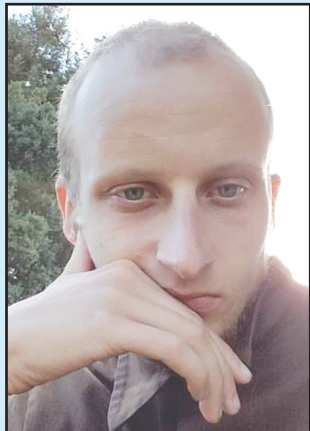


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Medical marijuana dispensary pitched for Davis Square



The city is considering a proposal by Garden Remedies to put a medical marijuana dispensary in Davis Sq., Somerville's second to date.

By Joe Ruvido

A meeting regarding a proposed Medical Marijuana dispensary in Davis Square was held at the Community Baptist Church on Monday, November 28.

Garden Remedies, which opened their first dispensary in Newton 2 weeks ago, hopes to occupy the soon-to-be vacant Family Dollar on Elm Street. After this and an additional public hearing about their plans for the dispensary, Garden Remedies will have to apply for permits under city zoning law.

Giving the presentation was Dr. Karen Munkacy, President and CEO of Garden Remedies. Munkacy, a breast cancer survivor, used marijuana for her pain while undergoing cancer treatment. Specific to cancer, according to The Scientific American, "Numerous trials have indicated that medical marijuana increases appetite and reduces

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Shop local for the holidays with Somerville Local First

By Ariana Colozzo

The holiday season is in full swing; Christmas music is on the radio, houses are strung with lights and everyone is scrambling to find the perfect gift for the family members and friends on their lists. But holiday shopping isn't always easy, especially when the lists seem to get longer each year.

Finding the perfect gift for your mother-in-law is difficult. Black Friday shopping is hectic and stressful. Running from store to store while getting the house cleaned and decorated for the holiday dinner can seem impossible. Coming up with a funny, but not cliché gift for the office grab may take more effort than you're willing to give. What if there was another way?

Join sponsors Float Boston, Work Shop Salon, e. scott originals and over 40 local vendors at the second annual Somerville Local First Holiday Market. Stop by the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., on Sunday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and shop

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Remember to shop local this coming Sunday afternoon as Somerville Local First Holiday Market sets up at Arts at the Armory for some fun seasonal shopping.

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This **Sunday, December 11**, at the **Arts at the Armory**, 191 Highland Avenue, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Somerville Local First** presents their second **Holiday Marketplace** sponsored by Float Boston, Work Shop Salon and e. scott originals. Join Somerville Local First and over 40 local vendors at Arts for a day of local holiday shopping. Makers Marketplace features a wide variety of handcrafted goods, jewelry, accessories, confections, home decor, textiles, art, apparel and gifts for everyone on your list. This market also boasts 20 different vendors from their November event.

Congratulations (unofficially for now – the actual vote will happen just before the inaugural) to **Alderman at Large Bill White** for being re-elected President by his peers on the **Board of Alderman**. Once again, unanimous votes were cast. Alderman White is efficient in the way he runs the Board meetings. With what used to take many late hours, a vast majority of the meetings are now well run and all the city business is done in short order. Bill is starting his 20th year representing the city and will once again be on the ballot this year, and we're sure he will be re-elected.

Coming on **Thursday, December 15, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**, the **Somerville Chamber of Commerce** will hold its monthly **Business After Hours** at the **Armory** on Highland Avenue. This is an excellent networking event featuring appetizers and a free business card drawing, along with a cash bar. Guests are welcome to bring unwrapped **Toys for Local Children**. Sponsored by the **Bonney Family** and the **Law Offices of Isaac M. Machado**. Hosted by Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Chair *Continued on page 11*

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Board of Aldermen hold property assessment hearing

Matt says:

I am confused. Why did the city (foolishly) just vote on a prop 2.5 override only to to have the tax rate drop by \$0.86/1k? I guess the fact that even with the drop in property tax and the increase in exemption I am still seeing a 8% increase in my tax bill year on year.

A. Moore says:

You got it Matt. Just another nail in the coffin for many of us living on small limited incomes. Left with very little to give up except for the obvious which is move out. We have to pay for the bloat in this city caused by the higher ups with increased spending and salaries.

LindaS says:

Oh, but Matt, don't you remember? The tax override was only for the building of the new High School....right?

Of course, there's nothing to stop them from applying it to anything else they want to and tell us that it's part of the deal.

As a single-family homeowner, I'm very grateful for the residential exemption. But then, why are we also expected to deal with property tax increases if we're not making any income from our homes? Shouldn't we be entitled to pay less in property taxes?

Nothing makes sense when you think about it, it only makes sense to the ones who are setting the rules.

Matt says:

Linda, I get what your saying, I guess the override lasts until the highschool is paid for and the city now has a blanket permission to raise taxes up until that point? Perhaps its just me but voting today to raise taxes as many times as needed for a project at some unknown point in the future is a bit crazy.

A. Moore says:

Raising taxes is the easy way. Would be a lot of work to cut out the tons of wasteful spending here and decrease overpaid public employees(higher ups) and overpaid positions which we never needed. How about all that income which was to be generated? What happens if funding is stopped here because the mayor violated his oath of office? His last raise alone is more than many even make here and have to live on within their budgets. Did we have a chance to decide if we wanted to atke on a 50 million dollar debt which will be more likely to triple before all is done and said. Some of us do take notice of what is going on. And it is not good.

Oliver Seppo says:

It's OK, folks. You are still in time to buy shares in FMCC before it shoots back up to 70.

CAP says:

Is everyone sure they read their tax bills right?
Don't you remember before they broke ground on Disneyland over at Assembly Square that you were promised that your property taxes would go down – way down – because of that?
Five years later, maybe you're reading your bill wrong.

Response to: Bluntly Speaking – November 30

Doug Holder says:

Hey...the return of the Thin Man!

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John Connolly

Deadline looms for Green Line Extension

December 8 deadline for approval

On Thursday, the Somerville Board of Alderman will convene to deliberate the appropriation of City funds to close budget gaps in the long-anticipated Green Line Extension project. The meeting is scheduled on the eve of the deadline to notify state authorities as to whether the City of Somerville will dedicate \$50 million towards the project. The commitment that the Board will vote on is critical to closing the project budget gap and to receiving affirmation from the Federal Transit Administration that the project will receive \$1 billion from a New Starts grant.

The appropriation of funds has received the support of Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, who stated that future fiscal benefits arising from the Green Line Extension far outweigh the City's investment. According to the City, less than 20 percent of Somerville residents are currently within walking distance of a rail station, a number that will increase to over 70 percent with the Green Line Extension. The project is also projected to reduce public transit times in the Somerville region by up to 75%, as existing bus transit infrastructure is slowed significantly due to traffic in the area.

If the appropriation is approved by the Board of Alderman, the City of Somerville will sign a project participation agreement with the MBTA, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and the City of Cambridge. Cambridge has already committed \$25 million of City funds towards the extension. The total project is projected to cost \$2.3 billion.

The Green Line Extension project is a commitment under the United States Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan. Advocates have noted that failure to implement the project may result in the United States withholding federal transportation funding. Proponents of the project have touted the immense economic benefits that the Green Line would bring to the Somerville community by allowing for transit-oriented development, new jobs and commercial investments, and increased access. Some opponents have argued that the plan as currently written omits a critical community biking path. Others have expressed reluctance to commit City funds towards the project, noting that it could lead to future tax increases.

The meeting is on Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Somerville City Hall, located at 93 Highland Avenue.

GLX special meeting recap



By Joe Ruvido

At a special meeting on Thursday December 1, The Board of Aldermen heard the mayor's in-depth financial analysis of the Green Line Extension (GLX) project. According to the facts presented, Somerville needs to approve a \$50M contribution to the project by December 8.

Alderman at Large William A. White got to the core of constituent concerns with two questions to Chief Tax Assessor Marc Levy: when will taxes increase for homeowners and by how much? White requested an analysis showing the projected increase in property values for Somerville home owners so they understand more clearly the financial impacts city projects will have on them. "For a lot of people, their home is their biggest investment," said White to Levy.

Brad Rawson of the Somerville Transportation Department started the financial presentation by recapping the benefits

of the GLX project. Latent demand for public transit, not including population growth that would come from the new Green Line would equal 49,000 new riders upon the opening of Union Square station.

"For a lot of people, their home is their biggest investment"

The project would decrease greenhouse gas emissions by reducing vehicle transit – one study showed that 35% of Somerville's pollution comes from auto tail-pipe emissions. The city has a goal of attaining net-zero carbon emissions that would prove difficult without GLX. Finally it would help Somerville flip the ratio of property taxes paid by the commercial sector relative to the residential sector.

Alderman White also asked about benefits for Somerville residents not near the first Somerville

station in Union Square. Rawson stressed that GLX would benefit all of Somerville and not just the immediate areas surrounding the stations.

If seen through to completion the project would have six stops in Somerville in addition to Union Square, including Ball Square and Rt. 16 in Medford. The amount of residents within a 10-minute walk of a train station would increase from 20% to 80%, reducing congestion in the city. Growth in the commercial sector would bring new industry and jobs to parts of the city not necessarily located in the walkshed area.

Alderman Niedergang expressed his willingness to vote yes. "I'm almost certain to vote for the Green Line." Alderman Lance Davis commented that he is undecided. The Board will one more chance to discuss and vote on GLX before the deadline, at the next Board of Aldermen regular meeting on December 8.

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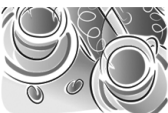


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foodie or Middle Dune Paper Goods for a custom notebook for your favorite writer.

The fashionistas in your life will love the unique jewelry from Porcelain and Stone or a leather bag from Empty Provisions, and when in doubt, a warm, hand-knitted piece from Dylanium Knits and one of Kittredge Candles' 180 scents are a perfect gift for even the hardest to please.

Besides, the best parts of the holidays are the things you do together. The Holiday Market is free and fun for the whole family.

Reward your little ones (or yourself) after a long day of shopping with treats from Sugar Buff Bake Shop or Spindler Confections, and don't forget a doggie bag for your furry friends at home from Camberville Dog Treats.

Even if you finished your holiday shopping, there's still plenty to see. Stop by for a little present for yourself, and don't forget to grab some tea from Tamin Tea and a throw blanket from Burrow Handmade Goods to snuggle up with for your next holiday movie marathon.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Licensed to smoke, but unfit to drive

Police officers were dispatched to the intersection of Grand Union Boulevard and Mystic Avenue last week on reports of a male passed out behind the wheel in a stopped vehicle. Upon arrival, the officers spoke with a Boston Fire Engine Company that was on routine patrol and was flagged down by concerned citizens. The Firefighters said it took them numerous attempts to wake up the driver. As the officers revived the driver, later identified as Eladio Figueroa, of Charlestown, he reportedly told them that every-

thing was OK, he was just intoxicated. The officers reported that they could detect the odor of alcohol and that Figueroa’s eyes were red and glossy. According to reports, Figueroa was asked for his driver’s license and, after fumbling around in his pockets for awhile, eventually produced a pack of cigarettes which he offered to the officers. One of the officers reportedly explained to the man that the pack of cigarettes was not his driver’s license, and Figueroa responded that the officers should look for the license themselves.

