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Mayor Curtatone addressed public and city official Monday night, weighing in on the state of the city while looking forward to the issues to be faced in the years to come.

By Joe Ruvido

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone gave his annual State of the City address on Monday night at City Hall. In attendance were the Board of Aldermen, various public officials, and members of the public who came to hear the mayor summarize past accomplishments and lay out priorities for the 2017 legislative season.

The theme of the mayor's speech - "resolve" applies, in his words, not only to serving Somerville but also in continuing Somerville's liberal policies in the face of opposition from the White House and Congress. "Somerville has become the blueprint for progressive, local government," bellowed the mayor to the standing-room-only crowd gathered at the Aldermanic Chamber. "Others need to see our resolve in action."

The mayor folded the Green Line Extension (GLX) in to this point. Continued on page 4

Happy 175th Birthday, Somerville!

By Jessica Kenney

2017 marks Somerville's 175th anniversary. This city has developed greatly over the years, and it is indeed a place that deserves celebrating. With its emphasis on community, education, arts, and more, Somerville has proved that the main focus of the city is on its residents; supporting each other and growing the city to be the best it can be.

To take a look back, Somerville was founded in 1842, when separated from Charlestown. Its government and business grew rapidly in the city's beginning years, but had a slight decline in the 1970s and 80s. However, it built itself back up a few short years later, when beauty salons and real estate offices populated retail spaces.

There was a high demand for housing in the mid-1990s and now this city has developed into a community that highly appreciates the arts and has an effective government. Over the years, Somerville has continued to thrive, and was even named the best-run city in Massachu-

Somerville presents many



The City of Somerville is turning 175 years old and the occasion was celebrated Monday night with a special Continued on page 8 birthday party held at City Hall.

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There's a rumor floating around that at a recent bake sale at the high school some brownies were being sold with an added kick to them, namely the added ingredient of marijuana. We heard that immediately upon finding out the school administration made a series of robo-calls to let parents know. The individual that did this (we're not sure if there were one or more involved) has been identified and appropriate action will be taken. Maybe the person involved thought it was OK, since Massachusetts voted to make it legal?

We hear that at a recent committee meeting a question was asked by Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, who wanted to know why the city would have so many rabbits running around. No one could answer his question.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to Kevin O'Donovan, a dedicated firefighter here in the city and one of our first responders. We hope he has a great birthday this week. Former Ward 6 School Committee Member July Tarpey DiPasquale is celebrating this week. We hope she also has a great birthday. She is one of Somerville's nicest politicians, always with a smile and full of dedication to the city and its school system. Happy birthday to our good friend James Ribeiro, a Somerville native who is a great guy and an awesome computer whiz. We hope he and his lovely lady Karen have a great time celebrating this week. Happy birthday to Theresa Rodriques of Winter Hill fame. We hope she also has a great birthday. Happy birthday to the sign man himself, Dominick Silvestri Jr., a lifelong dedicated member of our community. We hope Dom has a great day for himself with his family. Happy birthday to a good guy and friend of the paper, Ken Sprague of Malden, a real estate broker himself. We hope he has a great day for himself as well. Another realtor friend, Michele Busler up in Townsend MA, who if you're looking to buy out there she's the one to contact, also celebrates this week. We hope she and Niles, her husband, have a great birthday. A good guy who is self-employed and originally from Brazil, Paulo DeOliveira is celebrating this week. We hope he also has a great day. You Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Newstalk - January 4

ovr_taxed says:

Time for some new blood in the At-Large seats. When was the last time a sitting BOA President lost his seat? Time for the bloviating, belaborer to go back to obscurity – he complained about all the spending but then voted for all of it, selling us down the river. Won't miss Sullivan either if he got replaced.

Linda says:

I'm with you ovr_taxed. I would like to learn more about Stephanie Hirsch because there is no way Sean Fitzgerald is getting my vote. I am very sad Courtney O'Keefe is not running but I know her father died this summer so I understand.

Scott says:

The only name I recognize is Courtney. I'll be sitting this one out too.

Response to: Say 'hello' to Fat Hen Restaurant

steve andrews says:

mostly out of towners and the hipster crowd i live down the street i see it all the time. theyre not open every day three days i think east somerville is mostly low/middle income with generations of families who cant afford the high prices... east end grille went bust it should have been a sports bar assembly row / tony cs too trendy for locals.

Freebie says:

Since when are hipsters in Somerville "out of towners"? They live here, lots and lots of them.

Response to: 2016: A reflection on the year's milestones

Jill Aronson says:

The city has accomplished a lot in the past year. Let's keep it going through 2017.

Response to: Somerville Snow Emergency Ends

jeff says:

And space savers continue to be banned everywhere in Somerville at all times, so keep your junk off the street.

Response to: SNN #76: Reducing Concussions with Youth Athletes

Oliver Seppo says:

Finally! Ban boxing!

Response to: Our View of the Times - January 4

LindaS says:

It's great to be able to feel the pride of having a rich history; but it would really be great if the picture that accompanied the article were actually of Prospect Hill Tower, and not the Powderhouse. :)

Gaspar Fomento says:

Sorry, Smiley, the Powderhouse image always accompanies this feature. It's also present on the top of each web page as a symbolic icon. Stick to bashing the Mayor, that's more your speed.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



SHS seniors Abike Beke and Dessources **Domond earn Posse Scholarships**

By Rebecca Danvers

Somerville High School seniors Abike Beke and Dessources Domond are among a select group of students from across the country to be named Posse Scholars by the Posse Foundation this year.

Both students will receive four-year, full-tuition leadership scholarships to partnering colleges and universities, where they will work with fellow Posse scholars to serve as leaders and build community within their school environments. Students are nominated for consideration, and are carefully selected based on their leadership ability, academic potential, and overall motivation to succeed.

Abike's goal is to enter into the medical field. She will be attending Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA and will be pursuing a degree in Neuroscience or Biology. A native of Nigeria, Abike entered the Somerville Public Schools system as an eighth-grader at West Somerville Neighborhood School. She has been a member of the SHS chorus for four years, and a member of the All-City chorus for two years. She was selected into the National Honor Society during the first round of selection her junior year, and is also a member of the Music Honor Society.

She is a member of the Engineering Minority Club and the Community Service Club at SHS. Abike has completed ex-

tensive community service through Little Sisters of the Poor and completed an internship at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Houston, Texas the summer after her junior year. Her internship focused on working with the VA hospital nurses.

Dessources will be attending Union College in Schenectady, NY, and plans to pursue a degree in general engineering. Dessources and his mother moved to the U.S. from Haiti in 2010 after the earthquake. Dessources immersed himself in learning the English language when he first arrived in Somerville as a fifth-grader at the East Somerville Community School, while at the same time working on mastering the academic content.

Dessources currently serves as the student representative on the Somerville School Committee. He was inducted into the SHS National Honor Society in the first selection round as a junior, and has been a member of the SHS Science League, Outdoor Club, Community Service Club, and the First Robotics Club. He worked as a teacher's assistant/ aide in the Summer Program for English Language Learners (SPELL) at the East Somerville Community School the summer after his sophomore year. Dessources has also been a member of the track team at Somerville High School for 3 years.

Congratulations to Abike and Dessources on this outstanding accomplishment!



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Snow blower safety tips:

Keep best practices in mind this winter



With winter snows arriving, homeowners, contractors, and business owners will again rely on their snow blowers to clear driveways and walks. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) is offering tips for safe and correct use of snow blowers.

"Your indispensable winter friend, the snow blower is ready to be powered up and it's important to keep safety in mind," says OPEI President and CEO Kris Kiser. "Be sure to prepare and consider the following tips before you use your equipment:

PREPARE BEFORE IT SNOWS

Review your owner's manual and check your equipment. Check your owner's manual for safe handling procedures from your manufacturer. If you forgot to drain the fuel last winter before storing your snow blower, drain the tank now. Adjust any cables. Check the auger (the snow blower should always be completely powered off when you are checking the equipment). Know how to operate the controls. You should be able to shut off your equipment quickly.

Prepare your fuel and handle it properly. It's important to have the right fuel on hand for your snow blower - movement and fuel availability may be limited during a snowstorm. Be sure to use the correct fuel, as Continued on page 21

By Jim Clark

The price just wasn't right

Police officers were dispatched to Assembly Row last Sunday on reports that a Home Depot employee was pursuing a suspected shoplifter who was attempting to leave the area.

Upon arrival, the officers caught up with the Home Depot employee who reportedly told them that a man, later identified as Christopher Mc-Bride, of Marshfield, had taken a laser level from the store and that he was presently fleeing

the scene, heading towards the AMC theater.

Additional police units combed the area and eventually located McBride in front of Tony C's Bar and Grill.

When advised that he was being placed under arrest for shoplifting, McBride reportedly apologized and said that he ran because he was scared.

After McBride was taken to the police station for booking, the responding officers questioned the Home Depot employee about what had taken place at the store.

According to reports, the officers were told that, through store surveillance equipment, McBride had been observed standing in front of a display, looking around. He then stated that he watched McBride as he selected a Bosch laser level, with a retail value of \$269, from the display, and carried it to the plumbing department. According to the store employee's statement, McBride ripped off a product code label from a pipe, and then placed it on the Bosch laser level. Then McBride reportedly walked to the self-service checkout area and scanned the attached product code label that was for the pipe. McBride also scanned another small item and paid for the merchandise, for a total of \$9.11.

