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City planners and officials are working towards establishing a suitable location for a future medical marijuana facility in Somerville.

By Jim Clark

The Committee on Land Use's report of its findings in relation to establishing a medical marijuana facility in Somerville was presented to the Board of Aldermen at their most recent regular meeting on November 24.

The committee met on October 26 and heard recommendations by members of Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), chiefly Director of Planning George Proakis.

At that meeting, Proakis reportedly provided an overview of the Marijuana Treatment Facilities and proposed locations and informed the members that this item needs to be acted on soon or the process might have to start over.

In brief, the OSPCD recommendation suggests that the proposed facilities should be located in central business Continued on page 4

Winter Farmer's Market big opening

By Amy Swain

Last Saturday marked the first edition of the weekly Winter Farmer's Market. People from all over Boston flocked to the Center for Arts at the Armory on Highland Avenue to take advantage of the glorious setup.

The market offers the fantastic local produce we all expect, along with many other surprises. Locally made mead and ciders, bath products, baked goodies, coffee and tea, eggs, meats and cheeses, and more - including live music.

The first week brought in more than 1,800 patrons. Volunteers speculated that it might have been the biggest turnout the market has ever seen. While it may have had something to do with the difference in weather between this De-



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cember and last, all participants were happy to see everyone get a taste of what is to come. The nearly forty vendors were sprawled across the first and second floors of the Armory. Volunteer of five years Samantha Culwell says that she loves watching the curious consumers and satisfied customers come and Continued on page 6

The Winter Farmer's Market is now open for business Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arts at the - Photo by Amy Swain Armory from now until March 26, 2016.

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There has been a lot of concern over airplane noise over the city when they reroute the planes. Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti has been one of the aldermen who has been taking on this cause and trying to get some relief. There is currently a survey being conducted by MS Walker, Doctoral Candidate Dept. of Environmental Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. The survey was primarily set up for the city of Boston, but Somerville has been added to it. It might serve to assist the city's argument with Massport about the impact of the air traffic. Rossetti is asking all those who are reading this to go online an take the survey: www.noiseandthecity.org/english . This Thursday night at the Board of Alderman meeting (on local access TV) Alderman Rossetti has asked for time to present an update on the city's position.

There's still time to enter our contest. We are asking anyone here in the Ville who would like to write a poem on the Christmas holiday and what it means to them to send it in to us. Deadline is Friday, December 18. You can email it to news@ thesomervilletimes.com, mail it or drop it off at 699 Broadway, Somerville 02144. Poems will be selected by *The Times* staff and the three top winners will have their poem published in time for Christmas. The best one submitted will receive a \$100 gift certificate for the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, a \$50 Mt. Vernon certificate for second choice and a \$25 Mt. Vernon gift certificate for third place. Submit your poem to be published by *The Somerville Times* in time for the holiday.

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our Villens and friends as well as friends of *The Times*: Happy birthday to Ray Zonghetti, who has been actively involved in the business community now for many years. Also, to a very good friend of ours, Bill Murphy, of Colony RE, a lifelong Winter Hill resident and nice guy. Happy birthday to Stacy Hersey Buckley of the Ville, another life long resident who is also a great person. Happy birthday to Irene Bremis, the lady of Real Estate here in the city. Irene is a professional and a nice person. She knows Real Estate.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Why Plan for Self-Parking and Self-Driving Cars in Somerville

Genie Geronimo says:

You realize of course that it's theoretically impossible to have self driving cars in this city unless they also develop an extremely advanced form of artificial intelligence. And it's great that Audi is tinkering around with making cars that can communicate with each other and be communicated with by boutique "auto car parking facilities" for suburbanites who can someday, somehow manage to use self driving cars in their streets.

At present Somerville has no concept of traffic management (non-existent or inept traffic engineering department). I think this is a case of putting the cart before the horse. Better to focus on bringing the traffic planning / engineering into the 21st century first.

Jason says:

Crickey. This City can't even get its act together to grow grass of a dirt field and Joe is planning for a far away jetsons car. Laughable and Totally irresponsible.

Uncle Rocco says:

Maybe we should get some self-driving paving equipment first.

Oliver Seppo says:

I'm against this, unless the self-driving cars are of the levitating type. :)

bfm says:

Can't wait for fully autonomous autos.

Will play havoc with the current ownership model, but be better for everyone in the end.

Joe says:

Couldn't get me in one of those for a million bucks. Then again, I can't operate these "smart phones" that everyone is using nowadays.

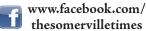
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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you feel that there is a need for school nurses to be trained and equipped with Narcan. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.







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Waste not, want not Rescued food provides meals for Somerville residents

By Sasha Purpura

Surplus food happens. It's what we do with it that affects our environment, community and economy.

Food waste and food insecurity are both challenges in our society, whereas they could in fact, together, form a solution. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, more than 40 percent of all food produced in the United States goes to waste. That same produce could be supplying the emergency food system. Instead, it's decomposing in landfills and producing methane gas – a leading cause of climate change.

Some food for thought: diminishing discarded food by just 15 percent would generate enough food to feed more than 25 million Americans every year.

Hunger in America is not so much a lack of access to food; it's a lack of access to nutrition. Compare the cost of fresh broccoli or a few peaches to macaroni and cheese or potato chips. They're more expensive. Low-income and food insecure families unable to afford fresh fruits and vegetables instead rely processed foods as staples, which are typically lower in cost and nutrition and higher in fat, sugar and sodium. Consuming these items ultimately leads to health issues such as obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

How did we get here? On a retail level

consumers expect to be able to purchase any type of fruit or vegetable year-round, regardless of season, and they want it to last in their fridge for at least a week. And no one wants the last apple, they want to pick from a bountiful supply. Supermarkets require beautiful and fully stocked shelves to maintain customer loyalty, often tossing ugly or bruised produce before it gets through the door. This leads to grocers over purchasing, overstocking, and ultimately pulling items before they need to be discarded. (Move over twoday-old lettuce.)

"It's a model that works, and can continue to work"

This also happens in dining halls nationwide. Imagine paying \$65,000 a year for college tuition only to head down to the dining hall to find one small scoop of potatoes left. Much like at your own Thanksgiving dinner, the catering staff works to ensure there is plenty for everyone until the very end of dining hours.

Surplus food is not a problem by itself.



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It is only a problem when it becomes waste After all, this isn't garbage; it's nutritious, life-sustaining food. Surplus food can in fact provide a solution to the many struggling with food insecurity but there needs to be education and collaboration on all levels.

Individuals and families need to shop smarter and smaller, cook creatively and reuse leftovers. Consumers also need to understand that "sell-by and best-buy dates" (known to insiders as "the dating game") are not federally regulated and are not an indication that food is spoiled or unsafe to eat. Look at your food, smell it, and taste it before tossing it.

The community also needs to put pressure on their local markets and encourage ga institutions and super or smaller markets

to donate their surplus food. Ask your school cafeteria or market: What is happening to the excess food? If it isn't going to feed hungry people in the community, why isn't it?

The Good Samaritan Food Donation Act covers all businesses and intuitions donating food from a liability standpoint; and in addition to helping one's community, tax breaks are available for for-profit businesses.

Food donation could also be the solution for many businesses and organizations as they change operations to comply with Massachusetts' commercial waste disposal ban, which prohibits institutions from disposing of more than a ton of organic waste per week.



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Hot scooter sale goes south

Two brothers entered police headquarters last Friday to report that they had a lead on a stolen motor scooter that had been taken from one of them.

They reportedly told police that they had located the missing scooter being advertised on the OfferUp Internet sales site and had made arrangements to meet with the seller. The brothers wanted police to help retrieve the stolen scooter.

According to reports, the brothers had expressed interest in a different, more expensive scooter that the seller was offering in order to divert suspicion that they were looking to retrieve the stolen property.

Police arranged to set up a sting, planning to catch the seller with the stolen merchandise.

The brothers reportedly negotiated with the seller and arranged for a time to meet and

examine the offered merchandise. Additionally, they managed to make a deal with the seller to purchase both scooters, including the one stolen from the reporting parties, for a set price.

A meeting was set up for a location on Mt. Vernon St. at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Police instructed the brothers to park their vehicle across the street from the meeting spot and remain in their vehicle for their own safety.

At the prearranged time a vehicle pulled up and parked near the brothers' car. A man, later identified as Carnell Solomon, of Randolph, exited his vehicle and approached the brothers for a brief conversation.

Solomon then reportedly ran into a nearby alley and rolled out one of the scooters.

Police responded immediately and took possession of the

scooter while holding Solomon for questioning.