After searching for a while, the officers determined that they could not find his driver’s license. However, under his driver’s seat was a large steak knife. In plain view on the center console was a small bottle of cognac that appeared to be about half full. Also on the passenger side floorboard was an open case of beer with multiple bottles missing. An empty bottle of beer was also located on the back passenger side floor which, after further inspection, was found to still be cold, and the beer that was still inside the bottle was filled with

bubbles. This led officers to believe that the beer had been consumed very recently. The officers noticed that Figueroa had a small scrape under his right eye that was starting to swell. He was asked if he would like medical attention for his injury and he reportedly said that he had been in a fight and that he would like to get a gun and shoot the person he had been fighting with. Figueroa was asked if he had a gun, and he reportedly replied, “Yup around here somewhere.” The officers searched inside the

vehicle for a gun, but one was not found. Figueroa eventually told them, “There’s nothing in there, it’s in Charlestown”. It was determined that Figueroa was unable to perform any field sobriety tests, and could not even successfully take a breathalyzer test, and was uncooperative and combative throughout the questioning process. Figueroa was taken into custody and charged with open alcohol container in a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Kesner Lubin, November 29, 9:20 p.m., arrested at North St. on charges of drug possession to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class D drug, and inducing a minor to distribute drugs.
Fernando Martins, of 35

Longworth Ave., Brockton, December 1, 5:02 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of drug possession to distribute, and conspiracy to violate drug law.
John Morgan, of 105 Scirappa St., Cambridge, December 1, 5:02 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of drug possession to distribute, and conspir-

acy to violate drug law.
Max Charron, of 959 Cambridge St., Cambridge, December 1, 5:02 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of drug possession to distribute, and conspiracy to violate drug law.
Joseph Flynn, of 30 River Rd., December 1, 5:02 p.m., arrested at home on charges of drug possession to distrib-

ute, conspiracy to violate drug law, and distribution of a class B drug.
Louis Spezzaferro, December 3, 12:18 a.m., arrested on warrant charges of assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.
Mohamed Gardia, of 35 Orchard St., Lynn, December 4, 2:05 p.m., arrested at Broad-

way on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.
Eladio Figueroa, of 25 Carney Ct., Charlestown, December 4, 6:12 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on charges of open alcohol container in a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Medical marijuana dispensary

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chemotherapy-related nausea in the short term.” Furthermore the drug has proven “moderately effective for reducing chronic neuropathic pain.” The facility will take up roughly 5000ft² where Family Dollar on Elm Street currently occupies. The current floor plan would leave an extra 1000 sq. ft. for an additional tenant between Garden Remedies and The Burren. For security purposes, the dispensary will have a check-in area and waiting room at the front of the store. Only when the patient’s ID and prescription are validated will they be allowed access to the pharmacy in the back of the facility. There they will choose between different strains of marijuana and different delivery methods for the chosen strain. Garden Remedies will sell buds, tinctures, vapor products and even an edible cookie infused with THC. Garden Remedies raises all of their product at a “grow facility” in Fitchburg, MA. It is shipped to their dispensaries by Snyder Security, who also

handles cash transport for Garden Remedies. The shipments are weighed before and after the trip to the facility to audit any theft of the product. Residents in attendance were mostly receptive to Garden Remedies, with some voicing concern that children will be exposed to marijuana advertising in the busy Davis Square area. Garden Remedies responded that is bound by Massachusetts law which prohibits the use of pot leaves or paraphernalia on the storefront. They cannot advertise for their products and can only distribute product with a prescription. Others were concerned about the financial health of Garden Remedies with regard to their ability to pay property tax and contribute to the community. Munkacy said that their Newton location has seen “about 300 customers per week” since its opening. Cash transactions at the store average about \$100 dollars. All transactions need to be done with cash or debit card, prompting some resident concerns about safety. Alderman

Connolly voiced reassurance to that concern when he said, “I’ve lived in Davis Square for 40 years. Not a great spot for a mugging with all the foot traffic and cell phone cameras.” Also, the marijuana committee set up by the city includes Somerville Police Department deputy Chief Steve Carabino, who will ensure safety and compliance with the law near the facility. Phil Woodbury of Somerville was optimistic about the presence of a dispensary in Davis Square. “I hope there isn’t an hysterical response,” said Woodbury, who has lived in Davis Square for 40 years. “There are already dispensaries in Davis that serve alcohol and oxycontin,” he added, referring to the alcohol and drug stores already in the square. Ultimately, Garden Remedies may not be the only dispensary in Davis Square - another vendor called Sage Cannabis is also exploring the possibility of a location there. Both will need to get permits approved by the Somerville Planning and Zoning Board.

Community meeting for possible 2nd medical marijuana dispensary

Chairman of the Somerville Board of Alderman’s Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, Alderman at Large Jack Connolly, and Ward Six Alderman Lance Davis, will host a neighborhood meeting on Monday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave., Somerville. The purpose of this meeting is to allow members of the public to hear a presentation from the owner(s) of Sage Cannabis Inc. regarding a possible medical marijuana dispensary proposed by Sage Cannabis Inc. be located in a leased space in the building at 240 Elm St. in Davis Square. Representatives from Sage Cannabis Inc. will make a presentation and respond to questions and concerns regarding their application and their possible intent to seek a Special Permit from the City of Somerville. The City of Somerville recently issued a letter of non-opposition to Sage Cannabis Inc. on their application to locate here in the city. City officials from various Departments also expected to attend.



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Somerville native’s life claimed in Oakland fire

By Jim Clark

A devastating fire that broke out in a warehouse in Oakland, CA, last Friday has reportedly taken the lives of at least 36 victims, including that of 28-year-old Micah Danemayer, who grew up in Somerville.

Danemayer was reportedly projecting videos during an unlicensed electronic music concert in the building, dubbed “The Ghost Ship,” when the fatal blaze started.

According to preliminary reports, three other Massachusetts natives were also killed fire: Peter Wadsworth, of Cohasset; Amanda Allen, of Chelmsford; and Nick Gomez-Hall, a graduate of Brown University.

The warehouse in Oakland’s Fruitvale neighborhood had a notorious history of illegal use by artists for living and working space and frequently held un-

licensed events such as the one that took place on Friday.

Investigators are still looking into the cause of the fire, but a faulty refrigerator has been mentioned as a possibility.

Danemayer, who as an electronic musician went by the name Paralcyst, was reportedly operating a video projector when the fire broke out. His girlfriend, 26-year-old Alana Kane was also believed to be in the building at the same time and remains missing as of this writing.

Danemayer’s family released the following statement on Tuesday:

“Last Friday our son, Micah Danemayer, was among the dozens of young souls lost in the tragic Oakland warehouse fire, where he was performing with other audio and visual artists. He was a funny creative kid and a funny creative adult. When he graduated from Massachusetts

College of Art in 2011 and immediately left for San Francisco we never thought we’d miss his room piled high with art assemblages, analog electronic gear, and solvents, we never thought we’d miss having a vegan at our meat-eating table, we certainly never thought we’d miss his rubix cube tattoo. Of course we miss all of it. Micah found his niche in a community of artists who reveled in experimental visual and audio electronica. In the words of a friend, he was ‘a wonderful charming eccentric beauty of a young man,’ whose open heart drew many many other free spirits to him. We were lucky to have him for 28 years. We will miss him, and the weirdness and creativity and love that trailed in his wake. Thank you to all who have shown your love and support during these trying times. A scholarship fund in his name is being set up at the



Former Somerville local Micah Danemayer was one of dozens who lost their lives in the devastating warehouse fire in Oakland, CA, last Friday.

Massachusetts College of Art to help others young artists find their voice.”

Recovery efforts at the scene of the fire continue and the investigation into its cause is ongoing.

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Rep. Timothy Toomey

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Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

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

This week, with the end of the 2016 session only weeks away, *Beacon Hill Roll Call*, in the first of a series of spe-

cial reports, looks at some of the bills that were approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker in the 2016 session.

OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION (H 4088)

House 155-0, Senate 37-0, approved a new law aimed at reducing the opioid abuse crisis in the Bay State. It is designed to reduce the number of opioid pills in circulation by working with many parties involved in the process including schools, doctors, insurance companies and pharmacists. Key provisions require all public schools to have a policy regarding substance abuse prevention; to advise students about the dangers of substance abuse, and to perform an annual verbal screening of pupils for substance use disorders. Parents can opt their children out of the screening requirement.

Other provisions include limiting initial opioid prescriptions by doctors to a seven-day supply except for chronic pain management, cancer and palliative care; requiring drug manufacturers to create a program to secure, transport and safely dispose of unwanted drugs; establishing a rehabilitation program for registered pharmacists, pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians who have a substance abuse issue and allowing them to volunteer for the program instead of being subject to disciplinary action; and requiring patients admitted to the emergency room for an overdose to be subject to a detailed substance abuse evaluation within 24 hours before discharge.

Supporters, noting there were 1,256 accidental drug-related deaths in 2015, said this new law is a balanced and practical approach that will improve schools' approach to teaching kids about drug prevention and increase access to treatment for those who are addicted. They argued it will save lives and spare the heartache of many families by helping to stem the rising tide of drug addiction and drug-related deaths across the state.

(A "Yes" vote is for the new law.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Didn't Vote
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

DRUG OFFENSES AND DRIVER'S LICENSES (S 1812)

House 157-0, Senate 38-0, approved a new law that repeals a 1989 law that required anyone convicted of a non-violent drug crime to have his or her license suspended, regardless of whether the crime itself involved driving a vehicle. The new law does allow automatic license suspension for anyone convicted of trafficking in illegal drugs, except for marijuana. The new law is retroactive and applies to all people who are without a license because of the 1989 law.

Supporters said 1989 law is outdated, illogical and counterproductive because it prevents many offenders from driving to work, getting ta new job, driving their children to school, traveling to a doctor and using their car for the things necessary in day-to-day life.

(A "Yes" vote is for the new law.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

\$200 MILLION FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES (H

4133)

House 151-0, Senate 35-0, approved authorizing the state to borrow \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state.

Supporters said this helps cities and towns improve their roads and bridges and keep them safe.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$200 million.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

PUBLIC RECORDS (H 4333)

House 154-0, Senate 40-0, approved a new law designed to ensure that the state and local municipalities comply in a timely way with requests for public records. It also reduces costs to people making the requests.

This new law requires each state agency and municipality to appoint at least one public records access officer to serve as the point of contact for all public records requests; limits to \$25 per hour the fees municipalities and state agencies can charge for time spent responding to requests; allows municipalities to request additional time for compliance and the right to charge higher fees to cover reasonable costs; enables courts to award attorneys' fees when government agencies wrongly deny access to public records; and requires agencies and municipalities to make documents available in electronic form.

Supporters said this is the first update to the state's public records laws in 40 years and noted that it makes state and local government more transparent. They argued it is not acceptable for members of the news media or for ordinary citizens to face unreasonable delays and high costs to gain access to information that is supposed to be public. They argued that the new law balances access to public records with protection for local municipalities from unreasonable procedures and unfunded mandates.

(A "Yes" vote is for the new law.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

\$39.15 BILLION FISCAL 2017 STATE BUDGET (H 4450)

House 150-3, Senate 38-1, approved a conference committee's compromise version of a \$39.15 billion fiscal 2017 state budget. The conference committee reduced expected revenues by \$750 million and cut \$413 million in proposed spending. Those actions were in response to warnings about unexpected ever-decreasing revenue projections.