The employee said that he at-

tempted to prevent McBride from leaving the store by identifying himself and requesting that he bring the merchandise back inside store, but McBride refused and fled on foot towards the Assembly Square area. He stated that McBride dropped the merchandise and he continued to pursue him.

McBride was subsequently booked and charged with possession and use of counterfiet price tag.

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Arrests:

Anna Roberto, of 71 Union St., Brighton, January 2, 5:27 p.m., arrested at Webster Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to stop or yield.

Michael Riccio, of 26 Der-

by St., January 4, 11:20 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of possession of a large capacity firearm and possession of ammunition with no FID card.

Felix Lugo, of 33 Bow St., Apt. 406, January 5, 9:21 a.m., arrested at Walnut St. on warrant charges of failure to stop or yield, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second offense, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Sinead O'Leary, of 1568 High St., Westwood, January 5, 4:20 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, possession of a class E drug, distribution of a class B drug, and possession of a class A drug.

Jose Alvarado, of 147 Chel-

sea St., East Boston, January 6, 4:48 p.m., arrested at Crocker St. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and speeding.

Rosemonde Louis, of 1325 Warren Ave., January 7, 4:58 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of trespassing.

Antonio Nunes, of 8 Donna Rd., Chelmsford, January 7, 11:35 p.m., arrested at Edmands St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Christopher McBride, of 49 Sekonnet, Marshfield, January 8, 2:43 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of possession and use of counterfiet price tag.

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Mayor talks past, present, future at State of the City address

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"Projects like GLX are why we get involved with city government." To the nominal benefits of the proposed Green Line stations – more accessible to public transit, business development near the new stations – the mayor tied the benefits that the \$50 million contribution in funding brings to the city's overall vision. "We must serve as beacon for diversity and social progress," said Curtatone.

The mayor listed a litany of accomplishments that have been spearheaded by his administration, which has been in power since January 2004.

The mayor commended city services for fielding over 90,000 calls to 311 in 2016. Diligence in that regard helped name Somerville the 7th most walkable and 4th most bikeable cities in 2016 according to walkscore.com and the League of American

Cyclists, respectively. He also applauded the police for a 21% drop in crime, and for nabbing a suspected bank robber who escaped from a prison in Rhode Island last week.

"Nothing should reduce our resolve"

The mayor's biggest policy pitch in the speech was for the proposed zoning overhaul. The move, according to the mayor, would make much-needed updates to the city's zoning code allowing it to reach administration goals in areas like affordable housing, open space, and

environmental sustainability. Specifically, the overhaul would hold the city to a goal of 20% inclusionary housing, as "only 22 homes in Somerville comply to the current zoning code." The zoning goals would allow space for athletics and the arts; fields such as the Nunziato Park renovation and studios like Art Farm would typify such endeavors under the plan.

Curtatone expressed his desire to implement a Community Benefits Agreement between citizen groups, the administration, and developers for the Union Square Revitalization project. The CBA would hold all parties accountable to goals similar to those in the zoning overhaul.

Prior to the address, Alderman at Large William White was sworn in for another term as President of the Board. Striking a tone similar to that



Alderman at Large William A. White Jr. was once again sworn in as President of the Board of Aldermen at Monday night's organizational meeting.

of the mayor, White reaffirmed Somerville's status as a sanctuary city and a place that will "protect the rights of all citizens regardless of race, sexual orientation and religion."

White also said that Somerville will resist efforts by Congress to stall its progress on initiatives such as the plastic bag ban. "With preemption, congress can step in and stop local legislation," said White after the speech, referring to the ability of Washington to meddle in local matters based on the Constitution's Commerce Clause. "Nothing should reduce our resolve."

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Escaped prisoner captured in Somerville

By Jim Clark

An inmate who escaped from Wyatt Detention Facility in Central Falls, RI on December 31, 2016, was tracked down and apprehended in Somerville by State Police last Thursday.

Local authorities had been tipped off that the fugitive, James Morales, could be in the area and that he was suspected of trying to rob a bank in Cambridge, where he is from.

Another attempted bank robbery occurred in Somerville on Thursday and alert State Troopers, who were on alert that Morales might have been the perpetrator, spotted him as he was walking down the street.

rick gave chase as Morales tried running away. The escapee managed to briefly elude the officers, but was eventually located, hiding under the porch of a nearby residence. Merrick apprehended Morales as he tried climbing over a fence after his hiding place was found out.

Trooper Brendan Cain assisted in the arrest along with two detectives from the Somerville Police Department, Derrick Dottin and Kilsarys Leguisamon.

It is believed that Morales made his way out of the detention facility by climbing atop a basketball hoop than cutting and climbing through its razor wire fence. It is believed that he State Trooper Joseph Mer- stole a car shortly thereafter.



Pictured above: State Trooper Joseph Merrick addressed the media after Thursday's arrest of escaped convict James Morales (pictured below left). Pictured below center/right: Somerville Police Detectives Kilsarys Leguisamon and Derrick Dottin.



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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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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. Mike Connolly

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

With today's edition, The Somerville Times begins coverage of the 2017-2018 Massachusetts legislative session with our weekly *Beacon Hill Roll Call* report. This feature is a clear and concise compilation of the voting records

of local state representatives and senators.

Beacon Hill Roll Call provides an unbiased summary of bills and amendments, arguments from floor debate on both sides of the issue and each legislator's vote or lack of vote on the matter. This information gives readers an opportunity to monitor their elected officials' actions on Beacon Hill. Many bills are reported on in their early stages, giving readers the opportunity to contact their legislators and express an opinion prior to the measure being brought up for final action.

The feature "Also Up on Beacon Hill" informs readers of other important matters at the Statehouse.

Beacon Hill Roll Call is written and provided by Bob Katzen, a former Boston radio talk show host at WRKO, WITS and WMRE. Bob has been providing this feature to hundreds of newspapers across the Bay State for 42 years since 1975. Beacon Hill Roll Call is edited by Brandon L. Stanway.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Last week was full of activity on Beacon Hill. The Legislature approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker dozens of bills passed on voice votes, without roll calls, prior to the end of the 2015-2016 session on Tuesday, January 3.

The Legislature convened the 2017-2018 session on Wednesday, January 4. Most of Wednesday's activity was ceremonial with the exception of the election of a speaker of the House and Senate president.

HOUSE RE-ELECTS SPEAKER DELEO

House 120-35, re-elected Rep. Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) as speaker of the House. DeLeo received the votes of 120 Democrats. Three Democratic representatives were absent and two opted not to cast a vote for speaker.

Rep. Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) received the votes of all 35 Republicans and was re-elected GOP minority leader.

Rep. Christine Barber for DeLeo Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote

SENATE RE-ELECTS SENATE PRESIDENT STAN ROSENBERG

Senate 34-6, re-elected Sen. Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) as Senate president. Rosenberg received the votes of all the chamber's 34 Democrats.

Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) received the votes of all six Republicans and was re-elected GOP minority leader

Sen. Patricia Jehlen for Rosenberg

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

On the final day of the 2015-2016 Legislature the House and Senate worked until midnight and approved several bills that they sent to Gov. Baker's for his signature.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES (H 4781) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Baker legislation that regulates and encourages the use of zero-emission vehicles. The measure prohibits owners of public electric vehicle charging stations from requiring a person to pay for a membership to use the stations but allows the stations to charge different prices for members and non-members. It also allows municipalities to designate parking spaces for use only by zero-emission vehicles and to fine

and tow vehicles that violate that rule.

Other provisions require the state to establish regulations for electric vehicle charging for residential and commercial buildings; issue a feasibility study on the electrification of state-owned vehicles; and conduct a study examining the advisability and feasibility of assessing taxes, surcharges, levies or other assessments to offset projected gas tax revenue loss from the increasing purchase or operation of zero-emission vehicles.

Supporters said it is past time to regulate these vehicles and offer incentives for drivers to use them. They said this can help reduce U.S. reliance on imported oil, increase energy security and help save the environment.

LICENSE AND REGULATE NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS (H 4787) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill that would create a state board to license and regulate naturopathic doctors. The measure requires that these doctors have extensive training in a naturopathic program at an approved naturopathic medical college.

The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians defines naturopathic doctors as "primary care and special-ty doctors who address the underlying cause of disease through effective, individualized natural therapies that integrate the healing powers of body, mind and spirit."

Supporters said the bill would ensure high-quality naturopathic care in the Bay State and protect the consumer from unqualified practitioners who claim to be naturopathic doctors.

Opponents said that naturopathy is not a branch of medicine but rather a mix of nutritional advice, home remedies and discredited treatments. They argued that licensing these imposters will legitimize them and present a danger to unwitting patients.

WARNING SYSTEM AT BEACHES - CA-LEIGH'S LAW (S 1956) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill creating a program that uses different colored flags to advise beachgoers of the safety conditions at their beach. This uniform warning system would be required at all public beaches maintained by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Cities and towns would have the option of using the flags for their local beaches.

The bill was filed at the urging of Anthony Harrison, the father of Caleigh Harrison, the 2-year-old girl who went missing while at the beach in 2012 and is believed to have been swept out to sea.

Supporters said the flag system might have saved Caleigh's life and should become law in order to save the lives of others.

