

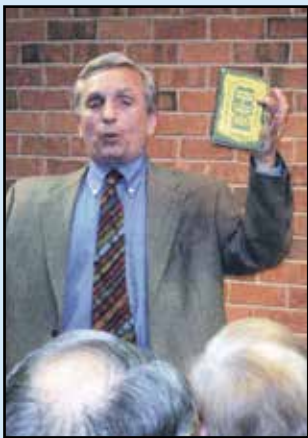
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Somerville celebrates MLK’s legacy



Members of the community gathered at the East Somerville Community School auditorium on Martin Luther King Jr. Day this Monday, honoring the memory and accomplishments of the late civil rights leader.

By Ariana Mackey

The community of Somerville came together to honor the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday, Jan. 20, during an event titled, “The Dream: Equality for All.”

The master of ceremonies for the event was Sonja Darai of the Office of Somerville Commissions. The 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. celebration began promptly at 11 a.m. with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone giving a warm welcome to the residents sitting before him in the East Somerville Community School auditorium. He spoke about the past years the town has celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. and some history behind the day.

Succeeding the mayor’s welcome, the El Sistema Somerville Youth Orchestra, directed by Silas DeOliveira, performed a piece specifically for the MLK event.

Also as part of the event, the Somerville public schools selected several youths who wrote essays about King and what equality truly means to them. The first four chosen to speak about their essays were Patrick Raftery, Tenzin Kunkhyen, Remy Minkoff and Owen Carr. The various essays described how equality by their own standards, as well as King’s, included promoting friendship and

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Dog owner awaits decision on euthanization appeal

By David R. Smith

The fate of a dog ordered euthanized after biting a man Oct. 31 will soon be decided following an appeal hearing at Somerville District Court Jan. 15.

Rocco, a 6-year-old bullmastiff, has been held at the city kennel since the Halloween-night incident.

According to police, the victim, a Somerville resident, was walking his 4-year-old German shepherd on Calvin Street around 7:30 that evening when Rocco bolted from the doorway of his home at 38 Calvin, attacking the shepherd and then the owner when he attempted to intervene.

The dog suffered multiple injuries and needed veterinary care. The man suffered severe bites on both hands and spent five nights at Cambridge City Hospital, where he underwent surgery to repair the damage.

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Rocco, the bullmastiff currently being held in the city kennel, may yet be spared from being euthanized, depending on a forthcoming court ruling.

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Happy Birthdays this week to many Villens from here and here now in Somerville. A big happy birthday to our good friend Ken Kotch, a photographer originally from New Jersey who now lives here in the Ville. Local attorney and good guy Bob Daut is celebrating this week as well. And we can't forget about Somerville's up-and-coming specialty chef and all-around fantastic lady Dorothy DiMarzo. We hope she has a great day this week. And to Steven Pinkham, who comes from a longtime Somerville family and is now married and living just a little north, we wish him a good day. Joey Del Ponte, son of our own Jimmy, is celebrating this week. What a talented guy! He has his own band, "The Poison Girls Club," and we hear that it's a great band. Keep an eye here on this guy, folks; we might be seeing him at the Grammy's sometime in the future. And happy bday to Shannon de la Paz, another local celebrating this week. We wish Sean Sullivan a happy birthday this week as well. To James McGowan, another local Villen, we wish a good day. And the same goes out to Linda Silva-Lambert. Finally, to Lou Brink, who is originally from Connecticut and is now living here in the Ville, happy birthday! To all the many other January birthdays -and there are a lot- a big HB to all of you.

Best wishes to Dan Ryan of Congressman Capuano's office who is running for the state representative seat recently vacated by Eugene O'Flaherty of Charlestown. He's having a fundraiser this week, so we wish him the best in his campaign.

Meanwhile, up at City Hall we now hear that Maureen Bastardi may be heading to the Council on Aging very soon. We also heard Courtney O'Keefe might not get the clerk's position now, but she just might get a full-time position with the city. We also heard that Bruce Desmond might be getting a position with the city as well. Does it pay to be an elected official first and then get a job? We don't know, but it seems like it so far... Except we don't hear about Bob Trane getting a job with the city, but who knows? Maybe over at Congressman Capuano's office, he might land on his feet.

We wish nothing but the best for Tom Continued on page 11

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Comments of the Week

Response to Resident seeks clemency for pet

Marie says:
This story is truly sad and unfortunate for all involved. I actually know the owner of the dog and the dog, This was an unfortunate accident the dog owner was working when it occurred. Suggesting criminal charges for an accident that was beyond the owner's control is outrageous and ignorant. I pray for the health and peace for the victim and for the owner. Posting without being properly informed is irresponsible.

wth says:
Most of the fault here lies, unfortunately, with the victim. Too many people in this city have dogs but are totally clueless as to dog behavior. They are animals, after all, not children. The first thing you learn if you study dogs is that you never, ever, try to separate two dogs that are fighting. They cannot make a distinction between the other dog and your hand. I have come across far too many irresponsible dog owners, particularly on the bike path, who know nothing about dogs.

simple says:
seems very simple. your dog, you're responsible. when you go to work, you make arrangements so everything is safe for all. No second chances once this stuff has happened. Sad for the dog, but the owner doesn't get a second chance. What are you waiting for? a dead child? I also see everyone with a dog and too few know what they're doing or want to really do what you have to do. It's just an accessory at this point, go to work, take it for a quick walk, then go out alone. These dogs are alone cooped up all day, stuck in the car, etc. dogs have become a fad and it's just cool to have one.

steve says:
i feel bad for the dog.. has anyone ever seen crappy looking "pound" in the dpw yard? does the owner miss walsh at least get to see her dog there? all this court drama will take months. how big is the cage? it must stink in there. i bet after hrs if i yell rocco outside the yard ill hear all kinds of whining and crying! if walsh agrees to muzzle and behavior training cant rocco stay with his owner? if he is going to be put down at least do it quick – dont torture me!

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you think the court should decide the fate of a dog without advice from a dog behaviorist. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

Should the court decide the fate of a dog without advice from a dog behaviorist?



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Mother of murder victim reaches out to others through new blog

By David R. Smith

After the grief and the court dates and eventual trials, one thing above all remains fresh as ever for Denise Cosby, even after nearly five years.

"The Call; that's what you never forget," she said.

The voice on the other end of the line told her that her son, 21-year-old Justin, had died after being shot in the stomach in a robbery turned deadly at Harvard May 18 of 2009.

"The hurt and anger is something that's hard to articulate," she said. "The shock and sadness leaves people with a big gap that's hard to fill."

To help people like herself who have lost a loved one at another person's hands, Cosby created a blog last month, www.survivingmurder1.com.

"Every one has a different experience trying to find their way," she said. "My blog is where someone can come to share their experience and raise topics. I want my blog to be the thread that binds together families and friends whom have lost loved ones to murder by the hands of others."

Jabrai Jordan Copney of New York was charged with Justin's murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole. His accomplices, Blayn Jiggetts and Jason Aquino, were convicted on lesser charges, with Jiggetts sentenced to 9 to 12 years in prison and Aquino sentenced to 18 to 20 years.

Copney was staying with his

girlfriend, then-Harvard student Brittany Smith, and she allowed Copney to use her Harvard ID to get into Kirkland House at Harvard, where the men met Justin and planned to rob him of the pot he was there to sell them. Smith was sentenced in September 2011 to three years in prison.

"I want my blog to be the thread that binds together families and friends whom have lost loved ones to murder by the hands of others"

Media coverage of the murder often had Justin described as a "Cambridge drug dealer," and while Cosby said she knew her son smoked pot, his dealing of it was small scale, as she later learned, and essentially amounted to pocket money.

So as she dealt with the loss of her son, she also had to deal with the smearing of his character, turning him in death into something she knew he wasn't in life.

"It left his character flawed," she said. "It's important people know who he was."

To ensure people would know her son as she did, Cos-



Denise Cosby, whose son Justin was murdered in 2009, began a blog, www.survivingmurder1.com, last month.

by, a Somerville-based real estate agent and Cambridge resident, attended the court proceedings for all four defendants, noting that they had a chance to offer their side of the story, while her son, obviously, could not.