Supporters of the budget said it is a balanced one that makes vital investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility.

Some opponents said that the budget does not make sufficient cuts and argued that state spending has grown too much over the past few years. Others noted they opposed spending taxpayer money on government services given to illegal immigrants.

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

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Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST TRANSGENDER PEOPLE (S 2407)

House 118-36, Senate 33-4, approved a new law that expands prior law prohibiting discrimination against transgender people by adding “gender identity” to existing Massachusetts civil rights laws that already prohibit discrimination in public accommodations based on age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, religion and marital status. Public accommodations are defined as “a place, whether licensed or unlicensed, which is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public.” This includes hotels, restaurants, retail stores, malls, theaters, parks, medical offices, libraries and public transportation. The major controversy centered around the fact that the new law also allows access to legally gender-segregated public facilities, including restrooms and locker rooms, based on a person’s gender identity rather than on their sex.

In 2011, the Legislature approved and former Gov. Deval Patrick signed a law that added “gender identity” to the state’s non-discrimination laws, to prohibit discrimination in employment, education, housing and credit against transgender persons. That law, however, did not prohibit discrimination in public accommodations.

Supporters, noting 17 other states have approved simi-

lar laws protecting transgender people, said this is a new civil rights law that helps many transgender people lead safe and more productive lives. They argued that transgender individuals still face the threat of discrimination in many public accommodations. They noted that under prior Massachusetts law, there was no protection ensuring that transgender people cannot be turned away from a restroom, locker room, hotel, restaurant, retail store and many other places simply because they are transgender.

Opponents said the privacy rights of children matter and asked how youngsters might react to a transgender classmate using the same bathroom. They argued that bathroom and locker room use should be based on the gender on one’s birth certificate, not on an inner sense of feeling or expression. They said that male predators could use this law as cover to excuse their presence in women-only spaces.

Opponents have gathered the necessary signatures to put the law on the 2018 ballot and let voters decide whether to repeal it or not.

The Senate did not have a roll call on the final version of the law. The Senate roll call listed is on an earlier version.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

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 28-December 2, the House met for a total of one hour and 30 minutes while the Senate met for a total of four hours and 57 minutes.

Mon. November 28 House 10:59 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Senate 11:08 a.m. to 3:23 p.m.

Tues. November 29 No House session
No Senate session

Wed. November 30 No House session
No Senate session

Thurs. December 1 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:49 a.m.

Fri. December 2 No House session
No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
80 Hinckley St	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Cottage	20	\$550,000	\$620,000
49 Hinckley Street	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Colonial	7	\$685,000	\$750,000
26 Warwick Street U:3	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Contemporary	33	\$949,900	\$1,010,000
146 Powder House Blvd	11 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	81	\$999,900	\$950,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
50 Florence St U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	6	\$299,900	\$370,000
60 Bow St U:B	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	19	\$349,000	\$346,000
70 Park St U:31	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	28	\$360,000	\$359,845
301 Lowell Street U:34	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	17	\$375,000	\$396,000
42 Putnam St U:1	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$395,000	\$410,000
77 Liberty Ave U:3	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	19	\$449,900	\$446,000
119 Heath Street U:2	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	30	\$450,000	\$455,000
60 Fairfax U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$469,000	\$530,000
103 Pennsylvania Ave U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	38	\$475,000	\$475,000
13 Linden St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	27	\$475,000	\$465,000
15 Belmont Street U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$489,000	\$550,000
18 Everett Ave U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	102	\$519,000	\$495,000
92 Concord Avenue U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$530,000	\$565,000
72 Lexington Avenue U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	26	\$550,000	\$550,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
365-367 Alewife Brook Pkwy	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	34	\$725,000	\$727,000
18-20 Illinois Ave	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	142	\$790,000	\$775,000
12 Marion St	2 unit, 9 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	15	\$799,000	\$815,000
77 Walnut St	3 unit, 12 total room, 4 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$869,000	\$900,000
18 Sycamore Street	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	78	\$875,000	\$835,000
18 Munroe St	2 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	17	\$1,100,000	\$1,035,000

Tufts fraternity activities put on hold

By Jim Clark

Claims of sexual misconduct and inappropriate hazing at Tufts University fraternities have caused school administrators to call a halt to all social activities among fraternity members for the time being.

An article published in last month's Tufts Observer detailed a student's experiences while being "rushed" through an unnamed fraternity's initiation process.

The student claimed that he was subjected to humiliating hazing practices and has personal knowledge of sexual abuse by fraternity members against female students as well as women who are not students at Tufts.

James M. Glaser, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and Jianmin Qu, Dean of the School of Engineering issued an announcement last Friday regarding the student's allegations. The announcement reads as follows: "Dear Members of the Medford/Somerville Campus Community:

We are writing today to provide an update about the University's ongoing response to very serious concerns that have been raised about the climate of our fraternity system.

As we reported in our community message on November 8,



the Dean of Student Affairs Office, Office of Equal Opportunity, and the Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) have launched multiple investigations of several Greek organizations. The University continues its investigations into these organizations and a number of separate reports that have been received by the Dean of Student Affairs Office and Office of Equal Opportunity regarding incidents of hazing and/or sexual misconduct. Four fraternities have been issued Cease and Desist orders pending the outcome of these investigations. Tufts takes any report of hazing or sexual misconduct very seriously, and any person wishing to report activity that may be unethical, inappropriate, or illegal may do so by contacting the Dean of

Student Affairs Office, Office of Equal Opportunity, or TUPD. A report may also be filed anonymously via EthicsPoint.

At this time, all social activity by all fraternities has been suspended. The InterFraternity council took this action voluntarily on November 16, and the University affirmed their decision on November 18. The Panhellenic and InterFraternity councils have also voluntarily cancelled recruitment for fraternities and sororities for Spring 2017, a decision actively supported by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Student Affairs. (This decision does not impact city-wide recruiting for Multicultural Greek organizations (MGCs).) In addition, all fraternities are being required to participate

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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

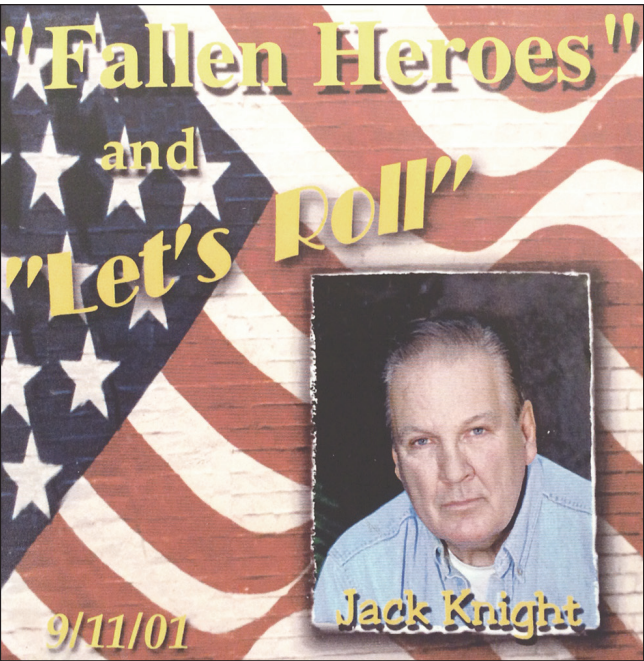


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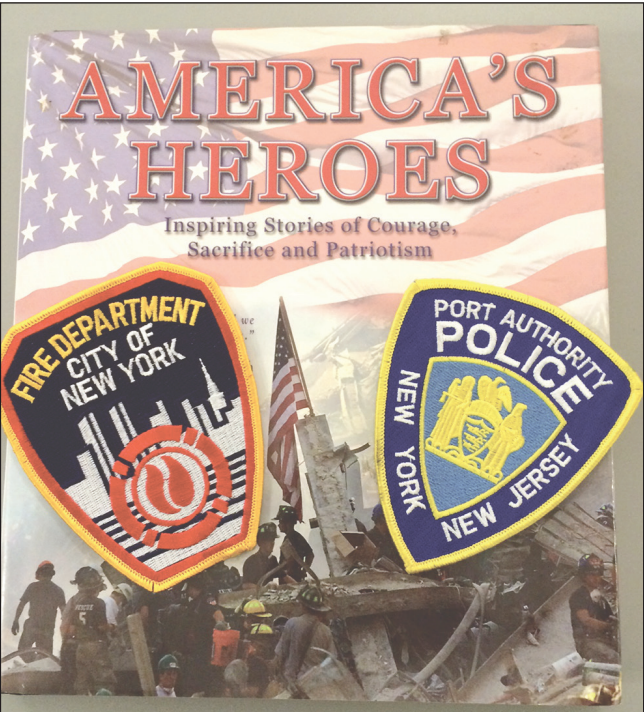
By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Hollywood actor Jack Knight was born and raised in Somerville. To chronicle him, the following words would fit: resourceful, multifaceted, variable, flexible, adaptable, adjustable, or in short, an all-around good guy, a Somerville "knight" in shining armor. He attended her schools, including Somerville High School, the former Southern Junior High, and the Saint Therese Of The Little Flower School in East Somerville. It was here where he immersed himself in acting and basketball.



He continued with these pursuits and a myriad of other school activities including a radio show while at the University of Massachusetts and at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. After serving in the Army and juggling half a dozen jobs on and off the stage in New York, he and his young family moved to Los Angeles.

Not long after arriving in California, Hollywood began to notice Jack's many talents in acting, music, humor, speaking and sports. He excelled in them all and won the admiration of the town. Dozens of product advertisers made him a familiar face. One of his ads opened the 1974 Super Bowl. He was master of ceremony at many prominent nightclubs and Hollywood events while honing his acting abilities.



Through the years, this won him parts in scores of notable television shows and films. He was a guest on *The Johnny Carson Show* twice, and he was regularly seen on *Cheers*. A sampling of the movies in

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Somerville Redevelopment Authority seeking new member

By Tom Bannister

The Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA), which is tasked with implementation of the city's urban renewal plans, is seeking applicants to fill a current vacancy on the five-member board.

In recent years, the SRA has been instrumental in the success of the transit-oriented redevelopment of Assembly Row as well as progress on the Union Square Revitalization Plan. Among other duties, as provided under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 121B, the SRA is vested with the legal authority to declare that an area is substandard, decadent, and/or blighted and thus eligible for urban renewal. The law further grants the SRA the authority to



prepare an urban renewal plan for the redevelopment of designated areas and to implement the goals of that plan.

Ideal candidates must be Somerville residents and will have experience in any or all of the following fields: community planning, public transportation, transit-oriented development, real estate development, housing or financial services, and design and architecture. Members meet monthly and serve staggered terms of five years each or may

serve a shorter period if the appointment is for the balance of an unfulfilled term of a prior member. This position will complete an existing term that runs through Sept. 12, 2019.

Four of the SRA's five members are appointed by the mayor and one is appointed by the governor. The current vacancy is for a mayoral appointment. Interested applicants are invited to send a statement of interest and resume to planning@somervillema.gov by close of business on Thursday, December 22.

BOA special meeting

By Donald Norton

On Tuesday night the Board of Alderman Committee of the Whole special meeting was very enlightening regarding the taxation ramifications regarding various monies the city will need to come up with, mainly for the GLX project.