EYE DROPS (H 4195) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill that would require insurance plans to cover refills of prescription eye drops under the same guidelines used by Medicare Part D. Plans in the Bay State currently restrict patients from refilling eye drops and other medications earlier than the 30-day or 90-day refill date. The bill would allow patients to get a refill if they run out of drops a few days prior to the allowed refill date.

Supporters explained that unlike pills, eye drops are difficult to administer and patients often use more than one drop at a time because the first drop misses. They said

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



this leads to patients either taking a twice daily eye drop only once a day or discontinuing their use of drops until the next allowable refill under their health plan. They argued that this can cause their condition, like glaucoma, to worsen and presents serious health and vision risks.

The Senate also added language that would allow some optometrists to treat anaphylactic reactions by injecting epinephrine or adrenaline. Under current law, only ophthalmologists are allowed to do so.

PROTECT BICYCLISTS (S 2534) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill that bill prohibiting drivers from parking in bike lanes and from placing their vehicle in a manner that would interfere with the safety and passage of bicyclists. Violators would be fined up to \$50.

Supporters said currently cities and towns pass local ordinances addressing this issue and the result is a patchwork of inconsistent rules and enforcement. They noted that when drivers park in these lanes they endanger bicyclists who are forced to merge into traffic.

REQUIRE DEFIBRILLATORS IN SCHOOLS (H

4719) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Baker a measure requiring automatic external defibrillators (AED) in all public schools. The measure also mandates that each school have on duty a person who has completed a course on CPR and the use of an AED. It allows a school to get a hardship waiver if it can't comply with this new law but requires they file a timeta-

ble for accomplishing the task.

Another provision protects the operator of the AED from liability other than gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct when using it on a patient.

Supporters said this common-sense requirement will save lives and argued this type of legislation should have become law years ago.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"We know that strong schools enrich our Commonwealth, and we will continue to look for ways to strengthen schools in every neighborhood. I am thankful for everyone whose work contributed to the success that [the publication] 'Education Week' is recognizing today." — Education Secretary Jim Peyser, on the publication "Education Week" announcing that for the third year in a row the Bay State was chosen first in the nation in overall quality education.

"While I am pleased with today's passage, it is unfortunate that it has taken this long for the legislature to act ... Too many families have suffered immense loss and tragedy that could have been prevented with an AED."

— Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) on passage of his measure requiring automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in all public schools.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators

say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of January 2-6, the House met for a total of 16 hours and 47 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 15 hours and 45 minutes.

Mon. January 2	No House session
	No Senate session
Tues. January 3	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:56 p.m.
	Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:48 p.m
Wed. January 4	House 11:11 a.m. to 2:06 p.m.
,	Senate 11:05 a.m. to 1:41 p.m.
Thurs. January 5	House 11:30 a.m. to 12:24 p.m.
γ -	Senate 11:19 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.
Fri. January 6	No House session
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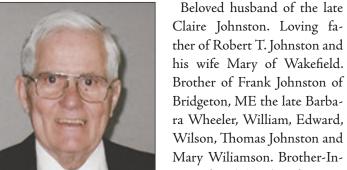
Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: **Address Description DOM List Price Sale Price** 22 Billingham Street 10 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Victorian 56 \$1,075,000 \$1,040,000 173 Willow Ave 8 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian \$1,450,000 13 \$1,325,000 20 Elston St 7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath Other (See Remarks) \$1,389,000 26 \$1,399,000 8 133 Powder House Boulevard 10 room, 4 bed, 3f 2h bath Colonial \$1,400,000 \$1,450,000

	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Ove	er the Past Montl	h:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
30-32 Charnwood Road U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	10	\$673,900	\$705,000
65 Oak Street U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	19	\$675,000	\$681,000
21 Carlton U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	29	\$695,000	\$695,000
7 Hodgdon Place U:N/A	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	186	\$698,000	\$675,000
197 Washington Street U:405	3 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	189	\$699,000	\$690,000
29 Oak St U:D	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Rowhouse	24	\$699,000	\$695,000
23 Mason St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	19	\$769,000	\$820,000
135 Willow Avenue U:9	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	58	\$769,000	\$769,000
135 Willow St U:7	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Garden	33	\$799,900	\$795,000
57 Pitman Street U:4A	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	31	\$899,900	\$875,000
11 Dresden Cir U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	89	\$939,900	\$920,000
315 Highland Avenue U:101	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	90	\$1,295,000	\$1,295,000
223 Morrison Avenue U:223	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath Attached	17	\$1,345,000	\$1,375,000
315 Highland Avenue U:203	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	44	\$1,395,000	\$1,395,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
77 Walnut St	3 unit, 12 total room, 4 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$869,000	\$900,000		
18 Sycamore Street	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	78	\$875,000	\$835,000		
19 Russell Rd	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	78	\$899,900	\$867,500		
17 Prospect Hill Ave	2 unit, 10 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	32	\$955,000	\$950,000		
24-26-28 Marion St.	3 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	28	\$979,900	\$1,053,000		
18 Munroe St	2 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	17	\$1,100,000	\$1,035,000		

OBITUARIES

Robert Johnston



Robert Johnston - Of Woburn, formerly of Somerville January 5, 2017.

Leonard'Leo' Saltman Jr.

Devoted husband of Ce-

lia (Miller) Saltman. Loving

father of Matthew, Kelsie,

Shayne and Megan Saltman.

Proud and Cherished Papa of

Renata. Adored son of Sandra

(Dobbins) Saltman and the

late Leonard Saltman Sr. Lov-

ing Brother of Cynthia Salt-

Claire Johnston. Loving father of Robert T. Johnston and his wife Mary of Wakefield. Brother of Frank Johnston of Bridgeton, ME the late Barbara Wheeler, William, Edward, Wilson, Thomas Johnston and Mary Wiliamson. Brother-In-Law of Earle Tryder of NH.

A Funeral Service was held for Robert in the Calvary Church United Methodist, 300 Massachusetts Avenue East Arlington, MA, Wednesday morning 10:00. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

June 22, 1922 – January 5, 2017

Late Veteran WWII, Marine Corp. Iwo Jima, Bear Hill Golf Club, 33rd Degree Mason Somerville Lodge, Past Board Member Deaconess Abundant Life Community, Concord. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Robert's memory to the Deaconess Abundant Life Communities, 80 Deaconess Rd. Concord, MA 01742.

January 8, 2017

Leonard 'Leo' Saltman Jr. - of man. Beloved Son in law of the Somerville, January 8, 2017 at late Richard and Joan Miller. age 49.

Leo is survived by 15 nieces and nephews, was the great uncle of 3 and will be greatly missed by his many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, but especially by his dog Deeks.

Funeral from the Rogers Funeral Home, 380 Cambridge St., Cambridge on Friday, January 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Funeral mass at St. Joseph's Church, (Union Square) in Somerville at 10:00 a.m. Visiting hours at the funeral home on Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Leo served proudly in the United States Marine Corp., was a retired City of Somerville employee and a member of the American Legion Post 45 of Medford.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration – 'One Somerville'

All Somerville residents are invited to the City of Somerville's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration.

This free family event takes place Monday, January 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School Auditorium.

The festivities include musical and other performances, student essayists, mayoral remarks, a keynote address, and refreshments.

Join family and friends in celebrating "One Somerville" at this inspirational annual celebration.



Happy 175th Birthday, Somerville!

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opportunities for its residents to flourish in the things they are interested in. Perhaps its most impressive point of convergence is on the arts, which is very much overlooked compared to sports or other professions in many cities and towns. Its theaters have hosted many events related to fine arts, and its schools put a focus on them as well.

Recently, a group was developed in Somerville called Somerville Arts for Youth or SAY. Their focus is on giving kids an opportunity to engage in the arts from a young age through theater, singing, and more. They host events to showcase the young students' talents

and encourage them to pursue the things they are passionate

This city is also recognized for how effective its government is. Somerville has a Board of Aldermen, which is its legislative branch dealing in a range of issues. Residents are welcome to attend Board of Aldermen meetings to keep up with what is going on in the city and learn about the resolutions of certain issues. There is also an entire section on Somerville's website that breaks down the roles of the government, their departments, minutes from meetings, committees, and more, to ensure an open relationship with the

community and keep everyone in the loop.

It is not just its residents that enjoy this city; people from all over come to Somerville to attend its events, where there is something for everybody. The city offers paint nights, shoe clinics, marriage anniversary luncheons, comedy and trivia nights, tool training classes, and so much more.

Somerville is appreciated all over Massachusetts for its commitment to arts and community, as well as being a place anyone can go to and find something they are interested in.

175th Birthday, Happy Somerville!

The Somerville Times **Historical Fact of the Week**



Eagle feathers #120

The Yanks are Coming

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The Massachusetts National Guard is the nation's oldest. It traces its roots back to 1636 when Governor John Winthrop and four regiments of volunteer militia protected the young Massachusetts Bay Colony.



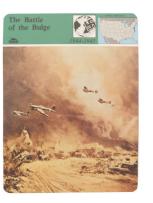
The best place to learn and appreciate its history would be to visit the Hall of Flags at the State House in Boston. On display you will find the flags that their forebears fought and served under to the present day. These ensigns record the strife from colonial times when every man and boy age 16 to 60 were required to serve in the militia to today's citizen soldiers who endure multiple deployments overseas. These streamers remind us of the sacrifices that were made for us from the Colonial Wars, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, and the Spanish American War.

