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A new Lincoln Park on the way





Green Line Extension project not yet assured for Somerville



The future of the Green Line Extension is far from certain at this point in time, as planners and MBTA officials work the budget with an eye for finalizing a plan by April 7.

By Haley ED Houseman

The much-bedeviled Green Line Extension Project by MBTA will find the footing for its future in the spring. It may or may not go forward, but new proposals for project design, schedule and a revamped budget estimate will be presented on April 7, as reported by the MBTA Green Line Extension Facebook page (https:// www.facebook.com/MBTA-Green-Line-Extension-53151441680/?fref=photo).

The GLX project faced a major setback at the end of 2015, when it was put on hold and its contractors were fired after cost estimates ballooned to nearly \$3 billion. The MBTA and Department of Transportation cited reports by consultants that the T has mismanaged the newly implemented contracting process, which allowed the contractors to take advantage, and costs to skyrocket. *Continued on page 4*

Not your usual suspects

By Blake Maddux

As a musical unit, the Crescent City quintet The New Orleans Suspects has everything going for it. Its members include longtime Neville Brothers drummer "Mean" Willie Green, onetime Dirty Dozen Brass Band lead guitarist Jake Eckert, saxophonist and former James Brown bandleader Jeff Watkins, classically trained pianist C.R. Gruver, and bassist Reggie Scanlan.

Scanlan, who was born and raised in The Big Easy, was a member of The Radiators – possibly the longest-lived New Orleans rock band ever – for all of its 33 years. Like his current fellow band mates, he has also played alongside some of NOLA's most legendary performers.

On Wednesday, January 20, The New Orleans Suspects will voyage down the streets of Somerville to Johnny D's. Reggie Scanlan spoke to *The Somerville Times* by phone in advance of the band's visit.



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Somerville Times: I have heard several different pronunciations of the name of the town that you are from. Which is correct? *Continued on page 7*

The New Orleans Suspects will be bringing their signature Crescent City sounds to Johnny D's on Wednesday, January 20.

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Happy Birthdays this week go out to the following friends and Villens of *The Times*: Happy birthday to our good friend and a great guy, James "Jim" Ribeiro, who is celebrating this week. Also, to Julie Tarpey-DiPasquale, who is celebrating this week. We certainly send positive thoughts for her husband Paul. Julie, we hope you have a good day. Happy birthday to Theresa Rodriques-Clark, an old friend and a great person who is now a RN at Spaulding. We wish her nothing but the best this week. A local guy who also works here in the city, we wish Kevin O'Donovan the very best. A good friend and realtor up in Townsend, Michele Busler, who is celebrating this week. We wish her a HB. Another guy. originally from Brazil. Paulo DeOliverira is celebrating this week as well. We wish him the very best. Also, from Portugal, Teder Skiba ,who has a painting company here in the city. We wish him the very best.

Congratulations to Ross Blouin and Bill Murphy for listing and finally selling that hole in the ground in Teele Square, successfully completing the deal. Hopefully, whatever is developed there will once again complete Teele Square. Congratulations to the Blouin and Murphy team at Colony Real Estate here in Somerville in Clarendon Hill.

If you haven't registered to vote yet you have until February 10 to do so to vote in the Presidential Primary coming up in March here in Massachusetts. You can go to the Election Department at City Hall and fill out the form, or better yet you can just go online at https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/. This year's presidential race is crucial to everyone. There is no excuse as registering to vote can't be any easier. *Continued on page 11*

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Changing Somerville: Part 1

A Moore says:

Since I was here then I know what it was like. It was a true walkable city where anything you wanted was within easy walking distance. We were always under someone's watch when playing. We just didn't realize how nice it really was until we got older. The planning of this city should have looked back in history and put tp good use what we had that was good. The talk is to bring the city back to what is what then to make it the so called walkable city but it won't be by the way it is being laid out now. Sometimes it's difficult to explain the good ol days to someone and why. We had it all.

Freebie says:

"many of the incumbent Irish greeted them (the italians) with suspicion and, often, discrimination" That was true in many places as my grandparents can attest. Now some of the Irish and Italians are discrimination against the yuppies who are, ironically, often successful offspring of other Italian and Irish immigrants! Complaining about Yuppies is one thing, vile hatred is another.

The number of children here back then was staggering and it must have been a great place to grow up. But that Beaver Cleaver sense of neighborhood community existed in many places back then. The density here probably made it even more tight knit. We still have more kids per square mile than anyone else in MA.

Let's also not forget that the adoption of the automobile is the reason people fled to the suburbs in the 1950s-1970s. Let's get that green line and bike lanes built and bring this place back to it's former glory.

BMac says:

Even in the 70s I knew the names of someone in probably one quarter of the houses in Ward 7. Of course these days, even if there were enough kids around, parents would not let five and six year olds ride their bikes around the neighborhood on their own or play kickball in the middle of the street.

JM says:

This article could describe any town in the US or indeed in any modern western industrialized country. Remind me again who signed NAFTA? I think it was another Bill!

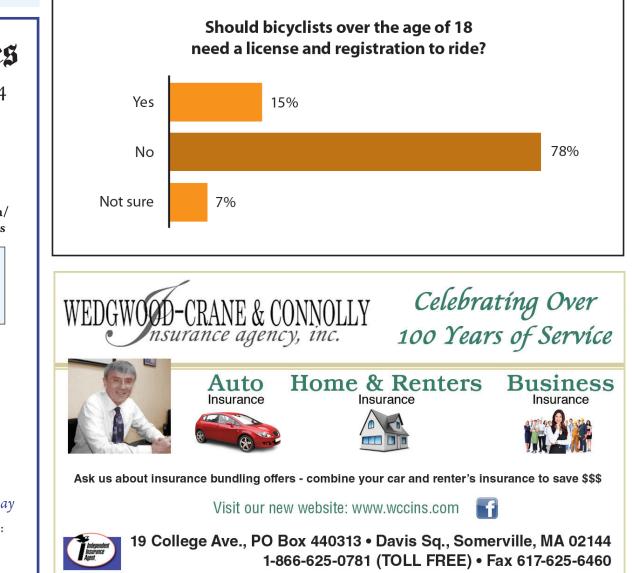
Steve Keenan says:

This is not the Somerville I grew up in, but Somerville is still a great community. For lack of a better term, what has happened is called change, progress, or whatever. And Somerville is not the only community that has changed and evolved over the years. Somerville is a great town!

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you think bicyclists over the age of 18 should need a license and registration to ride. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.







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The Somerville Times ________ JANUARY 13, 2016 3 The Somerville Home: Serving our seniors

By Jessica Kenney

The Somerville Home is a Residential Care Facility for senior citizens. It was established in 1898, and has been serving the greater Boston community for 110 years. They offer seniors who cannot live on their own with a home and residential care. The Somerville Home provides supervision along with minimum basic care for residents who do not regularly require nursing or medical services. Each resident receives a private bedroom, three home-cooked meals a day, housekeeping, linen, and laundry service.

There is a full time Social Worker and licensed nurse on staff. The Somerville Home has departments that each cater to different needs of the senior citizens living there. The Business Department assists residents with financial issues and the Nursing Department administers medicine, monitors the residents, and manages their overall medical care.

The Activities Department organizes social and recreational activities, which include field trips and various outings. The staff of this department plan daily activities meant to enrich the lives of the residents. The events are offered throughout the day and run seven days a week. The guests are taken by mini-bus on shopping trips, dining out, bowling, and trips to places such as Fenway Park, Lake Winnipesaukee, the Topsfield Fair, movies, art exhibits, the zoo, and more.

"The Personal Needs Allowance for residents of rest homes and nursing homes is horribly inadequate"

The Activities Department also organizes games, exercises, art classes, bingo, and book club; and also have an ongoing relationship with many colleges in the Boston area that bring young students in to visit the residents. They provide a weekly Catholic Mass as well as have a Rabbi who visits to talk about Jewish holidays. Residents are welcome to stay as long as they wish.

Recently, a representative from the Somerville Home has expressed a need for an increase in their personal needs allow-



The Somerville Home has been serving the needs of area seniors for over one hundred years.

ance from \$72.80 to \$100.00; stating that winter coats, warm shoes, and socks need to be provided for the residents, and that their current allowance will not cover that.

State Representative Denise Provost responded to this request by saying, "I have been working to increase the personal needs allowance since I got to the legislature in 2006 ... there has been another 'automatic' decrease in the state personal income tax rate, cutting vital revenue from the frail, elderly, and others in need ... this pittance is inadequate."

When asked for a comment on this issue, Senator Patricia Jehlen stated, "The Personal Needs Allowance for residents of rest homes and nursing homes is horribly inadequate...our committee favorably recommended my bill to increase the rate to \$100 and index it to inflation. The bill still has to go through the committee on Health Care Finance, as well as both houses, but I will continue to strongly advocate for it."

The Somerville Home proudly states that they have provided "over a century of caring" and now wishes to receive more funding so they may continue caring for those unable to care for themselves.





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Alleged shoplifter felt a bit litigious

Police responded to the Target store on Somerville Ave. on Saturday after receiving reports of a suspected shoplifter being pursued by store loss prevention personnel.

Upon arrival, the store loss prevention staffers approached the police cruiser and indicated that the suspect they were pursuing was walking away from the store, allegedly carrying store merchandise with him concealed inside his backpack.

The officers approached the suspect, later identified as Atem Agok, who police report has a history of both shoplifting and assault charges in the city.

According to reports, when the

officers confronted Agok he immediately became argumentative and began screaming and refused to hand over his backpack for them to search. Police said that he repeatedly yelled, "These are my clothes!"

