Connecting Communities – Student Nursing	7:00pm:	SHS Seniors’ Post High School Planning Night
12:30pm:	Veterans’ Day Observance	12:00pm:	HONK! Festival	8:30pm:	Student of the Qtr Awards - WSNS
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2:30pm:	Connecting Communities – Student Nursing	1:30pm:	Veterans Day Observance	Friday, December 5	
3:00pm:	Interfaith Panel Discussion	1:45pm:	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	12:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody - 10/27
6:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	2:00pm:	Capable Somerville	1:30am:	Somerville Fight Night
7:00pm:	Talking Business	7:00pm:	Winter Hill Charette: Housing	3:30am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
7:30pm:	Somerville ROCKS!	8:00pm:	Aldermen at Work	9:00am:	Early Childhood Literacy Fair
8:30pm:	Union Sq. Utility & Streetscape Study & Design	8:30pm:	Superintendent Interviews	10:00am:	Our Schools, Our City
10:00pm:	Aldermen at Work	Tuesday, December 9		11:00am:	SHS Fall Sports Rally
Saturday, December 6			12:00am:	12:00pm:	SHS Football v Cambridge RLS
12:00am:	SomerViva em Portugues	12:00am:	SomerViva en Espanol	3:00pm:	Connecting Communities - School Nursing
12:30am:	Talking Business	12:30am:	Winter Hill Charrette: Housing	4:00pm:	Early Childhood Literacy Fair
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9:00am:	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	3:00am:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	10:00pm:	Connecting Communities - School Nursing
9:10am:	Haitian Community Meeting	9:00am:	Voices of Somerville	12:00am:	Connecting Communities -Fire Safety
12:00pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	9:30am:	Veterans Day Observance	12:30am:	SHS Football v Durfee HS
1:00pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	9:00am:	SHS Football v Durfee HS
1:30pm:	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	12:00pm:	El Sistema: A Harvest Concert
		1:00pm:	Winter Hill Charrette: Housing	1:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
		2:00pm:	Talking Business	1:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City
		2:30pm:	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	2:00pm:	SHS Fall Sports Rally



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Minds of McLean Hospital: A Creative Balance: A Report on the Poets in the Asylum panel at the Boston Book Festival

Guest columnist Emily Pineau, a student of mine at Endicott College and an intern at Boston University's AGNI magazine, wrote this article about a panel I hosted at the Boston Book Festival last month – I hope you enjoy.



the fucking truth about McLean? [A patient there] fucking told me he was raped by [one of the workers] there."

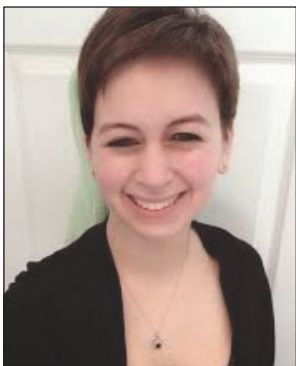
Doug Holder, the moderator of the discussion, encouraged the speaker to give someone else a turn to talk after he went on for awhile, and emphasized that the speaker had the right to his opinion, but that McLean has also helped a great number of people. When the speaker put the microphone down and made his way to the door he added, "It's not my fucking opinion. It is the truth about what happened." After he left, Kathleen Spivack stepped in and talked about how the man was not wrong, and how she wishes that he did not leave so that they could have an open and honest discussion. Unfortunately, not everyone is going to have a positive experience at McLean or any psychiatric hospital. Also, not all psychiatric patients feel creative or want to write poetry.

Once the awkward stillness of the room was cleared more questions were able to bring the calmness back. Someone asked, "Is manic depression part of the creative picture?" Spivack answered by explaining that it is a case-by-case thing. If you are mentally ill this does not automatically mean you are creative, and if you are creative this does not indicate that you are depressed. Also, earlier on in the discussion Ames stated, "[When it comes to creativity and mental illness] people write poetry in altered states of consciousness." In some ways mental illness does have a way of fueling creativity, and creativity allows someone to use an uncontrollable part of him or herself in a beautiful way.

As the discussion came to a close Ames said, "I am 83-years-old, and you have to just keep pushing." This relentless attitude can be used when writing poetry and when struggling with the battles of your mind. Resources such as McLean hospital, poetry, and teachers give mentally ill people the opportunity to reach out. And with this opportunity people may find the strength to "keep pushing."

— Emily Pineau

Emily Pineau studies creative writing at Endicott College. Her poetry has appeared in the anthology, *Like One: Poems For Boston*, and in newspapers and literary journals such as the *Somerville News*, *The Endicott Observer*, *The Endicott Review*,



Ibbetson Street, and *Muddy River Poetry Review*. In 2012 her poem, "I would for you" was nominated for a pushcart prize. In 2013 *The Ibbetson Street Press* published her poetry collection, *No Need to Speak* as part of the *Endicott College/Ibbetson Street Press/Young Poet Series*. She is currently an intern at *Agni* magazine at Boston University.

Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Anna Ziering will receive her MFA from Boston University in January 2015. She is currently traveling on a Robert Pinsky and Leslie Epstein Global Fellowship, spending time in Geneva and Prague before embarking on the Camino de Santiago. This would be her first publication.

Afterthought

But if you come too near,
it will all go to pieces.

I might rather dream about
your sturdy arms.

When I prayed,
I could not have imagined this—

stubbled skin, stilted offerings,
sharp pain—

— Anna Ziering

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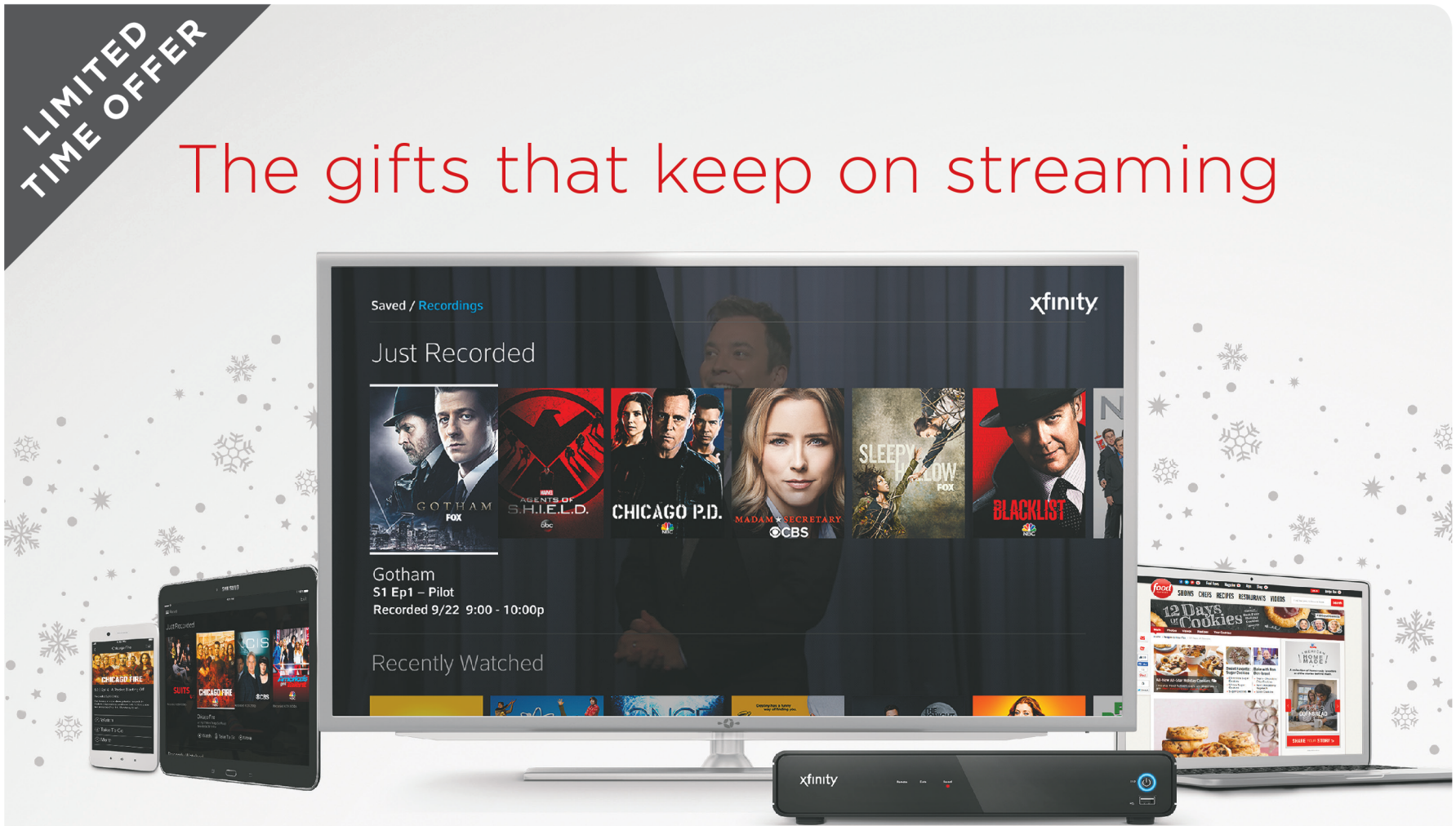
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Olio

Answers

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| 1. The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up | 7. Pieces of bread |
| 2. Rio De Janeiro, Brazil (the Maracana) | 8. It was the highest prize ever paid to a winner on radio's Take It Or Leave It |
| 3. Michael Jackson | 9. Q and Z |
| 4. Monty Python's Flying Circus | 10. Louisville, Kentucky |
| 5. Astaire | 11. Sweet |
| 6. The Who | 12. Yawning |



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