Like many arsenals and magazines throughout New England, the Somerville Armory on Highland Avenue was used as such for over a century. It was built in 1903 and sold by the state in 2004. Somerville and the local volunteer militia, the State Guard, the Massachusetts National Guard, and the Air Guard found home for training there.

In 1916 during the Mexican Revolution, the soldiers left here to guard the United States border against the attacks of General Francisco "Pancho" Villa's Mexican bandits. On their return in 1917, one hundred years ago this year, America entered World War I, mistakenly named "the war to end all wars." The now



veteran guardsmen were activated into the newly formed 26th Infantry Division. It was titled The Yankee Division because of its six-state New England location. The Division was the first complete American Division to arrive in World War I France and spent more time in combat than any other. As part of this Division, Somerville's Private George Dilboy won the Congressional Medal of Honor.



Twenty years later, the world found Europe at war again. The Yankee Division was reactivated in 1940, a year before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Her troops did Atlantic coastal watch and trained until we entered the war. At that time, half of the 26th was sent immediately to fight in the Pacific,

becoming the Americal Division; and the remainder later sailed to Europe. The over one hundred ship convoy was the largest to sail from the United Continued on page 15

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2016: The year of fake news



Do you really know what's going on in the world today? Well, that depends on where you get your news.

This past year our society has been under siege by fake news. The CIA, NSA, and FBI have now concluded that Russia interfered with our presidential elections and one of their methods of interference was to flood our internet with false news.

Many of these bogus news stories tried to paint Hillary Clinton as a secret homosexual, cold blooded murderer, and a child molester (to name just a few). Similar stories about Clinton were shared by Trump supporters and accepted as fact while the awful truths about Trump were excused by these same people.

So how do you know if the news you are receiving is fact or fiction? How did we even get to this point?

Years ago, everyone got their news from the same sources. Radio, newspapers, and the few different news channels were all held to high standards of journalistic integrity and reported the news unbiased and without opinion. That all changed in the 90s when Republican Media Consultant Roger Ailes took over as CEO of Fox "News."

Reporting the facts to the public took a backseat to the importance of ratings while Ailes was

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head of Fox (Ailes was ousted as Fox News CEO after numerous sexual misconduct incidents). Over the years the network reported false or distorted news stories and made it their mission to smear liberals and further the conservative agenda.

Fox "News" also incited fear and anger in their viewers in order to manipulate them by furthering ridiculous conspiracies about president Obama. After all, this is the same network that let Trump push his conspiracy about Obama's birth certificate being a fraud and kept shining a spotlight on that ridiculous lie.

If you're a conservative sitting down to watch Fox News and angry pundits put a figure up on the screen that \$70 million was lost to welfare fraud in America in 2016 then you're likely to get upset with our welfare system. One problem though; that \$70 million welfare fraud figure was completely false and made up. Fact checkers noticed this recent deception and called out Fox, asking them for the source of their information, but they couldn't name a source. In fact, the only place a similar figure could be found is on the leading alt-right news site Breitbart.com, also known for sharing false news. For those not in the loop, alt-right is a kind way of saying white supremacist. This is just one of many examples of Fox creating their own truths and news.

Our news media, which was once used to educate and inform the public, has now become a political tool in which news producers use to influence their viewers to their own political agenda. During the 2016 presidential election, many "alt-right" news sites took advantage of the political fervor and published many false stories to discredit anything that wasn't reflective of their values and agenda.

Some of these internet news sites don't even report any actual news, believe it or not. Tomi Lahren of The Blaze just shouts, complains, and insults whatever

grinds her gears that day. Alex Jones of Info Wars, just shouts complete insane nonsense; such as Hillary Clinton and Obama are demons and he knows this because they smell like sulfur. Pretty scary that there are people who get their news from that guy. Even scarier, President-elect Trump is very fond of Alex Jones and Info Wars and has even appeared on his show and regurgitated false statements made by Jones during his campaign. It may also explain why Trump is so poorly informed on many topics if he's getting his news from InfoWars.

News isn't news anymore. One news segment this year pretty much summed up everything wrong with our news media in America. The Fox News program The O'Reilly Factor aired a segment titled "Watter's World: Chinatown" where the reporter was asked to interview Asians in Chinatown about Donald Trump's negative opinions on China. This segment painted a strong narrative and purposefully tried to portray these people as stupid and uninformed. Most interviewed were elderly and could barely speak English, but they aired their silence nonetheless and even cut in movie scenes with someone yelling "Speak damn you! Speak!" This along with the song Kung-Fu Fighting playing throughout the segment turned this O'Reilly segment into an absolute racist joke. Ironically, no actual news was ever conveyed in that segment.

While there are many Liberal fake news stories that got shared this year, in truth right wing fake news far outweighs the left and the smear campaigns are far worse. Liberals didn't need to lie about Trump this election because the truth about the man was awful enough and even the facts couldn't sway the blind loyalty of his supporters.

Regardless of where your political allegiances lie, you should care about getting the facts in your daily news, and sadly many don't really care. A culture has



risen in this country where we as a people are divided over inarguable truths and facts. Our own president-elect and his cabinet nominees have shared several of the false news stories mentioned in this article as truth. Trump still won't admit Russia interfered in our election. Many of his supporters don't see a big deal over whether Russia hacked us or not because Trump himself is dismissing it.

Unfortunately, these days it's likely that your political beliefs dictate the quality of your news, and therefore how knowledgeable and well informed you are. I myself began my adventure into journalism about a year ago because of fake news and lack of journalistic integrity in a local newspaper. I took up a mission to make people aware of the disregard for facts in many news outlets.

The moment a man shot up a pizza parlor because he truly believed Hilary Clinton was hiding a child sex ring there made it clear to me just how damaging these fake news stories can be. If we can't even agree on what's true or not, then how are we going to come together to fix the problems in our nation and heal the divide created by this election?

I challenge you. If you get the majority of your news from the same sources that lean towards your political beliefs, then I challenge you to make a change for a week or two. If you're a Fox "News" viewer, watch MSNBC for a week. If you're a MSNBC liberal, then switch to Fox. If you watch The Blaze or InfoWars ... seriously just watch anything else. You'll get more information

from just staring at the wall. If you take up the news challenge I'm sure you'll start to notice the differences. Also, keep in mind that we live in the digital age, and ANY news story can be fact checked with a simple internet search. So do your homework. My advice, if your news source has a bunch of angry people shouting their opinions at others, you can easily find another news source where people of differing opinions can discuss the topics at hand in a civil conversation.

Later 'Villens ... The more factual information you get from your news, the smarter you are.

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2017: A look at what's to come



By Joseph A. Curtatone

During Mayor Joseph Curtatone's State of the City address on Monday, January 9, 2017, he discussed many of the successes and challenges Somerville faced in 2016 – as well as some of the work the City is prioritizing this year. The excerpts below offer a glimpse into just a few of the upcoming initiatives the City is tackling. To read the entirety of Mayor Curtatone's speech, visit www.SomervilleMA.gov.

Zoning Overhaul

We must pass a modern zoning ordinance that brings the fundamental rules of how this city operates in line with the Somer-Vision community plan. ... The zoning overhaul is a key step toward that.

Zoning touches almost every major issue in our community. We can't claim to care about making housing affordable for a greater number of people if we're not passing the zoning to make that possible. We can't claim we care about open space if we don't pass the zoning that delineates how we get more open space. We can't say we want jobs and commercial growth, which shifts the local tax burden away from our residents, if we're not going to give commercial developers a better sense of where and what they can build in our city. We can't claim to care about preserving the character of our residential neighborhoods if we won't change a system in which only 22 homes in the entire city conform to our zoning.

Affordable Housing

Housing affordability remains a challenge, and a top priority. There is no silver bullet, but we are working on multiple fronts to address the issue. We've received the first installment of \$4.3 million in linkage payments from Partners Healthcare dedicated to the creation of affordable housing. We're working with the Somerville Community Corporation to buy 100 homes to preserve them as permanent affordable housing. Thanks to the kind of grassroots efforts that make our city better, we raised our inclusionary housing requirement to among the highest in the nation at 20 percent. To help our working families stay here, we worked to open our inclusionary housing program to middle income residents. And we just cut the ribbon for the Union Square Apartments, adding 35 affordable rental units.

I cannot stress enough that we must build the housing that SomerVision calls for – if not more. Last week, news came that for the first time since 2010, rents are declining in Boston. The decline is credited to their housing construction boom. If we believe Somerville should be affordable for all, we must do our part to address our housing shortage.

To this end, we will continue to work in earnest in the coming year toward establishing a real estate transfer charge that could support affordable housing and other pressing needs.

Support for Artists and Makers

In 2017, we will continue our efforts to support our makers and artists. Plans for the ArtFarm at the old Waste Transfer site are taking shape. It will be our next great public open space fostering art and urban agriculture programs. The zoning overhaul, here too, is critical. It includes set asides for maker and artist spaces, establishes arts and fabrication districts and work/live zoning. If we want to keep the vibrant artist community that has been at the core of this city's modern revival, we need to have its future baked into our zoning.