The officers then reportedly had no choice but to forcibly take Agok's backpack from him,

at the same time placing him in handcuffs as he was resisting and trying to take back the bag. Police said that the backpack was found to contain a red jacket and a pair of khaki cargo pants, each with store tags still on them. When asked if he had a receipt for the merchandise he reportedly continued screaming

at the officers, repeatedly threatening to sue them.

Police noted in their report that Agok's screaming was drawing attention of passers-by, both on foot and driving by.

Agok was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct and shoplifting by asportation.

worth shoes walked of Saks **Over \$2K** out

A police officer on routine duty near Assembly Row last week was informed that a loss prevention agent from Saks Off 5th on Canal St. had phoned in a report of a woman concealing a pair of shoes in her bag and leaving the store without paying, accompanied by two female companions.

The officer located the three women, based on the store's description, and stopped them for questioning, after they had reportedly made an unsuccessful attempt at running away.

The women were then asked to place their handbags on the ground in front of them.

The bag belonging to Daqnya

Johnson, of Jamaica Plain, was reportedly found to contain three pairs of shoes, valued at a total of \$330.91.

The handbag carried by Amy Ubiera, of Dorchester, was similarly found to contain three pairs of shoes, with a combined total value of \$1355.91.

The third female, Desaray

Grant, of Roxbury, had a bulge in the front of her coat, according to reports. She was asked to unzip her coat, whereupon a pair of shoes valued at \$323.75 was found to be concealed under her arms.

Price tags were still on the shoes and the suspects offered no receipts for the merchandise,

police said.

The three women were each placed under arrest and charged with conspiracy and larceny over \$250.

Ubiera was additionally booked on warrant charges of motor vehicle lights violation and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

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Arrests:

Amy Ubiera, of 466 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, January 4, 6:42 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of conspiracy and larceny over \$250 and on warrant charges of motor vehicle lights violation and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Daqnya Johnson, of 3146 Washington St., Jamaica Plain, January 4, 6:42 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of conspiracy and larceny over \$250.

Desaray Grant, of 38 Walnut Park, Roxbury, January 4, 6:42 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of conspiracy and larceny over \$250.

Richard Prader, of 44 Birch St., Saugus, January 6, 9:17 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding.

Adam Leal, of 199 Pearl St., January 6, 12:10 p.m., arrested at Mt. Vernon St. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 by

false pretenses, trespassing, larceny from a person, and larceny from a building.

Daniel Kerr, of 24 Robinson St., January 6, 9:09 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, resisting arrest, possession of a class A drug, possession of a hypodermic, leaving the scene of personal injury, failure to stop or yield, failure to wear a seatbelt, assault and battery, exhibiting another's license, and speeding.

Thomas Melanson, January 8, 12:58 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Mladen Mojsilovik, of 32 Litchfield St., Brighton, January 9, 2:24 a.m., arrested at Conwell Ave. on charges of failure to stop or yield and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Atem Agok, January 9, 12:49 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of disorderly conduct and shoplifting by as-

portation.

Garrett O'Connor, of 97 Hillcrest St., Waltham, January 9, 4:01 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of shoplifting by asportation, receiving a stolen credit card, and receiving stolen property under \$250, and on a warrant charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Avery Rak, of 173 Washington St., Norwich, CT, January 10, 3:46 a.m., arrested at Lower Campus Rd. on a charge of possession of a class B drug.

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Consultants also noted that the project has not yet had a reliable, accurate budget from which the T could work.

For the next four to five months, an interim team will be overseeing the project, headed by former Massachusetts transportation official Jack Wright. A second consultant is taking over the redesign of the project; John Karn has consulted with the T on the project

previously, and has called upon to accrue significant savings on the extension by adapting the goals to incorporate more existing infrastructure, and other cost-saving measures. Construction consultant Matthew Poirier, as well as three Mass-DOT employees will complete the team.

Despite a legal mandate for the project, which required a transportation plan to offset

for the impact of the Big Dig, the MBTA has not ruled out cancelling the extension altogether. Decisions will rest on the new plans to be presented, as well as a scheduled May 11th submission of new finance plan for the project to be presented to the MBTA and the MassDOT. Should the GLX project survive, a permanent team will be installed to run the operations.



The Somerville Times New Lincoln Park plan to be unveiled on Jan. 25

By Charles Lane

This week, the City of Somerville announced that after three years of community discussions and public design process, the resulting final plans for the renovation of Lincoln Park will be presented to the community at an open house on Monday, January 25.

The renovation of the 6.6 acre park, the 2nd largest city-owned park, will comprise six projects in one, including:

• Storm water management: A 1.26 million gallon, underground storm water management system that will reduce the runoff that contributes to flooding in the Union Square area;

• Schoolyard upgrades: A new, expanded and enhanced multi-use school yard with outdoor classroom, upgraded play areas, vegetable gardens, rain gardens, multi-sport court, and more;

• Expanded green space: Enhanced passive green space as well as a natural grass multiuse field and more than 150 new trees;

• Community activity corridor: spanning an adventure play area with everything from traditional swings to a splash pad, exploratory sand play, and tree house-like play structures, as well as a parkour and skate park space, passive seating, a basketball court, picnic area, outdoor exercise equipment, and community gardens all connected by treelined walkways;

• New dog area: Small off-leash area with dog run;

• Upgraded softball diamond: Improved field with increased buffer to nearby residences.

The design was developed by Weston & Sampson's Design Studio, Spurr, an award-winning landscape architectural and engineering services firm responsible for the design of a number of Somerville Parks including North Street, as well as Albion, Grimmons, and the Quincy Street Open Space, which all won awards.

"Our community has spoken up loud and clear that we need both more open space and more high quality open space, which is why we have renovated or built 31 parks and open spaces in just the last eleven years. But to continue to meet our growing needs and long-term goals, we need to pick up even this fast pace," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone."The Lincoln Park project will do just that by moving forward what is essentially five important park projects at once as well as a critical stormwater management project that will benefit all of Union Square. I want to thank the community for the valuable input they had in the planning process."

After extensive deliberation and community feedback both for and against synthetic turf for the central playing field, a design featuring a natural grass playing field was selected. To adhere to best practices for natural grass playing fields, organized field use will be reduced to Argenziano School recess as well as limited light use for younger youth sports.

To accommodate displaced sports during

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The plan for the upgraded Lincoln Park will be officially presented to the public on January 25 during a special open house event to be held at the Argenziano School.

construction, the City is working with both Tufts University and the state Department of Conservation and Recreation to make alternate fields available. Shortterm plans include regrading and reseeding of Draw 7 Park and use of Tufts fields. Additional projects, including a potential new turf field at Tufts, possible turf installation at alternate City or State sites, and additional field space in the Union Square revitalization area, will be integrated into a long-range Fields Master Plan to address long-term field needs.

"There was a compelling argument for a natural grass field at this particular park, but we also have significant and growing needs for field time for youth and adult sports. To maintain the health and well-being of our community, we must ensure those needs are met," said Mayor Curtatone. "For this reason, I have directed our planning staff to develop a formal Fields Master Plan with community input that will build on our ongoing fields planning. That plan will guide our rethinking of both our existing fields as well as the development of new fields."

A proposal has been submitted to the Board of Aldermen for the estimated \$9.4 million in funding that will be required to cover construction of all six components of the Lincoln Park project. Approximately \$2M of the total funding is needed to construct the 2-acre underground storm water holding areas. When accounting for size, the remaining average Lincoln Park is 6.6 acres, while, for example, North Street Park, which was recently completed at a cost of \$1M, is 0.3 acres.

If funding is approved, the project will go out to bid with a projected construction start date of either June 2016 or June 2017, depending upon several fac tors. Construction is expected to take roughly one year (barring unexpected weather or other disruptions) with additional time required to rest the grass fields so that root systems are established before use.

"For generations, this park has been an important gathering place for neighbors and families. I'm thrilled to see that it will not be simply updated but that it will be transformed to the open space jewel that it should be, with features to meet so many varied community needs," said Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston. "Just as important, flooding in the Union Square area is a very real concern, and this is a good start toward reducing the storm water load on the system and providing our residents some relief. I'm heartened that the City recognized the need to renovate this park not just from above, but also from below."

The Lincoln Park Project Plan Community Open House is scheduled for 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25, at the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.

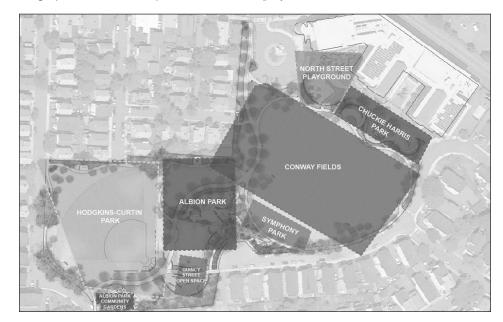
Weston & Sampson Park designers and City park planning staff from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development will host an open-house, drop-in meeting for residents to view the plans, ask questions, and engage in discussions with friends, neighbors and the project team.

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of roughly \$1.48M for each of the five park project areas compares favorably with the average park renovation cost of roughly \$1M in recent years. As noted,



Somerville's older adults catch concerts from up and coming talent

By Maureen Bastardi

Since April of 2015, older adults in Somerville have been able to witness some of the incredible talent residing at Berklee College of Music in Boston. The concerts take place in various, smaller concert venues and locations across the Berklee campus and feature faculty and students practicing their art as musicians and vocalists.