A search of the alleyway turned up two additional scooters, one of which was the reporting party's stolen property.

At first, Solomon reportedly claimed that the scooters belonged to his father, then later said they belonged to a friend.

He was placed under arrest and charged with receiving stolen property over \$250.



Arrests:

Ketra Tatum, of 15 Crescent St., Unit B, Medford, November 30, 1:37 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise.

Jeremy Gillis, November 30, 6:33 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of attempt to commit a crime.

Shondreaka Lott, December 1, 8:38 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Michael Baptista, of 73 Dane St., December 1, 8:24 p.m., arrested at Dimick St. on warrant charges of conspiracy and felony nighttime breaking and entering.

Judy Laurore, of 148 Park St., Chelsea, December 2, 7:20 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on multiple warrant charges of trespassing on state or county property.

Kaleishe Brown, of 156 Ballou Ave., Dorchester, December 3, 5:40 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of larceny under \$250 and receiving stolen property under \$250.

Anderson Pimental-Arias, of 41 Vallar Rd. East Boston, December 3, 7:18 p.m., arrest-

ed at Memorial Rd. on charges of drug possession to distribute and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

Philip Higonnet, of 169 Morrison Ave., December 4, 5:45 p.m., arrested on warrant charges of miscellaneous equipment violation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Martin Roario, of 20 River Rd., December 4, 8:18 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a warrant charge of drug possession to distribute.

Kenneth Bourett, of 43 Cleveland St., Dorchester, December 4, 9:17 p.m., arrested at Mt Vernon St. on warrant charges of assault and battery on a family or household member and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Carnell Solomon, of 6 Brown St., Randolph, December 4, 9:17 p.m., arrested at Mt Vernon St. on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

Kevin Smythwick, of 26 Shirley St., Quincy, December 5, 1:10 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of receiving a stolen vehicle.

William Ranucci, of 39 Boylston St., Boston, December 5, 2:17 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on warrant charges of failure to stop for police, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and failure to stop or yield.

Whitney Taylor, of 6 Warner Rd., Milton, December 5, 2:17 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on a charge of possession of a class E drug.

Brent Thomas, December 5, 7:33 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of threat to commit a crime, larceny over \$250, and resisting arrest.

Jonas Moses-Gilson, of 70 Appleton St., Arlington, December 6, 3:25 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on a charge of shoplifting over \$100 by asportation.

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City contemplates locations for medical marijuana facilities

districts so that they are visible pressed a need for feedback from and allow for access to services. the Board in terms of recom-It was further recommended mendations as to where the prothat the city should not wait for the proposed zoning overhaul because there are only a few licenses for the county and Somerville may miss out if regulations are not established. Also, North Point is not listed as a possible district but should be included because Cambridge has a license that may be listed there on the Cambridge site. It was also stated that overlay districts may make sense for siting facilities with more specificity and have ward aldermen input during the mapping of the overlays. Finally, it was noted that signage is a major part of the business and that it should be carefully reviewed.

written copies of the Planning Board's recommendations. Ward 5 Alderman Mark Nied-



The Planning Director ex-

posed facility should be located. A copy of the draft ordinance and a document with maps of Somerville, highlighting some areas being considered

for the facility, were distributed to the committee.

Possible locations were discussed at the meeting, including Inner Belt, Mystic Avenue and the area near the Stop and Shop. Ward 2 Alderman Maryann M. Heuston asked why the Union Square area was not considered as a possible location, adding that she is not comfortable putting a facility in her ward as it is very densely populated and could have day care centers in the neighborhoods.

The members were given

ergang stated he is fine with the Planning Board's recommendation, however, he did suggest ruling out Inner Belt as a possible location and asked that a couple of locations in Ward 5 be removed from the list.

Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente asked for the reasoning of recommending that a facility be located on Mystic Avenue.

Board President William A. White, Jr. felt some information was missing from the recommendation, such as signage size and parking requirements based on square footage and that these issues need to be flushed out and given some consideration before making a decision.

Alderman Heuston asked that



Alderman at Large Dennis Sullivan briefed the Board on the Land Use Committee's progress in recommending a site for the proposed facility.

the requested information be sent to the committee before the next meeting.

A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers when the Land Use Committee is scheduled to continue its process in resolving the matter.

_____ The Somerville Times -**350 Girls From Middlesex Schools Attend** 'Empowering Girls 2015'

By Rebecca Danvers

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Middlesex Partnerships for Youth hosted more than 350 students from middle and high schools across Middlesex County at this year's "Empowering Girls 2015" conferences held at The Broad Institute in Cambridge. This year's conference focused on the theme "Curate Your Life: Creating Your Own Story," encouraging girls to use curation to help identify their strengths and assets to determine their own trajectory to success - now and in the future.

The program is designed to encourage confidence building, self-assertion and goal-setting through compelling speakers and interactive presentations. Participants were encouraged to reflect on their lives and to analyze what they are doing well and where they could improve. They also heard from speakers that highlighted their own personal success and failure and

encouraged students to build strong relationships, always be eager to learn and not fear their faults.

During an interactive breakout session at the Conference the students created a storyboard using what they had learned about curation from the speakers. The young women also wrote a letter to themselves and preserved it in a time capsule to be opened at a later date.

"The objective of Empowering Girls is to encourage young women to think positively about themselves, to embrace what makes them unique and to use those traits to achieve their goals," said District Attorney Ryan. "This year's theme was really special because the participants got to listen to the personal stories of some very positive female role models and then reflect on that and learn how to tell the story of their own life."

Students who attended the events represented schools from across Middlesex County, in-



Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan is working with Middlesex Partnerships for Youth in helping girls to identify their strengths and assets via their innovative "Empowering Girls 2015" conference held at The Broad Institute in Cambridge.

cluding, Arlington, Arlington School in Belmont, Assabet Valley, Bedford, Everett, Greater Lowell Technical High School, Hudson, Jackson School of Newton, Malden, Nashoba Valley Technical High School, Natick, Somerville, St. Raphael School of Medford, Valley Collaborative, Wakefield, Watertown, Winchester and Woburn. Speakers included: Emily Stoehrer, jewelry curator with the Museum of Fine Arts, Alissa Myrick, Harvard School of Public Health and The Broad Institute, Donna Decker, Author and Professor at Franklin Pierce College; and Tess Shatzer, National Parks Service in Lowell.

Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc., (MPY) is a non-profit organization which provides prevention and intervention resources and training to school districts and communities in collaboration with the Middlesex District Attorney's Office. District Attorney Ryan chairs the MPY Board of Directors.

Through MPY's efforts, educators, parents, and students engage in collaborative trainings with law enforcement, social services, and community-based organizations as well as share the latest information and resources. Such interactions provide the foundation for creating solution-oriented, community-based, multi-disciplinary approaches to addressing issues including youth violence, substance abuse, child abuse and neglect, hate crimes, and harassment across Middlesex County.

Middlesex County is one of the most populous counties in the country with 54 towns and cities and 26 colleges in urban, suburban, and rural areas, comprising over one quarter of the population of Massachusetts. The Middlesex District Attorney's Office has offices throughout the county, including in Ayer, Cambridge, Concord, Framingham, Lowell, Malden, Marlborough, Newton, Somerville, Waltham and Woburn.



Winter Hill 'Better Block' **Comes to Life December 12, 13**

As part of the Winter Hill neighborhood planning process, neighborhood residents and business owners are



Ceremonial Menorah lighting



invited to join the City of Somerville's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development for the unveiling of the recent "tactical urbanism" strategies with Team Better Block.

In September and October, community members met to discuss their ideas for pop-up businesses, landscaping, parks, outdoor seating, art and entertainment. Using that feedback, Team Better Block with the help of City staff and Somerville residents will bring the community-conceived ideas to reality on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 4 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 13, from noon to 4 p.m., at the corner of Broadway and Temple St., and in the parking lots between the Post Office and the future home of Winter Hill Brewery. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Max MacCarthy at mmaccarthy@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2515, or visit Somervillebydesign.com

A ceremonial Menorah Lighting will took place on Sunday, Dec. 6 at sundown. All members of the community were invited as Mayor Curtatone and city staff held a brief ceremony on the City Hall Concourse. The Menorah will be lit each night of Hanukkah.

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go. "Heron Pond Farm greens go so fast. It's fun to watch them set everything up, and have so much less when they break down." Samantha herself loves Soluna Garden Farms' tea, but says everything is so good. "This is important" she says, "The summer farmer's market is huge, and when it gets cold people feel like they don't have access to the same fresh produce. But it's here."