Open Space and Fields

Another challenge we must meet is our need for more open space and better athletic fields. In our Somer Vision plan, we set an ambitious goal of 125 acres of new open and public space. We will need to be creative to get there. And again, we're not going to get there without the new zoning, which lays out 12 different types of open spaces around new developments.

Our fields remain a priority, and our new Fields Master Plan vetted with the community now lays out a course for methodical investment in our playing fields so that the people of Somerville can get outside and play hard.

Fair and Transparent Elections In 2017, we will advance our work with this Board to make Somerville a standard bearer for fair and open elections. I will call together a clean elections task force. Their duty will be no less than to ensure we pursue the highest ideals of participatory democracy. We must expand voter participation through inclusive reforms including early voting in municipal elections. And we must safeguard the right of every voter or candidate to participate equally in our political process. We must resolve to publicly finance our elections. We must be bold enough to change the status quo.

Infrastructure and Flooding

Somerville is celebrating its 175th anniversary. Some of our sewer lines are not far behind. The brick and mortar sewer in Union Square dates back to the Civil War. But we are making progress on upgrades. Somerville recently won a \$13 million dollar MassWorks grant from the state. These funds will help us reduce legacy flooding issues around Union Square, improve sewer service to more than 20,000 homes, and make possible the development that Somer Vision calls for.

Social Progress

We must stand up for one another. That's why we're intensifying our outreach efforts to our Veterans through our new Somer Vets Program. That's why we are increasing accessibility on City streets, sidewalks, and in our buildings. It's why we hired a multi-lingual social worker. It's why we're working with the Social Progress Imperative to measure improvements to our quality of life. And it's why we are working intensively to provide important resources and support to those affected by the ravages of the opioid epidemic. It's also why Somerville will remain a Sanctuary City no matter what happens in Washington.

A one-eyed view of how we got here

Conclusion: Reassembling the elephant



By William C. Shelton

I began this series with the parable of the blind people describing the elephant. Each has experienced one part of the elephant – leg, torso, tail, tusk, ear – and forcefully argues that the others have it wrong. An elephant is really like, respectively, a tree, wall, snake, stake, or blanket.

So it has been with explanations for November's national election outcome. Attributions have been made to Russian hacking, the Electoral College, resurgent racism, nativism, "Bernie Bros," fake news, the failure of identity politics, the FBI Director's letter, and more.

But as with the elephant, the truth is in the whole. And the whole is not just the sum of the elephant's parts, but how they interact with each other and with the environment in which it evolved and survives.

So, for example, the talk radio and TV demagogues would be much less effective in an America in which people still found identity and formed opinions within communities. In turn, the economic trends that disintegrated those communities were the same as those that fragmented media and proliferated a multiplicity of mutually exclusive echo chambers.

The essential elements of any system interact with and transform each other over the system's long-term development. But some elements have greater

influence than others, as for example, culture tends to be more adaptive to economic change than the reverse.

What most influenced how in which its voters elected Donald Trump is conscious choices made by the Democratic Party establishment. Those choices were the logical extension of similar choices that, over a forty-year period, delivered the benefits of production technology and globalization to the wealthiest Americans, and their burdens to working people. Other developed countries have demonstrated that those choices were neither necessary, nor inevitable, nor beneficial to the nation as a whole.

So the 2016 election turned on class-based economic grievances. This was obvious from the early days of the primary election. It

is what fueled Donald Trump's and Bernie Sanders' insurgencies. Since the Democrats have proclaimed themselves to be the people's party since 1828, the election should have been theirs to lose.

But while Hillary Clinton's words paid me-too lip service to Bernie Sanders' economic-justice policies, her campaign's deeds illuminated its continuance of the forty-year trend.

Speaking at a Party convention forum in July, Senator Chuck Schumer made it explicit: "For every blue-collar Democrat we will lose in western Pennsylvania, we will pick up two or three moderate Republicans in the suburbs of Philadelphia ... The voters who are most out there figuring out what to do are not the blue-collar Democrats. They are the college-educated Republicans or independents who lean

Republican in the suburbs."

Schumer and the Party overlords imagined that the identity groups whom they had cultivated, combined with these college-educated would overwhelm Trump's "basket of deplorables." But many Democrats stayed home, and those that did weren't the much maligned "Bernie Bros." They were precisely the African Americans, Latinos, youth, and women whom the Democratic leadership smugly assumed they had locked up.

Over the long term, and in hard times particularly, class trumps identity. And while the Democratic leadership trumpeted an unemployment rate of 4.6%, those voters knew that the low unemployment figure represented how many Americans had given up hope of finding a living-wage job. Continued on page 17

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Happy birthday Somerville!



She doesn't look a minute over 174. But seriously, folks...

When you consider the many remarkable things that have happened here, that have been made here, and what is yet to come, it fills one with a sense of pride and gratitude just to be a part of this city's heritage and legacy.

Think about it, when this city was

founded the Civil War had not yet taken place; much of the western potion of the United States was not yet part of the Union; Queen Victoria became the first reigning British monarch to travel by train...and so on.

Of course, the rich history of the region goes much further back, to Colonial times and beyond.

Each year we are reminded of the role she played in the great events that led to our nation's independence as we reenact the raising of the first American flag at Prospect Hill and pay homage to so many founding fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers who played vital roles in the forging of our once fragile republic.

No, 175 isn't much of a round number,

but it's the kind of number that makes us pause and reflect on just how special this city is

And it's not just about history either. She lives and breathes and grows stronger and – yes – more beautiful with each passing year.

She's no spring chicken, to be sure. But her best days are hardly behind her.

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might catch him at **Modelo's** in Magoun Square, the best Brazilian Café around that has it all.

Happy birthday to our great City of Somerville. This year we are celebrating 175 years since breaking away from Charlestown, when we were referred to as Charlestown Beyond the Neck! The city will be planning some events this year in celebration, watch for updates as we go along.

On Thursday, January 19, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., you are invited to attend SCATV's annual meeting and ASCAT-**DEMY Awards** event, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the member meeting and followed by the Member Awards Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. The awards ceremony will be hosted by the ever-fabulous duo, Ken and Joe Lynch. The main order of business will be the election of four SCATV members to their board. These are threeyear terms, with the opportunity for a subsequent term re-election. Submitted information from nominees will be shared on SCATV's website beginning January 4 in preparation for membership voting on the 19th. The remainder of the evening of January 19, is for recognizing and celebrating the achievements and accomplishments of the radio and television productions, SCATV and BFR producers and talent, and Community Media Supporters who all help make the Commonwealth's oldest cable access center the vibrant, beloved community asset that it continues to be today. This is a chance for media makers to reconnect with each other, acknowledge and support the work of one's peers, and to eat and have some fun. They are wishing all a safe and happy new year. They look forward to seeing you there.

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

Our sincere condolences to the family of Robert Johnston, who recently passed away. Bob was very involved here in the community where he called home most of his life, with the College Methodist Church and Somerville Lodge AF & AM where he served as the head. Bob was a World War II Marine veteran who

was at Iwo Jima. Bob was also a 33 degree Mason for his outstanding work he did in his career as a Mason from Somerville. Bob was waked this week at Doherty's, where a huge turnout of family and friends came this past Tuesday.

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in Newstalk. We guess it's because we like them.

Charlie Chisholm is still over at MGH. He had one operation and is scheduled for another one. We hope he mends quickly and is back home soon resting.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website

at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in *Newstalk*. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

It's 2017 and **Demet's Donuts** over on Mystic Avenue donuts is the best. We're noticing more and more Somerville residents over there getting their coffee and donuts to start the day. The ladies working there are fantastic and always smiling. If you're in the mood for a huge, great tasting donut drop over early since they disappear as the day gets on.

The Somerville Council on Aging & Culinary Arts are hosting a luncheon at the Highlander Cafe High School Atrium on Tuesday, January 31. \$10. The Highl ander Café is located at the atrium of the high school, which is located closest to the library. Luncheon Choices: Chicken Parm or Baked Haddock, Doors will open at 10:45 a.m. For more info call or Connie at: 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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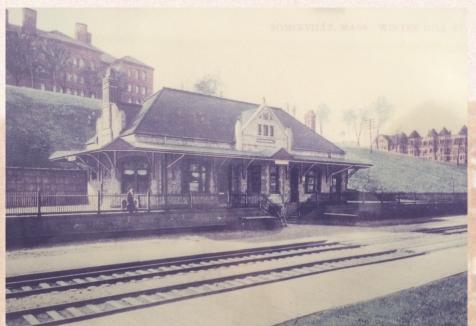
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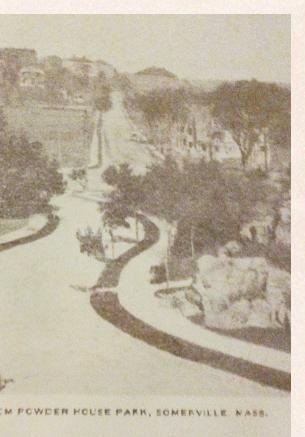


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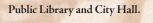
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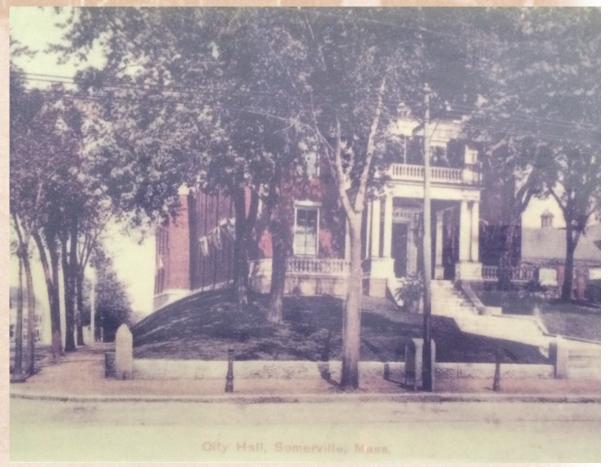
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SPORTS

Somerville Pride falls to Lexington





The 8th grade girls basketball team Somerville Pride met up with Lexington last Saturday and, despite a spirited effort, dropped the game with a final score of 32-24.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner

Ms. Cam's 120 Iscellaneous #56

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

> of the TV show Friends starred in movie Lost In

their name from a song by blues great Muddy Waters?