"I think it was important for me to be at each (court appearance) in person," she said. "It was important that they

knew someone who loved Jason was there."

In addition to her recently launched blog, she has also written a book she plans to have published this spring on her experiences, addressing both losing a child to murder and what she has learned about the criminal justice system.

"This is something that needs to be spoken about," she said.

Whatever she may write about online or share with others through interviews or one-on-one encounters in private, the focus will always be on the son she lost too soon.

"He can longer speak for himself," she said. "I am his voice now."

Suggestions for blog topics can be submitted to survivingmurder1@gmail.com.

Dog owner awaits decision on euthanization appeal

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Officer April Terrio initially ordered the dog to remain under home quarantine with his owner, Rose Walsh. Terrio forwarded her report to Somerville police with a petition for a public hearing and a recommendation that the dog be euthanized.

Rocco was not licensed with the city. He was removed from

Walsh's home and quarantined at the city kennel, where he has been since.

Following a Nov. 14 public hearing, Rocco was deemed a "dangerous dog" based on the "viciousness and unprovoked nature of the attack."

Walsh appealed the decision to euthanize Rocco to the Somer-

ville District Court.

Rocco's case has generated strong emotions on both sides. A now-closed petition at change.org to spare Rocco and give him a second chance generated over 3,000 digital signatures.

Material from a report by Elizabeth Sheeran was used in this story.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

A rooftop party gone out of bounds

Police were summoned to a Belmont St. residence shortly after 1:00 a.m. on Saturday in response to reports of a loud party taking place in the third floor unit, as well as on the roof of the building itself.

Upon arrival, officers were met by the reporting party and were told that he had just been assaulted by his third floor neighbor, police said.

The officers noted that beer bottles had been thrown to the sidewalk, leaving broken glass there, according to reports.

Witnesses reportedly told police that the host of the party and third floor tenant, Steven Demaras, 24, was urinating from the front porch of his apartment onto the sidewalk below.

Shortly thereafter, Demaras reportedly came down to the third floor and punched two victims in the face.

The responding officers went to the third floor unit to try to talk to Demaras. Yelling inside the apartment was heard by the officers, and when Demaras answered the door he was reportedly rude to them and told them to leave.

The officers then entered the apartment in an attempt to get Demaras to calm down and cooperate, as well as ask his party guests to call it a night and leave.

Demaras repeatedly refused to comply with the officers' requests to compose himself, according to reports, and when he was advised that he would be placed under arrest he swung his arm and ran into the bathroom, locking himself in.

Demaras was eventually convinced to come out of the bathroom, whereupon he was placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery, resisting arrest, and noisy and disorderly house.

And with that the party came to an end.

Argument over drug use leads to arrest

A report of a possible fight in progress at a Hudson St. residence brought police to the scene on Friday morning.

Arriving officers found a female, later identified as Lauren Vowells, 25, of Salem, standing on the front porch of the residence. Officers noted that she appeared to be bleeding from her lip, and when questioned she reportedly told them that she had been arguing with her boyfriend.

The boyfriend reportedly told police that he had been arguing with Vowells over her heroin addiction. He further stated that she had acquired some heroin and that her "kit" was in an eyeglasses case that she had taken with her.

Officers resumed questioning of Vowells and asked her where she had put the kit. She claimed that she did not understand what they were talking about, police said.

An officer spotted what appeared to be an eyeglasses case near the top of her open handbag and proceeded to examine its contents.

According to reports, the case contained what appeared to be drug paraphernalia, specifically a hypodermic syringe containing a brownish fluid believed to be a heroin solution, as well as a small glass jar containing a similar fluid.

At that point Vowells was placed under arrest and handcuffed. A search of her bag turned up a glass pipe caked with a white powdery substance that Vowells reportedly admitted was probably heroin.

She was charged with possession of a class A drug.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Joseph Dixon, 53, of 444 Harrison Ave., Boston, January 13, 8:54 p.m., arrested at 278 Powder House Blvd. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

James Huguley, 49, of 102 Exchange Ave., Medford, January 13, 9:01 p.m., arrested at 660 Broadway on a charge of trespassing.

Carlos Rivera, 29, of 165 Cottage St., Chelsea, January 14, 4:51 p.m., arrested at 95 Central St. on warrant charges of child under 6 without a car seat, possession of a class A drug, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug possession to distribute.

Christopher Simon-Martin, 28, of 14 Sargent Ave., January 15, 7:00 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Brahmananda Lash, 31, of 257 Highland Ave., New Haven, CT, January 15, 11:19 a.m., arrested at 616 Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Veronica Bouche, 33, of 4 Ashland St., Medford, January 16, 4:21 p.m., arrested at 709 McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of receiving stolen property under \$250 and nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat.

Jesse Weed, 32, of 37 Jackson Rd., January 16, 7:46 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of common law criminal contempt.

Bijendra Karki, 41, of 21 Franklin Ave., January 16, 7:55 p.m., arrested at Chester Ave. on a charge of assault and battery.

Wemerson Generoso, 48, of 84 Turnpike Rd., Southborough, January 16, 10:21 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of speeding and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Lauren Vowells, 25, of 12 Carlton St., Salem, January 17, 9:07 a.m., arrested at 102 Hudson St. on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

Jesse Weed, 32, of 37 Jackson Rd., January 17, 1:42 p.m., arrested at home on charges of larceny from a building, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

Jaselin Gonzalez, 18, of 141 Salem St., Salem, January 17, 2:07 p.m., arrested at 16 Otis St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Samuel Valera, 43, of 274 Willis Ave., Medford, January 17, 2:42 p.m., arrested at 50

Cross St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Mary Riddle, 49, of 50 River Rd., January 17, 5:08 p.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Linda Cardalino, 49, of 21 Henderson St., January 17, 6:36 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Steven Demaras, 24, of 6 Belmont St., January 18, 1:39 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery, resisting arrest, and noisy and disorderly house.

Guy Ahart, 51, of 15 Brenton St., Dorchester, January 18, 1:22 p.m., arrested at 105 Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Matthew Henebury, 43, of 70 Boston St., January 18, 1:30 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of wanton malicious defamation.

Incidents:

Theft:

January 13, 12:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Austin St.

January 13, 4:39 p.m., police reported a theft at 472 Mystic Ave.

January 13, 8:42 p.m., police reported a theft at Perkins St.

January 14, 10:26 a.m., police reported a theft at Elmwood Terr.

January 14, 2:42 p.m., police reported a theft at Norfolk St.

January 14, 6:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

January 15, 3:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Memorial Rd.

January 16, 8:58 a.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

January 16, 9:04 a.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

January 16, 3:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Bailey Rd.

January 16, 4:30 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

January 17, 10:24 a.m., police reported a theft at 30 Memorial Rd.

January 17, 1:42 p.m., police reported a theft at Jackson Rd.

January 17, 2:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

January 18, 1:22 p.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.

Robbery:

January 16, 2:06 a.m., police reported a robbery at 230 Highland Ave.

January 18, 7:47 p.m., police reported a robbery at 594 Somerville Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

January 13, 3:54 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Jasper St.

January 13, 5:03 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bromfield Rd.

January 16, 5:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Walnut St.

January 17, 11:50 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Jackson Rd.

Vehicle Theft:

January 16, 10:27 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Somerville Ave.

Assault:

January 13, 9:44 p.m., police reported an assault at Allen St.

January 15, 7:00 a.m., police reported an assault at Sargent Ave.

January 16, 7:55 p.m., police reported an assault at Chester Ave.

January 17, 2:07 p.m., police reported an assault at Otis St.

January 17, 2:42 p.m., police reported an assault at 50 Cross St.

January 17, 6:36 p.m., police reported an assault at Henderson St.

January 18, 1:39 a.m., police reported an assault at Belmont St.

Drug Violation:

January 17, 9:07 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Hudson St.

Somerville Police issue safety alert: Three indecent assaults in Porter and Union Square areas

From the Somerville Police:

Over the past three months, there have been three assaults on women in Somerville in the Union and Porter Square areas after dark in the evening hours and early nighttime. The Somerville Police Department is working to identify and apprehend the suspects as quickly as possible, and we wish to alert residents, especially women, to take safety precautions.