They have enjoyed cabaret-style performances, and have heard the incredibly smooth sounds of jazz, blues, R&B, background, and holiday music vocals; delighted to "strings and things." They have listened in awe to a cappella and marveled at the many beautiful sounds of marimba.

COA Senior Project Manager Janine Lotti developed the program because she thought that having a concert-hall quality experience, without the big price tag, would appeal to many of Somerville's older adults. "The music we've experienced at Berklee has been a real showcase of talents," says Lotti. "We almost always leave wanting more."

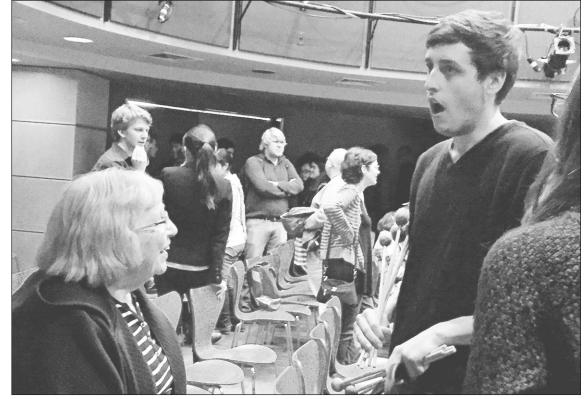
Lotti says the best part of this particular program is that older adults get to see young people performing and enjoying themselves. Oftentimes, the students will take time to speak with concert attendees after the show. "It's a really nice connection," she says. In the spring, they made a real connection with a vocal jazz instructor and his students. Lotti hopes that, as a result of that initial interaction, older adults will be able to "sit in" on some rehearsals and have time for questions and answers with the students in the coming year.

There are more trips to Berklee scheduled for February and March. Please call Janine Lotti at (617)625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration



This year's MLK Jr. Day Celebration event is January 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the East Somerville Community



Vilma Sullivan asks one of the performers a couple of questions.



Cheddar Mashed Potato Waffles

This past New Years Eve, I made a prime rib along with a few sides, including haricot verts, roasted brussel sprouts, corn casserole and a copious amount of mashed potatoes. Leftover mashed potatoes can be used in many different ways. For example, a Shepherd's Pie, potato croquettes, creamy potato soup, potato pancakes, potato gnocchi, and even potato waffles. This time around, I chose to make waffles. The waffles came out slightly crispy on the outside and had a creamy texture in the middle. They were a huge hit in my house!

Waffles

2 cups of leftover mashed potatoes 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese 2 eggs 1/4 cup flour 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper



Mashed Potatoes

5 lbs. Yukon Gold potatoes (peeled and cubed into uniform size, 1"X1")
1 stick of unsalted butter, cubed
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 - 1/2 cup milk
1 head roasted garlic, mashed into a paste
*see note below
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

School. The theme of the event is "MLK Jr. Day Celebration: power to impact positive change in our community." Instead of a featured speaker they will have great community performers who will perform a musical or dance piece and then speak about their group's connection of music and justice. They will also have wonderful food after the event. This is a popular event attended by the whole community. There will be refreshments served at the end of the event with

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In a medium bowl, mix all the above ingredients until well blended. Prepare your waffle iron according to the manufacturer's instructions. Once the iron is ready, place 1/2 cup plus 1tablespoon of the mixture onto the center of the iron. The waffles will take between 2-1/2 -3 minutes to cook. Serve each waffle with a couple of poached or fried eggs, a dollop of sour cream, garnished with chives or fresh parsley. These waffles are not just limited to breakfast. You can add sliced beef with gravy, chicken cutlets, or anything you like to accompany your potato waffle. Serves 4 people. In a 6-8 quart pot, add the peeled, cubed potatoes and cover with cold water by about 3 inches. Bring to a boil and cook the potatoes until they are fork tender, about 20-25 minutes. Drain the water, return the potatoes to the same pot, add the butter, sour cream, 1/4 cup milk (add additional 1/4 cup milk if the potatoes are too thick), roasted garlic, salt and pepper. Use a masher or hand mixer to blend the ingredients. Stir in the parsley. Serve immediately.

*Roasted garlic - cut a whole head of garlic in half and place the two halves in a piece of aluminum foil and drizzle with about a teaspoon of olive oil. Wrap it tightly and place in a 350 degree oven for about 30 minutes, until the garlic is tender. Once cooled, squeeze out the cloves and mash with a fork, making it into a paste.

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Reggie Scanlan: The fastest possible way that you can do it. The most abbreviated, fastest way - that's how people say it. They are all correct. A lot of it depends on what part of the city you're from, too. Different parts of the city have different quirks in the accent, you know. And then when you get out of the city, it gets even more diverse. Once you get southwest of here you start getting a lot of the Cajun twist coming into the dialogue and the accents.

ST: Is most of the musical talent in New Orleans homegrown, or do many musicians from out of town come to establish themselves there?

RS: Yeah, a lot of it is but like you said, it's also a magnet for musicians who are not from here. For musicians that are not from here, it's probably the mystique of going to New Orleans, certainly after [Hurricane] Katrina. [The HBO series] Treme kind of sparked a little bit of that as well. The other thing, too, was, you know, property values were cheap. You could come here and buy a house for not too much money and renovate it, and have a nice place.

They're in a place that's perceived as being cool. The music



huge influx of out-of-town musicians and a huge exodus musicians that had lived here but had to leave because of the storm. There was a big shift in the whole music scene. For a young musician who was looking to get involved in a new scene, this certainly would have been the place I would have chosen! ST: When did you start play-

scene was really, at that time, at a huge changing point. You had a

ing a musical instrument and which one was it?

RS: I started when I was in the third grade. I played tenor sax in the school band, but I also lived six blocks from the school, so carrying that thing back and forth after one semester, I was like, "You know what? I'm done with this, I want a clarinet!" So I got a clarinet and man, that thing was so great at just being a noisemaker that I finally got kicked out of the school band. I just wanted to make noise. I wasn't planning on actually playing it. I was just into goofing off, really.

And then, the next thing that happened was The Beatles were on Ed Sullivan and everyone went out and bought guitars. I was a pretty terrible guitar player, I gotta say. And then some guy from my school who thought I could actually play guitar - because he had never heard me needed a bass player for a Creedence Clearwater [Revival] cover band. They asked me if I wanted to play bass. I said that I didn't really play bass, but if you show me how to play the songs then I'll do it. So they gave me a bass, and I started playing and I was like, "Wow, this makes sense. I should have been doing this all along!" That's how it started. ST: Had you and any other members of The New Orleans Suspects crossed paths before forming a band together? RS: Me and Willie [Green, drummer] had had a lot of projects over the years. We were part of a band back in the 90s. Then right after the storm he and I had a residency at the Maple Leaf [a New Orleans venue and bar] for a while. Me and Willie go back a long way. We've been friends for I don't even know who long. Jake and C.R. they knew each other and had been doing stuff in New Orleans post-Katrina when they



both moved here. And then Jeff moved here. I think that he was still playing with James Brown when he was living here. Jake and Kevin Harris, who was our original sax player - was in the Dirty Dozen [Brass Band] - knew each other because Jake was in the Dozen as well. Before the band got together, I knew Willie and that was it. He and I are the only native New Orleanians.

ST: How did the band end up forming?

RS: The guy that owns the Maple Leaf, Hank [Staples], has got a pool of musicians that when a band didn't show up, or they forgot to book a band, or whatever happened, he would call somebody up and just say, "Round up the usual suspects." So that happened one night to us. It wasn't Willie on the drums, it was another guy. Jake and C.R. had never met before. So we did the gig, it was a lot fun, and we told Hank that if this happens again and we're all in town, just call us up and we'll do it. That happened a few times and we started getting some gigs on the side and we called ourselves The Usual Suspects. So when The Rads [Radiators] broke up and The Neville Brothers broke up, we were kind of like, let's just do this band for real. We thought that we'd be The Unusual Suspects, but then I was researching online and there was a band in England called The Unusual Suspects with a CD out. So we chose New Orleans Suspects, because that way people know where we're from, they'll know

it's New Orleans Music, and we're still the Suspects. That's how it happened. ST: The Radiators formed in

the late 1970s, right?

RS: January of '78.

ST: So you're coming up on four full decades as a professional musician?

RS: I was professional way before that. I'd been on Bourbon Street. I'd been on the blues circuit in California. I'd played already with a lot of the older New Orleans guys like James Booker and Professor Longhair. The Rads

formed [when] I was like 26, so I'd been professional for six years already.

ST: Does anything surprise you after all of this time?

RS: The fact that I can be surprised surprises me! It's nice that I can still be surprised. I like that. Some of the stuff that I've seen has been pretty crazy, I have to say!

Glen David Andrews, The New Orleans Suspects, and Ben Knight, Wednesday, January 20, 8:00 p.m. Johnny D's Uptown, 17 Holland St., Somerville.



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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somer- tives and senators. **ville:**



Rep. Christine Barber

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



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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex. *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 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 41 years.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on roll calls from the week of January 4-8. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (H 3654)

House 152-0, approved a bill that would allow cities and towns to reduce and spread out the annual tax that homeowners pay when they are the beneficiary of a sewer betterment. A special assessment is permitted to be levied by a city or town when property within a limited area receives a special benefit or advantage, other than the general advantage to the community, from the construction of a sewer.

The proposal would increase from the current 20 years to 30 years the time period over which homeowners can spread out their payments. Current state law requires towns to charge 5 percent interest on the unpaid balance of the tax or 2 percent above the rate at which the town borrowed the money for the project. The bill would allow cities and towns to charge less, possibly as little as 0 percent interest.