All concerned residents of the city should turn up at the Board of Alderman meeting this Thursday evening and listen to what the cost factors are and how much money the city will need for various projects here in Somerville.

Alderman at Large Bill White, who is the President of the Board, showed why he is as good as everyone knows he is. He not only ran the meeting, but also listened to various people from the Mayor's Office, as well as the Assessor's Office, present details on cost factors for taxpayers over the coming years. Tune in to channel 22 (on Comcast) or watch online at 7:00p.m. this Thursday night, December 8.

Thanks to Alderman White and the Board as a whole for making it simple so that everyone can learn about the impact these various items will have over the coming years.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I'm writing to urge the Board of Aldermen to approve Somerville's \$50 million funding of the Green Line Extension. Financial analysis of the bond issue is complex, and I can't begin to offer an opinion on it. I think we have to have faith that our city and legislative delegation have negotiated the best deal that we get in order to have the GLX go forward. We need to remember that there are some in the Baker Administration which

would be extremely happy to cancel the project using our indecision or lack of approval of this as an excuse.

So rather than going over all that I just want to remind people of the incredible benefits that would come from the extension of the Green Line. We all know how central the GLX is to current economic development in Union Square, and in the future for Inner Belt and Brickbottom.

There are also the important

quality of life improvements for the 60% of our city that would be, now, within a half mile of the Green Line—this means they have much better access to work, to classes, to medical care, to recreation. It is a life-changing thing when people get an extra half-hour in their day to do whatever they want with.

The GLX will act as a stimulus for current businesses, critical in places like Union Square and Magoun Square – and even to

some extent Ball Square -- that don't have enough daytime population. With the GLX they'll have frequent easy access over light rail.

It also will bring vital environmental and public health benefits – after all, the starting point of this project was to improve air quality. Using light rail also encourages healthier lifestyles with less driving and more walking and biking

Finally, there will be direct benefits in terms of local jobs, right

away in construction, and long-term jobs from the development that will be stimulated.

So please, don't kill this project. It's the Board's duty to look hard at the bond proposal, but in the end I think you have to find a way to go ahead and approve this funding. It's really now or never.

Jim McGinnis
Member STEP, Union Square
Main Streets and Union Square
Neighbors

Somerville: We Can Succeed Together

2016 has been a trying year for everyone. This year has seen an alarming escalation of hate crimes and speech, the outbreak of viruses and terrorist attacks, not to mention the most divisive U.S. presidential election in living memory. And if this weren't enough, our families' lives keep plowing along, unearthing new complexities as they go.

Right now, we may be turning

inward toward our families for the holidays, ready to shed a heavy mantle of concerns, ready to blind ourselves with visions of sugarplums to the constant cry for attention and support that the world needs from us. As a board member for the Somerville Community Corporation, I'm reaching out to you today to make a case for finding strength and solace in our families this holiday season – and finding solace and strength in our larger community.

Somerville is a better place, because we work together. In the past year, a Somerville Community Corporation-led organizing campaign won an increase in inclusionary zoning to 20% — a tremendous policy victory that will bring more affordable housing to new development. New affordable housing stock has been made available, and dozens of our neighbors who face barriers to employment have been connected to local jobs.

Consider that nothing count-

ers the anxiety of modern living quite like the warmth and the comfort of giving within your community. It is hard to feel that the collective "WE" is collapsing when you give to the people you love. In fact, it is well documented that charitable contributions have both physiological and emotional benefits to the giver.

And, thanks to the Commonwealth's Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) program, you can do good and do well by donating to community devel-

opment corporations like SCC. This program provides a 50% state tax credit and a federal tax deduction. So, for example, if you donate \$1,000, the true cost to you is \$325.00. Where else is the ROI 70%?

Remember, we're all in this together. By individually acting with a communal heart, we can emerge a better society.

Thank you,
Stephanie Toews Moeling
SCC Board Member since 2009

Stories Retold – An Evening of Play at the Kennedy School

Somerville Arts for Youth and the Kennedy School Drama Club present *Stories Retold – an evening of play* on Friday, December 9 at the Kennedy School Cafetorium, 5 Cherry Street. The performance is open to the public. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and curtain call is at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include *Theatre Games* by the K-1 Ensemble directed by Bridget Frey, *From Shakespeare with Love?* by Jonathan Dorf directed by Valerie Farley and Tristan Brown-Vazquez, and *Lost and Found* by the 2-5 Ensemble directed by Michelle Finston.

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Can't go solar? Have solar and want to do more? Save money and stay warm this winter by signing up for a no-cost Mass Save® Home Energy Assessment at www.somervillema.gov/sustainaville/residential-programs.

COMMENTARY

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at this month's notable city data.

8: That's the percent of Somerville High School students who reported taking part in binge alcohol use (consuming 5 or more drinks in a row within a couple hours) on a recent Youth Risk Behavior Survey administered by the Massachusetts Department of Education. While

this figure shows a significant decline from the 21 percent of students who reported binge drinking to the same degree in 2006, it proves there is still work to be done to ensure our youth are engaging in safe and productive behavior.

19: That's the average number of package thefts reported between Thanksgiving and Christmas during each of the past two years. This figure represents 25 percent of the yearly total reported package thefts. But the actual number of package thefts is possibly higher as Somerville Police suspect that not all thefts are reported because some people may think wrongly that nothing can be done. However, in the past our

police department has been able make some arrests and recover some of the stolen items. You should take necessary precautions to avoid package theft altogether like providing specific delivery instructions to your shipper, requesting that your carrier hold your packages at their facility, or having your package delivered to a place where someone is usually around to bring it inside immediately. But if you do have a package stolen, it's important to report the theft to the Somerville Police Department so that they can track the theft and make an attempt to recover the items. For more tips on reducing package thefts, visit <http://bit.ly/PackageTips>.

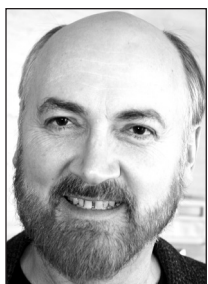
40,874: That's the number of Somerville residents who voted in last month's Presidential election, meaning we surpassed our 2012 Presidential election voter turnout of 72.36 percent. With our 12 days of early voting and usual Election Day polling places, 75.19 percent of registered Somerville voters headed out to the polls this year. That puts us right on par with the Commonwealth as a whole, which reported and overall 75 percent turnout, and well ahead of national turnout, which was 58 percent. Now that the voting is done, it's time to stay involved in your community, your state, and your nation to ensure you can help shape your government and

your future.

1,260: That's the approximate total number of people who go on the Somerville Arts Council's 36 Illumination Tours each year. This year's Illumination Tour date is set for Saturday, December 17, from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m., and tickets are on sale now. Come join us as we take a trolley through the City and admire the transformation of our neighbors' yards to displays of bright lights and festive décor. Tours are available in both East Somerville and West Somerville, and coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies will be served. For more information on how to purchase tickets, visit <http://somervilleartscouncil.org/illuminationtour>.

A one-eyed view of how we got here

Part 2: How Donald's identity politics trumped Hillary's



By William C. Shelton

A narrative gaining credence is that Donald Trump's victory represents the triumph of his economic populism over Hillary Clinton's identity politics. A more accurate reading, I think, is that Donald Trump could not have succeeded without allying economic populism with 48 years of Republican identity politics.

Over that period, Republicans represented their political gains as the result of promoting more persuasive ideas. In fact, their ideas were always disproven by reality.

Tax cuts on the wealthy did not produce sustainable economic growth. Trade deals rewarded participating countries' elites while their poor and working people grew poorer. Disinvestment from infrastructure, research, and education crippled our economic vitality. Deregulation led directly to the great recession.

The driving force behind Republican gains was the cultivation and manipulation of identities, beginning with the Nixon southern strategy's po-

litical realignment of the former Confederacy. Ronald Reagan continued it, launching his presidential campaign in Neshoba County, Mississippi, where White racists had murdered three civil rights workers. His message and its intended audience were unmistakable.

Newt Gingrich's vaunted "contract with America" had little to do with his successful campaign to retake the House of Representatives in 1994. His strategy was identity politics.

Beginning in 1990, his GOP Action Committee had instructed its network to memorize a list of "optimistic positive governing words" such as "common sense," "freedom" and "principled" to describe Republicans, and a list of such "contrasting words" as "excuses," "pathetic" and "stagnation" to disparage Democrats.

Over the ensuing decades the GOP was able to elaborate and proliferate this strategy through an expanding system of political operatives, fundraising operations, friendly evangelical leaders, and media demagogues. Trump became the Republican nominee because his sixteen competitors competed on ideological purity, while he manipulated identity.

Meanwhile, the Democratic establishment increasingly made identity-based appeals to African American, Latino, LGBTQ, and women voters, while collaborating on policies that in-

creased economic hardship for working Americans, regardless of their identity.

Although Democrats controlled the presidency for sixteen of the last twenty-four years, and both houses of Congress for four of them, living-wage jobs gradually disappeared. Median family incomes declined. Housing, healthcare and education costs steadily increased. Life expectancy among White working-class men decreased.

The local institutions in which people find wholeness continued to fall apart as well. As I suggested in Part 1, when extended families disintegrate, communities unravel, and patriotism becomes less credible, humans need something to fill the identity vacuum.

The Republican network was there to coalesce into shared identity the bitterness shared by White rural and working people who felt economically and culturally abandoned. Once identity crystalizes, facts become much less important.

"Identity" in this case means a set of mutually reinforcing ideas about who people like us are, and who those not like us are. Trump appealed to voters who see themselves as honest and hardworking, but who are ignored, disrespected, and denied what is rightfully theirs.

Many of them feel that their faith is being ridiculed as well. And Democrats like Barak

Obama and Hillary Clinton, who themselves rejected gay marriage five years ago, play into this when they squander substantial political capital on matters like restroom fights.

Identity politics are indispensable to empowering oppressed groups. But they are less helpful in establishing common cause and common purpose across an electorate whose essential needs and hopes have much more in common than they have differences.

And they are counterproductive when key groups are excluded, especially in an age of declining motivation and opportunity to experience empathy. Hillary Clinton's campaign appearances involved a series of shout outs to certain identity groups. The absence of white working voters in this political bonhomie did not go unnoticed by them.

Sadly and ironically, this celebration of "minority groups" reinforced perceptions nurtured by right-wing media. The narrative is something like, "As hard as we work, and as virtuous as we are, it gets harder to make ends meet, while government is generous to people who are less deserving." This resonates with popular-culture depictions (dominating a more problematic reality) suggesting that the lives of minority group members have been steadily improving.

Many liberals wonder how two-thirds of White voters

without college degrees could vote for a party whose policies are inimical to their wellbeing. And why 80 percent of white evangelicals

voted for a candidate whose every behavior was the opposite of what Jesus taught us.

They didn't vote their faith. They voted their identity.

Their hatred for "government" is not based on Republican small-government philosophy, but on the certainty that government doesn't deserve our money and allegiance because it doesn't respect us and take care of us—a more liberal attitude. Some portion of the bitterness is, indeed, about race. But its potency comes from lived conditions.

Those conditions were the focus of Donald Trump's and Bernie Sanders' campaigns, while Hillary Clinton's campaign lacked focus. With Sanders' departure, Trump became their personal messenger.

