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Somerville by Design kicks off Winter Hill redesign discussion



The commercial viability of properties such as the long vacant former Star Market site was among the topics of discussion at the Winter Hill Somerville by Design meeting held last week.

By Douglas Yu

Following two open house meetings about redesigning Winter Hill last year, Somerville by Design presented 50 more design ideas to the neighborhood for an open discussion. The design ideas were sourced from Winter Hill residents.

This time, the Somerville by Design meeting was held at the Healey School cafeteria in Winter Hill on Thursday. Selected ideas were presented through pictures, sketches and verbal explanations. Public open space, strategic economic development and traffic safety were highlighted during the meeting.

Brad Rawson, the city's Project Manager and Senior Planner, explained that the strategy by which Somerville by Design crowd sources ideas from the residents is called "physical planning questions."

"We can get the best community process and the best strategic plans for the community's future when we ask people about their experiences," Rawson said.

Winter Hill is the fifth neighborhood, following Gilman Square, Lowell Street, East Somerville and Davis Square, Continued on page 15

Fighting Rett Syndrome with laughter

By Tom Bannister

A Comedy Night to raise money for Rett Syndrome research took place on Friday, January 16, at the Somerville City Club.

The event took in many donations in the form of raffle items and food from various establishments in the city such as Neighborhood Restaurant. The Somerville Fire Fighters Association Local 76 gave a Sponsorship to the event.

The event was attended by Alderman Bob McWatters, as well as Miss Massachusetts 2015, Polikseni Manxhari.

Rett syndrome is a childhood neuro-developmental disorder seen primarily in girls and women in all racial and ethnic groups worldwide. Rett syndrome affects about 1 in 10,000 females. It is now believed, however, that the prevalence of Rett may be much higher. Rett syndrome leaves all children dependent on others for all of their basic needs such as feeding, dressing, bathing and toileting.

Comedian Pete Costello, a regular and favorite at Foxwoods, Master of Ceremonies. He has worked with the likes of Continued on page 17



Comedic talent from around the area joined forces to raise funds for Rett Syndrome research. Guest of honor Sabrina Budd (center) enjoyed the support of the entertainers who gave their all at the event.

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Happy Birthday this week to a few of our readers: Happy Birthday to good friend Ken Kotch, a great local family man who even though from NJ is still a good guy. Happy Birthday to local Attorney Bob Daut. We hope he has a great birthday for himself. Happy Birthday to Villen James Robertson, originally from East Somerville and now lives in sunny Florida. We wish him a good day.

We know everyone wishes Tom Taylor the very best. He's in Florida and in the hospital. We send our best and wish him a quick recovery so that he can get home. His wife Celia is going through a lot down there as well. If you're on Facebook please look them up and send your regards and prayers.

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

Somerville High Adult evening school registration is this week and next week on Tuesday and Thursday nights, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Register for many of the courses offered at major discount prices, like the real estate license course which is offered at other places for around \$400 per course, but at SHS Adult evening class only \$175, less than half. Learn to take the test and become a Real Estate agent here in Massachusetts.

The Cambridge Symphony Orchestra presents Family Concert: The Thrill of the Orchestra on Sunday, January 25 at The Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Join in for an afternoon of fun for all ages. Their title work, Thrill, a narrated work by composer Russell Peck, offers children a jazzy, dramatic introduction to the musical instrument families in the orchestra. The Boston Globe's "Miss Conduct" Robin Abrahams will be the guest narrator, describing sounds from the majesty of the brass to the rat-tat-tat of a snare drum.

The Magoun Square Pop Up Market invites all to a neighborhood Magoun Square Open House. Free Continued on page 11

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The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

Response to: City to reassess snow removal policies

m.j. says:

Glad to see that the BOA is re-thinking this process. It seems driven, though, by complaints from constituents, so I have to wonder who on the BOA or the Mayor's Office thought this was a good idea when they proposed it? Mr. Niedergang, however, still seems unable to get it. Just because he doesn't have to work he can't seem to see that others need to get to work in the morning. Moving a deadline from 10 a.m. to noon is meaningless.

jcass says:

I have no problem with doing my sidewalk, the problem I have is the city not plowing and salting my street every winter, you are going to fine people that don't shovel the sidewalk that's great what about the city doing there job.

MarketMan says:

Because not everyone can afford to pay someone to clear snow, the only real solution is for the city to clear all streets *and* sidewalks. Sure we would have to pay for that in taxes, but it really should be a city provided service. Now do I trust that they'd manage that well? That's a different question ;-)

Oliver Seppo says:

This all started here at the Somerville Times, folks! Congratulations, folks, the revolution has begun!

Kellyann Johnson says:

What everyone is forgetting is that elderly and disable people work and live in the community as well. So when the sidewalk is not clear enough for them to get to work, should they be expected to stay home and miss out on pay. The snow removal policies are not always going to please everyone.

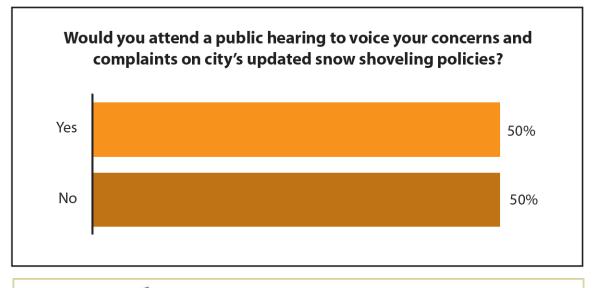
Taxed to Death says:

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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 attend a public hearing to voice your concerns and complaints on city's updated snow shoveling policies. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto 'The SomervilleTimes.com.





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A push towards pervious surfaces

By Gabriela C. Martinez

On January 15, the Legislative Matters Committee held a meeting that discussed the strengthening of two zoning ordinances designed to increase permeable surfaces in the city.

Both of the ordinances, introduced in 2012, govern pervious surfaces in the city by requiring individuals to include a percentage of pervious surfaces in their construction projects. In addition to including pervious surface, homeowners and businesses must also go through an inspection process that ensures that their construction projects do not increase storm water runoff into neighboring properties.

"I ask that these ordinances go back to the legislative matters committee, so we can make them stronger. We really want to cut down on the amount of surfaces in he city where water can't seep through," said Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston.

According to Heuston, Somerville has been subjected to flooding throughout history. Part of the problem has to do with faulty development schemes such as the filling of the Millers River. While most of it was filled, the river still flows underneath many parts of the city. The flooding, Heuston noted, can also be attributed to the city's antiquated water and sewer system. Like many older cities, Somerville has a combined



The city is looking at ways of increasing permeable surfaces to the streets of Somerville in hopes of reducing damage caused by flooding in certain neighborhoods.

storm water and sanitary sewage system that does not have the capacity to drain the excess water from rapid downpours.

The city has long acknowledged the problem of having an antiquated drainage system, which is why long-term projects, such as the streetscape and infrastructure improvements that will be included in Union Square's Revitalization Project, are considered the best solutions. The Cedar Street Sewer Separation Project, which is scheduled to begin this spring, will increase drain capacity and

separate the sewer system.

"Any of the infrastructure done in Union Square is going to be an incredible help. And I don't think that's going to be five years down the road, because you can't develop Union Square; you can't build the buildings that the Master Developer wants to build without the infrastructure."

In the meantime, routine maintenance of sewer pipes and increasing the amount of pervious surfaces in the city will help mitigate floods on a smaller scale while the substantial infrastructure projects are on their way. In a recent sewer drain line cleaning, sewer maintenance contractors took out "100 years worth of gunk," which amounted to 220 tons, from the drainage system.

The city's legislators will con-

18 arraigned for I-93 blockage

By Rebecca Danvers

Authorities say that at approximately 7:30 a.m. on Thursday morning of last week, police received a phone call that a group of people had gathered at Interstate 93 in the vicinity of Exit 30, near the Century Bank building in Medford.

State Police arrived to find a crowd of people on the highway and they requested that the individuals leave the area but that the individuals allegedly refused.

According to reports, a "human chain" of apparent protesters were linked together with PVC pipes, metal chains, ropes, and carabineers, which prevented law enforcement from separating members of the group.

District Attorney Ryan, "While we respect the right of individuals to protest, this action jeopardized public safety. This incident was more than an exercise of free speech; someone protesting or someone driving a vehicle could have been seriously injured. No one involved in civil disobedience has the legal right to trespass on a roadway with the intention of blocking traffic, let alone a major highway such as 93 during the morning com-

activities of these individuals resulted in all southbound vehicles being stopped or slowed down for several hours. Authorities say that on numerous occasions they asked the individuals to leave the area but the individuals refused. After using equipment to separate those individuals who were part of the "human chain," law enforcement officers

Authorities have said that the

transported the suspects to the Medford State Police Barracks to be processed. This afternoon, 18 suspects were arraigned on charges in Somerville District Court. Judge Maurice Flynn ordered the defendants to return for a next court hearing on Tuesday, February 20.

Of the 18 suspects arrested in this incident today one is charged with a count of carrying a weapon. He is Andrew Murray of Byfield, who faces charges of carrying a dangerous weapon (an expandable baton), disorderly conduct, trespassing, and conspiracy.

Three other defendants face three charges and those individuals are: Benjamin Woods of Jamaica Plain, Ian Trefethen of Hyde Park, and Jessica Lowell of Arlington. They face charges of disorderly conduct, trespassing, and conspiracy.

