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# SHS plays 'Good Sports' in Boston



The Somerville High School Boys' Basketball team participated in the TD Garden's Good Sports High School Basketball Invitational on Saturday. Story and pictures are on p.14. — Photo by Claudia Ferro

# City to reassess snow removal policies

### By Jim Clark

A number of concerns and complaints that have been voiced by Somerville residents over the updated snow shoveling policies announced by the city last month has compelled members of the Board of Aldermen to conduct a public hearing to solicit feedback and suggestions from the public.

Speaking in favor of the hearing, Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti said at last week's regular meeting of the Board, "The majority of communications I've received – and I've actually called and spoke with most of these people – after explaining to them further some of the assumptions. After I spoke with them they seemed somewhat satisfied. The remaining tone was the time frame. The 10 o'clock in the morning time frame may be a bit too harsh. And I must say as one member now, I do agree."

According to the new policies, property owners are responsible for shoveling sidewalks abutting their property of snow and ice. To further ensure that sidewalks remain accessible for all residents, particularly senior

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# Junior Brown comes to town

# By Jim Clark

Regular patrons of Johnny D's Uptown Restaurant and Music Club may have already had the good fortune of witnessing guitar-slinging legend Junior Brown in action. He has played the venue countless times throughout the years. But if you have not yet taken the opportunity to see for yourself then there can be no better place to be this coming Saturday night than Johnny D's, experiencing a concert by one of the world's premier singer-songwriter-performers.

The unique song stylings that Brown offers feature dry wit, often laced with biting irony or satirical overtones, served up lavishly alongside his dazzling guitar virtuosity.

Those familiar with Brown are well acquainted with his use of his trademark "guit-steel" guitars, which he developed himself. Consisting of a conventional electric guitar connected to a lap steel "slide" guitar below it, Brown effortlessly switches between the two throughout each number in a mind-numbingly spellbinding display of instrumental mastery.

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play of instrumental mastery. Continued on page 6 The one and only Junior Brown is coming to blow the roof off of Johnny D's this coming Saturday night.

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Former Ward 1 Alderman James "Jim" McCarthy passed away suddenly from a heart attack today while being rushed to Somerville Hospital. Jim leaves behind his lovely wife Louise and three grown children and grandchildren. Our condolences to his family and many friends, he will be missed. Jim was very active locally in the politics, currently as the Treasurer of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority. Jim knew the city better than most and was the kind of guy you could have a conversation with and always walk away smiling. What a great and giving guy he was, for he truly loved Somerville, both past and present. He had a wonderful sense of humor and anytime you met up with him around the city he would always have something to say that would make you smile and feel good. Arrangements are going to be set after we go to press, but unofficially they are planning a wake at Doherty's on Friday with Church services at St. Ann's sometime Saturday. Please go to our web site and as soon as we can confirm arrangements we will post them.

The kick off of the 2015 Business After Hours Series will be Thursday, January 15. Join in on the 15th at the Chamber's next Business After Hours event at Foundry on Elm. This is an excellent networking event featuring free appetizers and a free business card drawing with cash bar. Sponsored by Cambridge Savings Bank. Hosted by Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Chair Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil & Energy. The Foundry is located at 255 Elm Street, Davis Square.

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"This is East" is having a Launch Party for year 2 on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Mudflat Pottery school, 81 Broadway. East Somerville is changing. The "This is East" project allows East Somerville voices, stories and history to be the catalyst of that change. Kick off our launch party by screening a short and powerful video documentary about our community, as told by East Somerville residents and business owners (produced by SCATV, the Somerville Arts Council and East Somerville Main Streets). Then we'll discuss what characteristics of East Somerville are important to capture and record for generations to come. The conversation will inform 1–3 public art

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# The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

# Response to: A hub of hope for the homeless community

### S.J. Peterson says:

The SHC does good things, however, what we need is an emergency adult shelter. Their adult shelter only has about a dozen beds and once in you can stay as long as a year. That means the few beds there are mostly unavailable. Also, in order to be considered for a bed you need to call them every single day to see if one is available. How many homeless people have the means to do that. I'd like to see them do more practical things to house the homeless on a nightly, emergency basis.

### Uncle Rocco says:

The City has a number of buildings that they could convert at least part of to help the homeless, like the Powder House School or the Homans Building. Boston just did it on short notice with an old Fire Department building down by South Bay. But Curtatone is not going to do anything like that, when he can finagle those properties over to his campaign contributors instead.

### **A. Moore** says:

Yes, it is so disappointing that the PHS could not have been made use of for these purposes all these years. The problem has increased here so much and senior homelessness has really gone way up all over the country. There is no need that people can't have at the lest the simple basics to stay alive. We are need of a mayor that works for all the people of Somerville. I watched millions spent on a bike path(as an example) when the use for the homeless would have been so much more humane. Some of these are children also. There is no need of it.

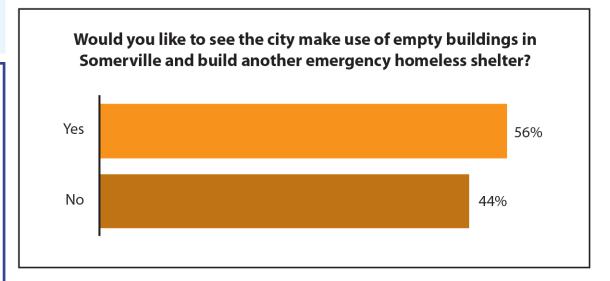
### Barbara says:

I think this project to rehab the old Mystic Water Works station and turn it into 25 affordable housing units for seniors and the disabled is a good idea. If you agree, let the Community Preservation Committee know. http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/water-works-12-11-2014.pdf

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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 would like to see the city make use of empty buildings in Somerville and build another emergency homeless shelter. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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# City to reassess snow removal policies CONT. FROM PG 1

citizens, residents with disabilities, and young children walking to and from schools, the city has updated its allowable timeline in which property owners must shovel sidewalks before incurring fines. The new schedule is: If snow ceases to fall after sunrise (during daylight hours), property owners must shovel sidewalks by 10 p.m. If snow ceases to fall after sunset (overnight), property owners must shovel sidewalks by 10 a.m.

In the opinion of many Somerville residents, this timeline is unfair and impractical.

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston added her support to the reevaluation plan saying, "I think we need to think not just about the time, but I think we need to think about fines and commercial versus residential. I've always said on this Board, places tha are commercial establishments can afford to, and should be able to afford hiring somebody to clear their sidewalks. They should be held to a standard."

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang likewise expressed interest in adjusting the snow removal policy. "One thought that's occurred to me is that instead of having it be a 10 o'clock deadline in the morning, which is after all after when most people go to work and after when

school is. If you had it at noon, that would give people a couple of extra hours. I don't see what you would lose. And for folks who are really pressed for time that might be helpful."

Co-sponsor of the order, Alderman at Large Dennis Sullivan added, "I know that the intent is good. I know that we've had problems in the past. But we have to tweak it. We're in a working city. People work in different shifts. It's just impossible to abide by this."

The matter will be further discussed at the Board's Legislative Matters Committee meeting on Thursday, January 15, in the Committee Room, City Hall.



Many Somerville residents believe there is just too much snow to be removed in too short a time, with little flexibility allowed for those with incompatible schedules.

# **LETTER 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.

The developer of 139 Summer Street will appear before the zoning board of appeals on Wednesday January 21 at 6pm, to request Special Permits that would allow him to add a third dwelling unit, and avoid parking restrictions. His proposal makes a mockery of the Somer-Vision plan, which mandates preventing infill development in settled residential neighbor-

hoods in order to preserve their unique character. His proposal would also cause numerous permanent harms to the abutters, including loss of open and green space, visual blight and loss of direct sunlight, increased noise and exposure to noxious gases from vehicles, and increased basement flooding due to runoff.

It makes no sense whatsoev-

er to reward a developer for damaging our interests, particularly one who is not even a resident and has no stake in the outcome other than shortterm profit. Nor is this merely an isolated incident, on the contrary it's symptomatic of a long-standing pattern in which the administration decries infill development while simultaneously ensuring that it occurs, by greasing the rails for favored developers. If we do nothing, the luxury condo industry will continue to blindly convert Somerville into an ugly and unaffordable gated citadel devoid of open or green space. Please come to the hearing and express your opposition to the granting of these special permits. The hearing will be held at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave,

in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor. If you're unable to attend, please consider preparing a written statement, which Somerville Development Watch will gladly present on your behalf.

Chris Korda Somerville Development Watch http://somervilledevelopmentwatch.org/

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- 4. ESL: Learn to speak English, Thursday night's 6-8 pm, \$240 includes workbook
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- 10. <u>House and Home:</u> Furniture Making and Basic Home Repairs.
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# By Jim Clark

# Impatient motorist complains with a knife

A Somerville man was attacked with a knife last week by an enraged motorist who was allegedly bothered by the victim's temporary holdup of through traffic as he attempted to back his vehicle into his driveway on Marshall St.

Police arrived at the scene of the incident as the victim was being prepared for transport to the hospital by ambulance. The victim reportedly suffered severe cuts to his right arm. Prior to being taken to the hospital, the victim was able to give a short report of the incident to the responding officers.

The victim reportedly told police that he had some trouble backing his truck into his driveway and that several cars had been held up in traffic as a result of this.

The driver of one of the stalled cars, later identified as David

Smith, 52, reportedly began beeping his horn and shouting obscenities at the victim.

After enduring the verbal abuse for a certain period of time, the victim reportedly approached Smith's vehicle to explain to him that he was having trouble getting his truck into the driveway and that he wished he would be more patient with the situation.

At that point in time, the victim reported that Smith grabbed

a knife from his car's back seat area and exited the vehicle, making attempts to stab him.

The victim reportedly managed to fend off the attack momentarily, but eventually stumbled to the ground, whereupon Smith allegedly stabbed him in the arm.

According to reports, witnesses on the scene intervened and one of them wrestled the knife away from Smith, throwing it

out of his reach.

Smith reportedly fled the scene in his car, but witnesses were able to take down the vehicle's license plate number, which they furnished to police.

Smith was soon tracked down to his home, where he was reportedly found outside, reportedly holding a blood stained hoodie.

Smith was placed under arrest and charged with assault to murder.

# Relaxing at U-Haul

Police were dispatched to the U-Haul facility on Linwood St. last Friday on reports that a man had been found in the office prior to its opening on that day.

Upon arrival, the officers met with the General Manager who told them that when he arrived to work he had discovered that the office door was unlocked. When he went inside he reportedly discovered a man standing at the main desk, completely nude.

The alleged intruder, identified as Alexander Olivares-Thompson, 24, appeared to be intoxicated, according to the

officers' statements.

It was noted that Olivares-Thompson had relieved himself on the floor of the office, and that boxes of torn up merchandise were scattered across the floor as well.