On Sunday, January 12, 2014, a 45-year-old female was indecently assaulted on Hawkins St. near Somerville Avenue in the Union Square area. The suspect is described as a white Hispanic male, 25 to 30 years of age, approximately 5' 06" tall, with a medium build and brown eyes. This suspect was wearing a black zip-up sweater, a beanie cap with ear flaps, black tennis shoes, jeans and he was carrying a gray back pack.

On Thursday, January 2, 2014, a 28-year-old female was indecently assaulted while walking on Porter St. between Summer St. and Highland Ave in the Porter Square area. The suspect is described as a white male, 20 to 30 years of age, 5'-09" to 5'-10" tall, with a thin-athletic build, and clean shaven. The suspect was wearing a red ski jacket with black under the arm-pits and dark pants. The suspect fled from Porter St. down Francis St. to Conwell St.

This description closely resembles that of a suspect who



Somerville Police released a sketch of a possible suspect in the recent assaults in the Porter Square and Union Square area.

committed a similar offense on Porter St. near Elm Street in the Porter Square area on November 18, 2013. Whether or not one suspect is responsible for both incidents remains under investigation.

The Somerville Police would like to encourage everyone, especially women, to take precautions while walking at night. Do not wear ear buds while walking, avoid poorly lit areas, be aware of your surroundings, and if possible do not walk alone. Keep your cell phone handy, so you can make a call to police

quickly. If you are approached by a man you do not know, call 911 right away.

Any citizen with information regarding any of these assaults is asked to contact Sgt. Richard Lavey at the Somerville Police Department Family Services Unit @ 617.625.1600 ext. 7237 or by email at, or the Somerville Police Criminal Investigation Division 617.625.1600 ext. 7220. Anonymous tips may also be texted to the phone number "TIP411 (847411); then put "617spd" at the beginning of your text message.

He wasn't just playing

By Jim Clark

While on route to the Somerville Police Station last Thursday evening, police officers took notice of couple crossing a McGrath Hwy. intersection against a red light.

The officers in the vehicle reported that they had to slam on their brakes to avoid hitting the man and woman.

The man, later identified as Bijendra Karki, 41, appeared to be zigzagging as he walked across

the street and didn't seem to be able to support himself, according to police.

At one point, Karki stopped at Chester St., lowered his pants, and began urinating on the sidewalk.

An officer in the police vehicle reportedly advised Karki that he should stop urinating in public.

His female companion reportedly attempted to stop Karki from urinating but he made a violent swing of his arm, although he did not make contact with the woman at that time.

He reportedly continued urinating on the sidewalk and also violently shoved the woman into the middle of the street with his open hand.

Police then moved in to take charge of the situation and immediately noticed the smell of alcohol on the man. When confronted by the officers, Karki reportedly told them that they were just playing.

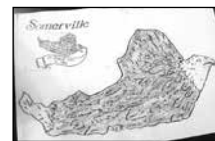
Karki was placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery.

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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #44

The Finest

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

In 1927, life changed dramatically along the Mystic River marshes in Somerville. Headquarters for the nation's first retail supermarket chain was built at the intersection of Middlesex and Mystic Avenues. It was a huge complex that encompassed a packing plant, a bakery complex, and multiple produce warehouses.

It was of such enormity that it had its own gas station for its large fleet of trucks. Its bakery output was over 125,000 loaves of bread per day, and its dairy section prepared 58,000 quarts of milk daily.



It had other multiple sections, one called the "Banana Room" just for housing that one item. It supplied over 1,700 chain stores throughout New England and was considered the largest food warehouse in the world.

Its name was First National Stores, Inc. and the owner was businessman and sports promoter Charles F. Adams. Adams had the grocery business in his blood. He began with his first job working as a boy in a Vermont corner store and later proved himself a master by his creation in Somerville.

Whatever he did, he did well. His other fascination was sports. By any measurement, Charles Francis Adams, namesake of the Adams Cup Trophy and Division, was one of New England's foremost sports promoters and pioneers.

He was president or principal owner beginning in 1924 with the Boston Bruins, then the Boston Braves in 1927, and the Suffolk Downs Racetrack in 1937 – but his real passion was hockey.

Charles Adams created the Boston Bruins, which celebrates its ninetieth birthday this year. Ever since he was a boy in Vermont, he loved hockey. When he came to Boston, he was enamored with the city's amateur hockey leagues, but they could not compare to watching Canadian professional hockey.



It wasn't easy, but on November 1, 1924, Charles Adams founded professional hockey in America by acquiring the Boston franchise. He named the

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Mayor and SCC's Meridith Levy win CPA Award

On Tuesday, January 14, Mayor Joe Curtatone and SCC Deputy Director Meridith Levy became recipients of the 2014 Kuehn Community Preservation Award, presented by the Community Preservation Coalition at the Massachusetts State House.

The two Somerville leaders were recognized for their significant contributions to the success of the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which passed with 76% of the vote in Somerville in 2012. The Mayor and Ms. Levy were accompanied on stage at the ceremony by Senator Pat Jehlen, Representative Denise Provost and Representative Carl Sciortino, all of whom have been active supporters of the CPA.

The Community Preservation

Act is an innovative state law that allows an adopting community to establish a dedicated local fund to support affordable housing, create new parks, playgrounds, and recreational fields, protect open space, and preserve historic buildings and resources.

A total of 155 cities and town (44% of the Commonwealth's communities) have adopted CPA since the Act was signed into law in 2000. Over \$1.2 billion have been raised to date, supporting more than 6,600 community preservation projects. In Somerville, CPA funds will provide approximately \$1.5 million dollars annually for affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space projects.

To learn more about the CPA



Mayor Curtatone and Meridith Levy stand proud with their CPA awards together with Rep. Carl Sciortino, Rep. Denise Provost, Senator Pat Jehlen and Emily Monea, the City's Community Preservation Act Manager.

in Somerville: <http://www.somervillema.gov/cpa>. To learn

more about The Community Preservation Coalition: <http://communitypreservation.org/content/steering-committee>.

New operating hours for MAPS' Somerville office

The Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS) has expanded its operating hours and services at its newly remodeled Somerville office at 92 Union Square. The new hours are noon to 8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, and noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays.

MAPS has also expanded the types of programs it offers in Somerville. The agency's entire Family Support Services Program was transferred from its headquarters in Cambridge to the Somerville office. This program has also been recently approved by the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership

(MBHP) to provide in-home therapy services for families with children at risk of abuse, neglect and other parenting needs. In addition, two new men's health educators are already based in Somerville to conduct HIV and other sexually transmitted infection (STI) education and testing as part of MAPS prevention and screening services.

The MAPS Somerville office continues to house the organization's Batterer Intervention Program, Driver Alcohol Education Program and educational classes, including Portuguese, ESOL (English for speakers of other Languages) and citizenship preparation.

"We are very excited to have a fully staffed office operating once again in Somerville after having restricted hours and services there for a number of years due to budget limitations," MAPS Executive Director Paulo Pinto, MPA, said. "Our Somerville office has always been very important to MAPS and the Portuguese-speaking communities, and it is essential that we have a much stronger presence there to meet our clients' needs."

For more information about MAPS' Somerville office or the services provided there, call 617-764-2091 or email Office Manager Lillian Silva at lsilva@maps-inc.org.



The Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers' Somerville office is located at 92 Union Square.

Forums to address housing issues in Somerville

By Somerville Times Staff

The city of Somerville, Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) and Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) will hold three public forums starting the first week of February to discuss housing issues in the city with an eye towards shaping future housing policies.

The forums, titled Housing Roundtables: A Discussion Series on Housing for Families and Individuals in Somerville, will be held on the following Tuesdays: Feb. 4 and 11 and March 4. Each forum will begin with registration and refreshments at 5:30 p.m. followed by discussions that will run from 6 to 8:30. All meetings will be held at the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St., and will include childcare and interpretation services.