1. What rock group took

8. What, along with 2. Whom was the movie stroke and cancer, accounts for 64 percent of U.S. deaths?

Space?

3. What were the nymphs in Greek mythology called that were the guardian

Out of Africa based on?

- 9. What is a polygon with four unequal sides called?
- spirits of the sea? 4. The first Beatle to be

widowed was whom?

- 10. The wine-growing Barossa Valley is in what country?
- 5. After a mere 33 days in office, what Pope died in 1978?
- 11. In which U.S. state is Churchill Downs racetrack?
- 6. Who produced Michael Jackson's album Bad?
- 12. What brand of motorcycles did they ride in the TV show CHIPS?
- 7. Which one of the cast

Answers on page 16

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Somerville High School Girls Basketball thank the Somerville Fire Department for their generous donation to the program. Pictured above: the SHS Junior Varsity and Varsity teams.

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The Growing Center's future: A public participation meeting



By Charles Lane

Need a dash of hope? The Friends of the Community Growing Center want to share with the broader community what has been happening around redesign for this city greenspace.

Hours of site mapping, community design meetings, and on-site education/ planning days have all led to a vision for a sustainable future design. This planning should help expand the mission and reach of the Somerville Community Growing Center.

Envisioning a richer green space is a key element, that can serve as home to a diversity of trees, host longer open-

ing hours for visitors, more educational urban agricultural programs & more! The public is invited to learn more on Friday, January 20th, 6-8pm at the Somerville Public Library at 79 Highland Ave.

The Somerville Community Growing Center, a quarter-acre site near Union Square, Somerville, was created 20 years ago as an "urban oasis" for environmental education and cultural performances.

Over the past two decades of active use, the Growing Center's landscape has changed: trees have grown to shade the site, limiting where food can be traditionally grown; the lawn has been compacted by heavy use; and wooden structures are reaching the end of their natural life-span. This reality triggered a many phased redesign effort.

Funding from the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act made possible an 18-month design and planning process to address the needs of the 22 year old Growing Center to complement the current and future needs of the Somerville population. Eva Leung and Adam Davenport of Terra Cura, Inc have been working with the Friends group on a regenerative redesign of the Growing Center and will be presenting on the 20th about plans to:

+ Increase the yield of food and highlight principles of sustainable urban agriculture at the Growing Center,

- Make community gathering areas more accessible and easier to maintain,
- And to improve water conservation throughout the site.

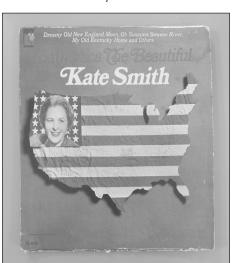
Please see the website at http://www. thegrowingcenter.org/redesign for the results of Phase 1 of the Somerville Community Growing Center's Redesign process. Click here for the SCGC Redesign PDF Link! Please help to shape its future and come to the public meeting on January 20.

Contact: Lisa Brukilacchio, President, Friends of the Community Growing Center, 781-953-4826, https://www.facebook.com/events/1073308666131731/.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

States. As the ships slipped out of New York's rainy harbor, troops heard the impassioned sound of Kate Smith standing on the dark pier singing "God Bless America." Many of them would not return.

Almost half of the 600 men in the 5th Ranger Battalion on Omaha Beach were Yankee Division troops. When in France as part of General George S. Patton's Third Army, the Division fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was instrumental in relieving the trapped American 101st Airborne Division's troops at Bastogne. Led by Patton, they fought on through six countries including Germany and Austria where they liberated the Gusen





Concentration Camps.

The General Edwards Bridge in Lynn and Camp Edwards on Cape Cod honor the Yankee Division's first leader, General Clarence Edwards.

Somerville honors many of her sons who lost their lives fighting in the Yankee Division. These include Conway Park, Foss Park, Trum Field, Dilboy Field, Wilson Square, Ryan Road, and

Massachusetts honored some of the greatest generation's soldiers by naming its first super highway, Route 128, The Yankee Division Highway.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

17-25 Murdock Street and 227-229 Cedar Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-129) Applicant, Cedar Murdock Partners, LLC, and Owner, The Marchionne Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit pursuant to SZO §4.4.1 and §4.5.1 to alter nonconforming structures and uses and §9.13 for parking relief as well as a Special Permit with Site Plan Review pursuant to SZO \$7.2 to have more than one principle structure on a lot and \$7.3 to have more than three dwelling units on a lot in order to construct five residential buildings with a total of twenty-two dwelling units with thirty-nine parking spaces. Four of the twenty-two units will be affordable as defined in §2.2.4.RB zone. Ward 5.

240 Elm Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-143) Applicant, Sage Cannabis, Inc., and Owner, Davis Square Realty Ventures Nominee Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$7.15 and \$9.13 to establish a Medical Marijuana Facility in the basement of the building. CBD Zone and Medical Marijuana

5-7 Curtis Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-150) Applicant and Owner, Arun Ravindran, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to make alterations to a nonconforming two-family structure by removing the existing hipped roof and dormers and rebuild a gable roof and shed dormers and to renovate

217 School Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-151) Applicant, Carlos Ferreira, and Owner, Irene Mizrahi, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a dormer within the required left side yard of a nonconforming structure. RA zone. Ward 4.

278 Highland Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2016-154) Applicant, Katie Rooney, 3 Little Figs, and Owner, Joseph Bingel, Trustee of 278 Highland Avenue Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.1.1.a to change the space from an office to expand the adjacent café. RC zone. Ward 5.

513B Medford Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-156) Applicant, Arthur A. Misaczuk, and Owner, Eleftheros Miaris, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.a to change the use to a fast food deli establishment. NB Zone. Ward 5.

5 Montgomery Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2016-131) Applicant, Fernando Dalfior, and Owner, 5 Montgomery Ave, LLC, seek a Special Permit under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to finish the basement and increase the FAR and parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 1.

10 Florence Terrace: (Case # ZBA 2016-130) Applicant, Fernando Dalfior, and Owner, 10 Florence Terrace, LLC, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO which includes finishing the basement and increasing the FAR and parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 4.

13 Dell Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-141) Applicant and Owner, 13-13A Dell Street, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure, including FAR, and parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 2.

19 Kent Court: (Case # ZBA 2016-139) Applicant, Eamon Fee, and Owner, Gurmit Singh, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to substantially alter a non-conforming property, a Variance under §5.5 of the SZO for parking relief, and §7.11 of the SZO to construct 4 units. RC zone. Ward 2.

20-24 Rush Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-96) Applicants, Juniper Point and 20-24 Rush Street, LLC, and Owner, Juniper Point Investments Co., LLC seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to significantly alter a non-conforming property; SPSR under §7.11 of the SZO to increase the number of units from 9 to 10; §7.3 of the SZO to add an affordable unit; Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief.

117-199 Highland Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2016-96) Applicant, Nicholas Ciano, and Owner, Giannina Ciano, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO which include substantially altering a non-conforming property by demolishing and re-building rear additions; Special Permits under Article 9 for parking relief; Special Permit to increase the number of dwelling units from 2 units to 5 units. RC zone. Ward 3.

152 Powder House Boulevard: (Case # 2016-135) Applicant and Owner, 152 Powder House, LLC seek Special Permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by finishing the basement and increasing the FAR. Proposed alterations to the 2-unit property include adding a kitchenette to the basement and second floor areas. RA zone. Ward 6.

Per Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) section 13.3.3, the Board will review and vote upon policy changes to facilitate the creation of affordable homeownership opportunities under the inclusionary housing program. The first change would revise the calculation establishing the purchase price of units available to households at or below 80%, 110% and 140% of Area Median Income (AMI). The second change would revise the basis for the interest rate to be used in calculating the monthly mortgage loan amount a household can afford. Section13.3.3 of the Ordinance calls for the Special Permit Granting Authority to conduct a public hearing to receive comment prior to adopting any change in these standards.