The market is important, for more reasons than accessibility to good food. For those using SNAP cards, the market matches money spent on a dollar-to-dollar match (up to \$10). While the vendors are cash only, the market has set up

a token system, in which you swipe your card for the amount of tokens - which spend like cash, at the market only of course - you'd like to spend. That allows for the SNAP customers to get twice the amount they spend back in tokens. Relish Management also sells merchandise at the market: shirts, totes and more. This, along with accepted donations, funds their ability to give half back to those that need it most.

The Farmer's Market runs every Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. from now until March 26. You can view a full list of vendors and musical acts, as well as get information about participating at somwintermarket.org.







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Baked Stuffed Shrimp

BY DOROTHÝ DIMARZO

With the holiday season upon us, I wanted to share this recipe that is a staple in our home on Christmas Eve. Auntie Dot's baked stuffed shrimp. We serve multiple courses including an antipasto platter along with a baked Brie en croute with cranberries, cheese and crackers, and pâté just before the baked stuffed shrimp are served. The main courses consisting of shrimp,

oil and pulse until the mixture just holds together. Place about a teaspoon of the mixture into the palm of your hand and squeeze it, then release. If it does not quite hold together, add 1 tablespoon of water to the mixture and retry to see if it holds together. Put the mixture aside. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and grease lightly with olive oil. To clean the shrimp, pull the shell off, leaving the tail section intact. Devein the shrimp with a paring knife. Once cleaned, with the paring knife, cut through the deveined side of the shrimp about 3/4 of the way, but not all the way through. Repeat until all the shrimp are prepared. In one hand hold the shrimp with the cut side down and press in your palm until flat. You are now ready to place about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons of the mixture onto the flat side of the shrimp and press it down so it stays in place. Place it onto the prepared baking sheet. Once all of the shrimp are on the baking sheet, sprinkle the paprika over the top of all shrimp, if desired. Bake for 12-15 minutes until the shrimp just turn opaque. I typically serve about 3-4 shrimp per person (U 16-20) or 2-3 per person (U 12-15). The U stands for the approximate number of shrimp per pound depending on size.

Tuesday December 15 Kristen Ford with The Beauty Way 8 p.m.

Wednesday December 16 Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

Thursday December 17 Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

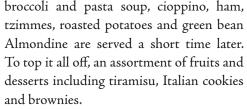
Friday December 18

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m. Mike Barry's Christmas Crock with Stan & Michelle Martin, Susan Cattaneo, Bill Hansen, Natalie Flanagan, Jennifer Dignazio, Kevin Byrne, Lilly Senna, Jonathan Walsh, Paul Ahlstrand, Joe Klompus, Paul Candilore, and various Barrys \$5 cover 9 p.m.

> Saturday December 19 Johnny Come Latelies 6 p.m. One Thin Dime 9 p.m.

Sunday December 20 Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 6 p.m.

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1 lb. Shrimp (U16-20) Extra Jumbo or (U 12-15) Colossal (deveined and butterflied, leaving the tail intact) 1 sleeve of Ritz Crackers (crushed) 5 Tbl. Melted unsalted butter 4 Tbl. Extra Virgin olive oil Sweet paprika (optional)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place one sleeve of the crackers into a food processor and pulse until it's a breadcrumb consistency. Add the melted butter and olive

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Vernon Street Studios open studios

By Charles Lane

On December 5 and 6, Vernon Street Studios hosted their annual open studios, which has become a much-anticipated annual event.

Each year, the artists of 6 & 20 Vernon Street welcome the public into their work spaces, a community well known throughout the area for the quality of their work.

During this showcase for the arts, mid-career and emerging artists working across a broad spectrum of fine art styles and craft media – including painting, photography, print-making, sculpture, glass, fiber, jewelry, furniture, and ceramics – exhibited and sold their work, just in time for the holiday season.

Located in an historic 19th century brick industrial building, Vernon Street was one of the first group of artists in the Greater Boston area to open their studios to the public in 1974.

The Open Studios event allows attendees to learn about the creative process, interact with artists in the spaces where they create, purchase original artwork, and discover new talent.

The studios are located in the Rogers Foam facility, which is comprised of two buildings on the corner of Central and Vernon Streets.







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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for The Senate held 212 roll call votes. Beacon Hill Roll Somerville: Call tabulates the number of roll calls on which each



Rep. Christine Barber

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Thirty-fourth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts in wards 4 and 5, precinct 1 of ward 7, and precinct 2 of ward 8, of the city of Medford, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 4, and all precincts of ward 7, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



The Senate held 212 roll call votes. Beacon Hill Roll Call tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Twenty-three of the Senate's 40 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

Some senators may have poor attendance records for a variety of reasons including health problems or military service.

The senator who missed the most roll calls is Sen. William Brownsberger (D-Belmont), who missed 57 roll calls (73.1 percent attendance). All the roll calls missed by Brownsberger were held on one day, July 30. There were 69 roll calls that day and Brownsberger missed 57 of them. He told Beacon Hill Roll Call, "I left the Senate session at 4 p.m. for a long-scheduled meeting with the District Attorneys Association, returning to the Statehouse at 10:30 p.m., after the Senate session ended."

The other four senators who missed the most roll calls are Sens. Jennifer Flanagan (D-Leominster), 15 roll calls (92.9 percent attendance); Eileen Donoghue (D-Lowell), 13 roll calls (93.9 percent attendance); Barbara L'Italien (D-Andover), eight roll calls (96.2 percent attendance); and Thomas McGee (D-Lynn), seven roll calls (96.7 percent attendance).

SENATORS' 2015 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the senator missed.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen 99.5 percent (1)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

INFO ON SEX OFFENDERS (H 1407) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a bill that would allow a victim to obtain information on his or her perpetrator including their home address, secondary address, work address and where the offender attends school.

Supporters said it might help victims feel more secure if they have this information. They said the victim, not the offender, is the priority. who was under 18 at the time of the alleged assault, can bring charges against a person for child sexual abuse (S 865). Current civil law affords a victim up until the age of 21 to file a suit. The same bill was defeated in 2014 when it was sent to a study committee.

CLEAR TITLE TO PROPERTY (S 2015) - Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a bill that supporters said would provide relief to Massachusetts homeowners who currently lack clear title to their homes due to prior faulty foreclosures while opponents argued the law would curtail illegally foreclosed homeowners' right to regain title to their homes.

Supporters say the measure was filed in response to a Supreme Judicial Court decision that voided thousands of foreclosure sales. They note the court said that a foreclosure is void if the foreclosing lender cannot produce a written assignment of its mortgage prior to the first publication of notice. They say the bill remedies this problem by allowing the affidavit recorded during the sale of the property to serve as conclusive evidence that the foreclosing lender is in compliance. They note this will help thousands of homeowners who unwittingly purchased an improperly foreclosed property and are currently without a clear title and consequently unable to sell or refinance their homes.

The law is vehemently opposed by the Massachusetts Alliance Against Predatory Lending (MAAPL), which says it will adversely affect some 70,000 illegally foreclosed Massachusetts families by slashing the period to file in court and recover their homes from the present 20 years to one year after the law goes into effect. They argue the law is unconstitutional and curtails the property rights of every Massachusetts resident who has a mortgage. They promise to take the matter to court.

INSPECTION STICKER AND INSURANCE (S

525) - The Financial Services Committee held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit failure to have an inspection sticker from counting as a violation that raises insurance rates on consumers under the state's Safe Driver Insurance Plan (SDIP). The plan encourages safe driving by providing incentives to drivers with clean driving records and ensuring that drivers who collect surcharge points pay more for auto insurance.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"We believe this action sends an important message about the urgency of climate change and the University community's commitment to addressing it. — Charles J. Pagnam, executive vice president of the Umass Foundation, on the group's decision to divest from direct investments in coal companies. The foundation, which oversees \$770 million in endowment assets for the Umass system, is a private, non-profit corporation founded in 1950 to foster and promote the growth, progress and general welfare of Umass.



Sen. Patricia JehlenaDISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex.(- Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11,rinclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town ofbWinchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county ofsMiddlesex.S

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports local senators' roll call attendance records for the 2015 session.

Opponents said some sex offenders have expressed fears of retaliation by victims' families if all this information is provided.

SEX OFFENSES - The hearing also included legislation expanding the definition of incest to include sexual relationships with adoptive parents and stepparents (H 1396). The measure was first proposed in 2004 in response to a court ruling that a stepfather could not be charged with incest for having intercourse with his stepdaughter.