Residents are encouraged to attend any or all of these forums to contribute their thoughts and

experiences around housing issues in Somerville and to share their goals for future city housing policies. Staff members from the city, SCC and MAPC will guide the strategy sessions, which will build upon the community's vision for housing diversity as laid out in SomerVision, the city's 20-year comprehensive plan.

"Through these forums, we will tap the wisdom of the community to ensure we continue to pursue bold, effective strategies for addressing the city's housing needs," Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone said. "Somerville's diversity is one of its greatest strengths, and we will ensure that we retain that diversity and that Somerville remains a home for all."

The first meeting on Feb. 4 will feature special guest Rachel Bratt, professor in the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University and a senior fellow at the Joint Center for Housing Studies of

Harvard University. At this forum, the community will discuss what exactly family-friendly housing is, what kind of housing does the community need to be able to raise a family in Somerville, how the community can work together to meet those needs and how to best ensure affordable options for a range of incomes.

The Feb. 11 meeting will feature special guest Tim Reardon, MAPC's assistant director of data services, and a newly released MAPC report, The Dimensions of Displacement, developed in partnership with SCC and the city of Somerville over the past two years that delves into gentrification and displacement in Somerville, particularly along the Green Line corridor. At this forum, the community will discuss what gentrification is and why it happens, how displacement resulting from gentrification has shaped Somerville's history and how the community can

work together to ensure changes coming to Somerville benefit all segments of the city's population.

At the third and final meeting March 4, the analysis and discussion from the first two forums will be used by participants to develop concrete strategies and tools for moving forward with a strong and effective housing agenda for Somerville.

"As Somerville's appeal grows and more people seek to live

or stay here, we must protect those who chose Somerville years ago while we also welcome new families who want to plant roots in our community. And to make that happen, we need forward-thinking housing policy," Curtatone said.

Funding for this project is provided in part by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Sustainable Communities Program.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on one roll call and local senators on four from the week of January 13-17, 2014.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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. Carl Sciortino

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. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Medford, Somerville, entire city, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

BOSTON STRONG LICENSE PLATES (H 3664)

House 147-0, approved and sent to the Senate legislation that would allow drivers to purchase “Boston Strong” license plates for an additional \$50 or more above the regular biennial \$50 fee for a license plate. Proceeds would benefit the One Fund that raises funds for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings.

Supporters said the revenue from the additional \$50 fee would allow people to contribute financial support to the thousands who were impacted by this tragedy. They noted that the plates are one more way to honor the victims and their families.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

CHANGES TO ELECTION LAWS (S 1975)

Senate 37-1, approved a bill making changes in the state’s election laws including allowing early voting beginning 10 business days before any primary or general election and ending two days before the election. Other provisions include allowing online voter registration, allowing 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections in Lowell if Lowell voters approve the measure, eliminating the requirement of a check-out desk at polling places and requiring municipal election officials to attend annual training given by the secretary of state.

Supporters said it is time for Massachusetts to join the 19 states that allow online registration and the 32 that permit early voting. They argued both changes will increase voter turnout.

The lone opponent said the bill creates great potential for fraud with provisions like same day registration. He noted it also mandates other unworkable requirements and potentially imposes unfunded state mandates on local cities and towns by forcing them to add extra personnel.

The House has already approved a different version of the proposal, and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALLOW 17-YEAR-OLDS TO VOTE IN LOCAL ELECTION (S 1975)

Senate 30-7, approved an amendment that would allow 17-year-olds to vote in city elections in the city of Lowell. The proposal would have to first be approved Lowell voters. The amendment still prohibits voting by 17-year-olds in state and federal elections.

Amendment supporters said this is supported by the Lowell City Council and will increase voter participation in low-turnout local elections.

Amendment opponents said the age of 18 has worked well and that tampering with it in local communities would result in a patchwork of inconsistent election laws across the state.

(A “Yes” vote is for allowing 17-year-olds to vote in Lowell city elections. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

SAME-DAY REGISTRATION (S 1975)

Senate 30-8, approved an amendment allowing people to register to vote on Election Day at the polls. Current law prohibits persons from registering fewer than 20 days before an election. The person would have to show proof of residency by showing one of the following: a valid photo identification, utility bill, bank statement, government check, residential lease agreement, wireless telephone statement, paycheck or other government document that would include a social security card.

Amendment supporters said this includes sufficient safeguards and would increase voter registration and turnout.

Amendment opponents said same-day registration would lead to chaos at the polls and argued that people have hundreds of days on which they can register to vote.

(A “Yes” vote is for same-day registration. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

SHOW ID OR SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO VOTE (S 1975)

Senate 9-29, rejected an amendment requiring voters to show an ID or submit a sworn affidavit identifying themselves in order to be allowed to vote at their polling place. Any person who could not show proof of residency by showing either a current and valid photo identification, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document, including a social security card would be allowed to instead signed a sworn statement.

Amendment supporters said it is illogical that all voters are not required to show identification prior to voting and noted 30 states have laws requiring IDs. They argued people cannot cash a check, rent a car, rent a DVD or even enter some government buildings without showing an ID. They noted the sworn affidavit option offers an additional choice for anyone who does not have an ID.

Amendment opponents said the amendment would disenfranchise thousands of voters who do not have a current address because they are in a homeless or domestic violence shelter or domestic violence facility. They argued there have been no widespread reports of voter fraud in Massachusetts. Some said the amendment may have been used in other states to attempt to suppress voter turnout in minority districts.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment requiring an ID or sworn affidavit. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PET EVACUATION (S 1172) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would require cities’ and towns’ emergency evacuation plans during a disaster or emergency to include household pets and service animals.

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Supporters said pets left behind often meet with tragic consequences including death. They noted that many pet owners refuse to evacuate without their pets and as a result put themselves and first responders in danger. They argued these owners should not have to suffer the additional emotional stress of having to abandon their household pets during a disaster.

Some animal advocates question why there is no provision for the evacuation of animals that are being bred for sale and technically are not household pets.

BABY HEART SCREENINGS (S 1919) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would require all newborns to have a test that would determine whether he or she has a congenital heart defect. The test would be preformed prior to the infant being discharged.

Supporters said 27 other states have this mandate. They noted that the requirement will save lives.

PHONE INSURANCE (H 3541) - The House and Senate have agreed on a version of a bill that would create a licensing framework for the sale of insurance for cell phones and other portable devices in Massachusetts. Currently, there is no statutory or regulatory structure that exists for the sale of this insurance. A key section gives a retail store an overall license to sell insurance and authorizes all its employees to do so. Other provisions would require many disclosures by the person who sell the insurance.

Supporters said that without the bill, every salesperson in a store would have to be individually licensed to sell

insurance to consumers, a requirement that would be overly burdensome to insurance regulators and the business. They argued the measure is a fair one that provides crucial consumer protection.

Only a final vote is needed in each branch prior to the measure going to Gov. Deval Patrick.

NEW CONFLICT OF INTEREST RULING - The five-member State Ethics Commission has approved a new exemption that would allow state and municipal employees and elected officials to hold a financial interest in publicly bid contracts providing they do not participate in any negotiations and that certain other conditions are met. The ruling was made in response to a petition from former gubernatorial candidate Sen. Dan Wolf (D-Harwich). The commission in August ruled that then-candidate Wolf was in violation of state ethics laws because Cape Air, the company he founded 25 years ago and in which he still has an interest, has agreements with MassPort to use Logan Airport. In response, Wolf dropped his gubernatorial bid.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“No child will be able to succeed academically if they don’t first feel safe in school, and no teacher will be able to teach at their best if they aren’t confident there’s a plan in place to ensure their school is well prepared for an emergency.” – Gov. Patrick on his executive order establishing the Task Force on School Safety and Security.

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 13-17, the House met for a total of nine hours and 25 minutes and the Senate met for a total of four hours and three minutes.

Mon. January 13	House 11:08 a.m. to 11:47 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.
Tues. January 14	No House session Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.
Wed. January 15	House 1:07 p.m. to 4:52 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. January 16	House 11:03 a.m. to 4:04 p.m. Senate 1:01 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Fri. January 17	No House session No Senate session

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Assessment Q&A



By Joseph A. Curtatone

To be sure that all property owners fully understand this year's property assessments, I'm handing over my usual op-ed space to our Assessors to answer some basic questions. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Assessors Office at 617-625-6600 ext. 3100 or assessing@somervillema.gov, or visit their page on the city website at www.somervillema.gov.