14 suspects face four charges in connection with allegedly being part of the "human chain" and reportedly blocking traffic. The charges are resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, trespassing, and conspiracy. The individuals who were arraigned on these charges are: Ana Cancino, of the South End; Jackson Chan, of the Back Bay; Sabrina Ghaus, of Dorchester; Nancy Griffin, of Brighton; Johannes Huessy, of Roxbury; Kendra Jae, of Jamaica Plain; Mallory Kaczmarek, of Roxbury; Jacquelyn Lemus, of East Boston; Diana Mai, of Allston; Monica Majewski, of Dorchester; Thu Nguyen, of Jamaica Plain; Katharine Seitz, of Dorchester; Kathryn Selcraig, of Somerville; and David Voutour, of Somerville.

tinue to tackle Somerville's on-Be sure to visit us online at going flooding problem from different angles. At their next www.TheSomervilleTimes.com meeting on January 20, the Flood Forum Special Commitand on Facebook at tee will discuss a directive that www.facebook.com/ requires developers to install backflow regulators in their new thesomervilletimes projects. **Greek American Social Construction Club Inc 79 Bow Street**

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EWEEKIN CR By Jim Clark

Saturday night rim-rider bottle bash

Police received several calls last Saturday evening reporting reckless and erratic driving by someone operating a black Cadillac in the West Somerville area.

One alleged report stated that the vehicle had struck the reporting party's car and left the scene. Another caller said that an empty vodka bottle had been

thrown from the car as it careened down Broadway.

Police caught up with the driver in question and pulled the vehicle over into the parking lot behind Sligo Pub on Elm St.

Police noted that the car's front driver's side wheel had lost its tire that the vehicle had been riding on its rim, which appeared to have been ground down from prolonged contact with the road.

Police questioned the driver, Matthew Powers, 29, who appeared to be intoxicated, according to their report.

When asked if he was aware that he had been driving on a bare rim he reportedly replied, "Ya, so what?"

When asked if he had been drinking he said that he had one beer that evening, police said.

After reportedly failing a series of field sobriety tests, Powers was judged to be intoxicated while driving and placed under arrest.

After being handcuffed, Powers reportedly began shouting and directing profanities at officers. While being placed into the police transport vehicle he struggled with officers and shouted, "Now I am resisting," according to reports.

Powers has been charged with disorderly conduct, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and resisting arrest.

Accused shoplifter packs more than makeup

Police were called to Kmart on Middlesex Ave. last Saturday on reports that a shoplifter was being detained by the store's loss prevention personnel.

Upon arrival, the officers were led to where the suspect, Erica Morrissey, 26, was being held. The Security Officer reportedly told police that Morrissey had been observed via the store's video security system placing makeup in her purse.

Police asked Morrissey why she

had placed the store's property in her purse and she reportedly told them that she had no money.

After placing Morrissey under arrest for shoplifting police searched the pursed and found three spoons with brown residue on them, a blue rubber elastic band, and seven small yellow pills with the marking "34" on them, according to reports. When asked about the pills, Morrissey reportedly said that they were Klonopin, a class "C"

controlled substance. She was unable to produce a prescription for the pills, according to police.

Morrissey has been charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise and possession of a class C drug.

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Arrests:

Joseph Capozzi, of 140 Jaques St., January 12, 6:52 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery on a family or household member.

Peter Rivera, of 19 Oxford St., January 12, 10:21 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of resisting arrest, possession of a class A drug, miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation and assault and battery on a police officer.

Mark Grande, of 319 Main St., Winchester, January 13, 1:25 a.m., arrested at 522 Medford St. on charges of motor vehicle operator furnishing a false name or Social Security number and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Amy Hill, January 13, 7:30 p.m., arrested at 220 Broadway on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Eileen Clifford, of 206 W. Ninth St., South Boston, January 14, 5:34 p.m., arrested at 300 Artisan Way on a warrant charge of fugitive from justice.

Jose Andrade, of 142 Broadway, January 14, 8:01 p.m., ar-

rested at home on a warrant charge of assault to murder.

Majenta Gafford, of 7 Craigie St., January 15, 12:39 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Jatquan Hyman, of 1208 Clay Ave., New York, NY, January 15, 8:47 p.m., arrested at Myrtle St. on a charge of attempt to commit a crime.

Jarrell Inge, of 1260 Webster Ave., New York, NY, January 15, 9:26 p.m., arrested at 163 Glen St. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Michael Nelson, of 15A Tibbets Town Way, Charlestown, January 16, 11:49 p.m., arrested at 18 Broadway on warrant charges of failure to stop or yield and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended

Eyad Mardini, of 7 Sachem St., January 17, 6:46 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Erica Morrissey, of 142 Pearl St., January 17, 8:11 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and possession of a class C drug, and on a warrant charge of larceny from a building.

Matthew Powers, January 17, 10:37 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on charges of disorderly conduct, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and resisting arrest.

Tevon Ngomba, of 25 Canal Lane, January 19, 10:31 p.m., arrested at 20 Memorial Rd. on a warrant charge of armed robbery.

Incidents:

January 13, 12:12 p.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.

January 14, 1:10 p.m., police reported a theft at Pearl St.

January 14, 3:05 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

January 15, 5:34 p.m., police reported a theft at 300 Artisan

January 15, 9:00 p.m., police reported a theft at 163 Glen St. January 16, 6:48 p.m., police reported a theft at 451 Artisan

January 16, 7:56 p.m., police reported a theft at Foley St.

January 16, 10:54 p.m., police reported a theft at 345 Somerville Ave.

January 17, 8:11 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

January 18, 2:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Calvin St. January 18, 11:49 a.m., police reported a theft at Washington

Breaking & Entering:

January 14, 6:00 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Harding St.

January 14, 2:21 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Medford St.

January 14, 7:40 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering

at Harding St. January 14, 7:43 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering

January 19, 12:00 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

Vehicle Theft:

at Harding St.

January 16, 10:42 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Hillsdale Rd.

January 18, 1:53 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Bristol Rd.

Assault:

January 15, 12:01 a.m., police reported an assault at Mystic Valley Pkwy.

January 15, 12:39 p.m., police reported an assault at Craigie

January 17, 1:25 a.m., police reported an assault at 499

January 17, 4:41 p.m., police reported an assault at Sewall

January 18, 3:56 a.m., police reported an assault at Mystic

January 18, 1:51 p.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

Destruction of Property:

January 13, 9:39 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Barton St.

January 15, 12:07 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Thurston St.

January 16, 10:33 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Main St.

January 17, 9:39 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 688 Broadway.

January 18, 10:18 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 55 Chester St.

Counterfeiting/Forgery:

January 13, 8:15 p.m., police reported a counterfeiting/forgery at Myrtle St.

Liquor Violation:

January 17, 10:37 p.m., police reported a liquor violation at Elm St.

Somerville man seriously hurt in stabbing

By Tom Bannister

A man suffered serious injuries after being stabbed in Somerville early Saturday morning.

At approximately 1:25 a.m., police responded to a 911 report that a person was on the ground on Broadway near the intersection of Hinkley Street. Authorities say when they arrived, they found a man suffering from life threatening injuries and the victim was then

transported to Massachusetts General Hospital.

The victim has been identified as a 27 year-old resident of Somerville.

District Attorney Ryan, "This is an active investigation. Evidence gathered so far indicates that the victim may have been with an acquaintance walking down the street shortly before the stabbing occurred. Anyone who may have seen something in the area of the Dunkin' Donuts store on Broad-

way early this morning is asked to come forward in order to assist in apprehending the person or the people responsible for this

A preliminary investigation indicates that the victim was stabbed on Hinkley Street and that he then traveled on foot to Broadway where he collapsed on the ground. There are indications that the victim was seen walking with another individual before the stabbing occurred.

Former D.A. pleads guilty

By Rebecca Danvers

Former Middlesex Assistant District Attorney Stephen Gilpatric, age 35, of Somerville, has pleaded guilty to charges he violated conflict of interest laws in connection with misuse of his position, Attorney General Martha Coakley announced today. He traded information in exchange for oxycodone pills.

Gilpatric pleaded guilty on Friday in Middlesex Superior Court to charges of Unlawful Gratuity, Unlawfully Communicating Criminal Offender Re-

cord Information, and Receiving Unlawful Compensation. Judge Kimberly Budd sentenced Gilpatric to two-and-a-half years in the House of Correction, suspended for five years. Under the conditions of probation, Gilpatric will be subject to random drug testing, drug evaluation and treatment as warranted by the evaluation, and will be prohibited from being employed with or for any law enforcement personnel or agency.

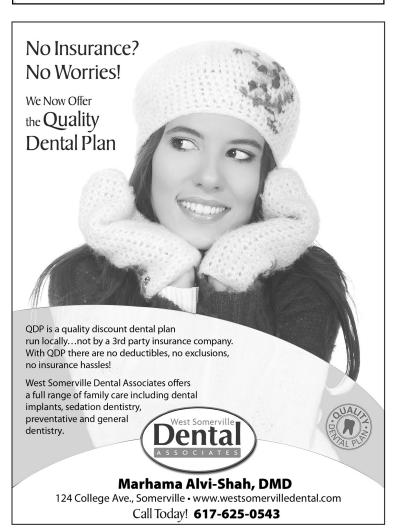
Gilpatric served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Middlesex District Attorney's Office (MDAO) from November 2007 until October 2014, when the AG's Office began an investigation. He previously worked within the MDAO's Public Protection, Anti-terrorism, Corruption and Technology (PACT) Unit, where he handled a variety of specialized prosecutions, including public corruption, white collar crime and major narcotics cases. The AG's Office received the full cooperation of the MDAO throughout the investigation.

The investigation revealed that in October 2011, Gilpatric provided his drug supplier with information that he obtained through his position as an Assistant District Attorney in exchange for drugs. He gave this drug supplier sensitive information about another man, including a Board of Probation record, a police report, a photograph, and other personal identifying information, in exchange for oxycodone pills.

Gilpatric also provided additional confidential law enforcement information—a criminal record and an organizational chart of a drug ring—to this same drug supplier and his brother, hoping to receive pills in exchange.