Exit polls reported that 25 percent of Trump voters believed that he is unfit to be president. Filmmaker and Michigan native Michael Moore explained this seeming contradiction when he predicted Trump's victory: "He is the human Molotov cocktail that they've been waiting for, the human hand grenade that they can legally throw into the system that stole their lives from them." Trump's "fitness" didn't matter.

Advancing the "arc of the moral universe" that *Continued on page 16*

COMMENTARY

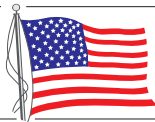
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville joins together to usher in the holiday season.

Our View Of The Times



It’s been an interesting year in politics and social discourse, to say the least.

The City of Somerville is certainly one classic example of strong, good-hearted people having the capacity to set aside fundamental ideological differences for the sake of securing the community.

With the holiday season in full swing, events such as the city Christmas Tree

lighting symbolically serve as a reminder that we are indeed a cohesive community, with our common hopes, fears, ambitions and objectives.

Looking into the joyful face of a child filled with wonder as the lights are brightened fills us with a sense of resolve that we will persevere and protect our own. That the most important thing we can do

as responsible citizens is to make certain that our future is safe and secure as we launch into the future.

Later in the month, we can look forward to similar seasonal traditions such as the Somerville Arts Council’s Illuminations Tour beginning on the 17th, when tour guides lead trolleys past some of the city’s most spectacular displays of holi-

day lights, while the ceremonial Menorah Lighting will be taking place on the 24th, in celebration of Hanukkah.

We love our holiday season anyway, but in troubling times we tend to become a little more appreciative of our traditions and the stabilizing force they provide us.

In many ways, this year’s observance is no different than others. Thankfully.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil & Energy.

Don’t forget to park on the **EVEN** side of the street this winter during snow emergencies. The **Board of Aldermen** voted to alternate every year, and this year it is the **EVEN** side. So scramble to get your spot as soon as they declare. Hopefully, the city won’t be calling any false alarms. **Commissioner Stan Koty** will give the signal when it’s about to snow.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to local well-known celebrity **Nancy (Moccia) Fucile**. She has always had a big smile and hello for all the customers that come into **Victor’s Deli** over the years, always with a positive attitude. We hope she has a great day and week for her birthday. We already saw that her husband **Jason** took her to the Patriots game this past Sunday. Also, happy birthday to a great lady who isn’t from Somerville but is a fan, **Lisa Hastings**. We hope she has a great day for herself. To lifelong resident and popular guy in many circles here in the city, as well as being very involved in the business community, we hope that **Ray Zonghetti** has a great day. Happy birthday to longtime Somerville guy **David**

Bell. We hope he enjoys his birthday. Happy birthday to our very good friend **Bill Murphy** of **Colony RE**. A great guy and someone who knows history here in the city very well and can tell you many stories. Sometimes we go and talk with him and he just makes you laugh over some crazy people here in the city’s past. We hope he has a great day for himself. Happy birthday to **John Jenn** of East Somerville. We hope he has a great day for himself. Last week, little **Samantha “Sam” Carriger** celebrated her birthday and, knowing her parents and family, we bet she was treated to a very special day. We send her our happy birthday greetings as well.

Somerville Rotary is looking for some new members. Rotary is a service club for businesses and local non-profits. Somerville Rotary meets at **12:15 p.m. every Tuesday at the Holiday Inn**. If you’d like to find out more about Rotary and what it does here both in the city and internationally, go to the their website at www.somervillerotary.org.

There’s a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The *Somerville Times* is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Someone

asked online why we keep these two websites in *Newstalk*. We guess it’s because we like them.

A hope-you-get-better to **Lisa Pefine**, who has been ill and in and out of the hospital since May. We hope she has a better Christmas and New Year.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the **Lawrence Rod & Gun Club**. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We’ve been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it’s a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in *Newstalk*. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

It’s that time of year again, when we’re thinking of shoes and boots and much more. Head online to www.shoebuy.com for the best prices and fastest delivery right here in Somerville. We think Shoebuy is great. You go online to order, and within the next couple of days you get them delivered. Go see for yourself the vast inventory they have online for sale.

When you’re home and looking for a place to go out to that is sort of like the Cheers of Somerville, head down to **Sally O’Brien’s** on Somerville Avenue. Different entertainment every single night, from Open Mic to Texas holdem. Don’t forget to order up a cheeseburger. We like Open Mic night – we like watching not participating – but for those hams out there, maybe you’d like to try out your talent.

Speaking of Sally O’Brien’s, their **10th Annual Neighborhood Food Drive** will soon be underway. Bring non-perishable foods for **Somerville Homeless Coalition** to Sally’s December 15–22, 335 Somerville Ave, 617-666-3589.

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2016 Christmas Tree lighting

The annual Christmas Tree lighting started the 2016 holiday festivities on Thursday, December 1, followed by a meet and greet with Santa Claus in the Somerville High School Highlander Café.

Santa was escorted by the Somerville Fire and Police Departments for the ceremony and was available for photos following the tree lighting.

All children attending the ceremony received gifts from Santa. Live entertainment for the event featured the Somerville High School Band and the Somerville Community Chorus.

Following the tree lighting, refreshments were served at SHS, where children were able to meet Santa.





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Photos by Claudia Ferro



SPORTS

Tufts Men’s Soccer wins second NCAA Championship



Junior Tyler Kulcsar flicked in a corner kick by classmate Kevin Halliday in the second overtime giving the Tufts University Men’s Soccer team a 1-0 win over Calvin College in the 2016 NCAA Division III Championship Game at Roanoke College’s Kerr Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Ms. Cam’s

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What has been the commonest name for Popes?

2. Boy George fronted what band?

3. Who succeeded Nixon as President of the USA in 1974?

4. In which state is Fort Knox?

5. Where is the National Tennis Center?

6. Which two Gemini spacecraft had the first rendezvous in space?

7. What type of puzzle

first appeared in New York World in 1913?

8. Who had an 80s No. 1 hit with Centerfold?

9. Crick, Watson and Wilkins determined the structure of what?

10. Which instrument is associated with bandleader Buddy Rich?

11. Who wrote *East Of Eden*?

12. In the 40s and 50s what was tested at Bikini Atoll?

Answers on page 16



The Jingle Bell Run is filling up!



Run or Walk the Marathon Sports “Bill Rodgers Jingle Bell Run” with four time Boston and New York Marathon winner, Boston Billy aka Bill Rodgers on December 18 in Davis Square, Somerville. The Event is 94% filled as of Sunday, December 4. Please see <http://baevents.com/jinglebell/> for more information and to register.

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'Tis the season to be tacky



By Rebecca Danvers

It's that time of year again. Celebrate the holidays at LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston's Ugly Sweater Adult Night at on Wednesday, December 14 from 7:00-9:00 pm. This month, activities will include a holiday-themed build

competition, soft-brick game, Holiday Bricktacular scavenger hunt in MINILAND® and a contest for the best Ugly Sweater. In addition to themed activities, guests will also be able to enjoy the two rides, Ninjago Training Camp, watch a 4D movie and explore MINILAND®, a mini-version of Boston land-

marks all made out of LEGO® bricks. Plus this is your last chance to check out the intergalactic Space Mission build area. The area will be closing on January 3 to make room for a new themed build area opening early next year. Attendees can bring in a canned good or donate to Merlin's Mag-

ic Wand, LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston's charity that benefits children in need, and receive a special raffle ticket for an exclusive LEGO® prize. Tickets: Online and Walk-up price: \$23. More info: <https://www.legolanddiscoverycenter.com/boston/news-events/event/13897/>

adult-night-ugly-sweater-party.aspx. Location: LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston, 598 Assembly Row, Somerville, MA 02145 Phone: (866) 228-6439 Website: <https://www.legolanddiscoverycenter.com/boston>.

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which he acted includes *L.A. Confidential*, *Moneyball*, and *Catch Me If You Can*. His television appearances include *Cold Case*, *Spin City*, *NYPD*, *The Magnificent Seven*, and *Law & Order*. Jack loved all sports, and in his youth he shined on Somerville High School's basketball team. When he wasn't acting, singing, or entertaining, he played softball with some of the greatest players. He became a championship softball pitcher, and for fifteen years he played with the world-famous, four-man softball team, "The King And His Court." Seventy- five years ago this week, on December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese, launching America into World War II. It was declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to be "A day which will live in infamy." Fifteen years ago this year on September 11, 2001, The World Trade Center was destroyed. It took the lives of 343 firefighters, 60 police officers, and almost 3,000 civilians and launched America into the Persian Gulf Wars. These two devastating attacks on our soil left all of us with a sense of shock and hopelessness. Like everyone else after 9/11, Jack Knight took the attack personally. Firemen and policemen ran in his family. His remedy was to help in the only way he knew how. He tried to quell the grief of the first responders by joining them and volunteering his support. He produced some inspirational ballads and



sang them from Los Angeles to New York. He visited firehouses and police stations throughout the nation. This odyssey covered over 20,000 miles across forty-eight states and Canada. The journey ended at Ground Zero with his singing at a memorial service with over 1,000 firefighters in attendance. Today, when not acting, he helps lead the charge with an organization called Operation Gratitude founded by Carolyn Blashek after 9/11. This group now sends over 150,000 care packages annually to thank American servicemen and women stationed around the world. Jack is their beloved volunteer "knight."

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by: Gregory & Paris Barker to demolish the c.1874 wood frame barn & 1921 wood garage at 9 Sunny-side Avenue.

The subject of the hearing will be reviews of the initial determinations by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structures are 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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The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street, Somerville) regarding the proposal to create the Harvard Hill Local Historic District (LHD), pursuant to requirements outlined in M.G.L. Chapter 40C.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow for public comment with regard to creating this district. For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@somervillema.gov.

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| 2. Culture Club | 8. The J. Geils Band |
| 3. Ford | 9. DNA |
| 4. Kentucky | 10. Drums |
| 5. Flushing Meadow New York | 11. John Steinbeck |
| 6. Gemini 6 and 7 | 12. Hydrogen bomb |

Applicants sought for Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change

Mayor Curtatone is seeking applications from Somerville residents to serve on the Mayor's Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change (CEUCC). The CEUCC advises the City and the Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Environment on climate change and energy policy issues and assists the City in program design and outreach related to these topics.

In the past, the Commission has advised the City on a number of topics, including energy performance of city buildings, the Residential Energy Efficiency Program, community choice aggregation of electricity, and residential solar. Commission members will advise the City on upcoming sustainability initiatives including the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts, innovative approaches to energy efficiency, and community outreach and education on climate change and energy. The CEUCC typically meets monthly at on the second Wednesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Tufts Administration Building located at 167 Holland Street.

The CEUCC is composed of seven Somerville residents and one City staff member who serves as an ex-officio member. Appointments are for a period of three years. The City seeks Somerville residents with a background in energy, climate change, and community outreach to apply by submitting a resume and a letter of interest that specifies the applicant's relevant background and purpose for serving on the CEUCC. While the CEUCC principally provides technical and policy advice to the City, members of the community with an interest in sustainability and experience in community engagement are encouraged to apply.

Applicants are encouraged to attend one or more CEUCC meetings prior to submitting a letter of interest. The next two meetings are scheduled for December 7, 2016, and January 11, 2017. Please submit a letter of interest by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on January 31, 2017, by email to Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Director of Sustainability & Environment, at ogarcia@somervillema.gov.