Q: Who determines the assessed value of my property?

A: The Board of Assessors calculates values based upon real estate market conditions in accordance with State Department of Revenue (DOR) regulations. All values are certified by the DOR.

Q: My assessment went up. Who is responsible for the value increasing?

A: In short, the real estate market is responsible, and buyers, sellers, landlords and tenants make or determine the market. The sale prices and rents agreed upon by these market participants in your area create market values. The Assessors do not make the real estate market; they only

interpret those actions and the impact on market value using the strict criteria established by DOR regulations. In addition, improvements to properties such as renovations and additions can lead to higher value.

Q: My assessment made my tax bill increase. Can the Mayor or an Alderman get my assessment reduced?

A: Only if they break the law. Elected officials cannot decrease an assessment based on hardship or for any other reason. By law, assessments must be determined by the Assessors according to DOR regulations. Assessments cannot be arbitrarily lowered to reduce the burden on property owners. However, if

you feel your valuation is inaccurate, you may file an appeal for abatement (lowering of the value) to the Assessors Office. Only the Assessors have authority to grant abatements under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, and abatements are granted only if additional information reveals the valuation requires adjustment according to DOR regulations.

Q: How much if any control does the city have over how assessments are determined?

A: The Assessors must satisfy DOR requirements. The Assessors are forbidden by law from deviating from these requirements.

Q: What does my assessment represent?

A: The assessment is an estimate of full and fair market value, which is the price a willing buyer would pay a willing seller in an open, competitive market, without any undue influences. The current Fiscal Year 2014 (FY2014) assessment represents an estimate of full and fair market value as of Jan. 1, 2013.

Q: What percentage of market value are the assessed values?

A: Under basic DOR requirements, the median assessment of recent sale prices must be within 90% to 110% of the median sale price of recent sales. In FY 2014, assessments are at a 95% level overall.

Q: Can my assessment change every year?

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Views of Somerville



By Mike Browne

My passion for history and nostalgia began over 20 years ago while I was dating (my now wife) AnnMarie.

Her family home (The Car-ey's) was one of the warmest most inviting homes I had ever been invited into. Her mom always seemed to have something baking in the oven and the family dog (Snuggles) was always waiting for you at the door with

her tail wagging.

Their home was tastefully decorated with beautiful antiques mixed in with a few contemporary pieces. The consistent aroma was and remains best compared to that of a visit to Yankee Candle. This was my first taste of simplicity since I was a kid. With all of that being said, there was one thing in particular that grabbed my attention the minute I walked in the front door (The wall hangings). You couldn't help but overlook her choice in the selection she displayed on the walls.

One particular painting always seemed to stand out and capture my full attention: Norman Rockwell's portrait



of Main Street, Stockbridge. I couldn't help but stare at this wonderful piece of art. My imagination would always get the best of me as I gazed at this wonderful picture. I would often imagine how simple things must have been in those days and it would always put my mind at ease and relax my soul.

Over the years my mother in law took notice of how I had al-

ways admired Rockwell and this particular work of art. I often hinted that I would like to get one for my own home someday. Being the generous loving person that she is, she gave me a framed print of my favorite painting one year for Christmas. I have to admit that this was probably the best Christmas present I had ever received.

I finally had my own mas-

terpiece to gaze into anytime I wanted. Not a day goes by that I don't admire this treasure at it hangs proudly in my living room. I can't help but imagine how life was back in that era. Being born in the late 60's, I am fortunate enough to remember some of the less complicated times as a child and teenager. However, as an adult, I (along with our children) have

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

I was a teenage paperboy



If you grew up in the '60s and '70s in West Somerville and delivered newspapers, you probably worked for Mr. Abe Learner. Abe

was the boss. "Better get going" was one of Abe's favorite sayings as he tried to get us out to start delivering our papers.

All my friends had paper routes down at Abe's, including a few girls (his wife's name was Stella). The office of The Davis Square News Agency was in the building that now houses that cupcake place near Cutter Avenue. Charlie was known as "Bay State," because that was the name of his route. I was "Francesca." He would say, "Hey, Francesca, fold those papers and

get going!" I delivered the *Globe* and the *Record American* and afternoon *Herald Traveler*. We would head over to the office, get our papers, and start folding them and putting elastics around them. We would then pack them into a large white canvas bag and sling it over our shoulder. You would leave your bike parked outside. If you had a large basket, like I did, you would pack the papers into that. I remember wiping out a few times on my bike because the basket was so heavy and hard to balance and steer. I think a lot of my friends my age have shoulder issues from lugging those paper sacks. Lots of kids stood outside businesses or on traffic islands hawking their papers. Some kids would regularly go into the barrooms to

sell papers.

"My friend and I would get up at 4 a.m. and wrap papers with this big box of elastics. All I remember that smell ... and the ink all over my hands." The odor was a mixture of the rubber from the elastics, cigarette smoke, and newspaper ink that filled the newspaper office. But delivering the paper was only half the battle. Collecting the money from the customers was a bigger pain. We relied on tips, and not everyone was that generous. It was very important to deliver a clean, dry and well-folded paper to your customers because that's when the tips came. Christmas was a great tip-receiving time, too. If people blew you off or didn't answer the door, you would have to cover it yourself



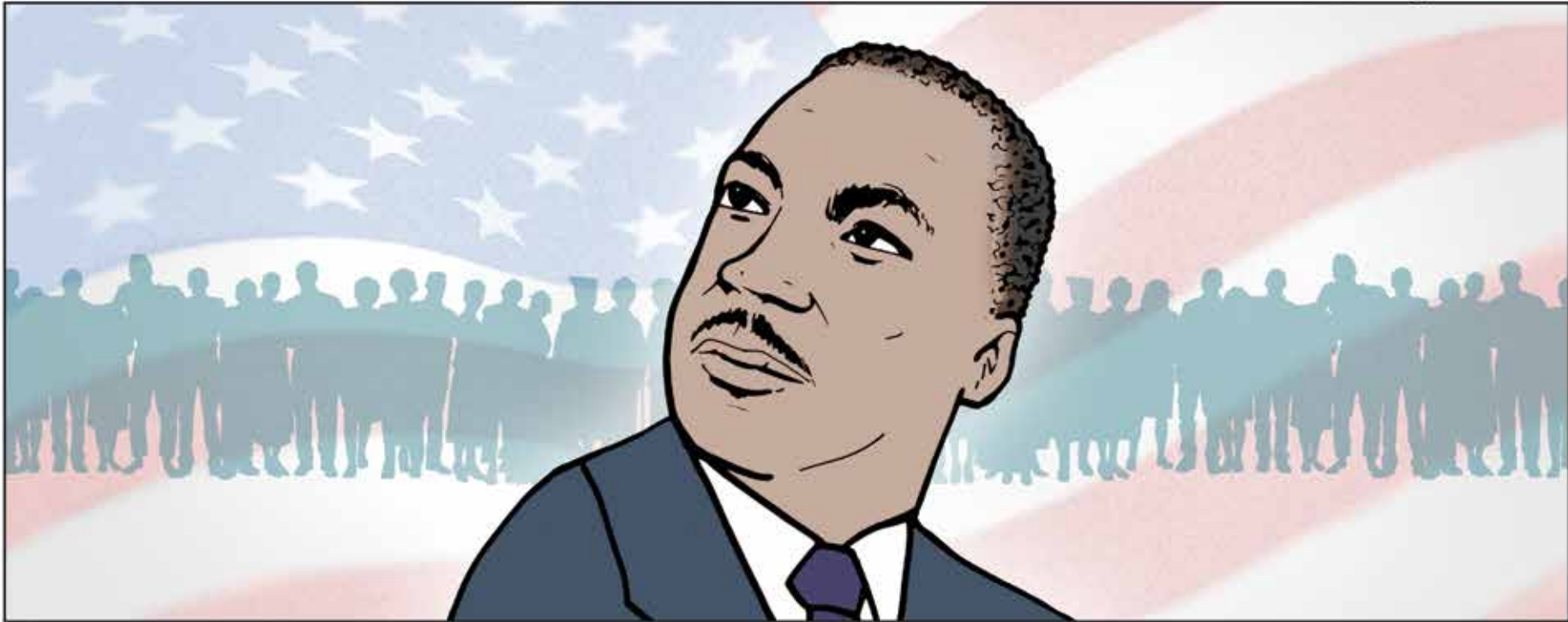
— and that wasn't good. My pal Danny had the worst possible house to deliver to. It was that huge house on Morrison Avenue once owned by Burt Faulkner. He had to walk up "a zillion steps" but he tipped "very well!" We had to go into Abe's office to turn