Other bills heard by the Judiciary Committee include prohibiting Level 3 sex offenders from living in the same single-family or multi-family dwelling as another Level 3 offender unless they are legally related (H 1411) and abolishing the statute of limitations that limits the period of time after the alleged crime during which a victim

"A recent 'Newsweek' poll found that almost half the respondents failed to define the purpose of the Bill of Rights. Ninety-eight percent of graduating high school seniors could not explain Brown v. Board of Education." — From a report by the Pioneer Institute, an independent and privately funded research organization, concluding that states should mandate passage of a U.S. history assessment with a strong focus on the nation's founding documents as a high school graduation requirement.

"I believe we are far better prepared for this winter than

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Beacon Hill Roll Call	continued		
we were for last winter But obviously, Mother Nature may have other plans, and we'll have to wait and see how that plays out." — Gov. Charlie Baker on the MBTA's	islators 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	Mon. November 30	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Senate 11:16 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.
preparation for this winter. "Yes." — Senate President Stanley Rosenberg on whether he	note that their jobs also involve committee work, re- search, constituent work and other matters that are im- portant to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature	Tues. December 1	No House session No Senate session
would support legislation that would raise the legal purchas- ing age for tobacco products from 18 to 21.	does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legisla- tion that have been filed. They note that the infrequency	Wed. December 2	No House session No Senate session
"\$395,000." — The annual salary of Pension Reserves In- vestment Management (PRIM) Executive Director Mi- chael Trotsky. PRIM oversees the state's \$60 billion-plus pension fund.	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.	Thurs. December 3	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.
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 leg-	During the week of November 30-December 4, the House met for a total of 12 minutes while the Senate met for a total 9 minutes.	Fri. December 4 Bob Katzen welcomes f	No House session No Senate session eedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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COMMENTARY

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Why can't we get some commonsense gun regulation?



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The mass shootings the past two weeks in San Bernardino and Colorado Springs may have happened in other parts of the country, but they underscore a prevalent danger in all of American society. I can tell you as a mayor-and a father, husband, son, friend and neighbor-that I never want to see our city added to the growing list of places visited by these all too frequent tragedies. One of my chief responsibilities is ensuring public safety and the simple fact is that, when it comes to mass shootings, as a nation, we are not doing enough.

The San Bernardino attack marked the 353rd time in 2015

that four or more people had been killed or wounded in one of these attacks. At the current pace, this year probably will average slightly more than one mass shooting per day, though each attack has its own unique characteristics. The triggers reported range from mental illness, racism, or bullying to workplace anger, jihadist radicalization, political extremism, and more. It's clear that the motivations and backgrounds of shooters can vary.

Yet what is the same in each case is the assailants had no problem putting their hands on the firepower necessary to carry out their twisted plans. The largely unchecked proliferation of guns in our society makes it easy to do evil. We are coming up on the four-year anniversary of the killings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, and our Congress has yet to pass a single law that could help stem this tide of violence. Many reacted angrily after San Bernardino when various Congressional leaders sent out the perfunctory "thoughts and prayers" tweets because such sentiments ring increasingly hollow from those who refuse to take action. If they really cared they would do something to curb the gun violence that threatens all of us. At the local level, we remain vigilant on security measures and police readiness, but the tragic odds are that determined shooters will generally find a way. We can't— and we shouldn't have to-militarize every restaurant, movie theater and church in response to the gun threat. So we're left in a position where otherwise all we can do is react to these tragedies when they occur in our communities because the gun lobby has effectively blocked all attempts to pass common sense gun reform. The truth of the matter is most gun owners are law-abiding citizens. I used to be a gun owner myself. Gun owners are not bad people and they certainly don't support

the notion of putting extreme killing power in the hands of evildoers. Polls show that more than 90% of Americans, which includes the vast majority of gun owners, favor national background checks on gun purchases. It would prevent those with histories of domestic abuse, mental illness, and international terrorism risks from purchasing weapons. Studies have concluded that more than half of mass shooters would fail a meaningful background check. Yet attempts to pass universal background check legislation go nowhere on Capitol Hill. In short, Congress is ignoring the will of the people. Last week Congress even refused to close the loophole that allows people on the terrorist watch list to buy guns. Legislators who wring their hands over the safety implications of children and grandmothers entering our country as carefully vetted refugees somehow do not think it's a priority to keep weapons out of the hands of those we

won't let onto an airplane. That would seem to be basic security, but our security comes second to gun lobby interests. Lack of gun control endangers our law enforcement as well. I can tell you our local police forces do not want to be up against heavily armed malefactors or in the position of arriving at a mass shooting already underway. I've yet to meet a police chief who isn't for sensible gun regulation. This inaction is putting police lives on the line since they're the first responders at these scenes.

It goes beyond background checks. We could limit magazine sizes, which would curtail the killing power of our guns. We could mandate stamping technology for new guns, which would make them easily traceable. We could crack down on shady gun dealers. There's a gun shop in Chicago that supplied more than 1,500 guns tied to criminal activity in a recent fiveyear sample and yet it remains in business. *Continued on page 17*

The draft Fiscal Impact Analysis raises more questions than it answers



By William C. Shelton

At the end of October the

quadruples SomerVision's housing units target while reducing their sizes; sets aside too little green space; is silent about parking specifics; and assaults Union Square's human scale with superblock monoliths.

Neighbors do like the street redesigns.

On November 18th, city officials released a Draft Fiscal Impact Analysis for Union Square and Boynton Yards. In it, the TischlerBise consulting firm projects city revenues and expenses that the Neighborhood Plan's implementation would generate. three objectives. The first is to show sufficient net income to justify the redevelopment.

An earlier draft analysis presented at last May's Somerville-by-Design meeting projected net income that was so feeble as to have caused numerous attendees to question why we should bother. But the current draft says that over the twenty-year term of the projection, net income will average \$10 million per year. The second objective is to produce enough new development to generate property tax revenues sufficient to replace the failing 130-year-old sewer system while still accomplishing the first objective. And the third is to produce a sizable chunk of the new housing units that the mayor has decreed as Somerville's duty to absorb, while accomplishing the first two objectives.

sion is a twenty-year plan, while the Neighborhood Plan is a thirty- or forty-year plan.

But the Fiscal Impact Analysis refutes this rationalization. To achieve its projected net income, 100% of the Neighborhood Plan must be built within twenty years.

Considering the length and impact of recent economic cycles, this is unlikely. Considering traffic and parking requirements, it's even less likely, despite the city's worthwhile collaboration with Audi. As massive as the Plan's development targets are, its 6.4 million square feet of projected new construction includes no parking. And the Fiscal Impact Analysis includes no costs for parking structures or explanation as to who will pay for them. From here, the Analysis's questionable assumptions proliferate. On the revenue side, it does not seem to account for the 35%-property-tax exemption that accrues to owners who occupy their own properties. Unless all of the 2,846 units projected in the analysis are rental units. Factoring in this exemption would lower revenues by a material amount.

It assumes \$7.9 million per year in local room excise taxes from a 175-room Union Square hotel with an average room rate of \$239 and 81.6% annual occupancy. It is unclear who the hotel's market would be, when it would be built, or why it could sustain a room rate that is twice that of the Holiday Inn's.

Principle Group presented its Neighborhood Plan for Union Square and Boynton Yards redevelopment. The city administration had requested it, the US2 developers paid for it, and the redevelopment district's neighbors rejected it.

In neighborhood meetings called to discuss the Plan, a Civic Advisory Committee session, and in dozens of individual conversations they say that it reflects neither the SomerVision Comprehensive Plan nor their extensive participation in the long Somerville-by-Design Process.

In particular, it triples the amount of development specified by SomerVision; almost TishlerBise has applied its considerable expertise and rigor to modeling fiscal outcomes. But the consultants must work within the assumptions that city officials set for them. And those assumptions strongly suggest why the Neighborhood Plan dictates such objectionable development targets, and why they probably can't be achieved.

From a careful read of the Analysis, I infer that assumptions were chosen to accomplish In response to neighbors' objections that the Neighborhood Plan's vast development goals violate SomerVision's goals, city officials have said that SomerVi-

State aid, which is always precarious, now comprises a quarter of the city's budget. The Analysis assumes that state aid will increase proportionately with population. But if redevelopment were to improve Somerville's fiscal and economic health to the extent that the analysis projects, state aid's continuation at the same level is uncertain. Key assumptions on the expense side are also questionable. The analysis assumes no costs for new open and green space or for its maintenance.

SomerVision set a citywide goal of 125 Continued on page 16

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

There has been a substantial amount of loss and grief in America these past couple of weeks. The recent horrific killings in California and Colorado, and the growing threat of terror attacks in other communities has cast a shadow of doubt and fear across the land.