Tufts fraternity activities put on hold

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in a sexual misconduct prevention training with Tufts CARE Office, an alcohol education session with the office of Health Promotion and Prevention, and a training with a national hazing prevention expert. These preliminary steps do not preclude further appropriate action being taken by the University, but have been implemented as interim measures pending the outcome of the current investigations.

We encourage those who may have been affected by these allegations, reports, or issues to take advantage of resources available at the University and in their local communities. Students in need of confidential support are encouraged to contact the University Chaplaincy, the CARE Office, and Tufts Counseling and Mental Health Services. Faculty and staff may contact the Tufts University Chaplaincy or the Tufts

Employee Assistance Program.

We take these allegations, and all others like them, extremely seriously at Tufts, and we will continue to keep the community informed about the University's response."

All fraternities at Tufts are to undergo training in alcohol education, sexual misconduct prevention, and hazing prevention as a prerequisite to lifting the suspension of activities within the fraternal groups.

A one-eyed view of how we got here

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Martin Luther King spoke of must always include supporting the struggles of oppressed people. But we are most successful at that when we show, through word and deed, how those struggles are inseparably linked to the wellbeing of us all.

King's movement was successful

because he appealed not only to African Americans' particularistic concerns, but to the truth that we, as Americans, are better than Jim Crow. He came to understand that the struggle for justice ultimately turned on class, and he died as a leader in a labor dispute.

By abandoning working people over the last 35 years, the Democratic Party lost its ability to mobilize citizens based on class grievances. So mobilization around identity grievances became the best, though inadequate, alternative. That's the subject of the next column in this series.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invite all interested community members to the second in a series of community meetings to discuss planned renovations to the schoolyard at the Winter Hill Community Innovation School (WHCIS). The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 7, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., in the WHCIS cafeteria.** The first phase of the project will include the addition of a playing

field, and the meeting will focus on discussions for phase 1 plans and timelines. For more information, please contact **Luisa Oliveira** at LOliveira@somervillema.gov.

Come in from the cold with the **Somerville Garden Club's** next meeting on **Wednesday, December 14** and watch excerpts from *A Man Named Pearl*, an uplifting documentary about **Pearl Fryar**, a self-taught topiary artist who creates an award-winning garden for his community to enjoy. Club members will also talk about pho-

tos they have taken of local garden topiary in the Somerville/Cambridge area. As always, there will also be a chance for gardening questions and raffle. All Somerville Garden Club meetings are free and open to the public. **7:00-9:00 p.m.** There will be light refreshments served. Meetings are held the at the **Tufts Administration Building, (TAB), 167 Holland Street**, second floor, wheelchair accessible. Parking is available, and the building is a ten-minute walk from the Davis Square MBTA stop.

5 things to know about elder self-neglect

By Colleen Morrissey

If you're coming home for the holidays and visiting parents or older family members, you might notice changes in their behavior or living conditions. You might observe a decline in housekeeping, for example, or significant weight loss, or maybe a failure to take medications as prescribed.

These could be signs of self-neglect – the failure or refusal of an independent older adult to provide one or more of the necessities essential to their own physical wellbeing. So what to do?

Self-neglect is a fairly common problem, and it's one that's best approached tactfully. The social workers and case managers at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) are experienced at navigating these sometimes treacherous waters, and offered the following advice on detecting and addressing self-neglect:

1. Notice the signs. Inadequate food, clothing, or shelter; inattention to personal care; mismanagement of finances, including unpaid bills; and behavioral changes such as wandering or unsafe driving may be indicators of self-neglect.

2. Discuss it with the per-

son directly. It might be hard to broach the subject, but try to voice your concerns gently, while keeping an open mind to the other person's point of view. Keep in mind that this kind of feedback can be hard to hear.

3. Listen to what they have to say. Be patient, and validate their concerns. Remember, it's ultimately the older adult's decision to accept or decline assistance, and that they may be less willing to hear your concerns and suggestions if you don't listen to them first.

4. Call for help. If you're concerned about an older adult's safety, contact Protective Services (PS). PS is designed to eliminate or alleviate abuse, neglect, self-neglect and exploitation of older adults. If your concern meets PS guidelines, a social worker will meet with the older adult to figure out what's going on and how they can help. The social worker's role is to advocate for the older adult's rights while trying to make their situation safer.

5. Formulate a care plan. There are many kinds of services out there that can help, if the person is open to them. Aging Services Access Points (such as SCES) offer services like help with personal care, cleaning

and grocery shopping, often at subsidized rates. Consider starting with less intrusive services first, like home-delivered meals (commonly known as Meals On Wheels) or personal emergency response devices (like Lifeline) and slowly building from there.

Depending on the circumstances, it may also make sense to hire an Aging Life Care Manager to assess the person's needs. Often a nurse or social worker, Aging Life Care Managers handle conversations with older adults around accepting help. They work at the older adult's pace and around his or her interests, in order to build trust and to ensure that the older adult's needs are met on an ongoing basis.

Still have questions about self-neglect or programs that can help? Call the SCES Aging Information Center during business hours at 617-628-2601 to receive free advice and guidance, or submit your questions through the Request Information page at eldercare.org.

It probably bears repeating that tact is crucial here. If an adult is competent to make their own decisions, it is their right to refuse help. Just remember that you are on the same side, and that SCES is here to help, if you



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have questions.

SCES offers Aging Life Care Manager services through the Community Living Options program. For more information, call 617-756-1026 or click the 'Private Pay' tab at eldercare.org. Established in 1972, Somerville-Cambridge El-

der Services is a private, non-profit agency dedicated to improving the quality of life and maintaining the dignity and independence of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information about SCES, visit eldercare.org or follow SCES on Facebook and Twitter.

'The Beatles: Eight Days a Week – The Touring Years'

Review by Kate Douglas

From the band's own commercial films to the countless documentaries and exposés that already exist, it's hard to imagine that there isn't an angle of The Beatles that hasn't been shown to audiences yet, but Ron Howard's *The Beatles: Eight Days a Week - The Touring Years* somehow manages to show the world's most popular band through fresh eyes. The film is a wonderful mix of new and archived interviews from the four band members, perspectives from those who worked with the band, celebrities offering their personal anecdotes, and never-before-seen footage from Beatles' shows. It's not just a trip down memory lane for tried and true fans, even for those who lived through the band's touring years. Howard manages to intertwine old footage with fresh narratives to create a new lens with which to examine Paul, John, Ringo, and George – and the men important to their success, Brian Epstein and Sir George Martin.

There's a wonderful moment in the film in which notorious Beatles manager Epstein is seen just off stage at one of the band's American stadium concerts, bobbing his head to the music. It's an illuminating moment in which the audience is allowed to pull back the curtain and experience these men in an entirely new way.

Eight Days a Week is a brilliant film as a rock-doc alone, but also as a historical piece. The film touches upon how the band experienced and interacted with the hot button issues of the time, from the band's refusal to perform for segregated audiences when they brought their tour to America to the ill-spoken "more popular than Jesus" remark.

Just as The Beatles themselves were able to weave together culture with counterculture, black with white, and male with female, Howard's film knits a complex narrative that connects the band to history and humanity. It's certainly worth a watch.

Kate Douglas is a local writer and aspiring filmmaker. A transplant to New England, Kate grew up in North Florida and graduated from Florida State University.



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|December 7

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

Central Library
Somerville Positive Forces
1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|December 8

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

Central Library
TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting
2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Teen Advisory Board Meeting
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library
Lego Club
3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library
Somerville Cares About Prevention
Quarterly Meeting
5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday|December 9

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

Central Library
TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting
3 p.m.-5 p.m.|798 Highland Ave

Saturday|December 10

Central Library
Origami with Arline Young
11 a.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|December 12

Central Library
Sing Along with Jeremy Lyons
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Creative Drama with Laurie
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|December 13

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 13-15
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Central Library
Somerville High School Anime Club
2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Central Library
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The A-Beez – Funk & Soul
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night
Grateful Dead Residency|8 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill
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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Young Friends of PPLM Big Bash
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Return of The Winemaker
7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

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

Thursday|December 8

Sally O'Brien's
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Wallace Trio|8 p.m.
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The Burren
Front Room
Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm
Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm
Backroom Series: Rebetoparea|7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
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Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Thunder Road
The New Review (Soul/Funk)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Return of The Winemaker
7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory
Beantown BECA Bash
7 p.m.|Café
SBN's 15TH Annual Winter Gala
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Friday|December 9

Sally O'Brien's
Johnny Come Latelies |6 p.m.
WEMF+HearNowLive present Chris
Wagner, Milu Wetsuit, Alternate
Weekends \$10 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series:
Ruth Rappaport CD Release |7 p.m.
Ripcord|10 p.m.
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Alternate Weekends
Silent Wild
Boketto the Wolf
Drew Angus
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
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On The Hill Tavern
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Bull McCabe's
TBA
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Thunder Road
Los Fletcheros (Pop/Rock)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Consider the Source
David Fiuczynski, The Rupert Selection
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Return of The Winemaker|7 p.m.
Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet
10 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Femme Nouveau 2016
6 p.m.|Performance Hall
Young Fiddlers' Workshop Series -
Boston Scottish Fiddle Club
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|December 10

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.
Glass Mannequins CD release with
Atlas Lab, This Bliss, DJ Qwill \$10
cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room:
Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.
The BagBoys|5 p.m.
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday
Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast
8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Lunchtime Concert Series|3 p.m..
Backroom: New England Irish Harp
Orchestra|7 p.m.
Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Delaney Silvernell|4 p.m.
the Elab NayR Sextet
Falcon's Bandits
Birdwatching|8 p.m.
Back Door Key
Ellen & The Degenerates
Sketchy
The Runouts
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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

Bull McCabe's
TBA
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

Thunder Road
Kids' Union Dance Party! |3 p.m.
Six Fox Whiskey (Folk/Rock) 8 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Return of The Winemaker|7 p.m.
Dirty Disney|10 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Weird Folk Fest
6 p.m.|Café
Holiday Pops by Cambridge Symphony
Orchestra
8 p.m.| Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|December 11

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters
|6 p.m.
John DeCarlo & Company|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m.
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.
Back Room
The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday
Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast
8am - 2:30pm
The 2nd Annual Jeff Berlin Fundraiser
Benefitting|3 p.m.-4 p.m.
Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

Thunder Road
Pop Icon "Stop Draggin My Brunch
Around" Stevie Nicks Brunch w/ DJ

Brian Halligan|10 a.m.
Americana Sundays Presents "Wild-
flowers" by Tom Petty|7 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Todd Carey
Walk & Talk
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Return of The Winemaker|3 p.m.
You're The Expert|8 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Local First - Holiday
Market
10 a.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hall
Jammin' with The Elderberries
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|December 12

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy
Conquerors reggae|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.
Back Room: Science by the Pint
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Density Soulcase & Open Mic
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Thunder Road
The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets
Monday Night Series
7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Toddlerbilly Taco Takeover|5 p.m.
The Villenelles|7 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

Tuesday|December 13

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Brazen Invasion Tuesday residency|7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/
Jazz|8:30 p.m.
Back Room:
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge
Open Mic Night
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Thunder Road
Thunder & Lightening Sessions Featuring
Paul Yu & Jillian Gilpatrick Trio
7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Wednesday|December 14

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
Sally O'Brien's 10th Annual Neighborhood
Food Drive! Bring non-perishable foods for
Somerville Homeless Coalition to Sally's
12/15 thru 12/22.