Supporters said the bill is a local-control one that would provide the cities and towns in the Commonwealth with options to keep the cost of any sewer betterments as low as possible for the homeowner. They noted communities will have the choice whether or not to opt into the system. Supporters said the current archaic law does not make sense and is counterproductive because it prevents many offenders from having the mobility to find and/or retain a job, drive their children to school, travel to a doctor and do many other things necessary to help them rebuild their lives. They noted the bill is retroactive and also applies to people who currently are without a license because of this law.

The Senate approved a different version of the bill in September. The House version now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CREATE SENIOR SAFETY ZONES (H 531) -The House gave initial approval to legislation allowing cities and towns to implement senior safety zones in which the speed limit would be lowered to 20 mph. The zones would be near senior citizen housing, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, senior centers and other senior establishments. Supporters said these zones, similar to current school safety zones, would reduce accidents and injuries and save lives.

REPORT DRIVERS WITH SUSPENDED OR REVOKED LICENSES - A law that went into effect on January 1 requires the Registry of Motor Vehicles to notify the local police department when the driver's license of a local resident is suspended or revoked. The notification is only required in certain cases including vehicular homicide, drunken driving, if the person is a habitual traffic offender or poses an immediate threat to public safety. Included in the notification would be the offender's name, address, license plate number, type of car and driving record.

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

REDUCED INCOME TAX - A law that reduces the income tax rate and long-term capital gains tax from 5.15 percent to 5.10 percent went into effect on January The tax cuts do not need the approval of the Legislature. They are part of a system devised by the Legislature when it approved a \$1 billion-plus tax hike package in 2002. The package set the long-term capital gains tax at 5.3 percent and froze the income tax rate at 5.3 percent instead of allowing it to drop to 5 percent in January 2003 -- a reduction that was approved by voters in 2000. The 2002 law also includes an automatic trigger that reduces both taxes by one-half of one percent each year that the state's economic growth is at least 2.5 percent until each tax is reduced to 5 percent. The 2015 growth was 5.37 percent, more than twice the amount necessary for the cut. The Department of Revenue estimates that the tax cuts will reduce state revenue by \$74 million in fiscal year 2016 and \$152 million in fiscal year 2017.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: With today's edition, *The Somerville Times* begins coverage of the 2016 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 representaThe Senate approved the measure on a voice vote without a roll call and sent it to Governor Charlie Baker.

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

Rep. Christine BarberDidn't VoteRep. Denise ProvostYesRep. Timothy ToomeyYes

ELIMINATE AUTOMATIC DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION (S 2021)

House 150-0, approved legislation that would repeal a 1989 law which automatically suspends for up to five years the driver's license of anyone convicted of a drug offense even if the offense is unrelated to driving a vehicle. The proposal allows automatic license suspension for anyone convicted of trafficking in illegal drugs, except for marijuana. It also repeals the current law that requires offenders to pay a \$500 fee to get their license back.

CORPORATE TAX DELAY AND EARNED IN-COME TAX CREDIT - Also taking effect January 1 is a new law increasing the earned income tax credit for low-income working families with children living at home from 15 percent to 23 percent of the federal credit.

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The credit is applied toward the taxpayer's liability, and if it exceeds the liability, the taxpayer receives the excess credit as a refund.

The law also again delays implementation of a long-delayed tax break for national corporations that was passed into law in 2008 but has never been implemented.

Supporters say this increased earned income tax credit will help thousands of low-income working families who are struggling to make ends meet and will result in many of them paying little or no state income tax. They argue that delaying the unaffordable business tax break is fair and leaves the door open to future implementation.

BICYCLISTS AND HOSPITALS - The Transportation Committee held a hearing on a bill prohibiting drivers from parking or idling their vehicles on any bicycle path or to generally interfere with the safety and passage of bicyclists (S 1808). The committee also is considering a proposal requiring signs indicating the direction of a hospital with an arrow to include the distance in miles to the hospital (S 1847).

"TOY" GUNS (H 3476) - The Public Safety Committee held a hearing on a bill that would require all imitation firearms to have a non-removable one-inch orange stripe, visible from every side, and to be a color other than black, blue, silver or aluminum, the traditional colors of real weapons. Imitation firearms include any air rifle, pellet gun and BB gun or any device that substantially duplicates or can reasonably be perceived to be a real gun or rifle. Current federal law requires guns to have only an orange tip.

Supporters said orange tips are not visible enough and can be easily painted over or removed. They argued this new proposed law will make it a lot easier for law enforcement and the public to determine whether a person is holding a real or fake gun or rifle. They cited the case in Cleveland in which 12-year-old Tamir Rice was shot to death by police after his air gun was mistaken for the real thing. continued

Opponents said the proposal is flawed because people could put the orange stripes on a real gun to fool police and others into thinking it is fake. They said that to add to the confusion, criminals could easily paint their real weapons a bright color to confuse police.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"We must seize every opportunity possible to help residents reintegrate into society, find fulfilling jobs and support their families."— House Speaker Robert A. De-Leo (D-Winthrop) on the bill that would repeal a 1989 law which automatically suspends for up to five years the driver's license of anyone convicted of a drug offense even if the offense is unrelated to driving a vehicle.

"Denying transgender people access to facilities that are necessary for all of us to go about our daily lives, like restrooms, contributes to minority stress and can exacerbate negative health outcomes already affecting transgender people." — Laura Durso, director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Research and Communications Project at the Center for American Progress, on a pending bill that would prohibit discrimination against transgender individuals in the state's public accommodations.

"The Registry and the Merit Rating Board have an opportunity with this legislation to introduce 21st century technology and to eliminate what is a very paper-driven, manual processing-based administrative process." — Registrar of Motor Vehicles Erin Deveney talking about a bill allowing cities and towns to stop issuing paper traffic citations and instead use an electronic system.

"We've found that disability placards registered to deceased people have been used [as well as] expired placards, counterfeit placards and placards of individuals who currently reside out-of-state." — Inspector General Glenn Cunha on legislation to increase fines for misuse of handicapped placards.

with regard to what's legally permissible and what's not." — Gov. Baker commenting on the debate whether President Barack Obama's gun control executive orders overstepped his authority and bypassed Congress.

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 4-8, the House met for a total of six hours and 16 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 46 minutes.

Mon. January 4	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Tues. January 5	No House session No Senate session
Wed. January 6	House 11:00 a.m. to 4:55 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 1:42 p.m.
Thurs. January 7	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Senate 11:17 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.
Fri. January 8	No House session No Senate session

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Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
326 Broadway U:8	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	34	\$289,900	\$289,000
17 rose st U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	1	\$295,000	\$300,000
326 Broadway U:24	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	68	\$299,000	\$295,000
183 Highland Avenue U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	9	\$329,000	\$385,000
110 Pearl St U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	8	\$339,900	\$360,000
77 Fremont U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	55	\$339,900	\$330,000
86 Mount Vernon St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Half-Duplex	193	\$344,900	\$335,000
33 Putnam St U:3	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	55	\$359,000	\$355,000
56 Hinckley St U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	40	\$374,900	\$375,000
5 Belmont Sq U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$389,900	\$405,000
1 Arnold Avenue U:11	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$395,000	\$475,000
49 Elm Street U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 0f 0h bath 2/3 Family	74	\$399,000	\$387,800
121 Heath Street U:2	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	19	\$399,000	\$399,000
49Temple St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	7	\$399,900	\$399,900
9 Everett Avenue U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	5	\$410,000	\$441,000
22 Robinson St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	41	\$419,000	\$442,500
80 Webster Ave U:3K	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	6	\$429,000	\$450,000
27 Electric Ave U:2	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	67	\$429,000	\$455,000
221 Powder House Blvd. U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	14	\$439,900	\$447,500
7 Church St U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	19	\$449,900	\$460,000



COMMENTARY

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The Rent is Too Damn High—And Other Reasons We Need to Double Down on Housing Affordability



By Joseph A. Curtatone

During the past few decades, Somerville has worked hard to make itself a city that can deliver quality of life to its residents. We rightfully take pride in good schools, low crime, tree-lined neighborhoods, our ever-increasing number of parks and playgrounds, a diverse community and bustling city squares. There's a lot to like about Somerville and, not surprisingly, it puts our limited living space in high demand. People who live here want to stay. People who don't live here want to join us. Add to that the external pressure of our region's rapidly rising housing prices and it makes housing affordability a clear and present challenge.

As I said in my recent inaugural speech, this issue hits me at a personal level. I grew up in Somerville as the son of two Italian immigrants. My father and mother both worked in factories. My dad cut hair and drove a snow plow for extra money. My mom also worked as a cook. They raised three children, put a good roof over our heads and sent us to college.

But is the door still open for a family like mine here in Somerville? It needs to be. We must be a city that is as much a home to the people who are working their way up as it is for those who have already made it. We need to remain a city welcoming to working families and immigrants trying to get a hold on the American dream—just as our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents did. Ensuring we keep that kind of diversity is an extremely complicated, long-term challenge facing all of Greater Boston.

I believe Somerville can lead the way when it comes to housing affordability, just as we

have on healthy communities, educational investment and multi-modal transportation. Mind you, it will not be easy. We face daunting market forces. Right now, rent and home sale prices are being driven by a massive housing shortage in Greater Boston. Demand far outstrips supply. Estimates are that our region needs to add 435,000 new housing units by 2040 to restore balance. Coming up with solutions to that problem is going to require innovative thinking and an all-hands-on-deck commitment from the community. Fortunately, Somerville is good at that sort of thing.