Americans typically pull together to protect one another and to seek solutions

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Finally, a happy birthday to little Samantha Carriger, celebrating her third birthday this week. She's a doll. It's hard to believe it's been three years already. To all the others out there celebrating this week, we hope you have a great day for yourselves.

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.

to the challenges that confront us, however extreme they may be.

The City of Somerville is 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 and Menorah lighting symbolically serve as a reminders that we are indeed a community, with 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.

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.

read up about the course.

Rumor has it that more than one or two city officials and department heads might be leaving the administration in the next few weeks. We're thinking that the new mayor of Revere might be looking over the list of potential people he could get in his administration. We hear that Omar, from the mayor's office, is one such person who is going to be leaving. Who else?

long-term focus, there are many things we can do in the short-term, like this Better Block project, to help test out ideas quickly and help spur longer-term change.

The Somerville Times will be taking the week off between holidays. The last paper of the year will be Wednesday, December 23 (Christmas week) and will return Wednesday, January 6, 2016. It's always a slow week for news and this gives our hard working staff tee hearing on Assembly Square, we couldn't believe our ears when Attorney Ilene McGettigan spoke. She works for the city in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. FYI, her title is General Counsel. Well, anyway, she went before the committee on fiancé and spoke about taking the streets at Assembly Square back from Federal Realty. She said the following to the committee: "In the spirit of fairness we should take back the streets." Didn't the city authorize a 25 million bond a few years back to pay for the infrastructure down there? First, Federal Realty sells off the land to MGH, a nonprofit, to build (no taxes to the city) and now we should in all fairness just receive back the streets down there. Question: who does Ms. McGettigan work for? Federal Realty or the city?

We hear through the City Hall grapevine that in the new year the administration will be looking for new personnel. More than one or two will be giving their notices, if they haven't already.

Those who might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They offer 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

Winter Hill Better Block is coming. We're holding a Winter Hill Better Block festival on December 12 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and December 13 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. The Winter Hill Better Block will be centered in the area between the new Winter Hill Brewing Company (328 Broadway) and the vacant area behind the post office as well as along some areas of Marshall Street. Team Better Block works with cities, developers, and stakeholders to create quick, inexpensive, high-impact changes that improve and revitalize underused properties and highlight the potential for creating great places. The goal for this Winter Hill Better Block project is to test out short-term ideas for Winter Hill. While much of the ongoing neighborhood planning work is medium and a week off to enjoy with their family and friends. If anyone has any questions you can call the paper at 617-666-4010.

Word of the Week: Arrogant. Dictionary Definition: Arrogant is an adjective for describing people who are too proud and look down on others, like supermodels who think their good looks give them a right to do whatever they want. Arrogant derives from Latin arrogare "to claim," and the idea is that someone is claiming credit or advantages that they are not entitled to. Our definition, they so arrogant they think no one will catch on to what they are doing. Sound familiar?

While attending a finance commit-

Interesting tidbit: talking to a few city officials this past week, it was pointed out that Mass. General Hospital bought the land and is building a beautiful building that is soon to open. It was further pointed out that Federal Realty sold the land to MGH, so that Federal Realty maybe wouldn't have to pay taxes on it? We know that MGH is a nonprofit and they won't now be *Continued on page 23*

Annual **Christmas Tree Lighting**

The annual Christmas Tree lighting started the holiday festivities on Thursday, Dec. 3, followed by a meet and greet with Santa Claus in the Somerville High School Highlander Café.

Santa Claus 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 also received a gift from Santa.

Live entertainment for the event featured the Somerville High School Band, Orchestra, and Chorus; the Somerville Community Chorus; and El Sistema Somerville.



Kaylie Burke, Aedan Burke and Bobby Foley Jr. are seen here visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.





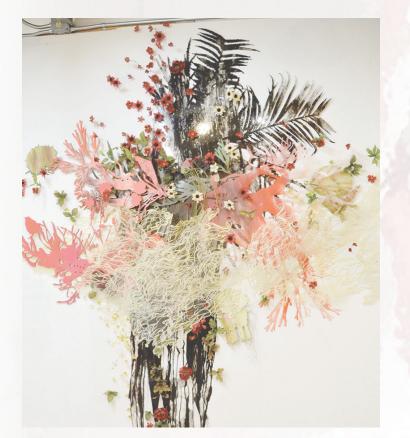


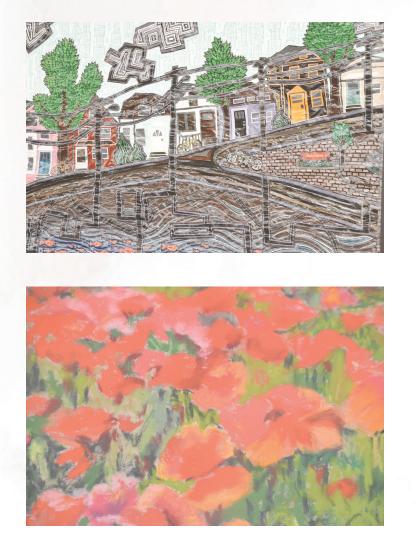


Vernon Street Studios open studios

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SPORTS

Somerville Jingle Bell Run donates for Somerville Toys for Local Children

By Tom Bannister

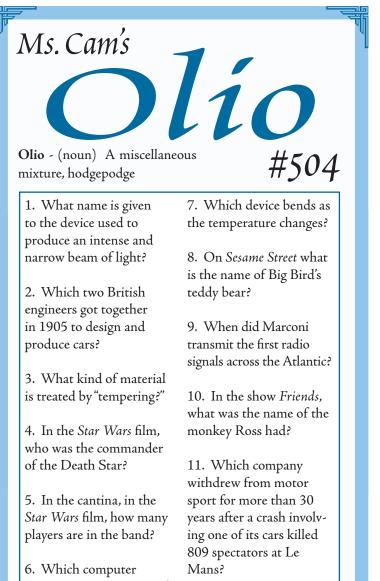
The 2015 Marathon Sports Somerville Jingle Bell Run is pleased to announce that it has awarded the Somerville Toys for Local Children Program \$10,000 on Friday night at it's annual Christmas Party Fundraiser at the Holiday Inn in Somerville. The donation is to be used for new toys for disadvantaged children in Somerville for Christmas this year. Please see http://baevents. com/jinglebell/beneficiaries. html for more information.

Harpoon Brewery is back for its 8th year as the official re-

freshment sponsor for this year's Marathon Sports Somerville Jingle Bell Run on December 20 in Somerville. They will be hosting 18 parties, some with live music at 18 of the most festive establishments south of the North Pole. Please see http:// baevents.com/jinglebell/sponsors.html for more information on their Harpoon Brewery sponsored parties and to be among the last to register.

All finishers will receive a bottle opener medal with ribbon. Runners will also receive a cool colorful T-shirt. Everyone will get a race name monogramed pair of jingle bells.





Tree lot fundraiser



language is an acronym of the name of the world's first computer programmer?

12. What were the names of both families in the TV show Soap?

Answers on page 20



The 20th annual Somerville Public Schools Tree Lot Fundraiser kicked off on Friday. December 4. at Somerville's Foss Park on the corner of Broadway and McGrath Highway. This annual fundraising event will run from December 4 through December 21. The Tree Lot will be open from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. during the week, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends. Trees range in price from \$19 to \$49. Wreaths are also available for purchase for only \$15 apiece. Proceeds help support programs and scholarships for Somerville Public Schools students. Stop by to purchase your holiday tree or wreath, and support Somerville Public Schools. For more information, watch this video created by the Next Wave media class: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lAKitJz7Pz4. - Photos by Claudia Ferro

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The Somerville Times -Bringing health care to the immigrant communities

By Somerville Neighborhood News

Contributing reporter on this newscast: Kelly Thomas

Health care is often out of reach to Somerville's immigrant communities because they don't know where to go or how the system works. The Cambridge Health Alliance launched the Volunteer Health Advisors or VHA program fourteen years ago to change that.

The VHA is a multicultural and multilingual group of highly trained community health volunteers based out of Somerville Hospital. During each training cycle thirty immigrant scholars spend ten months attending free weekly classes.

"Our goal is to run a volunteer based program that is meant to reach out and serve hardly reached and underserved populations. We like to say that we have 3 C's that are part of our aim. We are all about Community strengthening, Connection to care and Career and professional development, especially for our volunteer health advisors," VHA Program Coordinator Chong-Min Fu-Sosnaud told Somerville Neighborhood News.

Volunteers learn to take blood pressure readings, do glucose and cholesterol screenings, calculate body mass index, and bone density. These technical skills aren't the only benefits they bring back to the community. The volunteers are trained to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate education to their communities.