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Backroom Series:
Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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2DV and friends
Ten Dollar Mistake
345 Somerville Ave

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub
The A-Beez – Funk & Soul
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night
Grateful Dead Residency|8 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen
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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
The Moth: True Stories Told Live
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Return of The Winemaker
7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory
Been Out Here Teen Open Mic
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|December 7

Central Library
Income Inequality Reading Group
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Memoir Writing Workshop with Judah
Leblang
7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|December 8

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 Ave

East Branch Library
Drop in Knitting at the East Branch
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway
First Church Somerville
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step
program for people with problems
with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30
p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).
For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday|December 10

Central Library
Lacan Reading Group
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Art Reception for Somerville re Documented
12:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Somerville Winters Farmer Market
9:30 a.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 11

Central Library
Art Reception for Somerville re Documented
1 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Monday|December 12

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

Tuesday|December 13

Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Friends of the Somerville Public
Library Board Meeting
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|December 14

Central Library
Library Staff Scheduling Meeting
3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

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

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

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors – The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 to request an application. Don’t delay calling. This program is on a first come / first serve basis and will be ending December 31, 2016. This is a Federally funded grant.

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

New Arts & Crafts Group – Meeting every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Join us as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. We have some pretty amazing ideas already and would love for you to join us. For additional information please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Reminiscing Group – Started on Tuesday, November 15, and running for six weeks at our Holland Street Center. Come and join the fun as we go back in time. If you have any questions or to RSVP please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Winter Wonderland Super Bingo – Friday, December 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$10 fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Limited seating and transportation. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Illumination of Light Tour – Saturday, December 17 – check in is 4:15 at the Somerville High School course. \$5 fee – Hop on the trolley and be amazed at the Holiday lights in Somerville – seating is limited – for more information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Painting with Linda – Fridays, January 27, February 3rd and February 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$15 fee for supplies and materials – space is limited – registration is a must – please call Josephine or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our “Friendly Caller” Program.

The Winter Wonderland Bingo scheduled for Friday, December 9th is SOLD OUT.

The Holiday Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Monday, December 12th is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Yuletide Newport scheduled for Thursday, December 15th is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for Sunday, January 8th to Tuesday, January 10th is SOLD OUT

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group –This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

LGBTQ Wine & Cheese Night – Monday, December 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Daddy Jones Bar located in Magoun Square. For more information or to RSVP please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Deb at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

Bereavement Support Group – Meets bi-monthly on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at Holland Street Center. Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 and ask for Natasha.

STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We’ll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics***

6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise

9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition

12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise

5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January

9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ)

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration
One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

Wednesday, December 7

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Thursday, December 8

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H) (by appointment only)

11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

Indian Head Resort Trip Returns

Friday, December 9

Winter Wonderland Super Bingo
Holland Street

Monday, December 12

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (C)

1:00 Bereavement Support Group (H)

WHYC

Tuesday, December 13

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Reminiscing Group (H)

10:30 Low Vision Group (H)

11:30 Lunch (C, RJ)

11:30 Pizza & Movie (RJ)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday, December 14

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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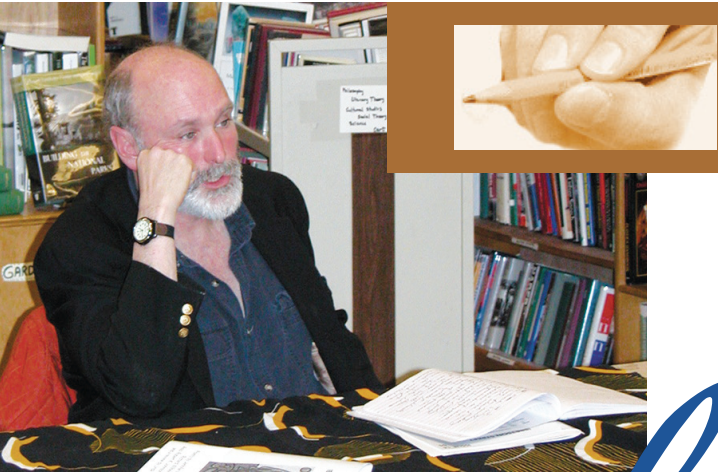
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10:30am	Somerville Good Old Days	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
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7:00pm	Creative Somerville Series	11:00am	Somerville Story Tellers	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30am	Esoteric Science
7:30pm	MAPS on TV	12:00pm	Free Speech TV	10:00am	Aging Well	7:00am	JuPrey Promotions
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	1:00pm	Health is Wealth	10:30am	International Church of God	7:30am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	1:30pm	Aging Well	11:00am	Chef's table Series	8:00am	Chefs table Series
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	12:00pm	Middlesex Senate District Debate	9:00am	Eat well be happy
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	2:30pm	Carven Salsa Dancing	1:00pm	Middlesex Representative District Debate	10:00am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
11:00pm	Warm up Wednesday	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Mass Climate Action Network	10:30am	The Somerville Line
11:30pm	Rare Groove Revolution	4:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Monday's at 9	11:00am	The Thom Hartmann Show
Thursday, December 8		5:00pm	Reeling Review	3:00pm	Infinite Momentum	12:00pm	Aging Well
6:00am	JuPrey Promotions	5:30pm	Somerville Good Old Days	3:30pm	Greater Somerville	1:30pm	Somerville Pundits
7:00am	The Struggle	6:00pm	Words on Film	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	2:00pm	The Struggle
7:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	6:30pm	Finger on the Pulse	5:00pm	Dead Air Live	2:30pm	Health is Wealth
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Beyond Boston	6:00pm	Abugida TV	3:00pm	Taking back your health
9:00am	Esoteric Science	7:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast	7:00pm	African Television Network	3:30pm	Physicians Focus
9:30am	Somerville Pundits	8:00pm	CTBS	8:00pm	Telemagazine	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Dead Air Live	10:00pm	JuPrey Promotions	9:00pm	Cinema Somerville	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Greater Somerville	11:00pm	Grownup Story Time	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	5:30pm	Duck Village Stage
11:30am	Legacies	11:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	11:30pm	Grown Up Story Time	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	Saturday, December 10		Monday, December 12		7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	6:00am	Life matters	6:00am	Health is Wealth	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	6:30am	Eat well be Happy	6:30am	Villain News Network	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
2:00pm	Eat Well be Happy	7:00am	The Folkorist	7:00pm	The Struggle	9:00pm	Mondays at 9
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3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Villain news Network	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Middlesex Senate District Debate
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5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	10:00am	Baystate Biking news		
		9:30am	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Color in your Life		

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Wednesday, December 7		2:00am	Special BOA Meeting on GLX Funding	12:00am	SomerViva nan Kreyol	8:14pm	Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa
9:00am	Rally Point w/ Bryan Bishop	9:00am	SomerViva en Español	12:30am	Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	10:13pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"
9:23am	POW/MIA Flag Raising	9:30am	Rally Point w/ Bryan Bishop	2:30am	Veterans Day 2016	10:32pm	SomerViva en Español
9:35am	Special BOA Meeting on GLX Funding	12:00pm	The Strange Career of General Charles Lee	2:45am	POW/MIA Flag Raising	Tuesday, December 13	
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 12.5.16	12:45pm	POW/MIA Flag Raising	3:00am	SomerViva en Español	12:00am	Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa
3:00pm	SomerViva en Español	12:57pm	Push Ups for Veterans	9:00am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	2:00am	Aldermen at Work - Tony Lafuente
3:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	1:00pm	Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	9:30am	Aldermen at Work - Tony Lafuente	2:30am	SomerViva nan Kreyol
4:00pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	3:00pm	SomerViva en Español	12:00pm	Senior Circuit: Fire Safety In Your Home	9:00am	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
6:30pm	Connecting Communities "New Employees"	6:30pm	Union Sq Community & Benefits Strategy	12:30pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	9:09am	Aldermen at Work - Tony Lafuente
7:00pm	Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	8:03pm	Connecting Communities "New Employees"	12:48pm	POW/MIA Flag Raising	12:00pm	Senior Circuit: Fire Safety In Your Home
9:00pm	Congressional Update	8:32pm	Aldermen at Work - Tony Lafuente	1:00pm	Rally Point w/ Bryan Bishop	12:30pm	Congressional Update
9:31pm	Aldermen at Work - Tony Lafuente	9:01pm	Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	6:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	1:01pm	National Disability Employment Awareness
10:00pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	Saturday, December 10		7:00pm	Senior Circuit: Fire Safety In Your Home	2:43pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner
10:30pm	SomerViva em Português	12:00am	Union Sq Community & Benefits Strategy	7:30pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	3:45pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
Thursday, December 8		1:33am	Congressional Update	8:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Tony Lafuente	6:30pm	Connecting Communities "New Employees"
12:00am	Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	2:04am	Connecting Communities "New Employees"	8:28pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	7:00pm	Senior Circuit: Fire Safety In Your Home
2:00am	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	2:33am	SomerViva em Português	8:38pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 12.8.16	7:30pm	Rally Point w/ Bryan Bishop
2:30am	Rally Point	9:00am	Congressional Update	Monday, December 12		8:00pm	SomerViva em Português
9:00am	Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	9:31am	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	12:00am	Senior Circuit: Fire Safety In Your Home	8:30pm	State Funding for Union Sq. Ceremony
12:00pm	Senior Circuit: Fire Safety In Your Home	12:00pm	National Disability Employment Awareness	12:30am	Domestic Violence Vigil	9:00pm	The Strange Career of General Charles Lee
12:30pm	Rally Point w/ Bryan Bishop	1:42pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	1:09am	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	9:45pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
1:00pm	National Disability Employment Awareness	2:00pm	The Strange Career of General Charles Lee	2:11am	The Strange Career of General Charles Lee	10:13pm	Veterans Day 2016
2:42pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	2:46pm	POW/MIA Flag Raising	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	10:30pm	SomerViva en Español
4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	6:30pm	State Funding for Union Sq. Ceremony	9:00am	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	11:00pm	POW/MIA Flag Raising
7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	6:55pm	Push Ups for Veterans	9:18am	Congressional Update	11:11pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
Friday, December 9		7:00pm	Connecting Communities "New Employees"	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 12.8.16	Wednesday, December 14	
12:00am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	7:30pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	3:00pm	Rally Point w/ Bryan Bishop	12:00am	Senior Circuit: Fire Safety In Your Home
12:30am	The Strange Career of General Charles Lee	7:48pm	Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	3:23pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	12:30am	Connecting Communities "New Employees"
1:15am	Domestic Violence Vigil	10:00pm	Veterans Day 2016	6:00pm	Union Sq Community & Benefits Strategy	1:00am	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner
2:00am	Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa	10:15pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner	7:33pm	Congressional Update	2:01am	Deanna Cremin Park Dedication
		Sunday, December 11		8:04pm	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas		