Last year I called together the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group. I sought out the city's brightest and most determined minds and challenged them to come up with bold ideas on affordability. They embraced the task set to them and we now have the Working Group's recommendations. The ideas are big and bold—just as we need them to be.

They include a 1% real estate

transfer fee, new tenants' purchase rights and support, and a 50% increase in the Somer-Vision goal for new housing units from 6,000 to 9,000. The proposals envision new 20% citywide inclusionary zoning and new financial supports for low-income tenants in affordable units. The Working Group is also calling for overhaul of our zoning code, which is essential for true social equity. Some of that may sound fantastic to you, some of it may sound scary. Our next steps are to devote City Hall's resources to thoroughly analyzing these recommendations and getting extensive public input on them.

I want to be clear: getting from excellent ideas to achievable, leading-edge initiatives is always the hard part. We are going to run into earnest differences of opinion. Not everyone is going to agree with every part of what will be a multi-pronged approach. Unfortunately, it's not like there's a proven, simple plan to keep housing affordable in high-demand urban areas. So we're going to have to dig in and work together to invent a way to preserve the economic and social diversity that make so many of us proud to live in our city.

It should be stressed that we are already at work on numerous affordability initiatives. We have joined a new Regional Compact with Boston, Cambridge and other cities to work on the housing issue along with transportation, sustainability and economic development. This involves dedicating city planners to working together on these issues. The math is simple. If the region does not build the housing we need, and if Somerville does not build the 9,000 units we need, no amount of affordable housing programs alone will be able to keep the cost of a home or rent reasonable for all of us. The rent really is too damn high and cities in metro Boston have pledged to work together to do something about it.

On top of that, we've launched our 100 Homes initiative with our partner, Continued on page 20

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send letters to the editor to The Somerville Times. Please email your letters to News@TheSomervilleTimes.com or mail them to 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The Somerville Times Reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and length. All letters must include an name and contact information. Contact information will not be shared with the public. We look forward to hearing from you.

To the Editor:

We thank you for publishing Josie Groves' article on the complete renovation being undertaken at Prospect Hill Tower ("Restoring Prospect Hill Tower," January 6, 2016). The tower and the surrounding park space

ant to know HOW and WHY the rehabilitation is occurring. In November 2012, Somerville voters overwhelmingly supported the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The CPA establishes a small residential tax surcharge to be used exclusively for historic preservarehabilitation of Prospect Hill Tower and to redesign the adjacent park, along with applicants for various other historic preservation and open space/ recreation projects. After several months of speaking with applicants, residents, elected officials, business leaders, and

We are thrilled to see CPA money hard at work, benefiting all Somerville residents in a very public, accessible way. In 2015, we received 12 new applications. We will again be holding two community meetings in early 2016, one was held on January 12 and the next one will be

Thank you, and we hope to see as many residents as possible at our upcoming meetings to give their valuable input on how we should spend YOUR money to benefit everyone in Somerville.

Sincerely,

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tion, open space/outdoor rec-	community groups, including	held January 27th, both at the	Dick Bauer
reation, and affordable housing	holding several well-attended	Visiting Nurse Association at	Historic Preservation Committee
in Somerville. In addition, the	community meetings, the Com-	259 Lowell St. at 6:30 p.m. for	representative, Chairman
CPA received state matching	munity Preservation Commit-	applicants to explain their proj-	Michael Fager
funds, and the Board of Alder-	tee voted to fully fund Prospect	ects and for the community to	Conservation Committee repre-
men appropriated additional	Hill Tower and the park design.	weigh in on where we should	sentative, Vice Chairman
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In 2013, the City applied for	imously voted to accept the	have over \$4 million to go to	Planning Board representative
CPA grants for the complete	CPC's recommendation.	worthy projects.	and immediate past Chairman
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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



But is it unreasonable to consider the possibility that operating a vehicle of any sort, be it pedal-powered or motorized, should be treated equally, requiring licensing and insurance?

We need to strike a balance between encouraging carbon-free commuting alternatives and applying common sense measures to assure the common good for all. It's certainly something to think about.

that burns quite intensely for some of us. That is the question of how best to accommodate the growing use of cycling for pleasure and commuting in our densely packed city. Many of our parrow streets are unsuite

It seems that most people we know have

little or no opinion concerning an issue

Many of our narrow streets are unsuitable for dedicated biking lanes to be installed. This leaves cyclists and motorists

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Interested in giving back to your community? If you are, the Somerville Council on Aging (SCOA) could be the place for you. The SCOA offers a rich volunteer program with opportunities to help with programming and services for Somerville's older adults. Every quarter, the agency hosts a "Volunteer Roundtable" devoted to giving volunteers a forum to share experiences and stories. Current SCOA volunteers mingle with those interested in learning more about the ways they lend their time and skills to building an age-friendly community. Volunteering at the Somerville Council on Aging, explains Volunteer Coordinator Natasha Naim, LCSW, provides something fun to do, while at the same time providing meaningful work. "These roundtables are a great way for current and potential volunteers to meet each and to learn from each other," says Naim. "It's an excellent way to combat isolation and build unity, and to help people find ways to give back to the community where they live." The next roundtable, and the first for 2016, is set for Friday, January 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at 167 Holland Street in Somerville. For more information, contact

in situations where each must make way – or at least get along with – the other.

Many argue that cyclists need to be held accountable for their actions on the roadways by being licensed and insured. It is further argued that the bikes themselves should bear license plates so that offenders can be identified and penalized if and when they violate the law or endanger public safety. It is also pointed out that the cost of adding bike lanes to our streets could be partially offset by the revenues generated by this licensing and the fines that would be collected from violators.

We recognize that most cyclists do ride responsibly and should not be penalized for the actions of the few bad apples that tend to give cycling a bad name in the minds of some.

> January 14, 5:00–9:00 p.m., at at the Argenziano School at 290 Washington Street.

The city's Zoning meetings will discuss the ideas presented last year in the new zoning ordinance, respond to comments provided in the public review process, and propose changes to the ordinance based upon this feedback. The meetings will be held at the Visiting Nurse Association Community Room, 259 Lowell Street. The next meeting will be held January 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., Residential Neighborhoods Topics: Conserving neighborhoods, building types, lot dimensions. For a complete list of upcoming meeting go to the city's website, http://www.somervillema.gov/. ****

Natasha at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2317.

East Somerville Community School will be having their Winter Concert on January 15 at 8:45 a.m. at ESCS, 50 Cross Street, in the Auditorium. The concert will feature performances by students at every grade, with students in K-6 performing as grade level groups. You can also enjoy selections from the 5th/6th Choir and Strings programs. The grades 7/8 Band, World Music Ensemble, and Chorus will also perform. nual SGC plant sale. Please bring your prepared food dish at 6:45 p.m. and not before, as the room set-up crew needs time to get the room ready. This meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland Street, Somerville. Meetings are on the second floor, wheelchair accessible. Parking is available on site and the building is a short walk from the Davis Square T station, and is on the #87 bus route. All

Just about every non-profit organization in Somerville has joined forces to organize a benefit for Warren Goldstein-Gelb, an outstanding member of the community, and director of the Welcome Project in Somerville. Warren had severe health problems a few months ago, and his recovery process has left a long trail of bills to pay by his family. The benefit will be held February 3 at 5 p.m. at Aeronaut Brewery, 14 Tyler St., Somerville.

Celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of the Somerville Garden Club. Bring an appetizer, veggie, pasta, entree, or dessert to share. There will also be a digital photo presentation of images of the anSomerville Garden Club meetings are free and the public is invited to attend. For additional information please visit www.somervillegardenclub.org.

Public benefits process continues this week. Two meetings are being held this week to further the process to identify public benefits that could be attained in conjunction with a successful redevelopment program for Union Square and to identify, prioritize and create a strategic plan for realizing these benefits. The working group sessions are open to the public and will be held as follows:• LOCUS Public Benefits Session II: Wednesday, January 13, 5:00– 9:00 p.m. at Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. LOCUS Public Benefits Session III: Thursday,

The Art of Mental Health: A Night of Celebration. As part of the #SomervilleSpeaks Young Mental Wellness Ambassador Program, Teen Empowerment, and Somerville's Department of Health and Human Services are hosting a night of celebration featuring live music, food, local art, and fun activities. The winners of the youth writing and art contest will also be announced. Thursday, January 14 at 6 p.m. at The Union, 11 Sanborn Ct.

Dream Weavers at Brickbottom Gallery

Honoring The Art Connection's donating artists in their 20th year. A juried show of work by 40 amazing donating artists. Runs through January 16 at Brickbottom Gallery, 1 Fitchburg St, Somerville, MA.















SPORTS

SHS Girls Track edged out by Malden

By Louise Carpenter

The Somerville High School Girls Track Team lost an exciting meet to Malden High School on Wednesday, January 6 at the SHS Fieldhouse, with a final close score of 44-42.

Winning events for SHS was Melissa Sanon, who won the 50-yard hurdles in a fast time of 7.7 seconds. Sanon also won the high jump with a leap of 4'10''.

Alice Egar won a thrilling mile race in a time of 6:20 and Gabrielle Etienne continued her dominance in the shot put with a winning throw of 36'5".

Second places were earned by Jackie Eloi in the hurdles and high jump, Youdine Felix in the dash, Lourdes Jean-Louis in the 300, Fiona Borondy-Jenkins in the 600 and Isabella Ferrari in the 1000.

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Third place finishers were Maureen McNabb in the two mile, Jehan Tavares-Mathurin in the dash, Katia Mathews in the 300 and Leighann Nguyen in the 600.