When questioned, Olivares-Thompson reportedly told

the officers that he had taken an Uber Cab Ride from downtown Boston and that the driver had dropped him off in the area of Linwood St. He further stated that he made his way into the U-Haul office, as the door had been left unlocked. The officers later confirmed that there appeared to be no signs of forced entry.

Olivares-Thompson reportedly waited in the office until the manager arrived.

Police placed Olivares-Thompson under arrest and charged him with destruction of property over \$250 and trespassing.

# SOMEDVILLE

# Arrests:

Cristina Dossantos, of 1 Kendall St., Framingham, January 6, 9:06 a.m., arrested at 14 Kilby St. on charges of receiving a stolen credit card and credit card fraud over \$250.

Christopher McInnes, of 64 Gibbon St., Medford, January 6, 10:49 a.m., arrested at 341 Artisan Way on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

**Donna Toussaint**, of 635 Somerville Ave., January 6, 11:47 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Kevin Spires, of 412 Cambridge St., Cambridge, January 6, 11:47 a.m., arrested at 635 Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended light

**David Smith**, of 14 Sycamore St., January 6, 5:33 p.m., arrested at 47 Marshall St. on a charge of assault to murder.

Jenifer Garey, of 117 Sycamore St., Roslindale, January 7, 1:41 p.m., arrested at 551 Assembly Row on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

James McConville, January 7, 7:02 p.m., arrested at 26 Trull St. on a warrant charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Serge Philistin, of 31 Jack-

son Rd., January 8, 8:07 p.m., arrested at 29 Jackson Rd. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and state highway traffic violation.

**Brandon Boucher**, January 9, 1:22 a.m., arrested at 543 Broadway on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and speeding.

Alexander Olivares-Thompson, of 11 Langmaid Ave., January 9, 6:13 a.m., arrested at 151 Linwood St. on charges of destruction of property over \$250 and trespassing.

Jared Callen, of 785 Concord, Arlington, January 10, 10:39 p.m., arrested at 247 Elm St. on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Alfreda Matias-Mendoza, of 193 Broadway, January 10, 11:06 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

# <u>Incidents</u>:

# Theft:

January 6, 9:06 a.m., police reported a theft at Kilby St. January 6, 10:49 a.m., police

reported a theft at Artisan Way.
January 6, 12:11 p.m., police
reported a theft at College Ave.
January 6, 1:20 p.m., police
reported a theft at Evergreen
Ave.

# January 6, 2:00 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middle-

sex Ave.

January 6, 7:56 p.m., police reported a theft at West Ad-

January 7, 1:41 p.m., police reported a theft at 551 Assembly Row.

January 8, 3:43 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

January 8, 8:32 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

January 8, 10:56 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

January 9, 4:15 p.m., police reported a theft at 22 McGrath Hwy.

January 9, 5:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Albion St. January 10, 11:35 a.m., police

reported a theft at Harrison Rd.

January 10, 4:19 p.m., police reported a theft at 601 Assembly Row.

January 10, 4:20 p.m., police reported a theft at 341 Artisan Way.

January 10, 4:56 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

# Robbery:

January 6, 11:03 p.m., police reported a robbery at Sycamore St.

# Breaking & Entering:

January 7, 6:37 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 626 Somerville Ave.

January 7, 1:29 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Brook St.

January 8, 2:21 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 235A Elm St.

January 8, 5:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at White St.

# Vehicle Theft:

January 5, 9:17 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Pinckney St.

January 11, 11:45 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Brook St.

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# Assault:

January 5, 3:22 p.m., police reported an assault at McGrath Hwy.

January 6, 5:33 p.m., police reported an assault at Marshall St.

January 7, 8:18 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

January 8, 2:14 p.m., police reported an assault at Newbury St.

January 9, 10:05 a.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

January 10, 6:22 p.m., police

reported an assault at Davis Sq. January 11, 10:09 p.m., police reported an assault at Pearl St.

# **Destruction of Property:**

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January 5, 9:42 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Broadway.

January 5, 1:10 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Broadway.

January 6, 12:15 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at College Ave.

January 8, 9:59 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at West Adams St.

January 9, 12:59 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Sunset Rd.

January 10, 2:04 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Howard St.

# Trespassing:

January 9, 6:13 a.m., police reported a trespassing at 151 Linwood St.

# Counterfeiting/Forgery:

January 7, 11:03 a.m., police reported a counterfeiting/forgery at Prospect St.

# **Disorderly Conduct:**

January 10, 10:39 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 247 Elm St.

# Liquor Law Violation:

January 6, 10:44 p.m., police reported a liquor law violation at 282 Somerville Ave.

# Getting a kick out of Sityodtong Academy

By Ted Bodenrader

Sityodtong. In Thailand, it translates to "student of the master." In Somerville, it means the ultimate haven for combat of the hand-to-hand variety.

Nestled in on a stuffy street corner at 100 Broadway, Sityodtong Muay Thai Academy is more than just a martial artist's dream. This two-storied boxing extravaganza soaks in fanatics of both fitness and fighting alike, a place where fists and feet melodize against an array of leathered punching bags dangling from its rafters.

Mark DellaGrotte is not only the owner of this lucrative operation, he is also a former professional kickboxer and world-renowned trainer of some of the most celebrated practitioners of the sport. In fact, his ring prowess recently extended beyond this modest Somerville backdrop and into the glitz of Hollywood. The Broadway facility was featured in the 2012 hit Here Comes the Boom, a film in which DellaGrotte landed a co-starring role alongside actor Kevin James, whom he continues to train on a casual basis.

However, movie credentials aside, it's the unique wisdom and experience of this 40-year-old Woburn resident that separates Sityodtong Muay Thai Academy from your everyday boxing gym or martial arts dojo.

"I've always kept martial arts embedded deep within the culture and the teachings," says DellaGrotte. "The core values of martial arts - discipline, courage, honor, commitment, respect nowadays they are becoming lost. We try to uphold the tradition and authenticity of what martial arts are supposed to be all about."

"This place has such a unique flavor to it," explains Rick Anderson, the gym's manager. "Mark has such an extensive background in mixed fighting and brings tremendous energy and wisdom to the gym. He's travelled all around the world, studying from some of the true masters of the art, and has taken away so much knowledge and know-how from all these

different fighting styles that he's learned. Everything he's learned from these experiences, he's passing it down to his students."

To trace back to its conception, you'd have to revisit 1996, when the building, owned by DellaGrotte's parents, was first known as "Multi-Culture Martial Arts Academy." At the time, DellaGrotte was living in the building's basement quarters as a callow 22-year-old, his startup comprised of a few mats and a single heavy bag. By late 1997, it had transformed into Sityodtong Academy, attracting martial arts fanatics from Somerville and beyond.

"I still have the same sign, the same building, the same phone number - everything," says DellaGrotte. "I never had any financial backing, never had a partner. I just stuck with the same principles that sprouted longevity and success."

> "Every day in here carries such a great, positive vibe"

Today, the students continue to pile into DellaGrotte's facility six days per week for a taste of fistic fever, men and women of all ages, shapes, and sizes, some with professional aspirations, others to simply inject some daily fitness and discipline into their routines.

Sityodtong offers a diverse range of hour-long classes that include Muay Thai, an ancient form of kickboxing, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, the ever-popular Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), and finally, traditional boxing. Classes vary in skill levels of beginner to advanced, and, for the feeble of heart, do not requiring participants to partake in contact fighting against live opponents in any of the facility's prize rings or fighting cages. The gym also offers private one-on-one training sessions from a stable of certified instructors, providing more personalized, hands-on mentoring.

"Every day in here carries such a great, positive vibe," adds An-



Looking for a fight? You'll be in the right place at Sityodtong Muay Thai Academy on Broadway, where the elite meet to beat their opponents, that is.

derson. "You never know who's going to walk through those doors; every day brings a new surprise. You'll see everyday people arrive in business suits, and an hour later, around eight o'clock, all the world-class fighters roll in, many of them champions of the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship). Some people come in just to train and learn the different styles. Other people find it a fun way to stay in shape. And many others come in to fight and blow off steam."

Although one such regular, popular UFC flyweight Tateki Matsuda, often dazzles the gym's bystanders, the student body largely consists of working class men and women – businessmen, blue-collared laborers, even housewives. Although roughly 25 percent of the students are female, Anderson explains that it is not uncommon to see members in their mid-60's strapping on the fighting gear.

"We have such a wide variety of students coming from all over the map," he says. "Some of the fighters come in from an affiliate school in Rome, Italy. We have some from Bangor, Maine, others up from Connecticut. And many others come from all over the world - Thailand, the Philippines - you name it."

At age 9, Dyllan Davis may be the youngest student at Sityodtong, but hardly the most green. Known as "Demolition" in these circles, the youngster is considered one of the elite jiu-jitsu tournament competitors in New England for his age group and has capped numerous local and national sponsors in the process. Along with mother Jen, Dyllan travels an hour south from Haverhill, Mass. to soak in DellaGrotte's weekly teachings, hoping that a rewarding longterm future awaits him.

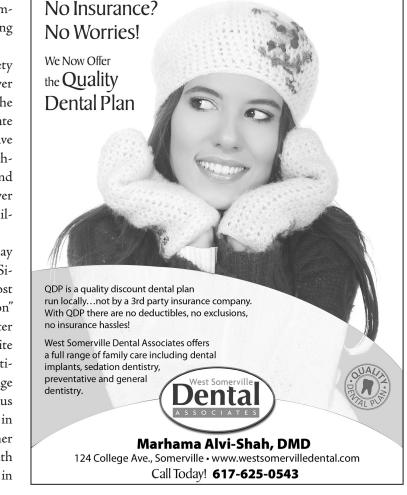
"We come to (Sityodtong) to help plan for what's down the road," says Jen. "The plan is to aim for a college wrestling scholarship in a few years, then pursue a career in professional fighting."

At Sityodtong, Dyllan has rubbed elbows, literally, with

some of the most established fistfighters in the region.

"Mark is awesome, he treats Dyllan like anyone else," Jen says. "He sees him as the next generation coming up with the sport. And Dyllan loves coming here too. Where else can you train side by side with professional fighters? There's no place quite like it."







# The Somerville Times Christmas Poem contest winners

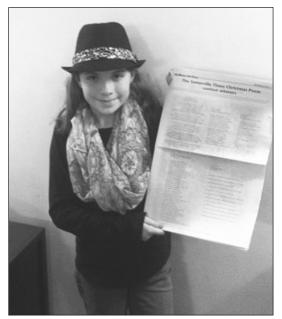
The proud winners of our Christmas Poem contest, chosen by the staff of The Somerville Times, are pictured here. The winners received gift certificates for Mount Vernon restaurant in the amounts of: \$100 for First Place; \$75 for Second Place; and \$50 for Third Place. Runners up received \$25 gift certificates. We thank everyone who participated and submitted their poems.