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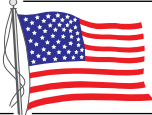
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The View Of The Times



The city’s assessing department and Chamber of Commerce’s decision to hold information sessions on the triennial revaluation process and how property owners can appeal and apply for abatements comes after some commercial property owners saw increases ranging, in some cases, from 50 to over 100 percent. Perhaps these sessions could have

come before the bills were sent out, but the effort to reach out to property owners at all at least demonstrates an acknowledgement that the assessments deserve an explanation, and hopefully those who attend will take the time to listen before reacting. And, more importantly, hopefully those presenting will be equally receptive to input. While there isn’t much that can be done

to change the statutes and procedures governing assessments, these meetings could serve as a starting point for bringing property owners into the process so they are not left to wait with their checkbooks open and a shaky hand wondering how many more zeroes they will be forced to write. The first meeting was held Tuesday (after the paper went to press), and the

next meeting (both are presenting the same information) will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, in the cafeteria of the East Somerville Community School at 50 Cross St. Tuesday’s meeting will be posted to You Tube (search “Somerville City TV”) and will also air on the government access channel (channel 22 on Comcast and channel 13 on RCN).

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Taylor, who is in and out of the hospital. We hope he gets to stay home for awhile with his lovely wife, Celia. You can get updates on Facebook from Celia on a daily basis on how Tom is doing.

Have you thought about real estate as a career? Well, the Somerville High School Evening School is offering a course in real estate for only \$150 (other schools are asking over \$300 for the course). Registration is at the high school at 6 p.m. this week. Go to the office and register and find out about this and other courses available at huge discounts. For this and other courses, you can also go online to www.somerville.k12.ma.us/evening-school. Sophia Carafotes is the principal and would be glad to answer all your questions. Call her at 617-625-6600, ext. 6478

The city is looking for qualified people to work as crossing guards for the current school year. The morning shift is from 7:30 to 8:30, and the afternoon

shift is from 2:30 to 3. Assignments to specific work sites will be determined. Applicants must pass a pre-employment CORI and drug screening. The salary is \$25.47 per day for working both morning and afternoon shifts. Applications must be submitted to and are available at the City Hall Personnel Office, 93 Highland Ave. Applicants can also fax (617-666-4426) or email resume to employment_opportunities@somerville.ma.us or to Somerville Police Safety Officer Sean Sylvester at ssylvester@police.somerville.ma.us.

Next week there will be two important meetings regarding the proposed developments at the Stop and Shop and Patsy’s Pastries. On Wednesday, January 29, at 6 p.m., developers will make their presentation regarding an apartment complex near the Stop and Shop along McGrath Highway. This meeting will be at 165 Broadway. The next day, Thursday, January 30, also at 6 p.m. at 165 Broadway, developers will introduce a mixed-use proposal

for the site of Patsy’s Pastries. Both meetings are open to the public.

Somerville Brownie Troop 66099 will be having a Girl Scout Cookie sale on February 2 (Super Bowl Sunday) in front of Star Market in Porter Square from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., while supplies last. Be sure to stop by before the game and get all your favorites. Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Lemonades, Thanks-A-Lot and the NEW Cranberry Citrus Crisps, \$4.00 a box.

Tickets for the 2014 Somerville High School Musical, *Annie*, which will also feature elementary-grade students, are on sale now. This year’s musical production will be held at the Somerville Theater on February 6th, 7th and 8th. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for senior citizens, PK-12 students, and younger children needing their own seat. Tickets can also be purchased at

the door, pending availability. To purchase a ticket in advance, visit <http://www.ticketstage.com/SHS> (a convenience fee applies to tickets purchased online), or mail a check to Ms. Rosemary Sears at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143, payable to SHS Performing Arts.

Somerville High School Art Club is raising funds for an event in March through the sale of a beautiful photographic calendar that features the art courses taught at Somerville High School and showcases stunning artwork by SHS students. Calendars are just \$10 apiece, and calendar print orders are placed in batches as paid orders are received. Contact Sean Bianchi (sbianchi@k12.somerville.ma.us) if you have any questions. Checks, made payable to Somerville High School with the memo “Art Club” noted on the check, can be sent to Sean Bianchi at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143.

Somerville celebrates MLK's legacy

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judging people based on their character as opposed to their race.

The Somerville High School Dance Club then performed to the music of *A Change is Gonna Come* by Sam Cooke and *I Have a Dream* by Common. The performers danced around the stage in a performance choreographed by Kevin Dua and Carlos Contreras just for the event.

The featured speaker was Dr. Adenrele Awotona, the director of the Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters at UMass Boston. Awotona spoke about the center and how it embodies King's spirit by promoting justice and equality. The center participates in conferences with multiple countries, such as Japan, Iraq, Haiti, China, and Indonesia with a focus on children, the elderly and the disabled and how to aid them after disasters and in the community.

Awotona also spoke about a specific conference in Iraq concerning women and how they are viewed, especially with the conflict currently taking place in the country. He discussed how the center tries to rid the country of inequalities and injustices by helping the poor and those affected by disasters so that all people can be viewed as equal, an ideal of King's.

The last three youth essayists, Kiely Johnson, Tommy Barton and Isabel Ramalho Silva, came onto the stage after Awotona's address to explain their essays and why everyone should be equal. They explained how King was correct in saying that everyone must meet hate with love and that his speeches have changed the minds of millions of people, making the world a better place to live. They encouraged the crowd to look amongst themselves and know that the diversity they saw would not be possible without King's ideals and that the world would be completely different without his accomplishments.

The Somerville Interfaith Pickup Choir performed next with three songs under the direction of Marcus Mack: *We Shall Overcome*, *Lift*

Every Voice and Sing, as well as *We Shall Not Be Moved*. The choir consists of vocalists from different religious organizations that all came together to show that equality must be celebrated and encouraged.

Also an annual tradition, the community of Somerville was to publically select an individual, as well as an organization, to win the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Award. The winners of the awards must succeed in promoting human and civil rights, respect, nonviolence and economic justice. A public survey is released, and members of the community must nominate who they believe should receive each award.

The winner of the individual award was Valquiria Gouvea, a seventh- and eighth-grade social studies teacher in the Somerville public school system. Gouvea was selected due to her skills of promoting education, as well as her support and empowerment of teachers and students alike. The community agreed she is thoughtful and relevant with her contributions and consistently respects and is compassionate towards her students, making her the clear recipient of this year's award.

The winner of the organization award was SCALE, the Somerville Center for Adult Learning Experiences. SCALE offers GED programs for adults in the Somerville community and ESL (English as a second language) programs to aid low-income residents, however they may need, to reach their educational goals. There to receive the award on SCALE's behalf was Melissa Visovich, the program administrator. She agreed that SCALE was a worthy recipient of the award due to the fact that they are all working towards King's vision: They believe that education is key to equality, which is what they work towards for people of all ages.

Returning to the stage was the Somerville Interfaith Pickup Choir to sing *We Shall Overcome* with the help of the audience to join in the end the celebration, along with words of thanks from Darai.





SPORTS

Somerville High Athletics schedule: Jan 22-29

Wednesday, Jan 22, 2014

Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity vs. Medford at Medford – TBD

Swim: Varsity Meet vs. East Boston at Kennedy – 3:30 p.m.

Boys Freshman Basketball: vs. Malden at Field House – 3:45 p.m.

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball: vs. Jeremiah E Burke at Field House – 5:30 p.m.