The Somerville High Girls record is now 2-1. The next meet is Thursday, January 14 against Greater Lawrence Tech at 3:30 in the SHS Fieldhouse.

The SHS Girls traveled to Dartmouth College on Saturday, January 9 to compete at the Dartmouth Relays that hosts competitors from all over New England and Canada.

Gabrielle Etienne showed why she is one of the best shot putters in New England with her second place finish. Her throw of 38' 10 1/4" is her best of the year. Etienne is having a super season and is close to her all-time per-



Gabrielle Etienne with her 2nd place medal in the Shot Put along with Coach Carl Stauffer.

sonal best of 40' 0". Etienne is one of very few Massachusetts girls who have thrown over 37' this season.

Also competing at the Dart-

mouth meet was Melissa Sanon in the high jump and hurdles, Jackie Eloi in the hurdles and dash and Youdine Felix and Lourdes Jean-Louis who

both ran the dash and the 300. Fiona Borondy-Jenkins competed in the 600m and Isabella Ferrari ran her best time ever in the 1000m

Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards off to a fast start

By Charles Lane

The 2015-2016 girls' high school basketball season is in full swing and the Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards are at the forefront. With a league record of 5-0, PHA currently sits at the top of Division I in the twenty team Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO).

days from now through Feb. 3.

They will also be hosting the Kearny High School Kardinals from New Jersey at Emmanuel College in Boston at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 23. All games are open to the general public at no charge. To date, the PHA Lady Wizards, led by seniors Niah Carvalho, Sarah Blaise and Karenah Harewood, have an overall record of 7-0. They have overwhelmed both league and nonleague opponents by scoring more than 46 points and hold-

ing the opposition to under 21 points per contest.

The complete roster is as follows: Ashley Cadet, Fros; Kaleesha Joseph, Frosh; Agar Felix, Junior; Sarah Merina, Soph; Fabiana Paul, Soph; Niah Carvalho, Senior; Habtom, Soph; Fatima Benmimoun, Frosh; Sarah Blaise, Senior; Imani Dottin, Soph; Thais Velasquez, Soph; Marley Durham, Junior; Carla Minoche, Soph; Tracy Beauvois, Junior; Katelynne Quinones, Soph; Karenah Harewood, Senior.

Dlio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge 1. What do J.C. Penney's initials stand for? 2. What product was first what? the first to use animated characters in its television commercials? 3. To whom did Mahatma Gandhi write for advice on diet and exercise?

4. How many crates did it take to transport the Statue of Liberty from France to New York in 1885?

5. Who was the Roman god of war?

7. What state is the largest producer of turkeys?

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9. What film featured David Bowie co-starring with Rosanna Arquette?

10. Who co-wrote the hit song Fame with David Bowie?

11. With whom did David Bowie sing the duet Pretty Pink Rose?

6. What well-known millionaire died when the Titanic sank?

12. With whom was David Bowie married to

before he died? Answers on page 23

The Lady Wizards have upcoming home games at the Healey School in Somerville on Wednes-

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Somerville Youth Hockey's Learn to Skate (LTS) and Learn to Play Hockey (LTPH) Clinics

Rolling registration at the Veterans Memorial Rink on Somerville Avenue runs every Saturday until early March. LTS begins at 8 a.m.; LTPH at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$90 for Somerville residents/\$150 for non-residents. Make checks payable to Somerville Youth Hockey Association. Questions? Please contact David Zraket at dzraket@somervilleyouthhockey.org.

SHS Girls Varsity Basketball games



The Somerville High School Girls Varsity basketball team played a game against Malden on Friday, January 8, at the SHS Fieldhouse. The score was 47 to 47 in regulation, with Malden taking it in overtime, 50 to 47. The team plays at Everett High School next Friday. — Photos by Bobbie Toner

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What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

2015 Somerville Neighborhood News Year In-Review



Somerville Neighborhood News looks back at the top stories of 2015 and ahead at what they mean for the 'Ville in the coming years. The Green Line Extension has lost momentum, can the MBTA and the Department of Transportation get it back on track? Plans for Union Square are moving forward, how will Green Line delays affect the progress?



As Assembly Square development continues, just across the river Wynn resorts continues to gain approvals for its resort casino. But that doesn't mean Somerville isn't fighting back.

Home prices and rents continue to rise across Somerville. Affordable Housing advocates say they can't wait for a citywide Zoning overhaul for relief. Municipal elections, changes at City Hall and at the School Department are all part of a dynamic year in Somerville. These stories and more in SNN #56.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on <u>Wednesday, January 20, 2016</u> at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

<u>35 Cutter St</u>: (Case #ZBA 2013-85-R1-12/2015) Applicant and Owner, Boston XUZ, LLC, seeks a revision to Special Permit (ZBA 2013-85) under SZO \$5.3.8 in order to modify the number of dwelling units and make minor modifications to the design as specified in the Order of Remand from the Massachusetts Land Court. The original proposal was to substantially alter a nonconforming structure under \$4.4.1 and construct a three-family dwelling with nonconforming front and right side yards. Five parking spaces will be located in a garage. Zone RB. Ward 1.

<u>701 Broadway</u>: (Case #ZBA 2015-58) Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd., d/b/a Verizon Wireless, represented by its agent, Attorney Daniel D. Klasnick, seeks a Special Permit (SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14) for a telecommunications facility and a Variance (SZO §3.2.2.c. Section 6 C) to install a wireless communication structure . NB District. Ward 5.

278-280 Elm St: (Case #ZBA 2015-106) Applicant, NLP 280 Elm Street Davis Square, LLC, and Owner, Urban Equity Development Company, seek a Special Permit with Design Review to establish a fast order food establishment under SZO §7.11.2.1.a and a Special Permit to not provide required parking per §9.5 & 9.13a. CBD zone. Ward 6.

<u>1157-1161 Broadway</u>: (Case #ZBA 2015-109) Applicant Devon S. Trevelyan, and Owner Dionysos Realty Trust, seek a special permit to convert from a Business Services Use, to an establishment for the sale and playing of board games, that will also serve food and drinks, and for parking relief. NB zone. Ward 6.

221 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-111) Applicant, Adrian M.K. Hartline, a.k.a Adrian Kucera-Hartline, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by constructing a dormer within the left side yard setback, RC zone. Ward 5.

226 Pearl St: (Case #ZBA 2015-112) Applicant and Owner, John Tagiuri, Trustee of the 226 Pearl Street Realty Trust, seeks to add 1 residential unit and 3 artist studio spaces to the existing nonconforming building, which requires a Special Permit to alter the nonconforming lot area per dwelling unit and FAR nonconformities under SZO §4.4.1. The basement space would be changing from storage/woodshop to Artist Studio Space under §7.11.6.8, 4.5.1 & 4.5.3. A Special Permit to not provide required parking per §9.5 & 9.13a. BA zone. Ward 1.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA 02114

Suffolk Division

Docket No. SU15D2450DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Kindell, Stephen vs. Kindell, Gina

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for <u>irretrievable breakdown of the marriage</u> <u>pursuant to G.L.c. 208 Sec.1B</u>

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .**SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Stephen Kindell 457 Old Colony Ave South Boston, MA 02127-0003

your answer, if any on or before 02/25/2016. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a conv of your answer if any in the office of



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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by Fred Starikov: 1) to demolish a c.1874 wood frame house at 5 Smith Avenue; and 2) to demolish a c.1874 wood frame house at 102 Beacon Street14 Kent Court.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information please contact (612) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@



LEGAL NOTICE

City of Somerville Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) RFP # 16-PS1 CD RFP # 16-ESG1 CD The City of Somerville Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invites sealed proposals for the 2016-2017 HUD Action Plan for the: Community Development Block Grant Program Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

Community Development Block Grant Program. Proposals must be for programs that provide Public Services to low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Somerville. Bid Number <u>RFP # 16-PS1_CD</u> **Emergency Solutions Grant Program.** Proposals must address the needs of homeless individuals and families in the City of Somerville. Funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant are provided by the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. Bid Number <u>RFP # 16-ESG1 CD</u>

Request for Proposal packages for both programs may be picked up at the OSPCD, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Third Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning at 8:30 A.M. Friday, January 15, 2016.

An electronic PDF file should be emailed to <u>OSPCD@somervillema.</u> <u>gov</u> and proposal packages must be submitted no later than **11:00 A.M. Thursday, February 11, 2016** for Public Services **11:30 A.M. Thursday, February 11, 2016** for Emergency Solutions Grant at the above address.

Please contact Penny Snyder, Contract Administrator x 2542, or email psnyder@somervillema.gov, for information and proposal packages

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

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

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

Drop In Creativity – Wednesday, January 13 and Wednesday, January 27 – 1:00 P.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Local artist Emily Bhargava has prepared great "make and take" creations for participants. Bring your creativity and enthusiasm. Pre-registration is suggested but not required. Call Janine at 617-625-6600 ext. 2325 for additional information.

Afternoon at the Movies – Tuesday, January 19 – 12:30 P.M. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. This month we are showing, "The Age of Adaline" starring Blake Lively & Harrison Ford. The movie runs 1 hour and 52 minutes. Please reserve your spot by calling Josephine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Volunteer Roundtable – Friday, January 22 – From 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – Join us and learn about "community participation." This social gathering is designed to bring current SCOA volunteers together as well as welcoming new community members. For more information or to register for this event please call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series – The Power of Poetry – Monday, January 25 at 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. Featuring local poet, national and international editor and publisher, Gloria Mindock. For details and information, place contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. You can learn more about Gloria at http://www.cervenabarvapress.com

Holiday Inn Dance – Monday, January 25 – 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. – 30 Washington Street – A fee of \$17

February 25 at 7:30 P.M.: Bass Department Student Concert; Thursday, March 10th at 7:30 P.M.: Eighth Annual Guitar Night: R&B / Funk Showcase; Monday, March 21 at 7:30 P.M.: Maggie Scott: Vocal Jazz Series.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted. The trip to Culinary Arts at SHS scheduled for Tuesday, January 26th is BOOKED.