First Place winner Francesca Zimmerman.



Second Place winner Karl Thidemann.



Third Place winner Mary Margaret Sawyer.



First Runner-up Walter Ness.

# **Junior Brown comes to** town **CONT. FROM PG 1**

The origins of this exotic instrument are as interesting as the artist himself. Brown says that it all began when he started experimenting with altering a zither with the aim in mind of converting for use as a slide guitar. The next step involved attaching it to a conventional guitar, and a number of iterations later - going far beyond the use of the zither - the present day configuration of his trademark "guit-steel" instrument took form.

And what the man can do with the instrument is astounding.

Brown's music is rooted in classic country and western, but at the drop of a hat he will burst into searing renditions of surf, rock and roll, and any number of other genres that he can cover with ease. There aren't many who can emulate Jimi Hendrix's style of playing as well either, when the mood strikes him.

Although based in Austin, TX, Brown is a man who has moved around quite a bit. He spent a few years in Hawaii, a fact which is evident in a few of his island flavored compositions.

His connection to this area is tangible too, considering that his father is from Boston and he has several relative scattered throughout New England.

Brown is highly regarded as a musician's musician. As early as the 60s he was playing clubs,

teaching guitar, and honing his craft in preparation for the breakthrough that would come to full fruition in the 90s.

While serving as leader of the house band for the Continental Club in Austin, Brown's reputation as a guitar prodigy grew, as did his dedicated following.

He soon began recording and the hits started coming. His wry take on law enforcement, Highway Patrol, hit big nationwide, as did other catchy tunes such as My Wife Thinks You're Dead and Venom Wearin' Denim.

His delightful mixture of humor and high octane shredding made him a big recording star and highly sought after commodity on the concert circuit.

His talents have even been used in film and television, having made a number of acting appearances, including a role on *The X* Files and serving as narrator in The Dukes Of Hazzard movie.

Brown's on- and offstage partner, wife Tanya Rae Brown, adds beautifully rendered backup guitar and vocals to the band. Together, they share a life on the road that few could know.

Brown has ten albums to his credit. His latest is entitled Volume Ten, available via his website (www.juniorbrown.com).

Be sure to catch Junior Brown and his band at Johnny D's this coming Saturday. You'll be mighty glad you did.



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# BY DOROTHY DIMARZO





# Vegetarian Chili

On these recently cold days I was craving a hearty meal that was both filling and satisfying. I opened up the cabinet and refrigerator and found the following ingredients, so I decided on a chili. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Vegetarian Chili (4-6 healthy servings)

3 cups of peeled and 1/2 inch cubed butternut squash from 1 small squash

4 Tbl olive oil (divided)

1/2 Tsp Kosher salt and 1/4 Tsp finely ground pepper

1 Tsp cumin

1 Tbl chili powder (medium or hot)

1 7oz can of chipotle salsa (can be found in the Latin food section)

4 stalks of celery small dice

1 medium onion small dice

2 Tsp garlic powder 1 Tsp onion powder

2 14 oz cans of cannellini beans drained and rinsed

1 28 oz can of diced tomatoes

1 cup water

1 cup corn kernels (frozen works fine)

3 oz bittersweet chocolate (Taza)

Additional salt to taste

Preheat a 400 degree oven. Prepare a foil lined baking sheet and toss the squash with 2 Tbl olive oil along with the salt and pepper. Place in the oven for approximately 15 minutes. The squash should be fork tender but not fall apart. In a medium sized pot over medium heat add the remaining olive oil, cumin and chili powder. Let your spices toast in the oil for 1 minute. Turn the heat down to low, then add the chipotle salsa and stir. Add the celery, onion, garlic powder, onion powder, beans, tomatoes, water and butternut squash. Cook over medium low heat for 10 minutes. Stir in the corn and chocolate, turn off the heat and let stand for 5 minutes. Stir and adjust seasoning, if needed. Garnish with fresh cilantro, sour cream or Greek yogurt. Serve with your favorite tortilla chips.

# COMMENTARY

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# Putting 'community' in community benefits

By Union United

How can a community shape development according to its needs? For a coalition of local stakeholders in Somerville's Union Square, this is the central question driving the effort to ensure that equity is the foundation of neighborhood revitalization, not an afterthought.

Union Square is a neighborhood in transition. In anticipation of the now fully funded Green Line Extension, the City has hired a master developer, (Union Square Station Associates, or US2) to revitalize seven key parcels around the Union Square station. Unfortunately, many of Union Square's residents and business owners, particularly renters, are worried that they won't be able to enjoy the benefits of new transit and development because of increasing speculation and rising rents.

In May of 2014, community leaders launched the Union United coalition. With over 100 members and 13 organizations, including homeowners, renters, small business owners, community organizations, labor unions, immigrant groups, and faith congregations, we came together to create a framework for equitable outcomes. Through researching best practices from other communities, we realized that a community benefits agreement (CBA) is the right tool to ensure equitable development.

CBAs are legally enforceable contracts between developers and community coalitions that address a broad range of community needs while ensuring that local stakeholders can influence the development process. An early commitment to public benefits ensures a smoother process for the developer and promotes collaborative approaches to community needs instead of legal battles.

Throughout the spring and summer of 2014, Union United members developed a set of shared priorities. Union United's

proposed CBA, which we hope will be part of the CBA signed by US2, includes specific requirements to ensure affordable housing, local jobs, workers' rights, small businesses, community resources, open space, arts and culture, public safety, and participatory planning. Union United believes that community members, particularly those most vulnerable to displacement, should be at the heart of the decision-making process and have a seat at the table to help craft a community benefits agreement.

In order to build support for the idea of a CBA, we testified at public meetings and events and met with aldermen, City staff, and US2 to share our agenda. We built a broad consensus among coalition members, local allies, and the appointed Civic Advisory Committee (CAC) that a CBA will be essential in Union Square. On December 9, the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) and US2 culminated six months of intense work by signing a Master Developer Designation Agreement. This document is supposed to be a framework for future land disposition agreements and "one or more Community Benefits Agreements."

Union United considers the signing of this agreement a victory and a challenge. Through our work as a coalition, we have ensured that there will be a community benefits agreement as part of the Union Square redevelopment. However, the existence of a CBA does not necessarily ensure that the process will be transparent, enforceable, and community-driven.

After they were selected as the master developer, US2 hosted a kickoff for their "100 Days of Engagement," in which stakeholders were invited to share ideas about the future of Union Square and participate in interviews with the developer. Jamie Chisholm, the community engagement specialist who conducted the engagement interviews, is no longer a presence at CAC

or Somerville by Design meetings. What happened to those ideas?

The CAC, which has been described as the vehicle for all community input in the development process, apparently was not aware of the content of the master developer designation agreement before it was released and did not have influence over the final wording. All of the potential CBA topics mentioned in the agreement are priorities for the CAC and Union United. But what was the process by which the City and developer decided on these topics and not others? Isn't that what the neighborhood planning process and CAC meetings are for?

This is where our work lies: in making sure that the community is actually involved in the CBA conversation and at the table when negotiations take place to make sure this is an equitable development.

We are encouraged by the accessibility of the Somerville by Design neighborhood planning process, and plan to participate actively in those workshops. At a recent visioning session, we noticed that the conversation revolved around design considerations. There must be a space within this process for community members to discuss not just the physical, but the social impact of redevelopment, because what truly makes Union Square special are the people who live, work, and play here. As a community, we have to start by discussing and making decisions about displacement and diversity in the context of new development. How can we also use this process to advance long-term community building goals to keep people in our City?

Community members want to be able to track decision-making throughout the process and to work with the City and the developer to ensure that the final CBA is truly community-driven. "When my husband and I moved to Massachusetts, we read SomerVision and saw many of our own values reflected," says Kristen Lucas,

a Union United member who lives on Everett Street, next to one of the development parcels. "I joined Union United because I believe that we can make the redevelopment process an opportunity to live out the values and achieve the goals described in SomerVision through a community-driven CBA. I want to make sure that the people who live and work here today are at the heart of every decision along the way."

Now more than ever, we need to pursue anti-displacement strategies that protect and improve our community. In 2015, we will continue building community power and organizing around equitable development; participating in planning processes like Somerville by Design and the citywide rezoning; and piloting the community benefits model for the Green Line corridor. We have a lot to be proud of in our accomplishments of the past year, but we still have much work ahead of us.

Union United is a coalition rooted in Union Square working to ensure that the Union Square redevelopment process results in benefits and not displacement for our community. We are residents, small businesses, labor unions, youth, churches, and community groups.

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# Playground meeting - Feb. 3

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invite all interested community members to a meeting to discuss upcoming renovations to the Otis Street Playground, scheduled to begin in July 2015. The meeting will

be held at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St., on Tues., Feb. 3 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend and share the ideas that will shape the design of the new playground. For more information, please contact Arn Franzen at 617-625-6600 ext. 2545, or AFranzen@somervillema.gov.

The Mayor's annual State of the City address, and mid-term addresses by the President of the Board of Aldermen (BOA) and the Chairperson of the School Committee will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19 in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. Members of the public are invited to



come for this look back at the past year's efforts as well as a look forward to city and school initiatives in the coming year. Light refreshments will be served.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Last week was full of activity on Beacon Hill. The Legislature approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick dozens of bills passed on voice votes, without roll calls, prior to the end of the 2013-2014 session on Tuesday, January 6.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



### 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.



# Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

With today's edition, The Somerville Times begins coverage of the 2015-2016 Massachusetts legislative session by our weekly *Beacon Hill Roll Call* report. This feature is a clear and concise compilation of the voting records of local state representatives and senators.

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

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

Beacon Hill Roll Call is published by Bob Katzen, who has been providing this feature to hundreds of newspapers across the state for many years.

The Legislature convened the 2015-2016 session on Wednesday, January 7. Most of Wednesday's activity was ceremonial with the exception of the election of a speaker of the House and Senate president.

Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito were both sworn in on Thursday, January 8.

# HOUSE RE-ELECTS SPEAKER DELEO

House 125-35, re-elected Rep. Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) as speaker of the House. DeLeo received the votes of all of the 125 Democrats. Rep. Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) received the votes of all 35 Republicans and was re-elected GOP minority leader.