"The VHA was a really good program for us, to meet new people, and to learn a lot of stuff about communities and communities' needs. We are the bridge between the Cambridge Health Alliance and our communities. I was volunteering for about 10 years in my Mosque. And I love to volunteer in the VHA program because I love to meet new people, to communicate with people and to help them in different ways," said Lamia Reem.

Reem moved to the USA from Morocco with her husband and three children. Although she had no previous medical training, she completed the program and is now a volunteer in the VHA program.

"I love everything about this program because it teaches us a lot of things that we can use in our everyday life. Like how to be healthy, and what kind of food you need to eat and what kind of food you shouldn't eat. And we've been trained on doing a lot of tests, like glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes. In our community a lot of people have either high blood pressure or are diabetic so we learned how to give them the risk factors," said Lamia

The current group of volunteers comes

'A Heart Needs a Home

an art auction fundraiser benefitting the Somerville Homeless Coalition

The artist members of Washington Street, in Somerville, invite you to their second art auction fundraiser benefitting their friends at the Somerville Homeless Coalition, a wonderful organization that has helped so many Somerville and surrounding area residents in the past, and is there for people when they find themselves without one of the things everyone needs: a home. Their first fundraiser, held in 2011, was a sweet success, and they hope to match that this year. This is a silent auction, but friendly "bidding competitions" are encouraged. 100% percent of all art sales and other donations will go directly to the Somerville Homeless Coalition. The SHC provides a myriad of services to those in need, including emergency food and shelter, a soup kitchen, permanent housing assistance, case management, as well as a compassionate, generous staff and group of volunteers. Art will be on display from December 5 - 26. They encourage you to preview the works on Saturday the 5th; and to continue bidding through the month after our official auction. Washington Street is a gallery and studio space for more than twenty visual artists; presenting exhibitions, concerts, film series, and other art initiatives. The Center participates in Somerville Open Studio search May and a frequent Open Studios in December. Washington Street is located between Union Square and Beacon Street; is a five-minute walk from Union Square and a ten-minute walk from Harvard Square (two blocks from Beacon Street). The Center is near, or on, the following bus routes: 83, 85, 86, 87, 91, and CT2. Parking is free and ample.



from twenty different countries and speaks fourteen different languages. The ability to reach community members in their own language and with cultural sensitivities creates sense of trust.

"We try to educate people and we try to connect them to the health care services especially the people who are not insured. And we do it in their language and this one of the unique thing about this program. VHA speak different languages, for example I speak Arabic, that's my mother tongue, and others speak Portuguese, other speak French. So you can find a variety of volunteers speaking several languages. It's actually a hyper-diverse community," said Heba Abolaban, a Syrian refugee and VHA volunteer.

Jesse Branth immigrated from Brazil fourteen years ago and has been volunteering with the VHA for almost that long. For Jesse, the VHA program led to a job as a marketing specialist with the Cambridge Health Alliance. He continues to volunteer for the VHA program even though he's now working full time.

"To be a volunteer is to be a member of the family, today here it's very nice to see a lot of people. Everybody together. Because I came from Brazil and I don't have any family here, so I have a big family now," said Branth.

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The Mystic Water Works Building is located on a 1.102-acre portion of a larger campus site in Somerville, at the intersection of Mystic Valley Parkway, Alewife Brook Parkway and Capen Court . The proposed development is a rehabilitation of the historic and long-vacant former Water Works Building. The rehabilitation will create 25 one-bedroom units for seniors and persons with disabilities, including five units reserved for persons earning less than 30% of the area median income. All 25 units will be within a single two-story building and will include common areas and facilities.

Materials can be obtained from the Somerville Housing Authority's Administration Office, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. There is no charge for the application materials, however request to mail by calling (617) 625-1152 must be accompanied by a \$10.00 non-refundable check made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority. Prospective Development Consulting Firms may also obtain the RFP via email by contacting Paul Mackey at paulm@sha-web.org.

Interested professionals should submit sealed proposals at the above office no later than 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 7, 2016. The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, the best interest of the Somerville Housing Authority would be served by doing so. Prior to the deadline a pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Mystic Water Works Building, 485 Mystic Valley Parkway, Somerville, MA on Wednesday December 16, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Questions must be presented in writing to Deputy Director, Paul Mackey at (617) 625-1152 ext.321

> Joseph R. Macaluso **Executive Director**

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FAX: 617.628.0422



CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP # 16-50

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

Accident Recovery Services

The City is seeking the services of a firm that specializes in comprehensive accident recovery services on behalf of municipalities to provide said services on behalf of the City for all aspects of accident recovery claims

The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained online at: http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids

or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after December 7, 2015. Separately sealed (A) qualifications packages and (B) fee proposals will be received until Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing. The successful bidder must be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please contact Angela M. Allen amallen@somervillema.gov for more information

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

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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Office of the Clerk of the Family Court Providence, SC Case#: P2015-0744

WHEREAS, Fremio Orlando Celado Pena, of Providence in the County of Providence has filed a Complaint in said office demanding a divorce from Melissa Tejeda, PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. 15-5-16.1, AND ALL OTHER RELIEF AS THIS COURT MAY DEEM JUST.

Now, therefore you the said DEFENDANT are hereby summoned to answer, if you shall see fit, before the Family Court, to be held at Providence, within the County of Providence, on the 14th day of January, 2016, then and there to answer said complaint. FAILURE TO APPREAR WILL RESULT IN DEFAULT AND DEFFENDANT WILL BE DE-NIFD ALIMONY

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND FEE **CITY OF SOMERVILLE** PURCHASING DEPARTMENT **RFQF 16-47**

Electrical Inspections and Consulting Services

The City of Somerville seeks the services of a qualified master licensed electrician to work up to 20 hours per week

Bid packages for may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema. gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on Monday December 7th, 2015.

Sealed proposals must be submitted no later than 11:00 A.M. Wednesday December 23rd, 2015.

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

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

MIDDLESEX Division

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Christian Sidney, Plaintiff

Katia Sidney, Defendant

To the above named Defendant(s):

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking a Modification

You are required to serve upon <u>Mark L. Nestor, ESq</u>

-attorney for plaintiff(s)- whose address is 45 Middle Street, Suite 1, Gloucester, MA, 01930

your answer on or before January 15, 2016. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Cambridge.

Witness, <u>Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr.</u>, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 4th day of December, 2015.

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

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The draft Fiscal Impact Analysis raises more questions than it answers

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redevelopment planning area's sidering the miniscule proporacres. The Civic Advisory Com- Plan obligates the US2 devel-

place the Lowell Street fire sta- impact analyses. proportion of that would be 25 tion of the "D" blocks that the tion with one situated closer to

acres of new open space. The by private development." Con- sumed \$20.5 million cost to re- does in other municipal fiscal the Neighborhood Plan.

It does not break down the the tax rate that commercial uses the Square. The adequacy of this incidence of calls and costs-per-

Residential uses pay only 60% pay. But they generate higher

mittee set a goal of 20.4 acres.

The Neighborhood Plan whittled that down to twelve acres, three of which consist of widened street verges and adjusting Union Square's main parking area to the same height as surrounding sidewalks while declaring it a "plaza" when it's not being used to park cars.

The Analysis states that "Public space proposed in Union Square and Boynton Yards is assumed to be paid for and built opers to commit to open space, there is little reasons to believe that the city's Planning authorities would compel future developers to make dramatically larger commitments.

And though the mayor has strongly advocated for a "civic block" that would include a library and other city services, the Analysis assumes no capital costs for new civic buildings, nor costs for building maintenance. The one exception is an as-

arrangement is worth a whole column in itself.

In fact, space limits how much I can write about questionable operating expense assumptions. But one line item is worth noting. At 18% of the city's budget, Public Safety costs are its second-largest segment. The Analysis reasonably projects additional police and fire costs by projecting the number of new police and fire calls. But it does not do what TischlerBise call by land use. Doing so would reveal that office uses generate a small fraction of the public safety costs that a comparable unit of residential space generates. And that hints at what is driving the questionable assumptions. A redevelopment plan that both generates positive net income and pays for needed infrastructure improvements cannot also accommodate the level of housing development proposed in municipal costs in every significant budget category.

If our city's leaders are serious about achieving fiscal health, they must zone Union Square and Boynton Yards to maximize commercial development. And they cannot lead the redevelopment effort with massive construction of new housing that would absorb needed infrastructure and usurp the sites most attractive to commercial developers.