LGBT EVENTS:

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

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

The Moonlighters – Meets every Monday at 10:30 A.M. and runs September through June. Led by Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, Jimmy DelPonte, the Moonlighters are an older version of the SunSetters. If you like to sing then this group is for you. Sometimes taking their skills on the road. Contact our main office at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you should require additional information.

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

English Conversations – Meets every Tuesday & Thursday from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P. M. and 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Janine Lotti, Senior Projects Manager and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer work together to facilitate this group. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English.*Please see "Upcoming Schedule" for possible time change.

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 for info.

STAY ACTIVE:

55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H) 8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) 12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A
9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi
*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration**If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please
call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday January 13

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 1:00 Drop-in Creativity (C)

Thursday|January 14

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 Knitting for Babies (RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday January 15

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

Monday January 18

All Centers Closed MLK Jr. Holiday

Tuesday|January 19

10:00 English Conversation (C)

will get you a terrific lunch, great music and wonderful friends. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

Luncheon at Highlander Café – in the High School Atrium. Tuesday, January 26 – \$10 includes chicken parmigiana or baked haddock lunch. Limited seating. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Doors open at 10:45 A.M.

Planning for the Future – Tuesday, January 26 – From 5 to 7 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Planning your life for the future is difficult. We will have a financial planner, an attorney as well as a funeral home professional present. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register.

Berklee College of Music Series – 5 dates. This is a free event. Outings to see the country's next big vocal, instrumental and theatre stars! Pre-registration is required. Very limited seating. Please call 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Monday, February 1 at 7:30 P.M.: Songwriting Faculty Concert; Monday, February 22 at 7:00 P.M.: Harp Extravaganza; Thursday,

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

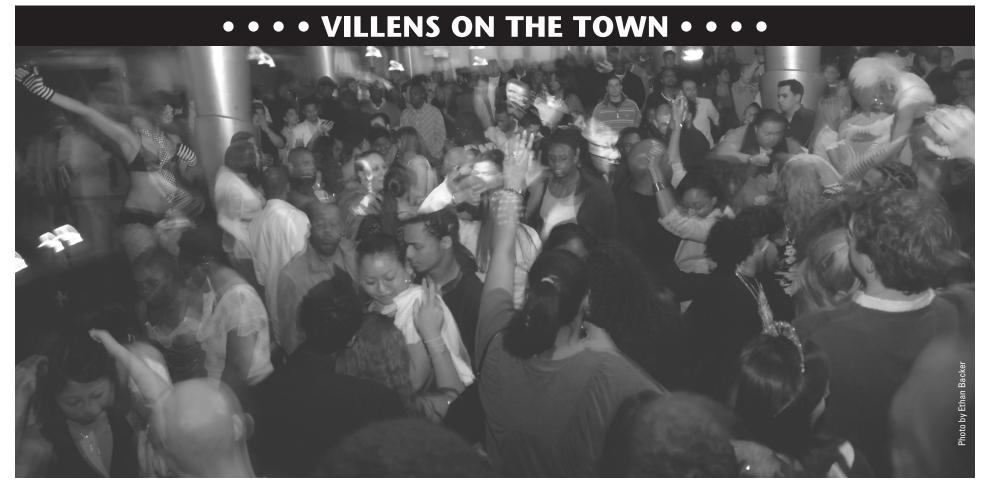
The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 10:00 Knitting for Babies (RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
6:00 Caregivers Support Group (H)
Wednesday|January 20

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 5:00 Supper & Bingo (H)

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|January 13

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

Thursday|January 14

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

Friday|January 15

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

Saturday|January 16

Somerville Recreation KickOff Fair 1 p.m.|Somerville High School

Tuesday|January 19

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

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

East Branch Library

Claudia Schmidt 17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-

666-3589 **The Burren** Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Backroom Series Rebetopara| Greek music for the "Underclass"|7 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Thunder Road Breakfast For The Boys|7 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory

Tones, Brett West \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series Ariel Strasser and That One Eyed Kid|7 p.m. Cover-Up|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Casey's Entertainment every Friday Roy Sludge Trio |6 p.m. One Thin Dime|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 Back Room Series:Frances Black, Aoife Scott & Fionán de Barra with Tommy McCarthy & Louise Costello|7 p.m. Spike the Punch|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Read to Bead Winter Reading Club Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970 2 p.m.- 6 p.m.| 115 Broadway

Central Library

Somerville High School Anime Club

Emmanuel Mukadi

2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday |January 20

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

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday | January 13 Johnny D's

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Thunder Road

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

Thursday|January 14

Johnny D's

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Sally O'Brien's

Meghan Chiampa presents PowerSlut, Land of Enchantment |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 Jeremiah Tall 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Gad Elmaleh- Sold Out 255 Elm Street

Friday January 15

Johnny D's

Robin Lane & The Chartbusters FarwellPerformance! With Very Special Guests Laurie Sargent and Ruby Rose Fox (solo) - followed by a viewing of Tim Jackson's film "When Things Go Wrong", based on Robin's life and career! 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters |6 p.m. Sound Down Cellar, The Facc173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Jugghead (Reggae/Rock)|8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory Richard Cambridge's Poets' Theatre 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Gad Elmaleh- Sold Out

255 Elm Street

Saturday|January 16

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch The Band That Time Forgot & The Love Dogs 17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Live Band & DJ 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

DreamStar Studios & Vintage Truth Creatives Present Soul Search Saturday – An R&B / Soul / Reggae / Poetry Showcase! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory

Rewind Revelry & Film Social 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Gad Elmaleh- Sold Out 255 Elm Street

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Sunday January 17

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch Salsa Night with Gilberto Rivera and Rumbanama 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|6:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

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The Burren

Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m. Back Room Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 p.m. Burren Acoustic Music Series|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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

Thunder Road Bottle Kids (Indie/Rock) 8 p.m.]379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory 21st Century Adventures in Violin with Rob Flax plus special guest Lily Honigberg 4 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|January 18

Johnny D's Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Wild Memory Nation (Comedy Storytelling) Stump! Pub Trivia 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

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

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

P.A.'s LoungeAmericana Mondays8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Tuesday January 19

Johnny D's Jeffery Broussard & The Creole Cowboys (Zydeco) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Hot Tamale Brass Band|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA's Lounge Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Thunder Road Ebass Open Mic with George Woods 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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

Wednesday|January 20

Johnny D's Glen David Andrews / New Orleans Suspects & Ben Knight 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Back Room Series: Hankus Netsky & Eden MacAdam-Somer: Yiddish & Hassidic song & Klezmer Dance Tunes|7 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Katie Simko Rachel Rynick Adam Freedman Kerr Griffin Ava Suppelsa Mike Dunbar Caleb Gore 345 Somerville Ave

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9177 Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

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Arts at the Armory Red Cross Blood Drive 2 p.m.|Café Songwriters in the Round 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday|January 13

Central Library Creative Writing with Amy Shea Marita Coombs-617-623-5000 10 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

Central Library Ibbetson Street Press Poetry Reading & Potluck Harris Gardner-617-306-9484 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Thursday|January 14 East Branch Library Invitation to Bach and Ysaye Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970 7 p.m.-8 p.m.| 115 Broadway

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

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

Friday|January 15

Central Library

Inclusionary Housing Lottery Vicki Wairi-617 652 6600 x2588 10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Saturday|January 16

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

Bagel Bards

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

Sunday|January 17

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

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the Somerville Community Corporation. Rather than watching speculators gobble up homes, we are buying them ourselves, renovating them, and renting them out at affordable rates. We aim to transform 100 new units in the first three years.

Meanwhile, new Community Preservation Act funds are flowing into affordable housing as are new linkage fees on larger developments. Last year, we worked with our honorable Board of Aldermen and our State Del-

egation to raise our residential property tax exemption from 30% to 35%. We now offer the largest exemption in the state and that helps maintain affordability, especially for long-time homeowners like our seniors.

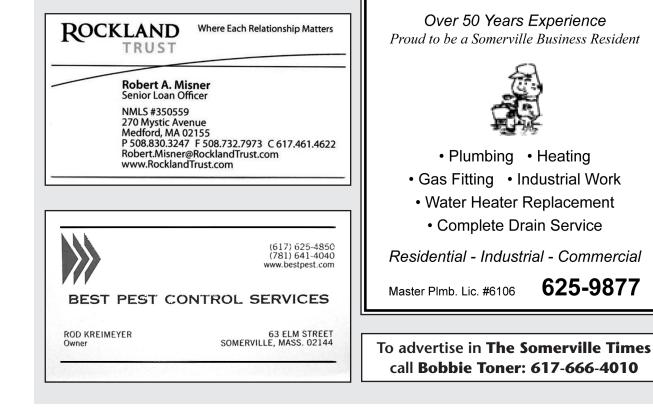
We are also collaborating with Tufts University to develop an ambitious housing strategy to provide more student housing on their campus and transition larger neighborhood units from student housing back to family housing.