Rep. Christine Barber for DeLeo Rep. Denise Provost for DeLeo Rep. Timothy Toomey for DeLeo

# SENATE ELECTS SEN. STANLEY ROSENBERG AS SENATE PRESIDENT

Senate 34-6, elected Sen. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst) as Senate president. Rosenberg received the votes of all of the chamber's 34 Democrats. Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) received the votes of all six Republicans and was re-elected GOP minority leader.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico for Rosenberg Sen. Patricia Jehlen for Rosenberg

# ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

NO PAY RAISE FOR LEGISLATORS - Gov. Patrick, on his last full day in office Wednesday, announced that the salary of the 200 members of the Legislature will be frozen for the 2015-2016 legislative session that began Wednesday, January 7. The freeze will leave in place the current \$60,032 base salary of each senator and representative. Patrick, in a letter to outgoing Treasurer Steven Grossman, said he regrets this outcome. "As you know, I believe that an adjustment in base compensation for legislators and constitutional officers is warranted," he wrote.

Patrick was required under the state constitution to determine by Wednesday the amount of a pay raise or cut that state legislators would receive for the 2015-2016 session. All Massachusetts governors are obligated to in-

crease or decrease legislative salaries biennially under the terms of a constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1998. The amendment, approved by a better than two-to-one margin, requires legislative salaries to be "increased or decreased at the same rate as increases or decreases in the median household income for the Commonwealth for the preceding two-year period, as ascertained by the governor."

Patrick noted, "Applying the same methodology I last used (in 2013), there will be no increase or decrease in base compensation."

This freeze comes on the heels of a \$1,100 pay cut for the 2013-2014 legislative session that ended Wednesday and a \$306 pay cut for the 2011-2012 session. Prior to that, legislators' salaries had been raised every two years since the \$46,410 base pay was first raised under the constitutional amendment in 2001. The frozen \$60,032 salary means legislative salaries have been raised \$13,622, or 29 percent, since the mandated salary adjustment became part of the state constitution.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, both Democrats, receive a \$35,000 bonus for their service -- boosting their salaries to \$95,032. House Minority Leader Bradley Jones and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr, both Republicans, receive a \$22,500 bonus for their service -- boosting their salaries to \$82,532.

Over the next few weeks, DeLeo, Rosenberg, Jones and Tarr will choose their leadership teams and also appoint dozens of members to committee chair, vice chair and other leadership positions. At that time, many legislators will see their base pay boosted by bonuses ranging from \$7,500 to \$25,000.

# PATRICK SIGNS MANY BILLS INTO LAW -

Gov. Patrick signed into law many bills approved by the Legislature in the final days of the 2014 session. Here are some of them.

# ACCOSTING AND ANNOYING (S 2362) -

Changes a current law that makes it illegal to annoy or accost people of the opposite sex with behavior that is deemed offensive and/or disorderly. The measure would allow the charges to be brought even if the victim were a person of the same sex.

Supporters said the new law will change this antiquated law and is aimed at sex offenders who target children regardless of gender. They cited an incident in Bellingham in which a male offender accosted young boys but the charges were dismissed because under the law, it was only a crime when it was against the opposite sex.

SELL LIQUOR AT CONTINUING CARE COM-MUNITIES (S 2407) - Allows the sale of alcohol at continuing care communities, retirement communities and assisted living facilities.

Supporters said many of these communities already offer top notch in-house restaurants but noted that the facility is not allowed to serve liquor. They argued that allowing alcohol is simply an extension that will benefit residents and make profits for the homes.

HAZARDOUS WASTE (S 2105) - Amends the current law that requires companies responsible for hazardous materials spills to reimburse the city or town for the cost of its emergency response. The new law would

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continued

expand current law and require reimbursement even for the "threat" of release of the materials.

Another provision releases private homeowners and renters from reimbursing the community for the cost of any cleanup of oil or hazardous material on their property if they notify the local fire department of the incident immediately, the home was only used as a residence, and the owner or renter was not grossly negligent and did not illegally possess oil or hazardous materials.

Supporters said currently communities use lots of resources and dollars to respond to these calls but are not reimbursed unless there is an actual spill. They noted that non-commercial private homeowners and tenants should not be liable for cleanup costs if they meet certain conditions.

ALLOW SIMULCASTING AT SUFFOLK DOWNS (S 2421) - Allows Suffolk Downs for two years to continue simulcasting horse races from other states without being required to have any live races at the track. Current law only allows simulcasting if the track sponsors a certain amount of live races.

Supporters said this would give the track's owners time to decide what they are going to do with the track following their failure to get a casino license. They noted 100 jobs depend on approving the bill.

### CONFINEMENT OF MENTALLY ILL PRISON-

ERS (H 4545) - Prohibits mentally ill patients from being housed in a segregated unit at a prison for more than 30 days. The measure provides that these prisoners instead be sent to mental health treatment units. The Senate Ways and Means Committee estimates that the legislation will cost \$13 million.

Supporters said the segregation of mentally ill prisoners is counterproductive and often makes the prisoners even worse. They noted that a court agreement imposing this same rule expires in 2015 and argued things will revert back to the old rules of extended confinement in segregation units if this bill is not passed.

MASSAGE THERAPISTS (H 4551) - Prohibits unlicensed masseuses in Massachusetts from advertising on the Internet through websites, e-mails or blogs.

Supporters said a loophole in current law prohibits these unlicensed masseuses from advertising in print including newspapers, magazines and signage, but allows them to advertise on the Internet.

# ALLOW INTERNS TO GIVE SHOTS (S 2127) QUOTABLE QUOTES

Allows pharmacy interns to give immunization shots to consumers. Pharmacy interns are students who have completed at least two years at an accredited school of pharmacy registered by the state. The intern would only be allowed to give the shots under the direct supervision of a registered pharmacist.

Supporters said getting shots at pharmacies is easier, faster and less expensive than at doctors' offices. They said allowing interns to give the shots will increase the number of customers the pharmacy can handle and free up the time of the pharmacist to focus on filling prescriptions.

SIX-YEAR CAREER PLANNING FOR STU-DENTS (H 4527) - Creates a committee to investigate and study the possible development and implementation in the 2016-2017 school year of a six-year career planning project for each sixth grader. The program would be coordinated by licensed school guidance counselors. The committee would present the report to the Legislature with recommendations for any action it feels should be

Supporters said the bill will empower students to set goals and help them receive the necessary education and develop the skills required to succeed in a career.

# CANCER VICTIMS AND DRIVER'S LICENSES (S 2417) - Gives cancer patients who have lost their hair as a result of treatment a one-year extension on having a new photo taken for their driver's license. A Massachusetts driver's license photo must be updated every ten

Supporters said it is unfair that cancer patients who have lost their hair are required to take a psychologically harmful new photo while they are bald. They argued this

compassionate bill would give them time to grow back

their hair before taking a new photo.

AMBER ALERT (S 2173) - Improves and enhances the state's Amber Alert System which interrupts regular radio and TV programming to broadcast information that could help recover an abducted child. Information is also broadcast on electronic signs along highways, in airports and on cell phones.

Provisions include codifying the entire Amber Alert System into law; requiring more descriptive information in the missing child database including identifying marks, prosthetics or surgical implants, photographs, description of clothing, items that may be with the missing child, and his or her means of transportation; allowing the State Police to coordinate with law enforcement agencies in other states; and establishing training guidelines for 911 operators.

Supporters said this important bill would enhance the state's invaluable Amber Alert System. They noted since its inception in the Bay State in 2002, the alert has been activated 15 times and successfully recovered and reunited 23 children with their families.

"We will hold the line on taxes, we're already demanding enough from hard working people. And we will protect cities and towns and fulfill our promise to end the cuts to local aid. Otherwise, every line item will be looked at." Gov. Charlie Baker in his inaugural address.

"Mr. Speaker, I can think of no better or clearer message that we can send regarding the economy and to the taxpayers than renewing, in bipartisan fashion, your pledge to refrain from any statewide tax increase." - House Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) urging Speaker DeLeo to support the GOP in its efforts to pledge "no new taxes."

"We'll have some discussions with the chair of Ways and Means to see where we are fiscally and then decide accordingly." — House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) responding to Jones.

"Remember, you get demerits if you leave your seats." — Senate President Stanely Rosenberg (D-Amherst) joking while instructing legislators to remain in their seats following Gov. Charlie Baker's speech to the Legislature.

"It's been a great run. We've had a really productive eight years. I'm proud of the record ... but I'm also ready to have my life back." — Outgoing Gov. Patrick who added he is most looking forward to going to the grocery store without a security detail.

"They were really social meetings. They weren't policy meetings." — Former Gov. William Weld on the weekly meetings with the speaker and senate president during his administration. Weld said that the point of the get-togethers was that it was more difficult to double-cross someone or stab him in the back if you knew that you would be sitting with that person the next week.

### 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 5-9, the House met for a total of 17 hours and 10 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 19 hours and eight minutes.

House 11:03 a.m. to 2:26 p.m. Mon. January 5 Senate 11:04 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. Tues. January 6 House 11:15 a.m. to 7:39 p.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 7:33 p.m. Wed. January 7 House 11:14 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. Senate 10:55 a.m. to 1:38 p.m. Thurs. January 8 House 11:12 a.m. to 1:39 p.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 1:39 p.m.

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

No House session

No Senate session







Fri. January 9

# **COMMENTARY**

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# Zoning overhaul is framework that will help community's vision grow into reality



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Whenever we undertake any sort of planning process in Somerville, the specifics of the project may change, but the goal is always the same: building community. What does that mean? It means planning for our community's future based on our shared

values, hopes and dreams. That's why we undertook an extensive community-based process to create SomerVision, a plan that codifies those values and asks not necessarily what we want to build, but what kind of community we want to be in 2030.

SomerVision gives us the solid foundation for every planning process and every decision we make, but as important as that is, it's only the foundation. The framework that dictates how and where we build upon that foundation is our zoning code, and like many cities around the nation and world, our zoning code is outdated. We have not undertaken a major review of our current code since 1990, and even after that review, it still contains provisions and mapping decisions adopted almost a century ago.

So after more than a year of work by City planners, we've submitted a modernized zoning code to the Board of Aldermen and Planning Board for their review and approval. This overhaul will make zoning more customer-friendly by making it easier to undertake common home improvements like front porches and bay windows, and by making the code easier to read and use. Zoning ordinances can read like another language to the uninitiated. With graphics that illustrate how the code is applied, terminology that replaces planning jargon when possible with more straightforward language, and a simplified list of permitted uses, residents won't feel lost in the code before they even apply for a permit.

The new code will also make the SomerVision Map a reality. That map partitions the city into residential neighborhoods to conserve; vibrant squares and commercial corridors to enhance; and areas to transform on the city's eastern and southern edges. It's an illustration of our

vision, but it needs a mechanism to make it a reality. The new zoning code, which enacts more than 100 policies and goals, is that mechanism.

There's a balancing act here. Among other goals, Somer-Vision calls for the creation of 6,000 new homes, 30,000 new jobs, and 125 new acres of public open space—most of it in transformative areas like Inner-Belt, Assembly and Brickbottom. At the same time, the top values that emerged as resident priorities during the SomerVision workshops were "diversity," "green space," "affordability," and "community." Continued on page 17

# Trader Joe's brother lives just across the river, and I like him better



By William C. Shelton

I'm not someone who gushes over consumer products. I've never written about them or the stores that sell them.