Current Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan had this to say about the matter: "While it may be true that addictions lead people to make bad decisions and that addictions occur in people in all walks of life, people who have the privilege of serving as Assistant District Attorneys hold positions of trust and have no excuse for releasing confidential information. Every Assistant District Attorney in this office is fully aware that in no situation, under no circumstances, and under no amount of personal stress, may he or she release confidential information to anyone not authorized to receive it."





The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #70

A Sporting Chance

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Somerville has always had a deep-seated history in sports, far deeper than most. Settled before Boston as part of Charlestown in 1628, the colony was subject to Puritan rule. By 1659, strict rules had outlawed card playing and dice. This was for fear of betting. Football, oddly enough, was allowed, unless played on forbidden streets or lanes.



Over a century later, in 1775, the Revolutionary War hero, Captain Nathan Hale, wrote to his mother from Winter Hill. He apologized to her for his fighting on the Sabbath. His Winter Hill wrestling team had meets against Prospect and Cobble Hill. Unlike the Saturday afternoon wrestling of today, they were military and practiced with weapons.

In 1777-1778, Hessian prisoners of war brought the sport of bowling or "keg-legging," as they called it, to Somerville's Winter Hill. Almost two centuries later, the first automatic candle-pin bowling machine in the nation was installed near the site of Leone's Pizza on Broadway.

Through the years, many notable athletes were rooted in Somerville. They and thousands of others excelled in athletics or contributed to Somerville's sports lore. The list includes:



- + "Jake" Kilrain World Heavyweight Champion Boxer and Amateur Rowing Champ.
- + Brother Gilbert Cairns Discovered Babe Ruth. Attended St. Joseph's School in Union Square.
- Harold Joseph "Pie" Traynor Baseball Hall of Fame and Best Third Baseman for ten years straight. Learned to play ball at Trum Field, sometimes barehanded.
- + Larry "Boston Shorty" Johnson New England Pool and Billiards Champ, Billiards Congress of America and Hall of Fame Inductee in 1999.
- John Taylor Owned and named the Boston Red Sox.
- Charles Taylor John Taylor's father and Somerville Alderman. He owned the Boston Globe, the Boston Red Sox and built Fenway Park.
- + Bobby Boris Pickett Singer-songwriter of *The Monster* Mash and Captain of Somerville High School's Basketball
- Olympia Dukakis Actress and New England Women's Fencing Champ for three years Continued on page 14

Mayor Curtatone's State of the City address

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone'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 was held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19 in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. Members of the public were 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. The following is the full text of the mayor's address:

Good evening. President White and Vice President Ballantyne; Chairman Sweeting and Vice Chairwoman Normand; Honorable members of the Board of Aldermen, School Committee and members of our Delegation; Superintendent Pierantozzi; Honored guests, friends, family and fellow citizens:

I want to wish you all a Happy New Year. I stand before you humbled, and resolute. I am humbled that every day, for the past 11 years, I have had the privilege of representing our community. It is a serious task, sober and demanding, but also one filled with great joy.

I am indebted to my wife Nancy; our sons Cosmo, Joey, Patrick and James; my mother; and all of my family for their patience and support. Before I am a mayor, I am a father, and a husband. Every day when I go home, it is my family that reminds me why public service is my vocation: It is our job as public servants to make the lives of the families and people in our community better.

Last week, we lost one of those dedicated public servants when Jimmy Mc-Carthy passed away. I'd like to take a moment to honor him. Jimmy served his country and city with pride and dedication. He served on the school committee, and then the Board of Aldermen where he was the first alderman to be elected president in his first year, and he remained dedicated to the city until he passed by serving on the Somerville Redevelopment Authority. He cared greatly about the city, cared about the community, and he was deeply proud of this city. We too are proud of him.

We are all also proud of our schools in no small part due to the outstanding service of another public servant who will retire this summer. Tony Pierantozzi's leadership of the Somerville Public Schools has been a decade of continuously better education, better results for our kids, and better futures for our families. Today, Somerville is the best performing urban school district in the state. Thank you Tony, for embracing Somerville and becoming Somerville.

As Tony leaves us, new leaders arise, re-energizing our efforts. We welcome the new leader of our schools who officially takes the reigns from Tony this summer - Mary Skipper.

We also welcomed another leader, and he is one that we are fortunate to have known for years - our new Chief of Police, David Fallon.

In his 16 years on the force, Chief Fallon has exemplified the community-based approach to protecting our people that is the foundation of today's Somerville Police Department. That approach is evident in the steps taken this past year. All Somerville Police cruisers are fully equipped with Narcan, enabling officers to save the lives of some of our most vulnerable residents.

We were the first city in Massachusetts

to pass a local TRUST Act, to improve public safety and prevent the flawed and now-ended federal Secure Communities program from breaking apart families.

Today is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, when we celebrate a man who, from jail, wrote, "Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and establish such creative tension that a community that has consistently refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue. It seeks so to dramatize the issue that it can no longer be ignored."

Nonviolent protesters in the spirit of Dr. King demonstrated through Somerville last month in the wake of the grand jury decisions in Ferguson and Staten Island. They were able to express their concerns about this systemic issue that can no longer be ignored and they did so safely thanks to the thoughtful planning and peaceful approach of the Somerville Police Department. I am proud that the Somerville Police Department leads the way in upholding justice for all our people, with honor, dignity and integrity.

"We know that government can do more. It can change people's lives for the better."

Our reform of our police department into a model of community policing is one of many accomplishments that we have achieved together. Another accolade we can rightly be proud of is: "The Best Run City in Massachusetts."

But our community's aspirations have always been more than simply having an efficient and effective government. We know that government can do more. It can change people's lives for the better.

Cities cannot be led by mere managers, seeking the highest rate of return. As Robert F. Kennedy pointed out in 1968, our Gross National Product "measures everything in short, except that which makes life worthwhile." Government has a critical role to play in the shaping the future of every person who lives in our community. When it comes to improving the lives of our people, government is not just an essential player—it is the essential player.

One year ago, at the inauguration, I vowed that we would intensify affordable housing efforts and that we would do what few cities have done: we would expand those efforts to include middle-income families so that our working middle-class is not squeezed out of the city. We then launched the Sustainable Neighborhoods initiative, and we submitted a proposed zoning code that goes beyond a simple expansion of our housing efforts. Our proposed code includes



some of the most ambitious inclusionary housing requirements in the nation--and that includes requiring the creation of homes permanently affordable for middle-income households.

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Those hopes and dreams start and end with one idea: Every person who wants to live in Somerville should be able to live in Somerville. Every person. Our diversity is at the very heart of who we are as a community. It is our soul. We cannot lose it. We will not lose it.

This past year, I put forth and the Board of Aldermen passed two important bills. Somerville homeowners now receive the largest residential property tax break in the Commonwealth. No one else saves more. And developers will now contribute more in linkage fees, raising an expected \$1 million per year that is dedicated solely to creating affordable housing.

But housing costs are only part of the affordability puzzle. A resilient, sustainable local economy is needed, too. The groundwork we have laid, matching our community's vision with careful planning, has led to great milestones in the past year in building that sustainable economy. Phase One of Assembly Row is open. The development has its first high-tech tenant, SmartBear, for its built-at-spec office space. Partners HealthCare has broken ground on its new administrative offices.

These businesses coming here didn't happen by accident.

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We studied how 21st century businesses were making decisions, created the environment that made them want to come here, and then recruited. Now our commercial tax base is growing in Assembly Square, and those new businesses are creating local jobs, for local people.

Our successes at Assembly Square are not by accident. They are the result of years of planning and work. We're going to undertake that same, community-based work in Union Square in the coming months.

The challenge is different - Assembly is a brand new neighborhood built upon a largely blank slate; Union is already a great neighborhood. But our community's goals are the same: More businesses, more housing, more economic growth, more open space and more public amenities. Our proposed zoning code reflects those same values and goals. It will not only make it easier for small businesses and homeowners to make needed improvements, it will make development even more transparent and predictable, so we can build the homes, offices, open space and more that we need as we preserve our neighborhoods while pushing development to our transformative areas. CPA funds will help us reach these goals as well. Our community's support of the Community Preservation Act has yielded nearly \$5 million in funds from residents, the City, and the state available for affordable housing, open space, historic preservation, and recreation projects this year.

Bond rating agencies specifically cited our conservative budgeting and economic development strategy, when Standard & Poor's raised our bond rating last year two spots on its scale to its second highest rating—and we will get to the highest rating. We will get to AAA. Moody's also reaffirmed our highest ever rating. Those agencies cited our conservative budgeting. There is not a single dollar in our budget that has not been scrutinized, weighed and measured.

The budget reflects our values, which is why our schools remain the largest piece of the budget. Somerville Schools have realized envious accomplishments this past year. Our schools are in the top 15% of all Massachusetts districts for student growth. We are the only urban district in the top 15%. Our universal kindergarten readiness strategy is accelerating: We have our first Director of Early Education on board. And the innovative new Somerville + Tufts Enhancing Leadership, Literacy and Readiness program with Tufts University has begun, which will further improve the education our youngest learners receive in our classrooms.

Our schools are already thinking big, and are going to think bigger. The Somer-Promise initiative is accelerating its goal to use data taken from tracking student improvement, analyzing it and using the results to shape our educational programs and priorities. Somerville is one of only eight local governments in the nation chosen to partner with Code for America in 2015. Code for America fellows will help us take our student data system to the next level.

We are also going to transform the way we move. Let's take a moment to celebrate the transportation milestones that were reached this year. Assembly Station is open. The Green Line Extension broke ground. The Green Line Extension is funded. The Obama Administration signed, sealed, and will deliver \$1 billion to build the Green Line Extension. It's done. We heard a lot of people over the years say that we would never get a station at Assembly. We heard a lot of people say the Green Line Extension would never get funded. You knew they were wrong. We kept fighting for it. Assembly Station is open. The Green Line Extension is happening.