Boys Varsity Basketball: vs. Jeremiah E Burke at Field House – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan 23, 2014

Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Arlington or Triton at 6 p.m. – TBD

Boys Varsity Indoor Track: vs. Everett at Field House – 3:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Indoor Track: vs. Everett at Field House – 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan 24, 2014

Girls Freshman Basketball:

(Date changed from 02-14-14) vs. Notre Dame at Field House – 3:45 p.m.

Ice Hockey: Boys Junior Varsity vs. Northeast Metro. Reg. Voc. at Veterans Memorial Rink – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan 25, 2014

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball: (Rescheduled from 01-03-14) vs. O'Bryant at Somerville – 3:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity vs. Chelmsford at Chelmsford – 4:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity vs. Cambridge at Simoni Rink – 5:20 p.m.

Boys Varsity Basketball: (Rescheduled from 01-03-14) vs. O'Bryant at High School – 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan 27, 2014

Swim: Varsity Meet vs. Cambridge at War Memorial Pool –



SHS Girls JV Basketball hosted Winthrop on Monday, losing the game with a score of 44 to 39.

3:30 p.m.

Girls Junior Varsity Basketball: Norwood at High School – 3:45 p.m.

Boys Freshman Basketball: Malden at High School – 3:45 p.m.

Girls Freshman Basketball: Norwood at High School – 5:30pm

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball: Malden at High School – 5:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball: Norwood at High School – 7 p.m.

Boys Varsity Basketball: Malden at High School – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan 28, 2014

Girls Freshman Basketball: vs. Malden at Somerville High School – 3:45 p.m.

Girls Junior Varsity Basketball: vs. Malden at Somerville High School – 5:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball: vs. Malden at Somerville High School – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 29, 2014

Indoor Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Malden at Salemwood School, Malden MA – 3:30 p.m.

Indoor Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Malden at Salemwood School, Malden MA – 3:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey: Boys Junior Varsity vs. Cambridge at Cambridge – 4 p.m.

Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity vs. Shawsheen Valley Tech at Shawsheen Valley Tech – 7 p.m.

Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity vs. Medford at Veterans Memorial Rink – 7:30 p.m.

For more details and scores go to: <http://www.greaterbostonleague.org/g5-bin/client.cgi>.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Why do onions make your eyes water?

2. What is MACH 1?

3. hat newspaper recreated its Editorial Office for *All The President's Men*?

4. Where did Johnny Cash make his first public appearance as singer?

5. How many miles are in a league?

6. Why can't elephants jump?

7. What do we get from the angora goat?

8. What song was sung in

French in the movie *The Singing Nun* that became #1 in 1963 on the American charts?

9. What was officially adopted as the name for artificial silk in 1924?

10. How many black keys are on a piano keyboard?

11. What laundry detergent ad said it would give your clothes that _____ Sparkle?

12. What tonic commercial boasted "_____ hits the spot, 12 full ounces, that's a lot" in the 1940's?

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Historical Fact of the Week

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team the Bruins, which means brown bear. He chose the original brown bear insignia and uniform colors to match the colors of his First National Stores color pattern of brown and gold.

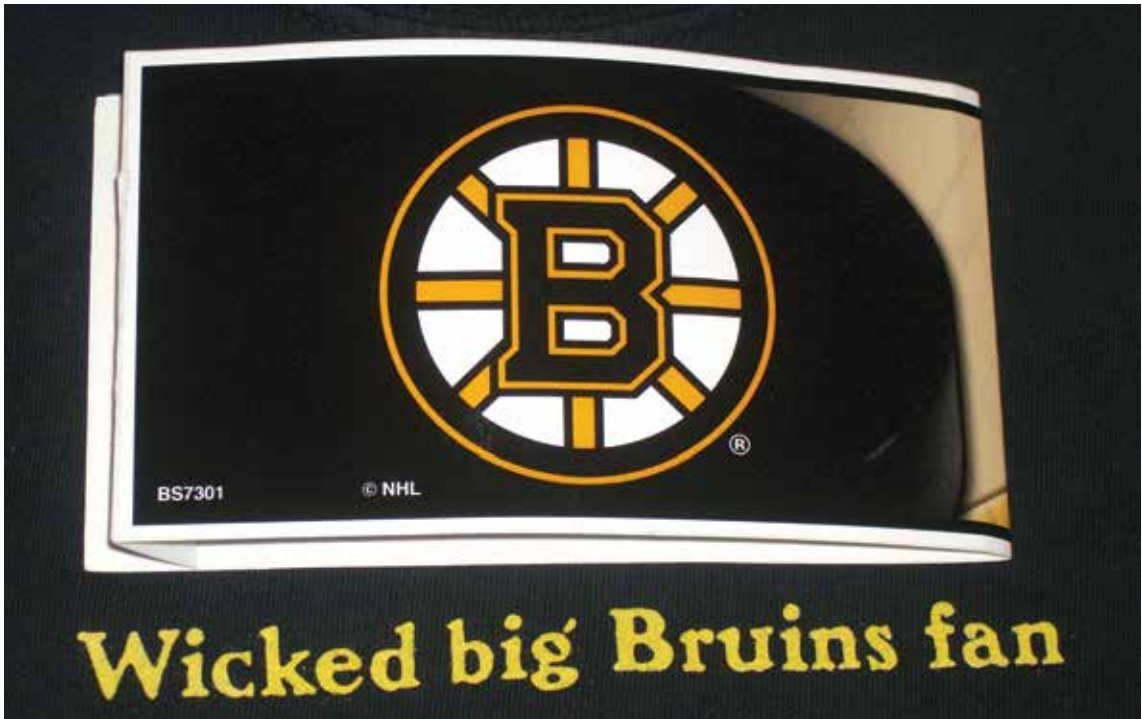
Years later, changes happened. The bruin logo would be modernized into the familiar Boston hub-wheel design and the more visible black and gold

colors. Also, the name of his Somerville's corporation name was changed to the more familiar anagram "Finast."

The team played their first four years at the old Boston Arena, which is now a Northeastern University complex. The construction of the first Boston Garden was led by Adams. It was in this building, in 1929, that

his Bruins won their first Lord Stanley Cup.

His feats have been honored in the American, Canadian, and Vermont Halls of Fame. For ninety years, from Canal Street in the North End to Canal Lane in Winter Hill and beyond, Somerville fans have been sold on the Black and Gold. American hockey's "First" and New England's "Finast."



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'Right Now!' event to aid Philippines relief efforts will bring together climate-change experts

Right Now!, a benefit event organized by We Are Music, is holding a one-night festival of events from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 1, at Brooklyn Boulders (12A Tyler St.), with 100 percent of ticket proceeds being donated to benefit rebuilding efforts in the Philippines post-Typhoon Haiyan via Architecture for Humanity.

This event will feature local and national musical talent, scientists, activists, policymakers, nonprofits, sustainability-oriented companies, installation artists and a host of New England beverage and food brands, including an open oyster bar from Island Creek Oysters.