Nor do I share the enthusiasm that the two wonderful women that I live with have for Trader Joe's. I'm put off by its yuppie ambience, and I won't make the cross-Cambridge gas-guzzling trip required to regularly expe-

So I was pleased to discover a store just across the Mystic River in Medford that offers products of at least Trader Joe's quality, but at lower prices and with less pretention. Affluent professionals shop there side-by-side with working stiffs, welfare moms, and immigrants, like Somerville used to be. Its name is Aldi, and it's Joe's estranged brother.

Its story began in 1913 when Anna Albrecht started a small grocery store in a working-class suburb of Essen, Germany. In 1946 her sons Karl and Theo took over. By 1960 they had grown the business to 300 stores, at which point they declared their differences irreconcilable and parted ways.

Business history is replete with family rivalries that have killed healthy companies. But sometimes these conflicts have happy endings.

Arthur S. Demoulas is gleefully investing the cash that he extorted, while Arthur T, keeps Market Basket humming. Sisters Abigail Van Buren and Ann Landers both enjoyed successful careers as advice columnists, while not enjoying each other. Adolf Dassler's Addidas and brother Rudolf's Puma both remain successful shoe marketers.

So it was with the Albrecht brothers. Aldi, a contraction of "Albrecht Discount," split in two. Theo Albrecht's Aldi Nord operated in Northern Germany, and Karl's Aldi Sud, in Southern Germany. In 1967, Aldi Sud began its international expansion with the acquisition of an Austrian grocery chain, Hofer.

The same year Joe Columbo, whose Los Angeles-based Pronto Market convenience stores were floundering, tried a different retail format. While on vacation in the Caribbean he had realized that Ameri-

cans' tastes in food and drink were broadening beyond their current market options. He opened a store called "Trader Joe's" in Pasadena. I remember visiting it by accident the following year, seized by a blind munchies attack while driving down Arroyo Seco Parkway.

Meanwhile, both Aldies continued their expansion. Aldi Sud eventually spread to Australia, Austria, Hungary, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, the U.K. and the U.S., and Aldi Nord, to Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, and Poland. Today the two companies operate

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# Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

our parents

The day I heard my father's words coming out of my mouth was the day I knew I had officially become a parent.

It's amazing how many of my parents' old phrases became part of my vocabulary. I asked some of my friends to share their parents' favorite proverbs, warnings and words of wisdom, and I've stuffed them all into this article. I hope you enjoy

I brought you into this world, I can take you out of it! You are cruisin' for a bruisin'. I'll wipe that smile right off your face, mister! Kids are to be seen and not heard! Don't make me stop this car! If bull were

music he would be Guy Lombardo. Don't let them get your goat. If you had half a brain you'd be dangerous. I'll put you through that wall. If you have nothing nice to say don't say anything. Take a picture, it lasts longer. Don't tell your father. Wipe that pout off your face or I'll give you something to pout about. End of story. End of ballgame! Wait 'til your father gets home. You have to wake up a little bit earlier in the morning to fool me kid. I wasn't born yesterday. If all your friends were jumping off a bridge would you too? I'm not going to be around forever. Close the door...what am I, heating Lincoln Park? If brains were made of dynamite, you couldn't blow your nose. Just wait until you have kids! Because I said so,

that's why. Don't take any wooden nickels. Come hell or high water. Up a creek without a paddle. Close the door, do you live in a barn? Children should be seen and not heard. I'll give you something to cry about. Shut off these lights, we don't own a share in Edison! I brought you into this world and I can take you out. Money doesn't grow on trees you know! Someday that mouth of yours is going to get you in big trouble. Try using your head for something else other than a hat rack. I hope you have ten kids just like you someday. Go to college so you have something to fall back on. I hope your face doesn't freeze like that. I'll turn this car around! Don't come crying to me. When I was your age we could go to the movies, get

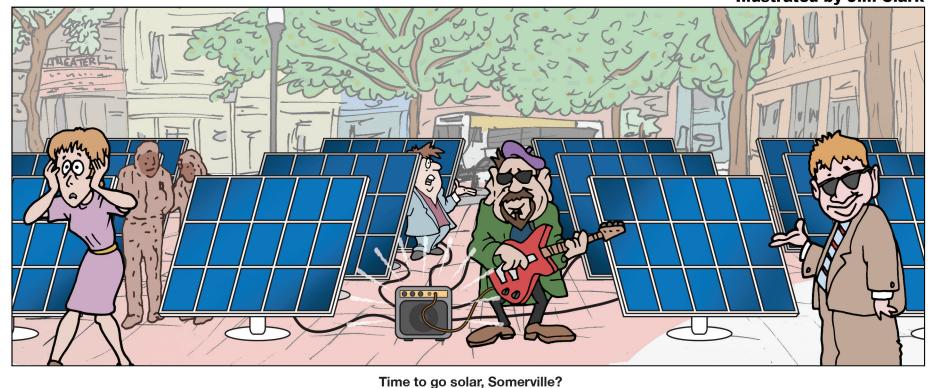


snacks and candy all for 5 cents. Always keep a dime in your Continued on page 20

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

# Illustrated by Jim Clark



# The View Of The Times



Who among us doesn't dream of a time when cheap, environmentally friendly energy production becomes a reality?

It's been discussed for decades, and many advancements have been made in this area throughout those years.

The question for most communities and individuals is whether or not the technology has been sufficiently advanced to justify the huge investment required to make the transition from traditional to alterna-

tive energy production.

Many cities throughout the U.S. – and even more throughout the industrialized world – have taken the leap and plunge fully forward into alternative energy conversion or enhancement.

It takes a coordinated and concerted effort to achieve satisfying results. Wind turbines dot the landscapes of several such forward minded communities. Solar panels are being installed on rooftops throughout the world. All sorts of other exotic systems are being tried in a search of independence from fossil fuel consumption.

For us here locally, the change entails a steep investment in hardware and installation, with the prospects for savings involving several years of usage before a solid return is realized. The question, again, is can it now be the right time to consider making the commitment to go for it.

It is a question that only each individual homeowner can answer for themself. There is a lot at stake, for ourselves and for the environment.

The best thing for each of us to do at this point in time is to do the homework, crunch the numbers, and ask ourselves is this the right thing to do at this time.

In the long term, it seems inevitable. For the short term, we have a lot to consider. We all hope to choose wisely.

# Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

installations in East Somerville and a longer documentary storytelling project, both to be completed in 2015. Refreshments will be served. Come on out and help shape East Somerville by sharing your stories and vision.

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The public hearing for the new zoning code proposal has been changed to Tuesday, February 10 (it was originally set for January 29th), most likely with a 6 or 6:30 p.m. start time. A press release will be issued with all the details. The web site to review the new zoning is as follows http://bit.ly/14vyFLY

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It appears that the city – at least the Aldermen – got it finally. The new ordinance for shoveling snow and the requirements set forth have come under fire from across the community. Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti is the chairman of the committee that will hold a public hearing on January 15 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the ordinance. So if you're against or for it, here's your chance to air your opinion.

Happy Birthday this week to some of our readers: Happy Birthday to Kevin O'Donovan, one of our many fine fire-

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men here in the city. We wish him the very best. Happy Birthday to Somerville native and nurse Theresa Rodriques. We hope she has a great birthday. Big time Happy Birthday to Julie Tarpey DiPasquale, very popular former Ward Six School Board member. We hope she has a great day for herself. Our good friend, long time Somerville native now in Woburn, James Ribeiro is celebrating this week. We wish him a good day as well. Another old time Somerville native and Winter Hill guy is Billy Rogers, who is celebrating as well. We wish him the very best. Another Somerville guy and great painter, Teder Skina, is celebrating this week. To all the others celebrating this week we hope you have a great day and week for yourself.

Coming up on Friday, January 16, at the Somerville City Club, a Comedy Night to raise money for Rett Syndrome Research. Master of Ceremonies will be comedian Pete Costello, a regular and favorite at Foxwoods. He has worked with the likes of Joan Rivers and The Beach Boys, to name a few. Headliner Dave Russo (http://www.daverusso.net/), a Boston comedy Fes-

tival winner and co-host of NESN's

Dirty Water TV, has also been seen on Comics Come Home with Denis Leary and the E-TV series The Entertainer. The event will also feature comedian Patty Gould and special guest Al Park.

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Somerville High Adult evening school registration is this week and next week on Tuesday and Thursday nights, beginning at 6 p.m. Register for any of the many courses offered at major discount prices, like the real estate license course which is offered at other places for around \$400 per course. Only \$175.00 – less than half – at SHS Adult evening class. Learn to take the test and become a real estate agent here in Massachusetts.

Once again Pat Norton was taken to MGH last week. She's home resting and is very appreciative of the many cards and well wishes sent her way. She's doing better and preparing for the major operation sometime later in February, due to complications. If you'd like her address and want to send her a card call *The Somerville Times* office at 617 666-4010 and ask for Bobbie or Donald.

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Mayor Joe Curtatone's mid-term state of

the city address will be Monday night, January 19 at 630 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend. We hear that the President of the Board of Alderman William White is also going to speak.

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Nick from Leones Sub and Pizza is recovering from recent surgery and we wish him here the very best and a fast recovery. Rest assurred the quality of the food will be in good hands while he's resting.

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We hear sometime very soon an announcement will be made on what the city has in store for the vacant Winter Hill Star Market. The corner of Temple and Broadway building will be coming down shortly. All the equipment is parked in the vacant lot next door.

Granted Assembly Square is on the rise, but is it just us, but have you gone shopping in the stores? We hear from several people that the prices are high, what do you think?

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This year's Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration will feature MLK Jr. Dreams by Song. Join the celebration at 11:00 a.m. at the East Somerville

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# **Kennedy School** students' art connection

Kennedy School's new art teacher, Ms. Stiassni, has been guiding students through enriching art projects that draw connections between the arts and social studies, language arts, math, and art history. Many of the students' recent projects from every grade level are on display throughout the school. The following pictures represent a selection of recent Kennedy artwork from each grade level.



"Self-Portraits" by N. Fox (1st Grade)



"Mythical Creatures" by M. Wayabi (8th grade) - Students invented their own mythical creatures and created a mono print.



"Family Self Portraits" by C. Matthews (Kindergarten)



"Interior Perspective Compositions" by N. Shememian (7th grade) - Students studied techniques of interior space and designed their dream room using 1 point perspectives.





"Andy Warhol's Shoes" by A. Johnson (6th grade) - Inspiration was taken from the pop artist, Andy Warhol. Students drew a shoe from observation and later experimented with different color schemes.