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And alongside the Green Line Extension, the state has agreed to fund and build the Community Path Extension to Lechmere. We passed the first complete streets ordinance in the Commonwealth. We were ranked the #1 bike commuting city in the northeast. We launched the Parkmobile app, making us the first city in the region to offer payment by phone at every parking space in the city. And we completed our first-ever citywide accessibility survey.

We are not done. We look to the community's shared hopes in SomerVision. This year, we're going to think bigger. We aim higher. Like every issue we face, transportation is a complex system. So we will create a mobility plan that lays out the long-term, comprehensive vision for our community's transportation system. As the population of cities grows, we need to rethink the infrastructure that gets us around.

And as we build a transportation infrastructure for the 21st century, we must address water, sewer and building infrastructure that was built for the 20th century—and is aging rapidly. We need new buildings. Our Police and Fire Departments in Union Square are operating out of a building that began as an MBTA car barn in 1927. Somerville High School was originally built in 1872, and has not been updated in almost 30 years. We are moving forward with the state to conduct a feasibility study for the high school, and we have located a rare land opportunity on Somerville Avenue to create a new fire station. And we will be working to find a new home for our Police Department, which will give them the location and physical resources they need to keep our community safe.

The majority of our active sewers were constructed before 1920 as a combined system, carrying both sewer and storm water. We are developing a 15-year plan for our sewer system, and this past year

we created a new water and sewer stabilization fund to address the need to continue separating our storm water and sewer systems to improve performance and help mitigate flooding.

The issue of flooding brought on by increasing severe weather speaks to a larger problem than physical infrastructure. It speaks to climate change. This past year, we set our goal to become carbon neutral by 2050. Some would call that ambitious. Those paying attention rightly call it absolutely necessary. We will not abandon our children and our children's children to a world devastated by the scientific fact of climate change. Somerville will do its part. And we must aim higher.

This year, we will complete an inventory of our city's carbon output. We are soliciting ideas from green tech companies for projects we can pilot in Somerville. We are still asking our Retirement Board to Divest from fossil fuels. And this spring, we will launch a new Green Tech Program that will nurture the creativity of 21st century entrepreneurs while helping us reach our carbon goals, so that our future will be a healthy one—for our planet, for our children and for all who come after us.

Similar to climate change, the long-term health of our community needs a holistic approach. The opioid addiction crisis we face today needs that holistic, community-wide approach, too. A little more than a decade ago, we faced an epidemic of opioid abuse among our youth. We beat back that epidemic through a collaborative approach that tapped into the wealth of resources in our community and addressed the problem from every angle—and before addiction began.

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Today, the entire nation faces an epidemic, and we are not immune. Our first responders are now equipped with Narcan. But the work of saving a life starts long before anyone dials 911--and continues long after. We need as a region, state and nation to invest in prevention, education, intervention, treatment, and support for those in recovery. In Somerville, we will not only treat the symptoms. We will treat the disease of opioid addiction. Together with our community partners, with victims and survivors, and their friends and their families, we will once again beat back this epidemic.

Our greatness is not measured by what we own and acquire, but each other. It is not what we build that makes a city great. People make cities great. It is people that we must lift up - economically, environmentally and educationally. We must care for the health and wellness of all our people, and have tolerance and inclusion for

all. We began measuring the well-being of our people by becoming the first city in the nation to measure resident happiness. This year, we will take the next logical step and become the first city in North America to gauge our progress with a Social Progress Index. We will measure success not in dollars and cents alone, but also by the kind of life afforded to everyone who calls Somerville home.

Kennedy spoke about how the Gross National Product was then over \$800 billion dollars a year, but that it did not measure "the health of our children, the quality of their education or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials." Today, I say, envision a city that says our greatness is not only determined by production and wealth, but by high levels of tolerance, inclusion, sustainability, health and advanced education--and that is what we will measure. We should - and will – be that city.

And while we pursue these long-term goals, we will continue to improve core basic services. In our pursuit of ever-better customer service for all of our residents, we have expanded our award-winning community engagement efforts to include full-time Portuguese, Spanish and Haitian Creole language liaisons. Our Assessing Office undertook unprecedented outreach to better serve property owners. The new CitizenServe portal now allows everyone to apply for building and health permits online. Vital records like birth and marriage certificates can also now be purchased online.

This year, we will build a new, user-friendly and accessible City website. We will establish a Technology Leadership Council to ensure that as technology advances that we integrate the most useful new tools into our work. We will reintroduce our Mystery Shopper program to test our services. And we will continue to collaborate with organizations, from Harvard, MIT, Tufts and other universities to private businesses and service providers, to maximize our efficiency. We want good ideas—no matter where they come from.

Together we have achieved a level of success that nobody outside these 4 square miles thought we could - but we knew we could. We all fought for the Green Line Extension. We fought for Assembly Station. We fought to bring more businesses and jobs to our city.

We are succeeding. That makes things more complex, and new challenges arise. But we have achieved today's successes together. And we will tackle these new challenges together. We will continue to invest in our community, and invest in people. People are what make a city great. You make this city great.

A year ago at the inauguration ceremonies, we celebrated a decade of progress together. Tonight, we challenge ourselves to achieve another decade of progress together - and for all of Somerville. Let's aim higher. Thank you.

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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

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Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Gov. Deval Patrick was very busy on Beacon Hill before he left office and signed several bills that were approved by the Legislature in the waning days of the 2014 session. The new laws include the following:

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for REPORT DRIVERS WITH SUSPENDED OR REVOKED LICENSES (H 4521) - Requires the Registry of Motor Vehicles to notify the local police department when the driver's license of a local resident is suspended or revoked. The notification is only required when the offense is a specific crime committed by the offender including vehicular homicide and drunken driving, and if the person is a habitual traffic offender or poses an immediate threat to public safety. Included in the notification would be the offender's name, address, license plate number, type of car and driving record.

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

> WINE SALES (H 4571)- Reinstates a law allowing small farmer wineries and cider makers in the Bay State to continue to sell their products directly to restaurants and liquor stores. This law was repealed by a section of a separate law approved in July 2013 that ended the ban on direct shipments of out-of-state wine to Massachusetts customers. Legislative leaders say the repeal was unintentional and an oversight.

> Supporters said that without this fix, these farmers would be required to sell only through third-party distributors who might not even be willing to get involved in the low-volume sales of these items.

TAX EXEMPTIONS OFFERED BY LOCAL COMMUNITIES (H 4553) - Requires all cities and towns to submit to the state a list of all the exemptions, deferrals or other reductions from locally assessed taxes that are available to individuals in that community. The state would then compile a complete list of what each city and town offers. Currently, the state only tracks these tax exemptions and deferrals if they are reimbursed by the state.

Supporters said this will ensure that there is oversight and tracking of all these programs whether their costs are reimbursed by the state or not.

TOWN MEETINGS (S 2121) - Allows town moderators, after consultation with local public safety officials and selectmen, to recess and continue a town meeting at a future time, date and place because of a weather-related or public safety emergency. The bill also repeals the current law that requires the moderator to be present at the physical location of the town meeting in order to

Supporters cited the example of the town of Georgetown, which had to postpone its town meeting during Hurricane Sandy but could only legally do so if the moderator actually braved the hurricane and went to the location of the meeting. They said this is unnecessary and dangerous.

STERILIZE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (H

4384) - Gives local cities and towns the choice to opt into a law requiring that schools inform parents of children who are using a borrowed wind instrument that while the instrument has been sanitized, parents have the option to also have it sterilized to eradicate all microbial life within the instrument. The school would arrange to have the instrument sterilized but the parent would be required to pay the cost. The law would only take effect in cities or towns that choose to adopt it. Wind instruments include the flute, piccolo, clarinet, oboe, trumpet and trombone.

The measure has been proposed for several years but has never made it through the entire legislative process until this year. In past years, some versions of the bill were stricter and would have required all schools that opt into the law to sterilize each wind instrument and also pay

Supporters of the tougher version point to studies showing that bacteria that cause strep and staph infections can thrive for months inside the instrument.

Supporters of the local option version argued it is a reasonable compromise and noted there is no proof anyone has ever contracted an infection from a musical instrument.

EXPAND PALLIATIVE CARE (H 4520) - Establishes a State Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life and a Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program.

Supporters said the law will expand awareness of palliative care services and access to this system of patient-centered, family-focused care for those fighting cancer and other deadly illnesses. They noted that patients who receive palliative care live longer and more comfortable lives with reduced symptoms including less pain and nausea.

PATIENTS' RIGHTS (H 3804) - Requires Bay State inpatient mental health facilities to provide reasonable daily access to the outdoors in a manner consistent with a patient's clinical condition and safety as determined by the treating clinician. The Department of Mental Health would issue regulations defining what constitutes reasonable access.

Supporters said this will ensure that these patients get outdoors and are not stuck inside. They noted that fresh air has been shown to have a therapeutic effect on patients.

MAKE MATERNITY LEAVE GENDER-NEU-

TRAL (S 865) - Changes the state's female-only maternity leave law to a gender-neutral one. The law gives parents of a newborn or adopted child eight weeks off, with or without pay at the discretion of the employer, and the right to return to their job after that period.

Supporters said this would bring this law into the current century. They noted it is outrageous that coverage is currently reserved for women.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

FEE INCREASES GO INTO EFFECT - During the 2014 gubernatorial campaign, Gov. Charlie Baker at a debate with Attorney General Martha Coakley said he would not raise any state fees. Coakley pressed Baker and asked if that pledge was signed in blood. "I'm not going to raise fees," responded Baker.