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Wednesday, December 7		2:50pm	Our Schools, Our City - Fabville	3:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Brown School	12:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Lincoln Sudbury
9:00am	SHS Pep Rally	6:00pm	SHS Football v Cambridge	3:30pm	SHS Pep Rally	3:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Argenziano School
10:30am	SHS Football v Cambridge	8:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Argenziano School	5:00pm	All City Middle School Winter Concert	4:00pm	All City Middle School Winter Concert
1:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Fabville	9:00pm	Our Schools, Our City -	7:00pm	Our Schools, Our City -	6:00pm	Our Schools, Our City -
2:00pm	Student of the Qtr Awards - Healey School	9:30pm	SHS Football v Concord-Carlisle	8:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Argenziano School	7:00pm	SHS Football v Cambridge
2:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Kennedy	Friday, December 9		8:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Kennedy	9:15pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Brown School
3:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS	12:00am	MIAA Playoff: SHS Football v Beverly	9:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-WSNS	9:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-WHCS
3:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Brown School	2:30am	Public Domain Theater	9:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-WHCS	10:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Kennedy
4:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-WHCS	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City -	10:00pm	Student of the Qtr Awards - Healey School	10:30pm	Student of the Qtr Awards - Healey School
4:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-WSNS	10:00am	SHS Football v Cambridge	10:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS	11:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS
5:00pm	SHS Pep Rally	12:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Lincoln Sudbury	11:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Brown School	11:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-WSNS
6:30pm	SHS Football v Cambridge	3:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Argenziano School	Sunday, December 11		Tuesday, December 13	
9:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Fabville	4:00pm	All City Middle School Winter Concert	12:00am	SHS Pep Rally	12:00am	All City Middle School Winter Concert
10:00pm	Student of the Qtr Awards - Healey School	6:00pm	Our Schools, Our City -	1:15am	SHS Football v Cambridge	2:00am	SHS Pep Rally
10:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Kennedy	7:00pm	SHS Football v Cambridge	9:00am	All City Middle School Winter Concert	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City -
11:00pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS	9:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Lincoln Sudbury	11:00am	SHS Football v Cambridge	10:00am	SHS Pep Rally
11:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Brown School	Saturday, December 10		1:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Cambridge	11:30am	SHS Football v Cambridge
Thursday, December 8		2:00am	All City Middle School Winter Concert	3:30pm	SHS Volleyball v Cambridge - 10.24.16	2:00pm	Early Childhood Literacy Fair
12:00am	Student of the Qtr. Awards-WHCS	2:00am	Public Domain Theater - Dec 16	5:00pm	Our Schools, Our City -	2:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Argenziano School
12:30am	Student of the Qtr. Awards-WSNS	9:00am	All City Middle School Winter Concert	6:00pm	All City Middle School Winter Concert	3:00pm	All City Middle School Winter Concert
9:00am	Early Childhood Literacy Fair	11:00am	Our Schools, Our City -	8:00pm	SHS Football v Cambridge	5:00pm	Our Schools, Our City -
10:00am	Our Schools, Our City - Fabville	12:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Argenziano	10:15pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Cambridge	5:30pm	SHS Pep Rally
11:00am	SHS Football v Cambridge	12:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Kennedy	Monday, December 12		7:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester
1:30pm	MIAA Quarterfinal- SHS Boys Soccer v Everett	1:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-WSNS	12:00am	SHS Volleyball v Cambridge - 10.24.16	10:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester
3:00pm	Our Schools, Our City -	1:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-WHCS	1:30am	All City Middle School Winter Concert	12:00am	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester
3:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards-Argenziano School	2:00pm	Student of the Qtr Awards - Healey School	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City -	2:00am	All City Middle School Winter Concert
4:00pm	Early Childhood Literacy Fair	2:30pm	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS	10:00am	SHS Football v Cambridge		



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Timothy Gager’s ‘Grand Slam:
A Coming of Eggs Story’

Timothy Gager has been a ubiquitous presence on the Somerville Literary Scene. He and I founded The Somerville News Writers Festival in 2003, and he has hosted any number of Somerville writers at his Dire Series in Cambridge, Mass. Over the years I have reviewed any number of his books, both poetry and fiction. This week Mignon Ariel King reviews his latest book.

Timothy Gager’s *Grand Slam:
A Coming of Eggs Story*
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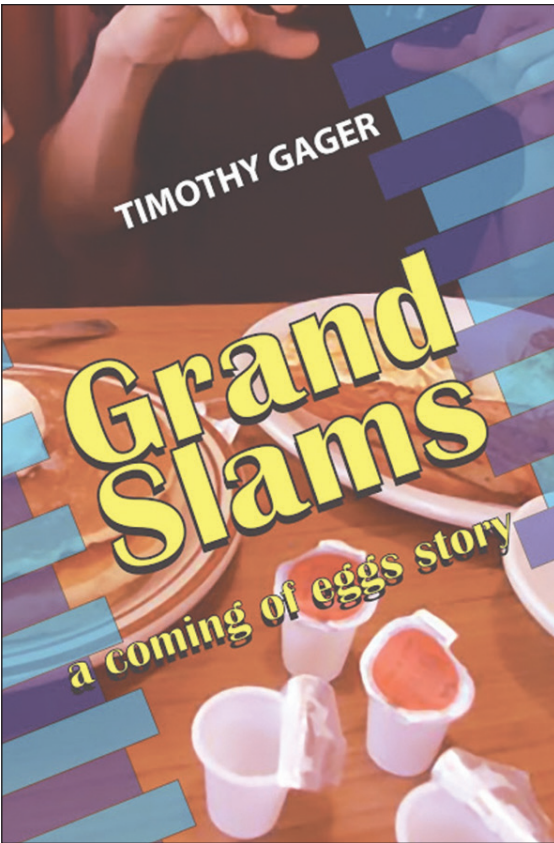
The first thing one notices in Timothy Gager’s *Grand Slam: A Coming of Eggs Story* is the Holden Caulfield-like anti-hero protagonist Woody. There is an ensemble of characters in the novel who make up the staff and management at a chain diner, Grand Slams, and Gager deftly weaves their backstories and inner lives into the fast-paced narrative.

Despite the often more bizarre and troubled manifestations of the other diner workers’ lives, Woody is clearly the focal character. Woody is a young almost-man who is emotionally distressed and unfocused. He is in an emotional and social limbo a year post high school, and still living with his parents, yet he is focused enough to seek and find work over the summer break from college.

The two characters who are also Woody’s age are working their part-time diner gigs around college schedules, would-be college schedules, and pre-career funks. It is unclear at times whether the trio have any clear plans. They do, however, have dreams and passions, the passions often misdirected. Of the three, Woody is the most attuned to what is going on around him, very invested in how other people’s lives are turning out, whereas Sugar and Bobby are just going through the motions, enduring their surroundings and coworkers.

Woody’s mother (Mrs. Geyser) attempts to monitor and guide; his father, a political progressive who named his son after Woodrow Wilson, grumpily tunes out his family to focus on favorite television shows. A comparison is drawn between Woody’s father and his “work mother,” Maura. Maura is fifty-something and seems plunked in the diner with her crumpled stockings and middle-aged wide middle; Woody’s father is plunked in his living room in a Michelin man body. It is no wonder that the Grand Slams “work family” is so dysfunctional with Maura as its matriarch. She keeps things moving, but she emotionally detaches from everyone at work to go home to nobody after she picks up her check each week. Maura left her daughter behind for a better life...perhaps, but really her life is only simpler, uncluttered by the needs of others. She has no suitors, no girlfriends, just her job and subtle dreams of making more, having more, materialistically speaking.

Most of the low-level workers in the diner are more invested than their superiors. Keating, a nasty bastard of a boss, does as little as possible while screaming at his employees, most notably emotionally abusive toward Kayak Kenny, a developmentally challenged bus boy who fantasizes about buying a canoe. Kenny believes girls will fall in love with him if he has a canoe, swept up in the romance of floating on the pond with him. Keating floats on cocaine and a rather sleazy sex life. He sweeps women off their feet with the lure of free drugs. Sugar is the diner’s beauty; she is lusted after by every man who comes within reach of her pretty, pony-tailed, short skirt-and cowboy-booted beauty. More power to the male author who makes Sugar one of the most intelligent,



focused, compassionate characters in the book. Her flaw is pathologically bad taste in men. She has a small life and thinks small, but she evolves and matures faster than her age-appropriate male interests. Sugar’s introspection leads her away from the sweaty, portly, mustard-stained tie and rumpled suit grasp of Keating. Her next conquest is a socioeconomic upgrade, Sayid, an Egyptian man who is too sexually repressed (for religious reasons) to use Sugar as a sex object. He courts her, and this is obviously something to which she is unaccustomed but which she grows to realize she deserves. Meanwhile, Woody pines for her from afar, as he did in high school, while being her platonic friend.

There are standard types throughout the narrative. Marisimo, the half-blind ex-boxer with cauliflowered ears, is less than fluent in English and over invested in his dishwasher job. Dyed-haired Bob, the transplanted new boss, could not care less about anyone who works for him; he re-trains the staff with an iron fist. Woody resists the ridiculous, superficial changes in a hilarious sequence of passive-aggressive actions, such as hiding the clip-on bowties. Even the chilly Maura begins to warm up to coworkers as her career waitressing is challenged by the new regime. She at least is proud of her work and her 20-plus years’ commitment as the company girl. The last romantic hope she had divorced then paired up again without noticing Maura’s romantic hopes for him. Maura is a bridge between the detached elders, with their selfishness, rigor, and paternalistic actions only in the condescending sense, not in any way caring about role modeling for or promotion of the Grand Slams staff. The three young characters are not slammed over the head of the reader, and Gager manages to use character typecasting without making the characters seem wooden, stiff props in the narrative. In fact, the characters are so realistic, and subtly nuanced with uncharacteristic personality traits as well as those expected, that the reader is frustrated by wanting to hug or slap them. Throughout the novel, the almost-adults keep the momentum going in the midst of the socially odd and borderline tragic, invested adults. How will this trio grow up while surrounded by infantile, base, or simply lost adults? The reader is invested by the third chapter in finding out.

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I was introduced to Boyah J. Farah by Somerville poet Kirk Etherton at Bunker Hill Community College, where Boyah and I both teach. He had quite a story to tell, and I was lucky to have him share a poem with us for the *LYRICAL*. Boyah J. Farah is a refugee turned writer from Somalia whose works of nonfiction have been featured in *The Guardian*, *Harvard Transition*, *Grub Daily*, and *Truthdig*. A Judy Layzer Fellow, he is currently taking the Memoir Incubator at GrubStreet Creative Writing School in Boston.



Words Made You.

A gaze of a woman. A pose of a man.
Glances between them. Partly gray and partly blue sky.
An invisible aroma of flowers in the air.

Standing. Sitting. Holding ice cream cones.
A walk in the park. Holding hands. Eyes sparkle.
Stomachs turn. A shared butterfly flapping its wings in their bellies.

The pose of the man. The gaze of the woman.
Eyes sparkled. Smiles crossed their lips.
Ice cream cones in their hands.

Love blooms. Red rose stick out from the brown sand.
Hearts hummed. Walk. Sit. Stand. Stare at the ceiling.

Four legs interlocked. Hands moved. Her eyes up.
His eyes down. Breathed in. Lips shivered.
Breathed out. Stomach cramps released.
Forehead sweats glistened in the light.
Smiles hovered over the faces.

The sky moved.
The gazes of two hundred seventy three half yellow suns passed.

You moved behind her belly. Stomach squeezed.
Mother’s touch. The air tightened.
Eyes leaked. Smiles glowed.

She screamed. Push, you heard. You screamed out.
Your lungs tasted the air.

Your name is picked out of words.
Oh words. They made you.

— Boyah J. Farah

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