 $E.\ Campbell's "Coughing Flower" (5th\ grade) - After\ discussing\ the\ work\ of\ surrealist\ artist,\ Rene\ Magritte,\ 5th\ grade\ students\ illustrated\ their\ own\ surreal\ compositions\ by\ combining\ a\ noun\ and\ a\ little\ imagination.$ 



"Crazy Hair Day" by B. Resendes (3rd grade) - A fun portrait project with a compositional focus on line and pattern.



"Color Wheel Eyes" by G. Goode (4th grade) - Students drew an eye from observation and shaded their sketch to achieve dimension. Later, students turned their eye into a color wheel and performed an oil pastel resist, with a focus on complimentary colors.

# **SPORTS**

# **Good Sports High School Basketball Invitational**

### By Rebecca Danvers

The Somerville High School Boys' Basketball team was invited to participate in the TD Garden's Good Sports High School Basketball Invitational on Saturday, January 10th.

This rare opportunity allowed some of the region's best high school basketball programs to show what they are made of.

The Highlanders faced the formidable Belmont High School team, in which Somerville won with a score of 65-63.

Of the game, Head Coach Mark Antonelli said, "This

game was more about Somerville as a community and what it stands for. The last names and faces have changed, but our kids strive to play with certain toughness and resolve that reflects our city and what this basketball program was built on. We had many students, faculty, alumni, friends and family come out and support the team today. We preach that Somerville Basketball is a family. This certainly was a family affair. This event was a basketball celebration and I am so proud of the effort these young men put out."









Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What outfit has troops known as Blue Helmets?
- 2. What U.S. President had to read a news ticket to discover his daughter Luci was engaged?
- 3. What part of your body has the most sweat glands?
- 4. What do Ombrophohes fear?
- 5. Sailors wore tattoos in the belief that it would prevent them from getting
- 6. What band recorded the Album the Joshua

- 7. What was Barry Manilow's first # 1 single?
- 8. What day of the week did The Mamas & the Papas sing about?
- 9. What are there 88 of in the night sky according to the International Astronomical Union?
- 10. Which Spice Girl was the first to marry?
- 11. What actress played opposite Patrick Swayze in Dirty Dancing?
- 12. What is the name of the resting place for those buried at sea?

Answers on page 19















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# **SHS Track Pac donation**

### By Tom Bannister

The Marathon Sports "Somerville Jingle Bell Run" supported by Harpoon Brewery has donated \$9,000 to the Somerville High School Track Pac, an organization that supports Somerville High School students participating in the school track and field programs.

The citywide event is the benefactor for many wonderful causes in Somerville, including but not limited to the Somerville

Toys For Local Tots, Somerville High School Football Team, Somerville High School Frisbee Team, Somerville High School Soccer Team, Somerville YMCA Learn to Swim Program, David Martini and Nick Peters Scholarship Fund, Somerville Auxiliary Police Department and the Somerville Police Officer Sean Collier Memorial soon to be displayed at the police department.

The Marathon Sports "Somerville Jingle Bell Run" was on December 14, 2014.



Accepting the donation for the Somerville High School Track Pac at the Olde Magoun Saloon in Magoun Square were Somerville Alderman at Large Jack Connolly, and Somerville High School Track and Field coaches Charlie O'Rourke and Dave Dickerson.

# **Recreation Commission and Executive Office of Communications** programs for January - April 2015

Play Popular Piano By Ear! - A "hands on" non-technical (no music reading necessary) approach to playing your favorite songs. Lifelong musician and published songwriter, Jimmy Del Ponte, teaches you how to pick a song off your iPod and figure out how to play it. Practice keyboard included for enrolled students to take home during course. Ages 12 and up. Meets Mondays from 3 to 4 p.m. starting Monday, January 19 through Monday, March 16. Class to be held in the Student Recording Studio, room 205, Edgerly School, 8 Bonair St. Limited to 6. jdelponte@somervillema.gov 617-625-6600 ext. 2616 for info.

Somerville Improvisational Theatre Group - for ages 12 and up. Emerson College Theatre Major Jimmy Del Ponte, who directs The Sunsetters and Project STAR theatre camp, will conduct this exciting new Improvisational Group. Students will create skits, bits and scenes, while developing off the cuff and on the spot creative thinking. This course will run from January through April on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. in a room to be determined at Somerville High School. The group will be filmed and will also perform. No limit to participants. Starts Tuesday, January 20. jdelponte@somervillema.gov 617-625-6600 ext. 2616 for more info.

Be A Writer... Write Now! - Aspiring writers? A beginning journalism course taught by Jimmy Del Ponte who has written the popular weekly column "Life in The Ville" in The Somerville Times since 2007. All enrollees will have their stories published in The Somerville Times in a new segment that will be named by the students (our first writing assignment). The course will be held in a room at Somerville High School, Wednesdays from January 21 through May 13, from 3 to 4 p.m. and possibly at 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on half-day Wednesdays. Limited to 10 Students. Laptop or tablet helpful. jdelponte@somervillma.gov 617-625-6600 for more info.

# What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

We have some interesting headlines for the latest Somerville Neighborhood News show, a community news production brought to you by the dedicated staff, volunteers and interns at Somerville Community Access TV.



### Here are some headlines:

Attend a Union Square visioning meeting at the old Post Office, check out the recreation fair and meet the city's new Director of Recreation, hear about the new Mystic River Watershed water quality commission, meet a former Miss Senior Massachusetts, learn about the proposed changes to city zoning... all these stories and more on Somerville Neighborhood News #31. Watch it on Channel 3 if you have cable TV, or online at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE** 

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION** 

**LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

23-25 Calvin St: (Case #ZBA 2013-64-R1-12/2014) Applicant and Owner, Philip Weiss, seek a revision to a special permit to change the approved exterior material, roof height behind the parapet wall, and window alterations. RB Zone. Ward 2.

1108 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2014-78) Applicant and Owner, JSS Realty Corp., seeks a Special Permit for an access easement to be able to provide on-site parking for a two-family dwelling. Ward 7. BA zone.

54-56A Elm St: (Case #ZBA 2014-83) Applicant and Owner, 54 Elm, LLC, seeks a Special Permit to alter and expand a nonconforming structure by rebuilding the existing storefront with a second floor to add an additional dwelling unit on site. One space of parking relief is also required. RB

139 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2014-90) Applicant and Owner, 139 Summer Street LLC, seeks Special Permits under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure to add a third dwelling unit and under SZO §9.13.a for parking relief. RB/RA zone. Ward 3.

7 Holts Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-122) Applicant, Michelle Hewitt, and Owners, Michelle Hewitt and Andre Weinstock, seek a Special Permit to build an approx. 160 sf two-story rear addition on a nonconforming single-family house. RB zone. Ward 2.

9-11 Aberdeen Rd: (Case #ZBA 2014-123) Applicant, Paul Lavelle, and Owner, ULS Aberdeen Realty Trust, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming, three-family dwelling to create a three-story rear deck with egress. RB zone. Ward 5.

200 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-124) Applicant and Owner, SBN, LLC, seek a Special Permit to make alterations to a nonconforming 4-family structure including changing fenestration, adding balconies and decks, and adding a garage door to interior parking on Spring Hill Terrace. RC

654 Mystic Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-125) Applicant, FMS Auto Sales LLC, and Owner, Fieldcom Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.11.11.7.b to establish a used motor vehicle sales and service business. BB zone. Ward 4.

505 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2014-126) Applicant, Sophiya Thakali, and Owner, Broadway Investments Inc., seek a Special Permit for a fast food use and a Special Permit for parking relief. NB Zone. Ward 4.

30 Hancock St: (Case #ZBA 2014-127) Applicant, Paul Shannon, and Owner, Paul Shannon, Diane Adler, & Mary Dyous, seek a Special Permit to lengthen an existing dormer. RB Zone. Ward 6.

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

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

As published in The Somerville Times on 1/7/15 & 1/14/15.

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

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE MIDDLESEX Division** Docket No. MI 14P6589 EA Estate of: Richard LeRoy Maxwell First Name Middle Name Last Name Also Known As: \_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_11/05/2014 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Hiebert of Wellington First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Dustin W. Hiebert of Wellington M.I. Last Name (City/Town)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the

[ ] with [x] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representative appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

TRUST CITATION

**MIDDLESEX Division** 

Docket No. MI 14P6314EA

In the matter of: Saenz-Badillos Targarona Living Trust

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Angel Saenz-Badillos Targarona of Somerville MA and Judit Saenz-Badillos Targarona of Natick MA

requesting to modify in its entirely the Irrevocable Trust the grantors executed on March 20, 2009, under M.G.L. ch203E s.411.

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

10:00 a.m. on 01/28/2015

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

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

Date: December 31, 2014

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### CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP # 15-63

### POWDER HOUSE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROPERTY DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT

The City of Somerville invites proposals from qualified applicants for the redevelopment of the former Powder House Community School located at 1060 Broadway in Somerville, MA. The sale of city-owned land is subject to certain conditions set forth in the Request for Pro-

The lot measures 80,857 square feet and the building area is 87,599 gross square feet.

Proposals from qualified applicants must be submitted to the City of Somerville Purchasing Department, City Hall, 1st floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015.

As of Wednesday, January 7, 2015, the RFP may be obtained at http:// www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or by contacting the Purchasing Department.

A site visit and briefing session related to this RFP will be held on January 27 at 2:00 pm at the Powder House School building, located at the intersection of Broadway, Holland Street and Curtis Street in Somerville, MA.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to extend the deadline for the submission of Proposals, to request supplementary information, and to reject any or all RFP submissions if determined to be in the City of Somerville's best interests.

For further information contact Angela M. Allen, Purchasing Director by telephone at (617) 625-6600 ext. 3400 by fax at (617) 625-1344; or by e-mail at amallen@somervillema.gov.

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

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### CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP #15-57 CD RFP #15-58 CD

The City of Somerville Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed proposals for the 2015-2016 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 lowand moderate-income residents of the City of Somerville. Bid Number RFP #15-57 CD

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 RFP

Request for Proposal packages for both programs may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning at 8:30 A.M. Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Proposals must be submitted no later than

11:00 A.M. Tuesday, February 17, 2015 for Public Services

11:30 A.M. Tuesday, February 17, 2015 for Emergency Solutions Grant at the above address.

Please contact Michael Richards, Procurement Analyst x 3403, or  $email \ \underline{mrichards@somervillema.gov}, \ for \ information \ and \ proposal$ packages

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

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ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE MIDDLESEX FEDERAL SAVINGS, F.A. The Annual Meeting of the Middlesex Federal Savings, F.A. will be held on Wednesday January 21, 2015 at 4 PM at the home office of the Bank; One College Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts, for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Daniel F. Wiseman, Secretary.

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# Zoning overhaul is framework that will help community's vision grow into reality CONT. FROM PG 10

So as we pursue our goals, we must adhere to these values that define our community.