Baker last week allowed dozens of fee increases, proposed by the Deval Patrick Administration, for recreational activities at state parks run by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to take effect. Hikes include an increase in camping fees from \$15 to \$22 per day for residents and from \$17 to \$27 for non-residents; athletic field rental from \$35 to \$40; 50-minute ice rink rental for youth hockey organizations from \$175 to \$200; picnic pavilion rental from \$100 to \$175; and hikes in many parking and other fees.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call has learned that the Baker Administration has no plans to pull back and reverse any of the hikes because they were promulgated by the Patrick Administration and have already been submitted and gone through public comment period. Supporters of the hikes say they are necessary because the budget for DCR has been cut by millions of dollars over the past few years

Environmental League President George Bachrach supports the hikes. He said, "If we want first rate parks, beaches and open space, we need to pay for it. For too long government has cut funding. Fees are painful but necessary."

Barbara Anderson, president of Citizens for Limited Taxation (CLT), weighed in, "I've never had a problem with user fees when they take the place of taxpayer subsidies and cover only the cost of providing the service or in this case, recreation. CLT traditionally objects only to a surplus from fees going into the general budget, which makes it tax revenue."

PENALTIES FOR BLOCKING TRAFFIC - Rep.

Timothy Whelan (R -Brewster) has filed legislation imposing a one-year jail sentence and up to a \$2,500 fine on anyone who intentionally blocks travel on the state's highways. The measure was filed in response to last week's blocking of traffic on Route 93 by protestors who said they were calling attention to racial injustice. Whelan, a former State Police officer, said, "The irresponsible acts of individuals ... on Route 93 not only caused many thousands of our citizens to be inconvenienced, it also caused a drain on public resources at great monetary expense to the public. The fact that emergency vehicles, including ambulances transporting medically fragile patients, were delayed or rerouted is appalling."

BAKER TEMPORARILY BANS NEW STATE **REGS** - Gov. Charlie Baker announced a temporary ban until March 31 on any new state regulations except for ones that are essential for public health and safety or ones that repeal current onerous regulations. This ban comes on the heels of the Baker Administration's recently announced hiring freeze in the executive branch of

During the gubernatorial campaign, Baker said that the regulatory environment in Massachusetts is one of the factors routinely cited by businesses as making it a difficult state in which to start or grow a business.

state government.

"WRITE YOUR OWN LAW" - Friday, January 16, at 5 p.m. was the deadline for legislators and citizens to file legislation for consideration during the 2015-2016 legislative session. The deadline, however, is not set in stone as many late-filed bills are admitted to the Legislature following the deadline but the vast majority of proposals are filed by January 16.

Massachusetts offers citizens the "right of free petition" - the power to propose their own legislation. A citizen's proposal must be filed in conjunction with a representative or senator. Sometimes a legislator will support the legislation and sponsor it along with his or her constituent. Other times, a legislator might disagree with the bill proposed by a citizen but will file it anyway as a courtesy. In those cases, the bill is listed as being filed "by request" -- indicating that he or she is doing so at the request of the citizen and does not necessarily support it. Citizens who are interested in filing legislation should contact their own or any other representative or senator.

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PATRICK TO MIT, COAKLEY TO HARVARD -

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology announced that former Gov. Patrick will be a visiting fellow at the school's Innovation Initiative. Harvard University's Institute of Politics (IOP) at the John F. Kennedy School of Government revealed that outgoing Attorney General Martha Coakley has been selected as one of five 2015 IOP Spring Resident Fellows. The IOP was established in 1966 as a memorial to President Kennedy and aims to inspire, motivate and encourage undergraduates to consider careers in politics and public service.

According to an MIT press release, the Innovation Initiative provides "formal cross-campus organization and a corresponding set of programs expanding the Institute's capacity to contribute to global innovation. It aims to enhance MIT's 'innovation infrastructure' by accelerating the process for moving basic research out of the lab and into the market." The release notes that in layman's terms, this means creating partnerships among academia, industry and government.

Patrick will have formal office hours and is expected to make regular appearances at campus events and

As a Resident Fellow, Coakley will interact with students, develop and lead weekly study groups and have many opportunities to participate in the intellectual life of the Harvard community.

FORMER STATE SEN. DICK MOORE MAY JOIN OBAMA ADMINISTRATION - The resignation of Christie Hager, the previous regional director of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has left an opening that ex-Sen. Dick Moore (D-Uxbridge) has applied to fill. Moore, formerly a powerful part of the Senate leadership team, was defeated in his re-election bid in November by GOP Sen. Ryan Fattman. The director is appointed by President Barack Obama.

The region covers Massachusetts and the other five New England states - Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. The office is at the John F. Kennedy Federal Building in Boston's Government Center.

According to HHS's website, regional directors "ensure the department maintains close contact with state, local and tribal partners and addresses the needs of communities and individuals served through HHS programs and policies."

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"My big concern, to tell you the truth, was I started to feel really sick on Monday. It got worse on Tuesday and Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

my thought was I could hang around here and infect everyone (and then) go to (Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's) State of the City (speech) and every single person I met would have an opportunity to be infected by me. Or I could just go home and get out of the way and do the public health appropriate thing to do, which I did." — Gov. Baker on WGBH Radio (89.7 FM) with talk show hosts Jim Braude and Margery Eagan on his coming down with the flu last week.

"The city has taught all of us what it means to be Boston Strong." — White House press secretary Josh Earnest on President Barack Obama's support of bringing the 2024 Olympics to Boston.

"Anyone who thinks this major international project is going to be done on the cheap - 'on time and on budget' - and won't cost us taxpayers a fortune before and if it's done hasn't lived in Massachusetts for very long or hasn't been paying attention." — Chip Ford of Citizens for Limited Taxation on the Boston Olympic bid.

"It was totally engaging. We were very deeply involved in discussion of issues. I love (former) Gov. Weld, but (the meetings with Weld) were much more social events than they were substantive. Mr. Baker is very substantive, and we spent the entire time digging deep in the weeds of policy." — Senate President Stanley Rosenberg on his first weekly meeting with Gov. Baker and House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop).

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 12-16, the House met for a total of 12 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 11 minutes.

House 11:03 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:02 a.m.
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COMMENTARY

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Let's aim higher



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Excerpted and adapted from Mayor Curtatone's State of the City address given on Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

One of the many accolades we've earned together over the past decade and that we can rightly be proud of is "The Best Run City in Massachusetts." But our community's aspirations have always been more than simply having an efficient and effective government. We know that government can do more. It can change people's lives for the better.

Cities cannot be led by mere managers, seeking the highest rate of return. As Robert F. Kennedy pointed out in 1968, our Gross National Product "measures everything in short, except that which makes life worthwhile." Government has a critical role to play in the shaping the future of every person who lives in our community. When it comes to improving the lives of

our people, government is not just an essential player—it is *the* essential player.

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Our community faces a number of challenges. We want to keep our community diverse and open to all people. An opioid addiction epidemic threatens the nation, and we are not immune. As we build a transportation infrastructure for the 21st century, we must address water, sewer and building infrastructure that was built for the 20th century—and is aging rapidly. And in the midst of the greatest demographic shift since the 1950s,

when people fled cities for suburbs, there is change coming that we must collaboratively manage, so that we dictate how our community evolves, instead of allowing outside forces shape our future.

In all these challenges, I know that Somerville will be successful. Why? Because we have always dreamed big. Because, as Kennedy also once said, we dare to fail greatly, so that we can achieve greatly. We have an entrepreneurial spirit. We have a passion for curiosity. Somerville is not a community satisfied with pat answers. We understand that there is no such thing as a simple answer to these complex questions. Systemic problems require systemic solutions. We must do the hard work to solve our complex challenges if we are going to realize our shared hopes and dreams. We aim higher.

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Life in the wife by Jimmy Del Ponte

Let's meet at The Bal-A-Roue



Originally published on October 6, 2010.

A big fat Hammond B-3 organ. Railings surrounding a wooden oval floor, and hun-

dreds of kids on roller skates! The roller-skating rink was called The Bal-A-Roue, and if you grew up in Medford, Somerville or surrounding areas, you remember it.

I believe the historic skating rink was situated where the Century Bank building is now, on Mystic Avenue in Medford. Some say that it opened as far back as 1915 and lasted into the early to mid 1980s, according to the sources we could find.

When we were kids, it was the place to go, on the weekends. Remember the logo that was (I think) a monkey holding a pair of roller skates? There are tons of Bal-A-Roue memories out there. There is even a Facebook page dedicated to the former wheeled hotspot.

You could take roller skating lessons there and even join a speed skating team. Some former patrons actually just held a reunion for those skating enthusiasts of the past. Do you remember barrels of burning wood to keep the place warm in the winter? There was a reminder on the public address system saying "...please stay away from the barrels." My, how safety laws have changed.

Did you ever skate full speed right into the girl's room? Some kids snuck beer into the Bal-A-Roue through a hole in the men's room wall.

The April 4, 1947 edition of the newspaper Roller Skater's World Tattler had these headlines: "Next big event will be the State of Mass Amateur Championship Contests...at the Bal-A-Roue, Monday and Tuesday April 21 and 22."

A lot of us had our first dates at the Bal-A-Roue, like John and Heather, who are still married! It was a great place to have Girl Scout and Cub Scout parties too. My friend Billy recalls an Alice Cooper party that featured the band The Modern Lovers, featuring Jonathan Richmond. I actually found a clip on YouTube of people skating at the Bal-A-Roue. Man,

those skating skirts were short, and the men's pants were really baggy! In the 70's they featured disco nights at the rink.

I was talking to my friend Steve Hardy who was the player/coach of a group of Somerville roller hockey players from the Mystic projects area. They went undefeated for three years, playing other teams such as Piro's Pipers. Some of the Somerville Bal-A-Roue hockey team members were Billy Cardalino, Stevie Greenwood, Billy Gaudette, Steve and Mike O'Donnell, Johnny Baino, and Dave Greenleaf.

From reading various Facebook posts, I discovered that the Bal-A-Roue was owned by George and Mary Pyche. Their son Marc currently runs Skateland in Bradford.