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

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

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

Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway –There are programs and services for YOU at our Cross Street Center we have low-cost, healthy, hot lunch program, English Conversation Practice, Creative Arts Programming, Multicultural Programming and Fit-4-Life exercise. Our English Conversation Practice Group meets every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 A.M. The Conversation continues through a healthy home-made lunch. For more information or to make a reservation for lunch please contact Janine Lottie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335. She will be happy to tell you about the group and other programs we have to offer at our Cross Street Center.

Holiday Bazaar – Thursday, December 10 & Friday, December 11 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center

Jaunts with Janine – Concord Museum's 20th Annual Family of Trees – Friday, December 11th - A Celebration of Children's Literature – Departing our Holland Street Center at 11:15 A.M. \$28. Price will include transportation and museum admission. Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600. Ext. 2300 for additional information or to reserve your spot.

Patriot's Place & Wrentham Outlets – Sunday, December 13 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:00 P.M. For more information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

La Salette Shrine – Thursday, December 17 – departing Holland Street at 9:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. There is a \$40.- fee which includes transportation, a chicken dinner with all the fixings at Wright's Chicken Farm, Father Pat's concert (an hour of traditional holiday music), and the amazing Festival of Lights. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

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.

Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group

SOLID.

The day trip to LaSalette Shrine scheduled for Thursday, December 17th is SOLD OUT.

Please not that the 3* remaining trips to the Berklee College of Music are BOOKED SOLID.

*Monday, December 7th "Cabaret" – 8:00 P.M.

*Monday, December 14th: "Backgrounds and Beyond" – 4:00 P.M.

*Tuesday, December 15th "Berklee Marimba Concert" – 3:30 P.M.

The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for January 10th, 11th & 12th of 2016 is SOLD OUT.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 11, 2016. We are looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - 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 Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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. Become more active – make new friends – boost your brain power – feel healthier. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H) 8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) 12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life (H) 9:00 Fit 4 Life* Group B (H) 12:00 Fit 4 Life* Group C (H) 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 10:30 Fit 4 Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life*

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A 9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B 11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration**If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday December 9

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

Thursday December 10

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, C)
12:45 Bingo (H)
Holiday Bazaar 11:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M.
Ralph & Jenny Center Closed today

Friday December 11

11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H) Holiday Bazaar 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Concord Museum

Monday December 14

All Center are closed WHYC Holiday Celebration Berklee College of Music

Tuesday December 15

10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
6:00 Caregivers Support Group (H)
Berklee College of Music

Wednesday December 16

9:00 Veterans & Men's Groups (H) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads / Holiday Party

is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted. The day trip to the Wrentham Outlets & Patriot's Place scheduled for Sunday, December 13th is BOOKED SOLID.

The Holiday celebration at the Winter Hill Yacht Club scheduled for Monday, December 14th is BOOKED

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 10:30 Fit-4-Life Cross Street* (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics - \$2.00 (H) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A (H)

DID YOU KNOW?

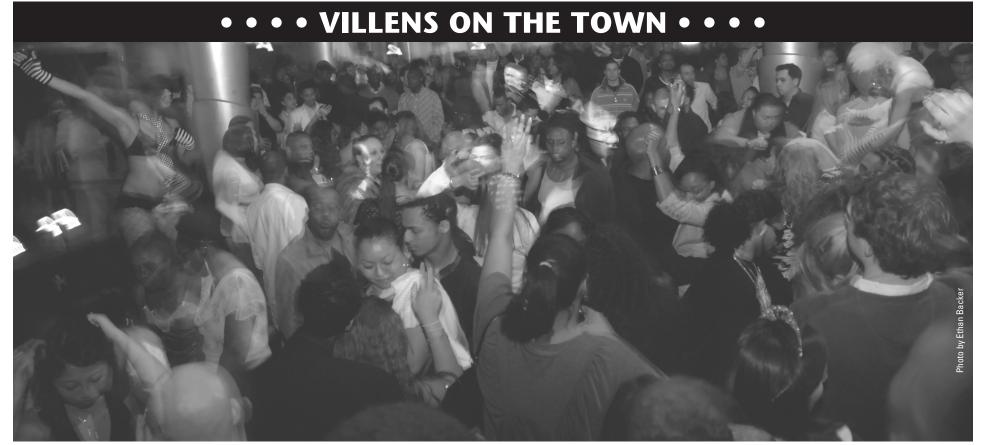
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You can receive our monthly newsletter that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600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

Why can't we get some commonsense gun regulation? CONT. FROM PG 10

There's no shortage of reforms we could enact to stop that flow of guns directly into the criminal market, but legislative roadblocks prevent it. At the very least, we could increase funding for the CDC, NIH, and others to collect more data and study the effects of gun policies. We also could treat gun ownership like car ownership, requiring a gun license and for your guns to be registered. In combination with national background checks, that could help separate the responsible gun owners from many of the would-be killers. That is hardly a case of treading upon the Second Amendment. You don't hear mo-
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their right to drive.Guns have killing power. Mostof

people recognize and respect the that. They understand the need our for sensible gun regulations. live Our laws need to provide some vul Thai Hut Restaurant A Taste of Siam Voted Best of Somerville 2008 - 2011 93 Beacon Street, Somerville, MA 02143 Tel: 617-492-8377 Fax: 617-492-8534



CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday December 9

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

East Branch Library

Rosalita's Puppets presents The Ice Queen Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 115 Broadway

Central Library Night of the Mics Stephanie Santiago-617-625-6600 ext.225 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Thursday December 10

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

West Branch Library 3D Paper Snowflakes Thy Toeum-617-623-5000 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.|40 College Avenue

Friday | December 11

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

Saturday December 12

Monday December 14

Central Library Sing Along with Liza Kitchell Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday | December 15

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 12-14 Tammy McKanan -617-591-0216 9:30 a.m -12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Wednesday | December 16 East Branch Library

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

MUSIC|ARTS Wednesday|December 9

Johnny D's Ukulele Noir ft. Craig Robertson, The Greg Hawkes Ukulele Trio, Melvern Taylor and The Fabulous Meltones + Special Guests 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

Arts at the Armory Wrong is Right & Morgan Weidinger and Friends 7:30 p.m.|Café Teen Open Mic Night 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

Davis Square Theatre Return of the Winemaker 7 p.m|.255 Elm Street

Thursday | December 10 Johnny D's

The 11th Annual Boston Christmas Cavalcade for the Homeless 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Jody Blackwell \$5 cover|8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. Back Room Backroom Series L80's night with Scattershot|10 p.m,. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Thunder Road Thunder Body 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory SBN's 14th Annual Winter Gala 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Broad Appeal - Comedy Night 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre The Encyclopedia Show:The Circus|7 p.m. Return of the Winemaker 255 Elm Street

Friday December 11

Johnny D's El Vez Christmas Show + Gunpowder Gelatine Blue Light Bandits / Addison Station / The Band Apollo 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Kevin Byrne & The Vertical File |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Backchannels, Mercury on Mars, Patch of Grass \$10 cover| 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

3589

The Burren Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Backroom Series: Porch Party Mamas|7 p.m. Cover-Up|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge Scubaphone Copilot Soulpax The Jack Widows 345 Somerville Ave Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ

Bull McCabe's TBA 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

Davis Square Theatre Return of the Winemaker|7 p.m. Shit-faced Shakespeare|10 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Pocket Aces 7:30 p.m.|Café Soundproofing Benefit Concert Series -- Part 4 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Thunder Road Consider The Source 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Saturday December 12

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch Fat City Band Gangstagrass+ Populace 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents The Acoustic Sessions v2.0 with Ryan Pinette, Mark Femino,Nate Livingston, Billy Collins, Rival Island \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Central Library Lacan Reading Group Dominique Stassart-617-784-8163 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

3D Paper Snowflakes Thy Toeum-617-623-5000 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Sunday | December 13

Central Library Alice in Wonderland Read-a-thon and Tea Party! Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000 x2914 2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland

Avenue

Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

> P.A.'s Lounge Gabo Flores Captain Easychord Andrew Soucy Model Citizens Lawrence Trailer The Lone Gnome 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul

P.A.'s Lounge The Pillow Men The Boxberry's Brother Joy Reckless Serenade 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Bull McCabe's Dub Down Reggae 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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

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

Backroom Series The Narrowbacks (NYC) and The Gobshites|7 p.m. Spittin' Vinnys|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Koda |2 p.m. Matinee Show Bunker Hill Woven In Hiatus Bay Faction Bobby Mahoney and the Seventh Son Jack Romanov 345 Somerville Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

•••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

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

Arts at the Armory Big Fuzzy & Matthew Carmichael 7:30 p.m.|Café Holiday Pops 8 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Return of the Winemaker|7 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Thunder Road Hadley & The Jackal 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Sunday December 13