We know that we face a regional housing crisis and that the 101 cities and towns in Greater Boston need to build 435,000 new homes in the next 25 years. Somerville cannot ignore this. To maintain affordability, we must do our part to build our share of new homes (up to 9,000 homes) to help drive up supply and thus drive down costs. Building addresses the math of supply and demand. But at the same time, we cannot build more housing without

also expanding our commercial tax base to help generate new commercial tax revenue. Today, our residential owners shoulder far more of the tax burden than businesses because we simply have far more homes than businesses. Drawing new businesses to Somerville will not only bring jobs, but tax revenue that can bring tax relief to homeowners, thus helping to support affordability as well.

Our proposed zoning overhaul provides the framework to make these goals attainable. While it will make Somerville a national leader in using inclusionary zoning to create more affordable housing, it also sets requirements to ensure that we also see the new commercial development we sorely need. It protects our residential neighborhoods by setting standards so that if there is new development, it fits in with the existing neighborhood, while pushing development intensity toward SomerVision's formative areas such as Union Square. It implements incentives for small local businesses while creating a check on chains and big-box stores.

If this all sounds like the solutions the community has been asking for, that's because the community has already helped shaped the new code. Last summer, every Thursday our planners held workshops to hear your ideas and answer your questions as they built the new ordinance from the ground up. Now that we have our draft, we're going to continue that community-based discussion. I hope you'll take part.

This week we've launched a new section of the City website at www.somervillema.gov/zoning where you can review the code and submit your feedback. An informational session will be

held on Tuesday, Jan. 20 with a presentation on the new code and the opportunity to discuss the proposed ordinance with City staff. And then, on Feb. 10, the Aldermen's Land Use Committee and Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

Your feedback is critical to shaping the zoning code that will set the framework for how Somerville grows in the years to come. I encourage you to visit the website, attend these meetings, and once again show how Somerville can come to together to set a clear path for our community's future.

# Trader Joe's brother lives just across the river, and I like him better

CONT. FROM PG 10

9,600 stores, about evenly divided.

I infer that an agreement between the two organizations prohibited Aldi Nord from operating as "Aldi," in the U.S. So in 1979 it bought Trader Joe's, and with it, an alias. With new management, the firm expanded operations beyond California and eventually across the country.

Although I for one had never heard of Aldi U.S., an Aldi Sud company, it was growing as well. It now operates 1,300 stores in 32 states, including one at 630 Fellsway.

It has succeeded through rigorous cost leadership. That's one of the two most common strategies by which companies attain high profitability.

It involves offering products that are popular with a large market segment, charging low prices, pumping through huge volumes, and relentlessly lowering costs by pursuing scale economies in all functions, wielding bargaining power, and in Aldi's case,

- Offering a product line in which 90% of items are its own brands;
- Accepting payment by cash, debit and EBT cards, but not credit cards;
- Stocking pallets and shelves with products in the cardboard cartons they came in;
- Requiring customers to bag their own purchases with bags they bring or pay for;
- \* Rarely offering more than two brand choices for any product, which increases scale economies and helps with...
- Keeping average store size to about 16,000 square feet rather than the 60,000 square-foot supermarket average;
- · Limiting store hours to elev-

en a day;

- \* Not accepting manufacturers' coupons, but bargaining with manufacturers for deep discounts that are passed on to customers: and
- Requiring insertion of a 25¢ deposit for shopping carts, which discourages customers from leaving them in the parking lot or walking off with them.

For many of these reasons, and because of the company's product selections, Aldi was "green" decades before most environmentalists learned to say, "sustainability."

Prices on food staples, paper products, beverages, sanitary articles and household items are about the lowest around. You'll also find products to warm a hipster's heart—organic baby kale, cheeses with unpronounceable names, zuppa Toscana, salmon filets, frozen Greek yogurt bars,

organic EVOO, mango-peach salsa, exotic chocolates, and on and on.

The company's test kitchens are legendary, and its product quality tends toward excellent. Britain's leading consumer watchdog group gave Aldi its Best Supermarket Award two years in a row. If for any reason you don't like any purchase you've made, Aldi will replace the product and refund your money.

Every week the company offers special buys, posting them two weeks in advance. They can include more expensive products like tools, appliances, computers, and other consumer electronics. You can also find an app on their user-friendly website that lets you prepare a shopping list. Or you can sign up to have the weekly specials emailed to you.

Like Costco and Market Basket, Aldi pays its workers substantially above industry averages, and anyone who works 20+ hours per week receives full benefits. That may be why the cashiers are faster than a Somerville parking control officer writing a ticket, even though they work sitting down.

Shawn Buckley is the Medford store's manager. He grew up in East Somerville, and you'll find him to be friendly and responsive.

I wistfully wonder what would have happened if Aldi had located in the abandoned Winter Hill Star Market, along with a synergistic companion store. I assume that it's too close to the Fellsway Aldi and too far from I-93 for Aldi U.S. to consider it as a location now. On the other hand, the Somerville and Medford Stop-and-Shops are closer together than the two Aldies would be.

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### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday January 14

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

**Central Library** 

Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball-617-636-9033 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|79 Highland

### Thursday January 15

**Central Library** 

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

Friday January 16

**Central Library** 

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

### Saturday January 17

**Central Library** 

Espanol para ninos hispanahablantes Kimberly Hernandez-617-501-0320 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

### Tuesday January 20

**East Branch Library** 

Read to Bead Winter Reading Pro-

Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970 9 a.m.-9 p.m.| 115 Broadway

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

Tammy McKanan 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library

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

**Central Library** 

Somerville High School Anime Club Meeting Emmanuel-8572583920 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

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### **MUSIC** | ARTS Wednesday | January 14

Johnny D's

Claudia Schmidt 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm

Back Room Comedy@10 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

The Nephrok All Stars

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Arts at the Armory

Teen Open Mic Night

6 p.m.| Cafe|191 Highland Ave

# Thursday January 15

Johnny D's

For the Sake of the Song - Songs Linda Taught us: A Tribute to Linda Rondstadt

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Scattershot

Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. Back Room

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

**Bull McCabe's** 

Dub Down Reggae 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square Arts at the Armory

Castle of Comedy

8:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre** 

Strange Behavior 8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

# Friday January 16

Johnny D's

Memphis Rockabilly Band Bim Skala Bim plus Tommy Leonard 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6

The Beauty Way CD Release with American Beauties \$5 cover 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Jimmy's Down

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

**PA'S Lounge** 

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

The Rotary Prophets 10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory

Richard Cambridge's Poetry Theatre

7:30 p.m.lCafé Le Noir de L'Etoile

8 p.m.|Performance Hall||191 High-

• • • • VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •

Saturday January 17

Johnny D's **Jazz Brunch** 

Junior Brown plus Lyle Brewer, Tony Savarino & The Savtones, Colin

Dwyer

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Wooden Leg |6 p.m. One Thin Dime|9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren **Back Room** 

The Pride of New York | 7:30 p.m. Scattershot|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

Karaoke 65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 On the Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music

499 Broadway 617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's

The Jugghead Band 10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree DI El Sid!

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DI 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Entertainment every Saturday

173 Broadway|617- 625-5195 Arts at the Armory

The Two Ricks

10:30 a.m.|Cafe Denim Skin Review & The Most Americans: Readings and Music

6 p.m.|Cafe Boston Indie Mafia's Third Hobnob & Social|Performance Hall|191 Highland

# Sunday | January 18

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner

and Dan Keller|7 p.m. Back Room **Burren Acoustic Music Series** 

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

**Dub Apocalypse** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** 

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DI 608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177

Arts at the Armory

Journeys in Sound presents Ottoman Impressions: A Musical Voyage to Turkey with Burcu Gülec 4 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** Mask and Raid

4 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Monday January 19

Johnny D's

Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

Front Room

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

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **PA'S Lounge** Amerciana Monday

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Tuesday January 20

Johnny D's Jesse & Mariam Tuesdays in January Open Mic Night w/ Dr. Grant 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Dubious Brothers 8 p.m.

The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers 8:30

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

p.m. **Back Room** 

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Stump Trivia (with prizes)

PA'S Lounge

Open Mic

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 **Bull McCabe's Pub** The Ghetto People Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** 

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

PJ Ryan's

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Arts at the Armory

Youth Arts Arise: Threads, Traces, and Surfaces 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Somerville Zoning Ordinance Information Session

First and Last Word Poetry Series 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

6:30 P.m.|Performance Hall

Wednesday January 21 Johnny D's

Mipso 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Front Room

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Comedy@10 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia

9910

Arts at the Armory

**Blood Drive** 2 p.m.|Performance Hall Youth Arts Arise: Creating Tensegrity 3:30 p.m.| Mezzanine|191 Hig

**CLASSES AND GROUPS** 

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

land Ave

### Wednesday January 14

**Central Library** Advise The Advisory Maureen Khoury-781-258-8505 6 p.m.-8 p.m.| 79 Highland

**Third Life Studio** 

**Central Library** 

Avenue

Belly Dance performance preparation with Nadira Jamal 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Level 3|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday January 15

Affordable Homeownership Opportunity: Fair Housing Commission Vicki Wairi-617.625.6600 x 2588 5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland

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

West Branch Library

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

Saturday January 17 Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmers' Market 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

**Bagel Bards** 

Holland St

Sunday January 18

**Unity Church of God** Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Tuesday | January 20

Third Life Studio

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

Prenatal Yoga 7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

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

Wednesday January 21

**Third Life Studio** 

Belly Dance performance preparation with Nadira Jamal 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Level 3|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Exile on Elm **Back Room** 

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

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

### HAPPENINGS: CENTER

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

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Free Hearing Screening – Thursday, January 29 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. - At our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (2nd floor) - Available to all Somerville Seniors by appointment only – The screening provided by Mass Audiology will include hearing screening, hearing aide cleanings and changing hearing aide batteries. Space is limited so please contact Kim Moss at either the Ralph & Jenny Center, 617-666-5223 or 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

Washington, D.C. Patriotic/Americana Tour - Thursday, April 30 to Sunday, May 3rd - Visit Historic Washington, D.C., WWII Memorial, Arlington Cemetary, Vietnam, Korea, Iwo Jima, FDR, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. Illuminated night tour of the monuments and many many more stops. Trip includes: professional tour director, hotal accommodations, transportation, 3 breakfasts, 1 luncheon, 2 dinners, including dinner theatre, admission to Washington touring, including tour mobile transportation, tax & gratuity. \$589.- double or triple occupancy, \$749.- single occupancy, deposit of \$150.- per person with the final payment due on April 1st. Check in time will be 6:00 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center on Thursday, April 30th with an approximate return time between 10:00 - 10:30 P.M. on Sunday, May 3. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext.

# PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

All centers will be closed on Monday, January 19 due to the holiday.