The mighty Juvenile Boys Relay Team from the Bal-A Roue won the State and Regional Championship in1967. They were coached by John Holland and some of the members were Ronnie Pyche, Mike Fennelly, John Zucco, and again, my friend Billy Gaudette. Be sure to visit The National Museum of Roller Skating site.



I couldn't end this story without mentioning Kemp's Hamburgers which was across the street from the rink. Back then the cheeseburgers were like 18 cents I believe. For a dollar you could get your weekly supply of yummy cholesterol.

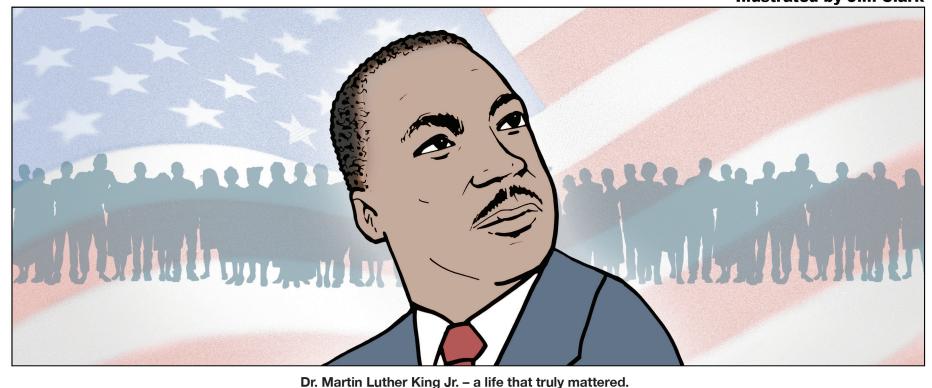
I think we need a place like the Bal-A Roue in the Somerville today. How about The Ville-A-Roue? We had so much fun back then. It seems everyone I spoke to had great memories of that happy place. We couldn't wait for the weekends. We actually needed a full week for our butts to stop hurting from all the falling.

And remember, no skating backwards!

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times



The annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day reminds us of the importance of tolerance and embracing diversity in this modern age, just as it was in the days when Dr. King walked among us.

The civil rights movement of the 60s may seem like a distant and detached part of American history for some, perhaps as remote as the civil war itself in the minds of the young who did not live in that time.

And yet, there was never a time in our history when the principles involved in that struggle are more relevant and meaningful than today, and even more so as we step forward into the future.

The great melting pot that is at the heart of the American dream is constantly tasked with the challenge of people of mixed racial, ethnic, and national identity blending and working together as equal

partners with a common goal: to live freely and prosper in a land still stands as the best possible hope for so many.

As we all strive to surmount the wearisome onus of turning back the economic downturn that has kept many down over the past few years, and at the same time celebrate all that is good and count our blessings each day, the great equalizer remains in effect. We recognize and em-

brace the common humanity in all of us.

The tireless efforts of those like Dr. King helped to teach us the importance of knowing these things. As we acknowledge and celebrate the man this week, let us take time to consider what has taken place in this country since he was taken from us. We are a better society now, and that should never be taken for granted.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

and open to the public. Discounts, Events, Window Displays and more. Jan. 31, 1-4:00 p.m. Check out the Facebook page for details: https://www.facebook.com/magounmarket. For more information, contact Jennifer Weigel, jennifer@jenniferweigelart.com or 314/954-9247.

The Green Line is coming! The Green Line is coming! Beginning in January 2015, necessary repair work will begin at rail bridges throughout the City to make way for the impending Green Line Extension project (GLX), which will bring six new rail stops to Somerville. Started on Jan. 19 and continuing through May 2015, construction on the Broadway Bridge in Ball Sq. will require the closure of the southbound vehicle and bicycle travel lane as well as the sidewalk for pedestrians in order to construct a temporary utility bridge. Two-way vehicle travel will still be accommodated, in narrower lanes, during this time and all users are advised to use caution and to follow posted signage and detours, particularly during high travel times

in the morning and evening. Work is

already underway in Union Sq. for the

spur stop and full Green Line station to be constructed on Prospect St. near the intersection with Somerville Ave. Additional work sites will include the School St. Bridge, the Medford St. Bridge in Gilman Sq., and the Broadway Bridge in Ball Sq. near the intersection with Boston Ave. A full schedule including work dates, potential impacts, and other information can always be found at www.somervillema.gov/alerts/detours-and-construction-updates, or by calling 311. Residents and businesses in these areas will be notified if and when street closures or other disruptions may be expected. To sign up for City alerts, visit www. somervillema.gov.

Somerville Office of Prevention (SCAP) Director Cory Mashburn announced that the results of their annual Student Health Survey will be presented in a public forum on Thursday, Jan. 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Highlander Café at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave. (Atrium Entrance). The results will be presented in the form of a game show, facilitated by youth from Somerville Positive Forces 100 (SPF100), with attend-

ees being divided into teams to discuss topics from the Student Health Survey. Refreshments and prize drawings are included in the event, and attendees may enter to win raffle prizes from JP Licks, Wheelworks, and Shaws. The Student Health Survey was administered to all Somerville High School students in Feb. 2014, and anonymous answers were compiled into an analytical report and compared with state and national averages in categories including alcohol use, drug use, bullying and overall school environment, and school services. A survey will be administered to Somerville middle school students in April 2015. "Bringing together community groups and individuals from Somerville to discuss the key topics of concern to the youth of the city and what items that the community want to assist them on these efforts are very important," stated Mashburn."The 2014 results show Somerville at or below the state average for these issues, and discussing these results as an entire community will help increase awareness and outreach, and decrease violence and drug use among our city's youth." For more information about the event, or the survey, please contact

SCAP at 617-625-6600 ext. 2570.

This year's annual musical at Somerville High School is Elton John and Tim Rice's AIDA School Edition, with the book written by Linda Woolverton, Robert Falls, and David Henry Hwang. The production team includes Director Charles Jabour, Music Director Richard Romanoff, and Choreographer Meagan Dilworth, under the supervision of Music Department Supervisor Richard Saunders. Performances are Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. All performances are in the Centennial Auditorium at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue. Ticket prices are \$8 in advance/\$10 at the door for students K-12 and senior citizens and \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door for adults. Tickets may be purchased in advance at www.ticketstage.com<http://www. ticketstage.com>/SHS (a \$1.50 fee per ticket applies) or by contacting producer Rosemary Sears at rsears@k12. somerville.ma.us.

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Music: Our MLK Jr. Dream by Song

The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration event, entitled, "Music: Our MLK Jr. Dream by Song" was held on Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of national Martin Luther King Day.

The 2015 event was held at the East Somerville Community School auditorium and included performances by the Somerville High School World Percussion Ensemble, El Sistema Somerville Youth Orchestra, MLK Jr. Somerville Interfaith Choir, SheBoom, the Center for Arabic Culture Children's Choir, the Somerville High School Dance Club, and the first official appearance by Somerville's first-ever Poet Laureate, Nicole Terez Dutton. The event was free and open to the public.

Additionally, the American Red Cross joined the City of Somerville and MLK Jr. Day Committee for the third annual "Day of Service" and blood drive at the East Somerville Community School.

The event is organized in cooperation with the City of Somerville Health and Human Services Department, Somerville Public Schools, the Somerville Human Rights Commission, the Somerville Commission for Women, Naveo Credit Union, and Winter Hill Bank.

































Photos by Claudia Ferro





SPORTS

St. Clement Sports weekend recap

January 18 at 10:58 a.m.

Sunday morning. ... 5th and 6th grade boys played and posted another win 19-18. The big story today was persistence. The small frame of Harrison Zammuto never gives up. He has dribbled the cover off the basketball. He is always running up and back . Fighting for the ball and his chance. Today it paid off. He got the rebound and owned it, sinking his first Anchor two

pointer. Congratulations. January 17 at 5:26 p.m.

With only 12 hours rest overnight the 7th and 8th grade boys were at it again, on the road at Saint Joe's in Stoneham, the Anchors would not disappoint. Point guard Jesus Rivera put up 15 points and Chris Chevalier may be nicknamed Mister go to, as his shot was on again today assisting in a 50-39 win. This moves the boys to 10 and

2. Next Friday at 8:30 they will play once again on the road at Saint Joe's in Medford. This will be a battle for second place in their division as the playoffs near. Great job.

January 16 at 7:08 p.m.

One word for tonight's Anchors....SWEEP! That's right 7th and 8th grade started the night for the boys as they visited Austin Prep. The boys would be lead by Samuel Miranda with

25 points, followed by Chris Chevalier with 14, 6 of them from three point land. Going on to win 56-37. Then the J.V. Anthony with a big 21 points, including 3 threes, Jesus with 19, also with 3 threes and Freddy Popken had their 7th three for a 56-49 final. Varsity would be the icing on the Anchors ...cake tonight. Larnel Coleman once again was a beast, keeping the Cougars outside attempt-

ing threes as he with help from Marcellin would shut down the paint. Our boys would end up with 7 threes on the night, four of which came from Bendan Grant. The Cougars had a chance late in the fourth when David Richard got hot with 3 threes in a row. But the Anchors under the leadership of captain Brandon Williams would prove to be too much, allowing them to post a 58-51 victory.



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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. Who invented the safety pin?
- 2. What was the first plant patented in the U.S.?
- 3. What is the Newbery Medal given annually for?
- 4. What requires seven signatures in red ink?
- 5. Who is it that once sang Hello Mudda , Hello Fadda?
- 6. Originally, what color was Tweety Bird?
- 7. What was Steven King's first published

novel?

- 8. What do Beavis and Butthead have on their T-shirts?
- 9. Emperor, Rock Hopper, and Jackass are all types of what?
- 10. What is the fastest animals on two legs?
- 11. In 1960, what was John Fitzgerald Kennedy's campaign song?
- 12. Betty White was the first woman to produce what?

Answers on page 16

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.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

in a row.