Finally, it has been a cornerstone of my administration to promote new commercial growth and development in Somerville according to our community's SomerVision goals. This is important for creating jobs and other community benefits. But it is critical to housing affordability. When more commercial tenants pay into our total tax revenue pot, homeowners pay less, which helps both owners and their tenants. During my administration, the assessed value of our commercial sector has increased 81% to more than one billion dollars. That was not by chance. And this is just the start. Though not yet creating tax decreases, this commercial growth is already helping to reduce the size of residential tax increases. We expect to see even greater impact as Assembly Row expands and Union Square revitalization gets underway. I cannot stress enough how important it is to remember that commercial development is part of the

affordability equation. This is why my staff works tirelessly to achieve those goals.

Meanwhile, the good news is I haven't run into anyone who doesn't want to fix the housing problem. How we tackle the immense complexity of preserving our social and economic diversity may draw a range of opinions, but we all want to achieve the same goal. As long as we keep our eyes on that prize, we'll come together to forge a plan that works.







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1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	7:00am	Sci-Fi Journal	7:00pm	Healthy Hypnosis	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Physicians Focus	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
2:00pm	Eat Well Be Happy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show		he Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia and Dez	9:00am	Math With Matthew	10:00am	SCATV Bulletin Board	9:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:30pm	Maps
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	11:00am	All Things Victorian	10:00pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
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Voices of Somerville - Nov-Dec 2015

9:00am	2016 Inaugural Ceremonies	2:49am	Talking Business
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout
3:30pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2016	9:00am	Talking Business
6:30pm	SomerViva em Português	9:36am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
7:00pm	Voices of Somerville - Nov-Dec 2015	12:00pm	George Dilboy
7:30pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2016	12:42pm	Square Flair
8:30pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:52pm	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte
9:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda for BOA	1:17pm	Somerville: Past & Present
Thursday,	January 14	2:10pm	Voices of Somerville - Nov-Dec 2015
12:00am	Raising Families	2:39pm	Aldermen at Work
12:30am	2016 Inaugural Ceremonies	4:00pm	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program 2
2:55am	SomerViva en Español	6:00pm	2016 Inaugural Ceremonies
3:17am	Espiritu Latino	8:30pm	George Dilboy
8:00am	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program 2	9:12pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	9:37pm	Aldermen at Work
9:00am	Raising Families	10:07pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2016
9:30am	Congressional Update	Saturday,	, January 16
12:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:00am	2016 Inaugural Ceremonies
12:28pm	Moonlighters Christmas at VNA	2:25am	Talking Business
12:56pm	Inside Market Basket	3:01am	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte
1:48pm	Square Flair	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout
2:00pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2016	9:00am	Symphony Park Ribbon Cutting
3:00pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	9:15am C	onnecting Communities "Veterans' Affairs"
4:15pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	12:00pm	Congressional Update
7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	12:30pm	Talking Business
Friday, Jai	5	1:06pm	2016 Inaugural Ceremonies
	•	3:30pm	Symphony Park Ribbon Cutting
12:00am	ADA Presentation	6:30pm	2016 Inaugural Ceremonies

9:00pm Connecting Communities "Veterans' Affairs"

9:30pm Multicultural Union Sq Meeting - Espanol Sunday, January 17 Park Ribbon Cuttir

12:00am	Symphony Park Ribbon Cutting
12:15am	Square Flair
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7:00pm	Senior Circuit
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8:30pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY
Monday, J	anuary 18
12:00am	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY
4:00am	Aldermen at Work
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10:00am	Somerville and the First Telephone

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12:00am	Senior Circuit					
12:30am	Metal, Cars, & Meat					
1:33am	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015					
2:47am	Ames Historic Project - Family Interview					
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout					
9:00am	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015					
12:00pm	Senior Circuit					
12:30pm	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast					
1:41pm	Talking Business					
2:17pm	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte					
2:42pm	Navigating Addiction: A Community Forum					
6:30pm	Raising Families					
7:00pm	Senior Circuit					
7:30pm	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast					
8:41pm	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte					
9:06pm	Talking Business					
9:42pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2016					
10:42pm	Somerville and the First Telephone					
Wednesday, January 20						
12:00am	Senior Circuit					
12:30am	ADA Presentation					
2:51am	Talking Business					

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12:00pm:	All City Middle School Winter Concert				
1:30pm:	SHS Hockey v Wakefield				
3:00pm:	SHS Winter Concert				
6:00pm:	WHCS Winter Concert				
7:00pm:	Grooversity Festival 2015				
9:00pm:	All City Middle School Winter Concert				
10:30pm:	SHS Hockey v Wakefield				
Thursday, January 14					
12:00am:	SHS Winter Concert				
2:35am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Hampshire				
4:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Burke HS				
9:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Hampshire				
10:30am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Burke HS				
12:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs Malden				
3:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City				
4:00pm:	Early Childhood Literacy Fair				
5:00pm:	SHS Hockey v Everett				
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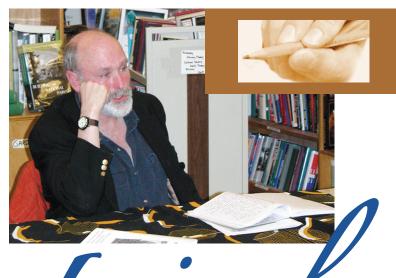
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Sunday, January 17

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3:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett
5:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
6:00pm:	SHS Hockey vs Matignon
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9:00pm:	Argenziano Winter Concert
10:15pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett
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4:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett		
6:00pm:Our Schools, Our City- Ready for Kindergarten			
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3:00am:	SHS Hockey v Everett		



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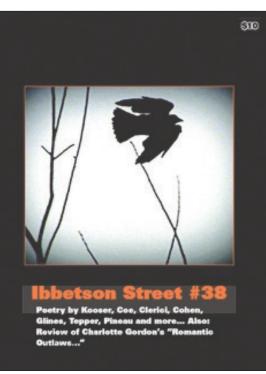
OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

Somerville's Ibbetson Street Press celebrates the release of the 38th issue of the literary magazine Ibbetson Street – Jan 13, 2016

In 1998, in a Brueger's Bagel shop in Cambridge, Mass. the Ibbetson Street Press was founded by Doug Holder, Dianne Robitaille, and Richard Wilhelm. Since then the Press has put out 38 issues of the magazine *Ibbetson Street*, and has published close to 100 collections of poetry and some memoir. *Ibbetson Street* has been included in the *Pushcart Anthology*, featured in such noted websites as Poetry Daily and Verse Daily, and has published the work of hundreds of poets since its inception.

The press was located on 33 Ibbetson Street in Somerville until 2001, but now is located on School Street in Union Square in Somerville, Mass. In the current issue you will see poetry by the likes of Marge Piercy, Andrea Cohen, Ted Kooser and many others. We are also grateful to have great photographs on our front and back covers by Glenn Bowie and Jennifer Matthews. Lawrence Kessenich has an insightful review of Endicott Professor Charlotte Gordon's new book, *Romantic Outlaws: The Extraordinary Lives of Mary Wollstonecraft and Her Daughter Mary Shelley*.

Our core staff of Harris Gardner (Poetry Editor), Lawrence Kessenich (Managing Editor), Rene Schwiesow (Managing Editor), and Steve Glines (Designer) have produced another fine issue as usual.



Ibbetson will be having a reading at the Somerville Central Library on Highland Ave. in Somerville. A potluck dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and the reading will start at 7 p.m. Open to the public.

Ibbetson Street is now affiliated with Endicott College in Beverly, Mass.

Somerville Family Learning Collaborative Event

Thursday, January 14, 6:00-7:00 p.m.: SFLC Parent Chat – Balancing Work and Family. Join SFLC staff and fellow Somerville parents for a focused conversation on balancing work and family. This is one in a series of conversations on parenting topics. For parents of children age birth to 5 years old. The conversation will be held in English; interpretation available upon request. Cummings School Building, 42 Prescott St., Room 14.



To Ms. Cam's

Poet Dan Sklar is a professor of Creative Writing at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass. and a colleague of mine. Here is a slice of life he wrote about in Gloucester, Mass.



SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Doug Holder (left), Dan Sklar (right)

opinions

i'm standing outside the gallery thinking about bukowski and looking through the window at the people with wine glasses in their hand looking at the art and there are gloucester bums in there for the free wine and don't look much different from the art lovers and i'm thinking about bukowski and his opinions which he had plenty of them and mostly correct in my opinion and next door is this big xmas tree sculpture made out of lobster traps with colored lights and buoys painted with things like a whale and a cat and a fishing boat and smiles and what not hanging all over it and you can walk inside and kids and people are walking in and taking pictures and two guys come along that look like working guys in blue jeans, plaid jackets, and watch caps and they walk through and one says he'd like to live in there and the other says it would be a great club house for kids and they see me standing outside the gallery and they look in and say to me "you like that kind of art, the abstract stuff, looks like wallpaper" and i figure they are gloucester artists of the fishing boats and rocks and water and sky kind which i like too and they walk on quickly bumping into each other heading to the nearest bar even though i say there's free wine in there they don't ask me to come along and i'm thinking about bukowski looking in at the gallery where everyone is talking in little groups and looking at the art and everyone is happy and loves the paintings and more people go in and tell the artist how they love it and they are old hippies and art teachers and college administrators and bankers and writers i'm thinking how bukowski couldn't stand robert creeley and charles olsen and the black mountain school or any school for that matter, but i say let them write what they want to write and if people like it then they do, he preferred the bums and fisherman and gamblers and bricklayers and factory workers to the so called poets and their schools, me too, and i'm thinking these things standing in the night gloucester air and can smell the terrific lobster traps.

— Dan Sklar

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