The SCOA is NO LONGER excepting applications for free smoke alarms / carbon monoxide detectors. It is the hope of both the Somerville Fire Department and the Somerville Council on Aging that we will receive the grant again in the future. If you would like your name put on a waiting list should this grant be received again, please contact Maureen Bastardi at the Somerville Council on Aging at 617-625-6600, extension 2316.

Back by popular demand are the Holiday Inn Dances. Lunch and dance to music provided by Hank our resident DJ. All dances are on Mondays and from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. January 26, February 23, March 23, April 13, May 18, June 29. A \$15.00 fee is required along with a RSVP so please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

**LGBT EVENTS:** 

LGBT Advisory Group - Meets on the 2nd Monday of

each month.

**LGBT Monthly Lunch** – Monday, February 9, 11:30 A.M., Somerville Cambridge Elder Services will provide a hot or cold lunch - suggested contribution of \$2.00 -RSVP required no later than 2:30 P.M. Thursday, January 8th. This event happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Dinner & Movie - There is no LGBT Dinner & Movie night in January because the 3rd Monday falls on a City Holiday – MLK Day. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

\*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBT Lunch, Dinner & Movie or the Advisory Group please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her at MBastardi@ Somervillema.gov.

### All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

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

# **IMPORTANT NEWS**

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

The Ralph & Jenny Center will remain closed on Mondays and will resume Mondays after the first of the New Year.

Please note in the "Upcoming Schedule" section several changes in the times that our Cross Street Center and our Ralph & Jenny Center are open over the next couple of weeks.

# **STAY ACTIVE:**

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

# Mondays:

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H) Fit 4 Life\* Group C, 1:00 P.M. (H)

Strengthening, 9:15 A.M., \$3 per class (H) Dalcroze Eurhythmics, \$2.00, 1:00 P.M., (H) LBT Fit 4 Life\*, 6:00 P.M., (H)

### Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H)

Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H)

Fit 4 Life\* Group C, Noon (H)

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M., \$10/week for shoes and dues

Zumba for All, 5:15 P.M., \$3 per class (H)

### Thursdays:

Strengthening, 9:30 A.M., \$3 per class (RJ) LBT Fit 4 Life\*, 6:00 P.M.

### Fridays:

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 A.M. Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9:00 A.M.

Fit 4 Life\* Group C 12:00 P.M.

\*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration.

### **Upcoming Schedule**

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

# Wednesday January 14

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Whist (H)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

### Thursday|January 15

10:00 Current Events Group (H)

10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ

# Friday January 16

10:30 Brain Games (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

# Monday January 19

**ALL CENTERS CLOSED** 

MLK JR. DAY

# Tuesday January 20

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

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

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

6:00 Caregivers Support Group (H)

# Wednesday | January 21

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Whist (H)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

We have a Facebook page. Check us out at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

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

# Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

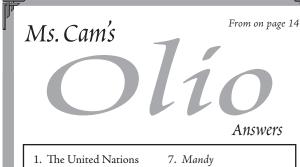
Community School, 50 Cross Street. Festivities will include refreshments, musical performances by a number of Somerville groups including El Sistema Somerville, and student essayists from the Somerville Public Schools. Join them for this inspiring annual celebration.

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Kindergarten registration at the Somerville Public Schools for the upcoming school year kicks off this month on Saturday, January 24, 2015. Information sessions are under way, and Kindergarten packets have been mailed or sent home via backpack. Families with age-eligible children who were born in Somerville have been mailed a packet. If you are considering registering your child in the Somerville Public Schools and do not fall into either of these categories, please contact the Parent Information Center at (617) 629-5671 to request a Kindergarten packet.

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The Annual Meeting of the Somerville Home will be held at the Home, 117 Summer Street, Somerville, Massachusetts on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing Officers and Trustees for the ensuing year and to act on any other business that may legally come before the meeting.



2. Lyndon B. Johnson

8. Monday

3. Your feet 4. Rain

9. Constellations 10. Mel B

5. The pox

11. Jennifer Grey

6. U2

12. Davy Jones' Locker

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# **FOR RENT**

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### **HELP WANTED**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** Duties include; Coordinate meetings, luncheons, travel plans and engagements, Assist as needed with daily correspondences, monitor expenses, send your resume and salary expectations to: amlips1@live.com

ISO Part-time "Mrs. Doubtfire" Cleaning, organizing, meal prep, childcare. Are you loving, fun and organized? Our busy, East Somerville family needs you! Mostly we need pick-up help Mondays and Wednesdays, 4-6:30ish, with some flexibility in those times if needed. 5-to-10-hours per week. Open to discussing an arrangement that works for both of us. Contact Cory at corymian@gmail.com <corymian@gmail.com> or 617-794-9995

Patsy's Pastry Shop, Somerville is seeking a part time Baker. Must be experienced. Please call 617-625-5466

# **LOST AND FOUND**

Found men's gold wedding band at Prospect Hill on January 1 but looks like it might have been there longer. The ring is engraved inside. For more information call 617-388-9742 or email potarisconstruction@ yahoo.com.

# MISCELLANEOUS

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your elbows off the table. Someday the roof is going to fall in on you. There's nothing but trouble if you're out past 10 o'clock. I'll knock you into next week. Mind your P's and Q's. Mind your beeswax. You kids will be the death of me. Go ask your mother. You'd forget your head if it wasn't attached. Don't go out looking like a ragamuffin.

Maybe my sons will use some

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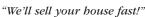
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Every once in awhile I publish a piece of my own in the LYRICAL. Recently I have been writing a Lyrical memoir of my days living in Boston, right after I graduated college. Here is an excerpt.



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# FF THE

by Doug Holder

# Jim Baab:

# A Somerville photographer who sees the 'naked' possibilities.

Photographer Jim Baab is a man who sees the naked possibilities in both the human and vegetable form. This Prospect Hill Somerville resident met me at the Bloc11 Café in Union Square to discuss his unique brand of photography.

Baab told me that he and his wife moved to Somerville in 1999, and lived in the reconverted church (Built in 1887) next to the café. Later they bought a home and put down roots in the 'Ville. Baab said that he feels right at home with the artistic community in Somerville.

Baab, who has previously worked in the Film and Video Department at Boston University, works with pictures he has posted on Instagram, that he took with his digital camera. Baab said, "They can be pictures of my garden, common everyday objects around the home, etc."

One of his projects is titled Vegetarian Nudes. This was inspired by the photographer Edward Weston. Baab started this project back in college after taking a Photo1 class. Now, you may stalk the aisles of Market Basket to find vegetables to cook, but Baab is a bird of a different order. Baab uses vegetables to photograph the human form. He uses things like a brussel sprout that makes for the elegant back of a woman's head. And while you adorn your salad with a bell pepper, Baab turns it into a sensuous, curving back - and, methinks, with a hint of the crack in the lower back.

But Baab works with the real thing as well. He has a project titled Palm Spring Nudes, in which he photographed fine art models at Palm Springs in California, a few years back. Baab told me:,"I like to photograph with natural light. Actually, for me,



Vegetarian Nudes.

overcast days are the best for shooting." Baab is also attracted to strong lines, shadows, structures and distinct shapes, all of which the human form evokes or encompasses.

Baab said that he studies with Karen Rosenthal. Rosenthal, according to Baab, explores what she has coined the "human landscape," and that's what Baab is intimately involved with, here in the landscape of the Paris of New England.

Boston 1978-83. Stream of consciousness – portrait of an artist as a young poseur

The picture above is of a one time rooming house on Newbury Street (271) which I was a denizen of from (1978-1983).

I lived in a room on the top floor (38/week), bathroom down the hall-- a stairway to the roof, cockroaches--above Davio's Rest. I remember I worked at the "Fatted Calf" in Copley Square as a short order cook, and sold the Globe over the phone in Cambridge. Used to frequent the Exeter Theatre down the block-- Marx Brothers, Rocky Horror--chanting at midnight--ate at Guild's drugstore across from the Lenox Hotel, Ethel, the counter-woman, continuous narrative of her rotten kids at the Old Colony project in Southie... I also was an asst. manager at Big L Discount Stores for a stint-- health and beauty aids--can you believe it?...taught in the South End at Dr. Solomon Carter Mental Health Center--DYS and DSS Kids... field trips to Roxbury and the abandoned Jewish Temples... home visits for the kids...the families smoking pot and doing lines.. There was a restaurant I used to frequent, the Peter Pan on Beacon Street--big cafeteria style food, poetry readings, Jim and I sat near the steam table, our words floated on the mist of steamed cabbage-- and I was habitually at the Kebab and Curry right down the block...sitar and sag . I used to see Richard Yates (Revolutionary Road") a drunken shamble down the block, and I had the same Chinese laundry (I always lost my ticket..the Chinese guy was irate ("Why you lose ticket!!") as the late radio personality David Brudnoy--loved his show--his pockmarked and intelligent face. I remember ... working as a clerk at the corner of Newbury and Beacon Street--(Sunny Corner Farms) "The Cars" used to come in there regularly, Rick so sky high..fingering a Twinkie.. also remember meeting Gildna Radner, Barney Frank rumpled and in a rush, and Howard Zinn,--(tall, a radical patrician) on the night shift. And beers after work at Frankenstein's. My boss--a fat Irish man called me a dirty kike regularly after he had a few...nice to me the next day... I remember the ancient gay security guard (Maynard) who used to come in to chat--and always told me of stories of how young men were enamored with him-- oh but he maintained his purity--and yes the "toothless whore" who told me she only gives "head" to her "man" her point of honor. I remember during a snow storm I gave shelter to the street icon "Mr. Butch" and almost left him there overnight...Oh yes the Victor Hugo bookshop--what a joint-- cloistered myself with the used and rare...and the Newbury Steakhouse--remember the chef--, black dude, a real card--dirty jokes and hard-earned wisdom--we used to shoot the shit... I even had a sort of girlfriend--well--I later learned she was community property--if you know what I mean--I remember sitting on the stoop of my brownstone on a hot summer night, and people would stop and chat and shoot the summer breeze--, I remember being dead drunk and asking the drunks sleeping on the grates of the Boston Public Library what the meaning of life was... They told me to f-off. I remember the thick hash and eggs I had every morning for breakfast-- how the eggs would bleed every morning on that mound--and Malaba--the Zimbabwe - man on the night shift at McLean -- rasping in his Louis Armstrong voice--called it hashish browns -would be dead if I continued that habit. I remember writing in my furnished room--with my hot plate and thinking I was a Beat poet or something--mice scurrying by-my father told me" get the hell out of there," My mother joined in "That's the life style they lead, Larry..." Hordes of us made pilgrimages to be with the rodents and roaches.. remember all night poker games with the service bartender, who worked at the Hilton. He was going back to U/Mass for years to finish his degree.. for the past 5 years...

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