- + Howard "Howie" Long Born in Somerville on January 6, 1960. Attended Milford High School (shot-put and football); Villanova University (boxing and football); professional football (Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders); National Football League Hall of Fame and sports analyst.
- Anthony "Tony" Lavelli, Jr.
 Somerville High School and The College of the Holy Cross (basketball); Boston Celtics (player and musician) and a memorial to him at Conway Park.
- Paul Wylie Silver Medalist in Figure Skating at the 1992 Olympics. Huge banners adorned the Union Square Post Office proclaiming Teele Square as "Paul Wylie Square" for over a year.
- Daniel "Danny" MacFayden



- "Spectacled" (with his hornrimed glasses) baseball pitcher for both the Red Sox and the Yankees. Once struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig back to back.
- Erin Warren A member of the 1994 U.S. Olympic Luge team and was eliminated in an accident during one of her runs. She placed 6th in the 1998 Olympic competition.
- + John Nunziato Honored three-sport athlete at Somerville High School and Boston

University. He replaced the celebrated Harry Agganis, as quarterback at BU. Somerville High School football coach from 1958 to 1970 and led his team to a Greater Boston League Title. Union Square's Nunziato Field is named after him.

It's been a long road. From backyard peach-basket basket-ball and dusty fields, to over sixty beautiful parks of various types now embracing the city, Somerville has rewarded its athletes ... Proudly!

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Somerville by Design kicks off Winter Hill redesign discussion CONT. FROM PG 1

that Somerville by Design implements the "physical planning questions" methodology, according to the city.

In the last meeting, one resident reported that there is high frequency of truck traffic between Temple Street and Marshall Street on Broadway. Rawson said, "I've never realized how loud and noisy this section is. So for those who live in and commute in this neighborhood every day, I'm amazed about the levels of noise that they deal with."

As the most densely populated city in New England, Somerville is tremendously deficient in open space, according to the city.

"We've got some great parks. We fixed up 95 percent of them in the 12 years that Mayor Curtatone has been in office, but we need more," Rawson said. "The SomerVision plan calls for almost doubling amount of public open spaces for the city."

The dense population and the increasing demand for more public open space make up a tough challenge for urban planners at Somerville. The city respond-

ed that there are a number of tools to enlarge the public areas in the city as much as possible. One of them is to simply create new parkland.

"In the Winter Hill neighborhood down towards Gilman Square on Walnut Street, there is a former industrial property at the corner of Pearl Street. There is no factory along the rail lines. It was a polluted, brown field," Rawson said. "The factory closed in the 70's, I believe. And the city automatically bought that land, and used the federal, state and local money to clean up the pollution, went through the community process and designed it as a park. Now it's known as Edward L. Leathers Community Park, one of the most well loved parks in Somerville."

On the other hand, the demographics in Somerville is shifting, the baby boomers are moving back to the city, as well as young professionals, Rawson said. "Because they value walkability," Rawson said. "And back in 2007, when Winter Hill Star Market closed, the conventional wisdom in the community was the neighborhood demographics don't support



grocery store operations. That's hogwash. Our economic consultant said there is a plenty of purchasing power here."

In addition, many of the residents from the previous Winter Hill process complained that the highway is a barrier at the corner of Wheatland Street.

"It's not just trying to cross it. It's not just the feel, but the dinginess and dripping water," Rawson said. "Let's bring that under-highway space back to life."

Later on, he showed the audience a couple of design ideas with sketches. One of them is using solar-panel installation to shield the highway, and the other is filling that space with several independent workshops.

The open discussion also includes the possible curb design to separate bicycles and cars in order to make the traffic safer. Currently, Somerville by Design is putting curbs on Beacon Street to implement this design idea.

"For lots of potential urban bicyclists, our street lanes will never be good enough, no matter how experienced they are." Rawson said.

Surveys were handed out to the attendees at the meeting, asking them for further questions and ideas. For those Winter Hill residents who want to learn more about the redesign of Winter Hill and give valuable feedback to the city, please visit Somerville by Design's website.

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Kids and adults were boxing, playing soccer, rowing, hitting softballs, doing martial arts, calisthenics, and learning about skating, women's football, parkour, music, art and a myriad of other activities at the city's recent Recreation Fair.

Overseeing it all? Jill Lathan, the city's new Director of Recreation.

"The passion and the commitment that's in Somerville is absolutely phenomenal. I feel like I have the best and the luckiest job in the world," Lathan told Somerville Neighborhood News when she had a moment to speak. "This city is incredible; the support I have from not only the citizens but the Mayor's Office has been phenomenal."

Lathan, originally from Kansas, comes to Somerville from a post as Director of Recreation Fitness and Intramural Programs at Thomas College in Waterville, Maine. A Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCWS), Lathan is also a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP), according to City Hall.

Lathan said is excited about her new position, especially she comes just as a task force has turned in a series of recommendations.



"I got a great opportunity," she said. "The mayor put together a task force to really look at what the needs are for the City of Somerville. And the task force was divided into seven various subgroups and those subgroups met and determined what the priorities and what the needs were."

Lathan said she has been contacting groups like the Council on Aging and Teen Empowerment and other associations and organizations, to see how to improve programming. According to statistics, she said, the city has been doing pretty well as far as outreach to both girls and boys goes, but she and her department will be working on making sure all of the city's immigrant communities are also aware of programs and events.

"I'm just fired up. I mean, rock on! We're going to do a great job!" she said.

To learn more about the city's programs, go to – http://www.somervillerec.com To learn about the Somerville Recreation Task Force and to read the recommendations, go to –http://somervilleresistat.blogspot.com/p/rectask-force.html.

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Docket No. SU09P1220GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON

In the matter of: Erik Sharp

RESPONDENT

Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

Of: Jamaica Plain, MA.

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition

has been filed by Susan S. Kaplan

of Westwood, MA

In the above captioned matter requesting that court:

Accept the Resignation of the Guardian.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign, or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 02/05/2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file a written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file an affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs of both. The aboved-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness: Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 31, 2014

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ORDER OF NOTICE

It is ORDERED that a copy of this citation be:

Served on the Department of the Development Services and /or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, if interested, and served on all other interested persons at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the return date by delivering in hand or by mailing by certified, registered, or first-class mail as described in G. L.c. 190B, 401, 5-304,5-405 as applicable; or by publishing a copy of the citation once in General Circulation Somerville, MA, publication to be at least Seven (7) days prior to the return date.

See Standing Order 03-09: Notice in Guardianship of Incapacitated **Persons and Conservatorship Matters**

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court

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

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland

Assembly Row Block 5: (Case #PB 2014-34) Applicant and Owner, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of "Block 5" (identified as MBL 85-A-12) of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2 to construct a mixed-use building with approx. 20,000 sf retail/restaurant space, 155 residential units, 104 hotel units and approx. 181 parking spaces. The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP. The residential development is subject to inclusionary housing requirements. The Applicant and Owner also seek waivers (S.Z.O. §6.4.12 & 16.5.5) for fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and §9.7, submission of a landscape and screening plan under §5.3.2.10, the Planning Board's right of first refusal or option to purchase the inclusionary units under §13.3.5 and from regulations of forthcoming zoning amendments as permitted by §16.10.2 of the SZO. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1.

5 Maxwell's Green: (Case #PB 2015-01) Applicant, Laura de la Torre Bueno, and Owner, IMP Maxwell's Green, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to establish an office with a primary residence. Zone PUD-B1, Ward 3.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 1/21/15 & 1/28/15.

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

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 14D3945DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING VS.

Michael Ghebre

Menbere Shifa

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Michael Ghebre 1370 Broadway #6 Somerville, MA 02144

your answer, if any on or before 02/20/2015. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: December 20, 2014.

Tara E. De Christofaro Register of Probate

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Av-

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. Parking relief is also required. RB

75 Bow St: (Case #ZBA 2015-02) Applicant, Community Preschool, LLC, and Owner, Michael Pergantis, seek a Special Permit for parking relief. NB Zone. Ward 3.

21 Cambria St: (Case #ZBA 2015-03) Applicant and Owner, Shar Van Boskirk, seeks a Special Permit to alter a non-conforming single-family dwelling to modify a rear stair and patio. RA zone. Ward 3.

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

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 Proposal (RFP).

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

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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Fighting Rett Syndrome with laughter CONT. FROM PG 1

Joan Rivers and The Beach Boys, to name a few. Headliner Dave Russo (http://www.daverusso.net/), a Boston comedy Festival 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 also featured comedian Patty Gould and special guest Al Park.

Al Park is quickly becoming one of the best up and coming comedians in Boston. In 2012 and 2013 he was a semi-finalist in the Boston Comedy Festival, in 2014 he was a finalist in the World Series of Comedy, and he's been a featured performer at the Laugh Your Asheville Off Comedy Festival. He now travels the country captivating audiences with his world-wise attitude and storytelling flair.

Pre-Comedy show entertainment was provided by Ron Everett Music.

10-year-old Sabrina Budd, a sufferer of Rett Syndrome, was the special guest of honor and will benefit from many of the donations gathered at the event. Her brother Richie and mother Bonnie are running in the Disney Princess 10k in February to raise money for Rett Syndrome Research for Girl Power 2 Cure organization.













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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday | January 21

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 22

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday | January 23

Central Library

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

Monday January 26

Central Library

Sing-along with Jeremy Lyons 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday January 27

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 11-13

Tammy McKanan

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

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

Book Club for Kids Ages 9-12 Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 7p.m. - 9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday January 28

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

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday | January 21

Johnny D's

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

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

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Avel617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

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

Arts at the Armory

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

Thursday January 22

Johnny D's

Awkward Sex & The City 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Bob Enik Trio with special guests 7:30 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Scattershot

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

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

The Loop

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|January 23

Johnny D's

Stan Martin & Kevin Connolly We Dig Free Fridays Presents: Whiskey Kill and The Red Pennys 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. Spotted Tiger with Danielle Miraglia \$5 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Young Love & The Thrills 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

Dave Wells and Friends 10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree

DI MCKIdaleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille Live music

9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory

Bluegrass Fridays 7:30 p.m.|Café

Davis Square Theatre

Scientist turned Comedian Tim Lee 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Saturday January 24

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch

Celia Slattery Vocal Studio Showcase

The Iguanas Playin' Dead

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band|6 p.m. Dr Fidelity & Guests \$5 cover | 9

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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The Burren

Back Room limmv's Down

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 DI Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's**

The Silks & Handsome Jack|10 p.m.