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Lincoln Memorial Sourmash Christmas|2 p.m. Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m. Back Room Burren Acoustic Music Series

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Arts at the Armory

The Fourth Annual Holiday Flea by The Somerville Flea 10 a.m.|Performance Hall A Victorian America Winter Holiday 3:30 p.m.|Cafe Swinging Jam Session 6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Return of the Winemaker 3 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Monday December 14

Johnny D's Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: The Spank Bank Comedy Hour (Stand-Up) Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

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

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

P.A.'s Lounge Americana Mondays 8 p.m.|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

Arts at the Armory December 2015 Skillshare - Ornaments: Styled by You 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Return of the Winemaker 7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Tuesday | December 15 Johnny D's Sally O'Brien's Bar Kristen Ford with The Beauty Way|8 .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|8 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 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Davis Square Theatre Return of the Winemaker 7 p.m.255 Elm Street

Thunder Road Boston Blues Society Holiday Party Featuring Live Music and Good Times! 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory First and Last Word Poetry Series 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday December 16

Johnny D's Closed for private event 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Sean Joncas Seth Adam James McCarthy Builder of the house Hailey Magee Danny Fallon 345 Somerville Ave

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

Arts at the Armory SAC Artists of the Month celebration

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

Davis Square Theatre Return of the Winemaker 7 p.m|.255 Elm Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|December 9

Central Library Somerville Positive Forces Lovelee Heller-Bottari-617-625-6600 x4322 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday | December 10

Central Library Memoir Writing Workshop with Judah Leblang 7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday|December 12

Central Library Lacan Reading Group Dominique Stassart -617-784-8163 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory Somerville Winter Farmers' 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 13

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 14

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

Central Library

Mental Wellness Game NIght Jessica Moffett-6175019422 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday December 15

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

Central Library A Bout to Benefit 2016 Kickoff Meeting Eoin Barry-2079928442 7:30 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday | December 16

Central Library On D.E.C.K. Stephanie Santiago-617-625-6600 ext.225 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue Central Library Somerville Girl Scout Leader Meeting Kim Lambert-6173520148 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

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In Somerville alone, Food For Free delivered more than



235,700 pounds of fresh food to more than 15 diverse local organizations, including Hearty Meals for All, Massachusetts Bay Veterans Center, Project Soup, Real Kids Real Food, and the Somerville Cambridge Elder Services and many more. These donations equate to ap-

proximately 181,352 meals for local families in need.

It's a model that works, and can continue to work. Together we can bridge the gap between waste and want.

Sasha Purpura is Executive Director of Food For Free

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Monday, December 14

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12:32am	Navigating Addiction
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12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY

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Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

15 Schedule Educational

Wednesday, December 10

9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City
10:00am:S	HS Building Committee Visits Essex Tech HS
11:00am:	SHS Building Committee Visits Quincy HS
12:00pm:	SHS Fall Sports Rally
1:00pm:	SHS Football v Cambridge
3:00pm:	Early Childhood Literacy Fair
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9:00am:	Raising Families - Diversity
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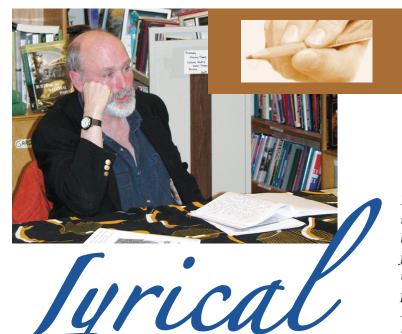
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Pounding The Door Into Gray By James DeCrescentis

Richard Wilhelm, a resident of Ball Square, writes a review of local poet James De Crescentis' recently published collection of poetry. Richard is an art consultant for Ibbetson Street magazine, and has been published in a number of small press literary journals. I had to pleasure to work with him for many years at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA.

Pounding The Door Into Gray By James DeCrescentis Igneus Press Canyon TX \$10.00

Joan Didion has spoken of how writers impose "a narrative line upon disparate images" in order to "freeze the shifting phantasmagoria which is our actual experience." That is to say, writers generally impose a narrative, impose ideas, to create an aesthetic whole. James DeCrescentis' recent chapbook of eleven prose poems takes a wrecking ball to that model. He does away with narrative, or at least with imposed, plotted narrative, to allow the free reign of what Didion calls the "shifting phantasmagoria" and the free play of the imagination.

DeCrescentis uses streams of images, many of them surreal, that come fast on the heels of the preceding ones, often in run-on sentences that serve to build the intensity of the poem. But most images are striking enough to put the brakes on just a little, so the poem does run off the tracks. DeCrescentis is very much in control of his material. And though the poems present a shifting phantasmagoria, meaning nonetheless erupts like crocuses in early spring. A strong moral tone is evident as well in certain of the poems. In *The Italian Haircut*, a man barred from a neighborhood club in 1948, because of his race dreams of opening his own club, which he eventually does. The concluding stanza reads:

And I'll make it born into the same year, watching those

victory gardens burning up one by one the children must

change racism without money or violence, or catchy bumper

stickers on foreign cars—-let everybody in.

The opening lines of the next poem in the col-

POUNDING THE DOOR INTO GRAY



JAMES DE CRESCENTIS

bulldozers

with cranes flattening to dirt what took so long to be

born a religion of death so far out of touch flames bring

candles lining small squares----

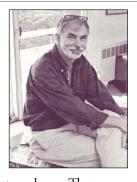
DeCrescentis spent much of his working life as a counselor in psychiatric facilities and his experiences enter into or color several of the poems. *The Shift* is short enough to be quoted in its entirety:

I walk up and down the halls of the ward and see a

- two-tone paint job clogging my lungs, which hoard all
- pollutants like back room meetings, terrible colors
- walking the straight line around a bend of ladders on
- fire, even the paintbrush loses direction. I do this long walk because the zombie wants some shuffle.

Pounding The Door Into Gray is a nicely designed chapbook that features a cover paint-

Poet Philip Burnham, Jr. writes: "This poem *Gardenias* from my new book, *Winter Dreams* (Ibbetson Street Press), is about so many things. When I was asked by a neighbor to take care of her gardenia, it reminded me of my mother's preference for them and of my own purchase of gardenias when, as an adolescent, I would buy a corsage of gardenia



to give to the young lady I was escorting to a dance. The poem, like so many of my poems, is about love and memory and loss. I had not thought of Shirley Kay Morse in years; the woman who asked me to care for her plant has since died and my own efforts to keep it and others have not been successful. Not all of that is contained in this poem, but echoes of those events are and that is what created the poem in the first place.

Gardenias

- On the sun window's sill an orphaned plant,
- Its owner gone to gardens beyond sight
- Of her gardenia's compelling fragrant
- Flowers. They spend their velvet creamy white
- Blossom petals over a flight of green
- Bright polished leaves. An intimate perfume
- Reminding me of adolescence when
- Suddenly, there were women in the room,
- Whose presence would transform the atmosphere,
- But I was an awkward innocent in

Subtle ways of courtship. I would appear

At the door of Shirley Kay who would pin

A proffered gardenia on her gown

For a formal dance, an odor of love

Arising between us, its perfect bloom

As transient as would affection prove,

Fragile as those abandoned flowers here.

The petals come to yellow like old cloth,

Their scent remembrance of what once seemed dear,

Of brief encounters in a distant youth.

— Philip Burnham, Jr.

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu lection, We Put Transistors Everywhere, also burn with moral fire: ing by the author titled Wally's Café. The book is available for \$10 from Igneus Press, 1301

And forget the places as they get razed by ig

ing by the author titled *Wally's Café*. The book is available for \$10 from Igneus Press, 1301 Eighth Avenue, Canyon, TX 79015 or at www. igneuspress.com.

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paying taxes either on the property. So the taxable land at Assembly gets smaller and smaller?

There are still about 150 permits pending in the Citizen Serve chain of so-called progress, so we hear. We also heard they get bottled up in the Planning Department.

The Tufts University Department of Music presents a concert featuring Kiniwe, Tufts African Music Ensemble, in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. Under the direction of Attah Poku, Tufts' African music ensemble presents a program of traditional music and dance from Ghana, featuring items of his own Ashanti heritage. Kiniwe will also feature the Ahenema Cultural Troupe, artists of Ashanti birth now based in New York City, and the Agbekor Drum and Dance Society, a Boston-based group founded in 1979 by Prof. David Locke. The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/ Somerville campus. Admission is free. For more information, please visit as.tufts.edu/music/musiccenter. Phone: 617.627.3679.

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