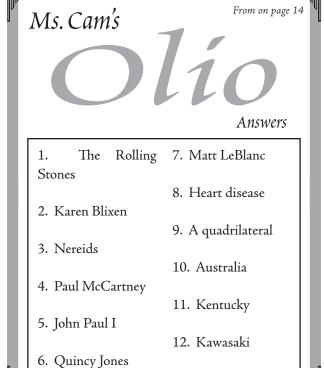
Applications are not posted online. Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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On or about January 19, 2017, the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) authorized by Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Act (NAHA) of 1990, as amended, to undertake the demolition of the Homans Building located at 350 Medford St. to eliminate blight defined as determinable signs of deterioration sufficient to constitute a threat to human health, safety, and public welfare. The total estimated project costs for planning years 2016-2017 is \$500,000.00

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

Monday thru Wednesday: 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Thursday: 8:30AM to 7:30PM, and Friday: 8:30AM to 12:30PM

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. All comments received by January 18, 2017 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts **The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA. 02141

CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 14P2685EA

Emmy L. Thidemann

Date of Death: <u>04/24/2014</u> To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Middleton MA

Joy Schiff requesting that:

Harold F Thidemann, Jr

be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

also requesting that:

Patricia Keane Martin **Boston MA**

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

Belmont MA

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 01/20/2017.

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

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

Date: December 23, 2016

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

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Demystifying the Medicaid/MassHealth spend down

By Colleen Morrissey

Qualifying for Medicaid – called MassHealth in Massachusetts can make a big difference when you need care and aren't sure how you'll afford it. To meet those eligibility requirements, older adults sometimes opt for what's known as a "MassHealth spend down."

It's a complicated process, but here are the basics:

MassHealth coverage can mean no-cost supportive services, provided you receive them from a local Aging Services Access Point (ASAP). It also supplements Medicare's coverage of medical costs.

However, MassHealth has strict income and asset limits for people 65 and up. Many MassHealth programs have an asset limit of \$2,000 per individual - and that includes money in the bank, retirement accounts, whole life insurance policies, and stocks.

As a result, some people spend down assets to get under the \$2,000 limit. But this has be done carefully!

At Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), our Aging Information Center provides information about MassHealth and access to programs that can help you spend down. Here are some things to consider before starting:

Plan, plan, plan

For starters, be sure to understand how you'll spend the assets and when the MassHealth application should be submitted. It's important to get the

timing right, or you might have a lapse in care while waiting for MassHealth approval.

Understand MassHealth

MassHealth Standard offers comprehensive coverage for those who qualify by income and assets. The Frail Elder Waiver provides coverage for people 60-and-older who demonstrate need for supportive services, which are received through an ASAP and require a nurse-administered screening. Long Term Care Medicaid subsidizes the cost of nursing facilities for residents who can't afford the full amount.

Hire an elder law attorney

If you have complex assets, are giving assets to someone other than your spouse, or are applying for MassHealth to cover nursing facility costs, consider working with a lawyer that specializes in Medicaid/Mass-Health planning.

Learn which assets are exempt You'll need to spend assets down to \$2,000 or less, but MassHealth doesn't count the home you live in, personal belongings, home furnishings, one vehicle in your name, a pre-paid burial contract or burial plot, and certain types of life insurance.

Know the insurance rules

You are allowed to keep term life insurance policies, or whole life insurance policies if the total face value of those policies is \$1,500 or less. You can also sign insurance policies over to funeral homes in the form of irrevocable burial contracts for funeral expenses.

Think carefully about transferring assets to your spouse

When applying for the Frail Elder Waiver, you are allowed to transfer a certain amount of assets to your spouse - up to \$119,220 in 2016. This makes it easier to get coverage while retaining those assets. However, if your spouse eventually needs care at home or in a nursing facility, he or she will need to negotiate the MassHealth eligibility requirements to receive care.

Recognize potential drawbacks of other asset transfers

If transferring assets to someone besides a spouse, you may still be eligible for MassHealth Standard or the Frail Elder Waiver, but it might disqualify you for Long Term Care benefits in the future. Consult with an elder law attorney before transferring

Spend down the right way

MassHealth looks carefully at how you spend your assets before applying, especially for Long Term Care. Make sure your assets are spent correctly by spending them only on your needs. This includes medical care, in-home supports like personal care and cleaning, home repairs, bills, etc. Assets can also be used to pay for burial and funeral expenses in advance.

Keep records

If you hire in-home help but pay cash, without drawing up a contract, it won't be clear that money was spent on care. Keep receipts and detailed records of all transactions.

Avoid care gaps

A care gap occurs when you can't



Colleen Morrissey is an SCES Resource Specialist.

afford further services but are still awaiting a determination from MassHealth. Avoid this by planning ahead. Ask if your local ASAP has a program that facilitates the transition from private pay to state-subsidized home care services. At SCES, you can start with private pay and be automatically switched to nocost services, once approved for MassHealth. If you live in Cambridge or Somerville, contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for more information.

Those are the basics of a MassHealth spend down, but we can't emphasize this enough: a qualified elder law attorney

can be invaluable. Contact the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys for a list of attorneys in your area by calling 617-566-5640 or visit www. massnaela.com.

SCES Elder Care Advisor Corinne Lofchie also contributed to this report.

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

A one-eyed view of how we got here CONT. FROM PG 10

Politics that fight economic mistreatment need not conflict with politics that fight identity-group mistreatment. On the contrary, they can be synergistic, drawing strength from solidarity, as Martin Luther King demonstrated. But that requires actually fighting economic injustice instead of colluding with it.

The New York Times ran an illustrative story about four African-American barbers who worked in a Milwaukee shop. All had voted for Obama in 2008 and 2012, but they felt that, "We're worse off than before." In 2016, two of them didn't vote, one voted for himself, and one voted for Bernie Sanders.

Mr. Obama seems to have never understood that the voters who gave him his historic 2008 margin of victory did so because they believed he would reject Clintonian politics. Instead,

they got from him more of the same, and a fulsome endorsement of the second-most-disliked presidential candidate in modern history.

Nor did Obama and the Democratic establishment notice that their abandonment of working people gave Republicans a forty-year opportunity to play more effective identity politics with voters who had once been essential to the Democrats' base.

Democratic apologists' blaming their loss on racism and xenophobia ignore the reality that many racists and xenophobes supported their Party when it economically supported them. Similarly, FBI Director James Comey's letter would have little or no impact if voters felt certain that they could rely on Hillary Clinton to fight for their interests. Those voters came to their uncertainty honestly.

Blaming the loss on Russian hackers and WikiLeaks suggests a characteristic lack of shame. After all, what the supposedly neutral Party bosses' emails revealed was their own collusion in subverting the Democratic candidate who had spent his lifetime fighting for working people.

Blaming the Electoral College is like an athletic team's blaming the direction of the wind or angle of the sun for their loss. Those are the field conditions under which they must formulate strategy, execute, and win or lose.

Blaming anything other than forty years of bad choices beself-deception. From Reagan on, Republicans offered more consistent policy proposals and ideology, however much history disproved them. For liberals in post-industrial America to pursue policy that would be consistent with their stated val-

ues and goals, they would have to advocate the deep institutional changes that Bernie Sanders calls "democratic socialism." Their living with such stark dissonance between word and deed requires callous cynicism, or willful ignorance, or self-deception, each of which undermines effectiveness.

Winning elections was always the rationale for Clintonian "triangulation" politics. What they have won is Republican control of all three branches of government, the largest Republican majorities in Congress since 1928, a Republican judiciary that will make case law for two generations, and a sea of red statehouses across America.

If the Democratic Party hopes to be relevant to the lives of most Americans, it must undertake a fundamental paradigm shift. It will need to not only remember its historical reason to exist. It will need to replace its feeble pursuit of incremental benefits, which can always be taken away, with forceful pursuit of increments of power.

Despite the unequivocal discrediting of their paradigm, Democratic Party leaders continue to defend their organizational and ideological positions.

In a column that anticipated this election, I referenced Thomas Kuhn, who popularized the term "paradigm shift" in his great work on the history of scientific revolutions. A key finding of his research bears repeating. Paradigms did not shift because those advocating the new one persuaded those who held the old one. They shifted because those who held the old one died.

Power to the young people who clearly see a fully assembled elephant.

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The Rockwell Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo &

Juliet|7 p.m. B.U.M.P.|9:30 p.m. Dirty Disney 11 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Winter Art Show

All Day.|Café

Broad Appeal - Comedy Night 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday January 14

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin & Wicked Heart | 6 p.m. Big Giant, Steve Walther Orchestra, Axemunkee \$5 cover | 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Jeff Jam Family Dance Party! 4 p.m. Antje Duvekot - Alice Howe Opens|7

Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Matt York 8 p.m. Aqua Hamster Buster Van Walton

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The Breakfast (Psychedelic Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Punk Rock Aerobics |12 p.m

Perturbator|9 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell KERPLUNK!|11 a.m. Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|6 p.m.

Winter Art Show

Arts at the Armory

All Day.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday January 15 Sally O'Brien's Bar The Natural Wonders 4 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

255 Elm St

The Burren Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m.

John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.

Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

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Thunder Road Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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156 Highland Ave

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Boston Crime Scenes 4 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Winter Art Show

All Day.|Café Global Music Sketches feat. the debut of Strandön plus Tania Mesa 4 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday January 16

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-

dy|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room

Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room: Science by the Pint|6

Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge 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

7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**

Monday Night Series

Bees Deluxe The John Frazee Trio 6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Boston Crime Scenes 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St Arts at the Armory

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Winter Art Show All Day.|Café|191 Highland Ave Tuesday January 17

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The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m.

Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10

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Pub Quiz

Thunder Road Thunder & Lightening Sessions 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory

All Day.|Café|191 Highland Ave Wednesday January 18

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Winter Art Show

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

The Burren

Backroom Series: The Towers We Live

In & Ruthless Moon|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Truckfighters Kings Destroy, Gozu 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell 255 Elm Street

Winter Art Show

Central Library

Arts at the Armory

Pub Trivia

All Day.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday January 11

Ibbetson st. press potluck and read-6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday January 12 West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

(Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. 40 College Ave **Central Library**

FREE Yoga at the Library

6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library** Drop in Knitting at the East Branch

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday January 14

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

Somerville Winters Farmer Market

9:30 a.m.|Performance Hall|191

Bagel Bards

Highland Ave

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

Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Monday January 16 **Library Closed**

Sunday January 15

Tuesday January 17 **Central Library**

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave **Central Library** Arts Council Board Meeting

7 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Wednesday January 18 (TAB Building) 2nd Floor

Author Presentation by Juliette Fay 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. | 167 Holland St.

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

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

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

Yoga - Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A 5-week Yoga series is a low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program that lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Silver Alert Program – The Somerville Council on Aging with the Somerville Police Department have implemented a program to take a proactive approach towards protecting some of Somerville's most vulnerable citizens who suffer with serious cognitive impairments that put them at risk for wandering and getting lost. The Silver Alert Program is designed to collect specific information about a potential missing person, along with photo identification. This confidential information will be kept on file for immediate use in the event a loved one is reported missing. Please contact the SCOA at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

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

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

Planning for the Future A Financial and Legal Explo-

ration of Options - January 12, 5-6:30pm in the Atrium at our Holland Street Center. Please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to register.

Meet the Author – Wednesday, January 18 at our Holland Street Center from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Meet author Juliette Fay for a multi-media presentation based on her latest book, The Tumbling Turner Sisters. For additional information or to RSVP please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Afternoon at the Movies – Tuesday, January 24 at our Holland Street Center starting at 12:30 p.m. This month's movie is "Sully" starring Tom Hanks. RSVP to Josephine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Highlander Café Luncheon – Tuesday, January 31 at the SHS Highlander Café. Doors open at 10:45 a.m. - chicken parm or baked haddock - \$10 fee – RSVP to Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Powers Music School – Thursday, February 2 at our Holland Street Center at 10:30 a.m. "Benny and Beyond" with jazz duo, Todd Brunel on clarinet and Joe Reid on paino. RSVP by calling 617-625-6600.

Diabetes Shoe Clinic – Tuesday, April 18 at our Holland Street Center from 9:00 a.m. to noontime. If you have Medicare and diabetes you should be eligible for a free pair of diabetes shoes every year. An appointment is a must so please call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

Happy Wedding Anniversary – Monday, April 24th at 11:30 a.m. at the Somerville Holiday Inn located on 30 Washington Street. Are you a married couple celebrating 50 years or more of marriage? The SCOA is looking for couples to come celebrate this joyous occasion. We will be hosting an Anniversary Luncheon. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to get on the list to join the festivities.

Kentucky Derby – Thursday, May 4 to Tuesday, May 9th - \$1,154 per person / double only – 6 days & 5 nights – Package includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, 5 nights accommodation, general admission to Kentucky Derby, Louisville Slugger Factory and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information.

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.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

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

GROUP INFORMATION

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

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment.

Lunch and transportation may be available on request. Please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending, have any questions or require additional information.

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics*** 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Exercise *All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require

pre-registration
One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 11:30 Lunch (RJ) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Thursday, January 12

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H) (by appointment only)
11:30 Lunch (C,H,RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ) 1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

4:30 Planning for the Future (H)

Friday, January 13

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

Monday, January 16

All Centers Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 17

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C, RJ)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) (by appointment only)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

6:00 Caregivers Support (H)

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 11:30 Lunch (RJ) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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recommended by your equipment's manufacturer (for more information on fueling properly see www.LookBeforeYouPump. com). Fill up the fuel tank outside before you start the engine and while the engine is cold. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.

Be sure to clean the area you intend to clear with your equipment. Snow can sometimes hide objects that if run over by

a snow blower, may harm the machine or people. Doormats, hoses, balls, toys, boards, wires, and other debris should be removed from the areas you intend to clear.

Dress appropriately. Wear safety glasses and footwear that can handle slippery surfaces.

OPERATE YOUR EQUIP-MENT SAFELY

KEY SAFETY TIP: Never put

your hands inside the auger or chute. Use a clean out tool (or stick) to unclog snow or debris from your snow blower. Your hands should never go inside the auger or chute. Make sure the snow blower is in the off position before addressing any clogs.

Turn OFF your snow blower if you need to clear a clog. If you need to remove debris or unclog snow, always turn off your snow blower. Wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop before clearing any clogs or debris.

Only use your snow blower in visible conditions. Never operate the snow blower without good visibility or light.

Aim your snow blower with care. Never throw snow toward people or cars. Do not allow anyone to stand in front of your snow blower. Keep children or pets away from your snow blower when it is operating.

Use extreme caution on slopes and hills. Use caution when changing directions on slopes. Do not attempt to clear steep slopes.

Know where your cord is. If you have an electric powered snow blower, be aware of where the power cord is at all times. Avoid tripping. Do not run over the power cord.

More safety tips and information are available at www. opei.org.

Somerville Community Access TV Ch.3 Programming Guide

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Dirty Water

Well I love that dirty water Oh, Boston, you're my home — The Standells

They have been cleaning the Charles River for umpteen years now they say you can swim in it

But who knows what is in there: old cars rusting away, pieces of the Longfellow Bridge they've been fixing for years

Goose poop by the tons - you can see fifty or more geese and goslings at one time swimming and if they have eaten they are pooping

A few ducks here and there on the river really do not matter but geese are protected and no one knows why

No one is going to gun, bow arrow or sling shot any of them because the goose protection police are going to attack

Of course the same folks who protect the geese could be reporting on the muggers who are out there mugging lovers as they stroll

Or they could report the mentally deranged rapist who drags some poor girl into the bushes

No one calls the real police to rescue any victim who dares walk or jog along the Charles River in broad daylight

Is it safe to go swimming in the river where the HMS Somerset was anchored on April 18, 1775

When the river was much wider and swimming was a fun sport for Colonists and British

Then it was filled in to build houses and when sewer systems were added they emptied into the venerable river

All sorts of sand, dirt, tools and sewage were heaved into the Charles so that two hundred years later pollution is in the water

So polluted in fact that a song was written about it, so polluted only catfish and bad bacteria survive

So now they - whoever they are - say it is safe to swim again but do not drink it, just swim

Perhaps they will keep cleaning it, maybe dredge it, somehow make it

and we will love our clean water, oh Boston you're my home

— Zvi A. Sesling

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Poet Gloria Mindock:

New Poet Laureate of Somerville

I am pleased to announce that Gloria Mindock will succeed Nicole Terez Dutton as Poet Laureate of Somerville as of Jan. 2017.

The Laureate Panel, that consisted of Harris Gardner, Doug Holder, Kathleen Seward, and Glenn Ferdman, had a hard choice to make, but we are confident that longtime Somerville resident/poet/publisher/activist Gloria Mindock is the best choice. The notable runner-ups were Kirk Etherton and Ralph Pennel.

Mindock has a long history as a significant literary figure in Somerville, and has provided venues for readings for many years. In terms of outreach, publishing, and promoting, she has few equals in Somerville. I would like to thank Greg Jenkins of the Somerville Arts Council for making this happen.

Gloria Mindock is the founding editor of Cervena Barva Press and one of the USA editors for Levure Litteraire (France). She is the author of Whiteness of Bone, La Portile Raiului, translated into the Romanian by Flavia Cosma, Nothing Divine Here, and Blood Soaked Dresses.

Widely published in the USA and abroad, her poetry has been translated and published into the Romanian, Serbian, Spanish, Estonian, and

In 2014, Gloria was awarded the Ibbetson Street Press Lifetime Achievement Award and in May 2016, Gloria was the recipient of the Allen Ginsberg Award for community service by the Newton



Gloria Mindock, the new Poet Laureate of Somerville.

Writing and Publishing Center.

Gloria recently was published in Akadeemia (Estonia), Poetry.com, Gargoyle, and her work is forthcoming in the We are You Project Anthology.

Mindock runs the Cervena Barva Bookstore in the Somerville Arts Armory, as well as running, and co-running two reading series in the same facility.



Laureate Panel, back left to right: Harris Gardner, Glenn Ferdman, Doug Holder; front left to right: Kathleen Seward,

The return of Toddler Tuesdays

Toddler Tuesdays return in 2017 on January 10 and 24, and this year, LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston will be hosting special themed dates and special events. The first themed event will be Tuesday, January 24 and the theme will be Seasons. All Toddler Tuesdays events include a special activity and story time in addition to access to the attraction. Toddler Tuesdays are the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 10 am- 2 pm and meet in the DUPLO Farm area. Admission: Kids aged 3-5 are \$14, Adults are \$16 and children aged 2 and under are FREE. For tickets/more info: https://boston.legolanddiscoverycenter.com/. Location: LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston, 598 Assembly Row, Somerville MA 02145. Phone: (866) 228-6439. Web: Boston@legolanddiscoverycenter.com.

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