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree

DJ 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.|Café David Johnston

1 p.m.|Cafe Urban Elixir, Freestyle Spoken Word Night, Poetic Percussion

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Scientist turned Comedian Tim Lee 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Sunday | January 25

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch

Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew **Smart Band** 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Natalie Flanagan, Jeremy Wallace

Trio, Trusty Sidekick 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

PA'S Lounge

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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**

150 Highland Avel617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Sunday Night Live Music

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DI

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Arts at the Armory CSO Family Concert: The Thrill of the

Orchestra 4 p.m.|Performance Hall

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Cafe Raqs

Davis Square Theatre Davis Square Theatre Scientist turned Comedian Tim Lee 7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Monday January 26

Johnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.

Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

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

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 Arts at the Armory Rough Cut Media Screening

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Tuesday January 27

Johnny D's Jesse & Mariam Tuesdays in January Free Barside show

Sally O'Brien's Bar

TBA 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Open Mic Night w/ Dr. Grant

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

The Burren

Back Room

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers 8:30

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

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz

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

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Threads, Traces, and Surfaces 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Green Line Extension Design/Construction Working Group

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

land Ave

Wednesday | January 28

Johnny D's Uncle Johnny's Band 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

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

345 Somerville Ave 617-776-1557 On The Hill Tavern

PA'S Lounge

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Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

9910

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Free Expression Day 3:30 p.m.| Mezzanine Cancer Symposium Series: Breast

Cancer 6 p.m.|Performance Hall 191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS 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 Thursday January 22

Central Library Somerville Affordable Housing Trust **Fund Meeting** Kelly Donato-617-625-6600 x2560

6:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

(Session 1)6 .m.-7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Learn English at the Library!

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 24 Arts at the Armory

Hall|191 Highland Ave **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work

Somerville Winter Farmers' Market

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.|Performance

9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

Sunday | January 25 **Unity Church of God**

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Family Groups

Third Life Studio Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com Monday January 26

East Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

(Session 1)6 .m.-7 p.m.

115 Broadway Tuesday | January 27

Avenue

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

(Session 2)7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave **Third Life Studio**

Prenatal Yoga

Arts at the Armory

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 28 **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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

HAPPENINGS: $N \mid O$ CENTE

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

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

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.

St. Valentine's Day Celebration - Monday, February 9th from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Winter Hill Yacht Club. Limited seating and transportation - \$10.- fee, please call Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

Fiore's Restaurant – Wednesday, February 11th – check in time is 10:45 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and 11:00 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 3:00 P.M. Join us for a delicious lunch – choice of Chicken Parmesan, Salmon or Eggplant Parmesan - \$25.- fee, this will sell out fast so please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Grandparents Day 2015 – Wednesday, February 18th from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. This is a school vacation week and we would love it if you brought your grandchildren! But you don't need grandchildren to attend! This year's theme is "The Roots of Fun." Join us and our friends at Teen Empowerment for a full day of activities for little kids, teenagers and older adults. Highlights include planting seeds together and a viewing of Walt Disney's Fantasia. RSVP is a must, as a kid-friendly lunch and other goodies are included so please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

Stoneham Theatre – Wednesday, March 11th – Departing our Holland Street Center at 11:30 A.M. for lunch and a 2:00 P.M. matinee of "That Hopey Changey Thing." A play written by Richard Nelson exploring ideas big & small, personal & political all fashioned into a heartfelt, funny & engaging snapshot of contemporary life. The play examines everything from Sarah Palin to the best way to de-skunk a dog. A fee of \$25.- includes theatre admission and SCM transportation. Lunch at a local restaurant is an additional cost. Approximate return time is 4:30 P.M. To register or to learn more please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

Boston Flower & Garden Show – Thursday, March 12th – Departing our Holland Street Center at 9:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 3:00 P.M. A fee of \$26.- includes tickets and round trip SCM transportation. Lunch at a waterfront area restaurant is an additional cost. This year's theme is "Season of Enchantment." Gardening, cooking, floral design demos, lectures and so much more. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – Thursday, March 19th from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Winter Hill Yacht Club. \$10.- fee, seating and transportation is limited so please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

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:

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.

The Tuesday, January 27th luncheon at the Highlander Café is **SOLD OUT**.

The trip scheduled to Wildwood, NJ on May 11th – 15th is **SOLD OUT**.

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

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

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

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)

Tuesdays:

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 21

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 22

10:00 Current Events Group (H) 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (RJ) 10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

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

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

Friday | January 23

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

Monday, January 26th

10:30 Moonlighters (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) Dance at the Holiday Inn

Tuesday, January 27th

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

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

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

12:45 Bingo (RJ) **Culinary Arts**

Wednesday, January 28th

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Whist (H) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads Hanscom AFB

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The Tufts University Department of Music presents Devo(to)tion: Mark DeVoto Birthday Concert in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. This concert will celebrate com-

poser and Professor Emeritus Mark DeVoto at 75 and will feature world premieres of three new works: Eight Poems of Emily Dickinson (2012); Three Pieces for two violas (2014); and Trio for clarinet, cello, and piano (2014). The concert is presented as part of the Sunday at Tufts - Community Concert Series. The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/ Somerville campus. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit as.tufts. edu/music/musiccenter or call the Granoff Music Center Box Office at 617.627.3679.

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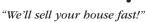
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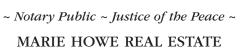
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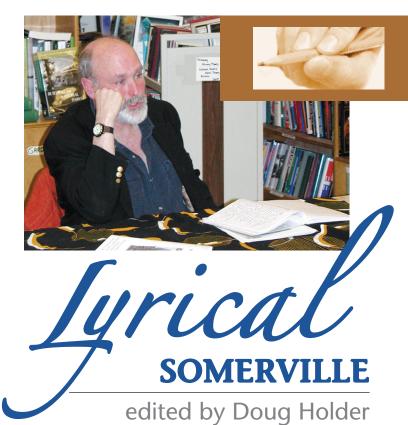
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EVERY DAWN, I LOVE

to sit in my breakfast nook while gold leaves entertain me

by floating through the grey air and settling--as if arranged like models a painter instructs--

on the patio's faded bricks that I rake clean every night.

But today I awoke when the air was blazing with sunlight;

by the time I took my seat, hundreds of leaves had already fallen, already lay still

whether I'd watched their flight or had never live.

A MOMENT'S MUSIC

Though night-cold, a couple hurry their laughter right past the stoop

where I stand, touched by the fringe of their love's warmth.

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Glancing at you standing rain-pelted near the curb--

your beseeching arm raised heavenward in the hope a taxi will rescue you--

how can I help but see you as more than just yourself.

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Imperial Jewelry:

A new store that displays the art and craft of local artists

Medford Street, between Union Square and Ball Square, is sort of a forgotten neck of the woods in our city. As the gentrification of our burg progresses and speeds to the inevitable displacement that always happens at times like these, the city is taking some action. They are providing help to fledgling businesses so they can survive in a rapidly changing Somerville—a lofty goal to be sure. Adriana Fernandes, a Community Engagement Specialist for the city of Somerville, is a face of the city—who is helping Imperial Jewelry at 499 Medford St. have a fighting chance in the "new" Somerville. Fernandes is helping the new owner Cleuder Morias, negotiate the shoals of a new language (Morias recently arrived from Italy), as well to encourage his outreach into the community. Fernandes told me, "My role is not just about business, but about changing lives."

I was introduced to this new enterprise by enamel artist Barbara Marder. Marder is a former art teacher at the Kennedy School in Somerville and currently has a space at the Artists Asylum outside Union Square. At the Kennedy School she supervised students who created a mural that involved glass enamel that is still on display today. Marder, who trained at Skidmore and Boston University, works extensively with enamel, and a lot of her enamel jewelry is on display at the shop. I purchased one of her inexpensive brooches for a friend of mine—and she immediately adorned it on her coat. I say that is a strong endorsement. Marder has also produced enamel on copper bowls and paints landscapes of the Berkshires, and other

scenes. Marder tells me she is hardly a provincial artist, as she has a following nationally and inter-

Another resident artist at the shop is Consuelo J. Perez. Perez describes her genre of arts as "Trash to Treasure." She recycles items like bottle caps, key rings, and other items into off the grid jewelry, brooches, zipper earrings, etc. that are displayed at the store. Perez is a longtime Somerville resident and works from a home studio. She sees the neighborhood changing rapidly, and is glad there are still venues for her work. She has also displayed her work at the Somerville Open Studios, and other events that the Somerville Arts Council offers.

The third artist I spoke to was Jennifer Weigel. She describes herself as a conceptual artist, photographer, and painter. She recently relocated from St. Louis to Somerville to be near her boyfriend. She described her painting as Monet-influenced, and she works with oil and acrylic. A few of her paintings were displayed at the shop. She told me "I am and identity-based artist. I work with costumes, gender identity, etc." Weigel has had exhibits around the country, like the ARC gallery in San Francisco and others. She continued, "I consider myself a social and environmental activist, and a feminist. My work reflects that."

Weigel and this band of artists have plans. They will have an open house event on Saturday, January 31 from 1-4 p.m.

For more info about the gallery call: 857-417-



The artists of the Imperial Jewelry with Doug Holder (Center).

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