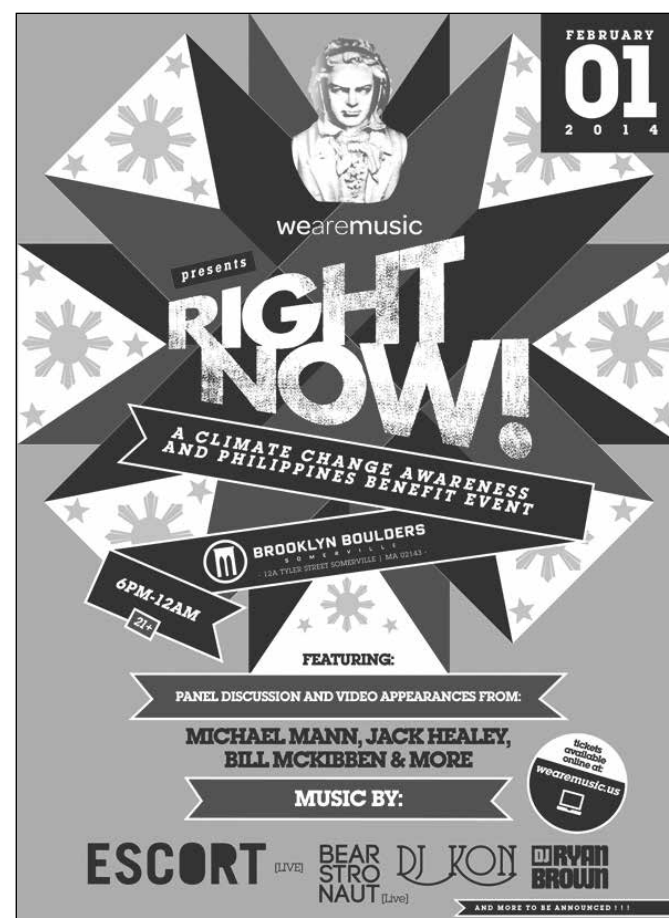
The evening will begin with a panel discussion about building a broad youth movement to confront climate change. Featured speakers on the panel include Michael

Mann, creator of the Hockey Stick Graph and author of *The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars: Dispatches from the Front Lines*. He is an American climatologist and geophysicist who also serves as director of the Earth System Science Center at Pennsylvania State University. Jack Healey, called "Mr. Human Rights" by U.S. News and World Report, will also take part. He has focused his entire career on inspiring the world's youth to support nonviolent activism that would push back oppressive governments and societies. A former 12-year head of Amnesty International, Healey now heads the Human Rights Action Center based in Washington, D.C.

Bill McKibben will make an "appearance" via a prerecorded 10-minute Skype video message

projected to attendees of *Right Now!* He is an American environmentalist and journalist who has written extensively on the impact of global warming. He is also the founder of 350.org, which works in almost every country in the world on campaigns like fighting coal power plants in India, stopping the Keystone XL pipeline in the U.S. and divesting public institutions everywhere from fossil fuels. *The Boston Globe* called him "probably the nation's leading environmentalist" in 2010.

Brooklyn-based Escort will headline the musical portion of the evening. And Bearstronaut, voted Boston's "Best Electronic Act in 2012" at the Boston Music Awards, will also be playing live. Local hero of the decks, Kon, will DJ alongside DJ Ryan Brown.



'Top Girls' go underground in Somerville Theatre@First takes the stage at the Davis Square Theatre

Theatre@First kicks off its 10th season in a new venue with Caryl Churchill's inspiring and entertaining play, *Top Girls*, at the Davis Square Theatre, January 23–February 1.

As relevant today as when it was written in 1982, *Top Girls* celebrates the choices required to reach the top. Featuring the famous dinner-party scene with extraordinary women of history and legend, this acute and funny script ranges from the 9th century to modern office politics. Theatre@First is proud to celebrate playwright Caryl Churchill's 75th birthday year with her most famous, groundbreaking work.

The Somerville production of *Top Girls* features nine amazing local women led by the versatile Kathy-Ann Hart as Marlene. Fresh off the *Christmas Revels*, Director Liz Adams brings her experience as a professional actor to the innovative staging of this show. For her directorial debut with Theatre@First, Adams aims to connect the history of women with dreams for our shared future. With acerbic dialogue and stiletto-sharp characters, *Top Girls* will take you for a dizzying ride.

Theatre@First is Somerville's community theatre, committed to bringing top-quality, affordable live theatre to local audi-

ences. Wednesday, January 29 is "Name Your Own Price Night." Pay the standard low ticket prices, or any amount above or below for this performance. Half-price tickets for other performances are also available on Goldstar. Foundry and Saloon patrons receive \$5 off ticket prices and ticket holders can claim a 10% food discount at either establishment. Join them for dinner and a show as they kick off 2014.

Performance schedule: Thursday, January 23 at 7 p.m.; Friday, January 24 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, January 25 is a 4 p.m. matinee; Wednesday, January 29 at 7 p.m.; Thursday, January 30 at 7 p.m.; Friday, January 31 at 7



p.m.; Saturday, February 1 is a 4 p.m. matinee.

Davis Square Theatre, 255 Elm Street, under Foundry. Wheel-

chair accessible space. \$20 for adults, \$15 for students/seniors. Group discounts available. Info: theatreatfirst.org/tickets.shtml.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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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 6, 2014** in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.


182 Broadway: (Case #PB 2013-16) Applicant Yihe Group and Owner S&V Realty Trust seek a Special Permit with Site Review per SZO §5.2 to construct a mixed use building of approx 29,000 nsf under §6.1.22.D.1. The uses include small and medium retail of approx 3,300 sf, 19 residential units per SZO §7.13.B, §7.13.C, & §7.13.E. Article 13 Inclusionary Housing will apply. CCD55 zone. Ward 1.

230 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2013-23) Applicant, Paint Nite LLC, and Owner, TYR Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22, for new signage. CCD 55 zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
To be published in The Somerville Times on 1/22/14 & 1/29/14.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

LEGAL NOTICE
Somerville Conservation Commission
Public Hearing

Applicant: Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid,
100 East Ashland Street, Brockton, MA 02302

Representative: LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc., 73 Elm Street,
Worcester, MA 01609

Location: 130R Foley Street, Somerville, MA 02145

The Somerville Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday January 28th, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** at City Hall, 3rd floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, regarding a Notice of Intent filed pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c. 131, § 40, for work described below.

Proposed work includes the extension of an existing gas line to service the Winter Hill Yacht Club (WHYC) and includes the installation of approximately 460 feet of gas pipe within paved and vegetated areas within and adjacent to the WHYC. The 310-foot section of 4-inch diameter pipe will tie into an existing 8-inch diameter gas line within Artisan Way. To service the WHYC, the 2-inch diameter gas line will extend approximately 150 feet off the proposed 4-inch gas line to an existing building. A 2-foot wide by 3-foot deep trench will be excavated to install the gas pipe line with the precise location of the trench and pipe determined in the field so that existing utility and drainage structures (if present) can be avoided. Work is projected to require 5-7 days to complete.

The application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Contact Rachel Kelly, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP #14-55 CD
RFP #14-56 CD

The City of Somerville Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed proposals for the 2014-2015 HUD Action Plan for the:

Community Development Block Grant Program
Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

Community Development Block Grant Program. Proposals must be for programs that provide Public Services to low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Somerville. Bid Number **RFP #14-55 CD**

Emergency Solutions Grant Program. Proposals must address the needs of homeless individuals and families in the City of Somerville. Funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant are provided by the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. Bid Number **RFP #14-56 CD**


Request for Proposal packages for both programs may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Wednesday, January 22, 2014**.

Proposals must be submitted no later than
11:00 A.M. Tuesday, February 18, 2014 for Public Services
11:00 A.M. Tuesday, February 18, 2014 for Emergency Solutions Grant at the above address.

Please contact Michael Richards, Procurement Analyst and Contract Manager, 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov, for information and proposal packages.

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

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40/54A Hearing Notice

9R Sherman Street, Somerville & Boston File Number 14R-2


Legal Notice
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Notice of Hearing

Upon the request of Leo J. Karapetian, the Building Inspector of the City of Somerville, Massachusetts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 54A, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall conduct a hearing to determine whether a building permit shall be issued to John V. Matthews, Trustee of John H. Matthews Realty Trust to construct a building for commercial use located at 9R Sherman Street, Somerville & Boston, Massachusetts, and bound by the railroad in Somerville and in Boston as more particularly described in a deed dated December 28, 2006 and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 48758, Page 328 and in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 41040, Page 81. The parcel includes part of the properties of the Orange Line MBTA/Boston and Albany Railroad/Eastern Railroad.

The hearing will take place on February 11, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. at the Department of Transportation, Ten Park Plaza, Suite 4160, Boston, MA 02116. All interested parties should attend. Inquiries regarding this hearing may be made to Massachusetts Department of Transportation-Rail and Transit Division at (857) 368-8964.

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40/54A Hearing Notice

Legal Notice
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Notice of Hearing

Upon the request of Al Bargoot the Building Inspector of Somerville, Massachusetts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40 Section 54A, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall conduct a hearing to determine whether a building permit shall be issued to Lou Makrigiannis a thirty-six (36) room hotel project located at 369-371 Beacon Street, Somerville, Massachusetts and bound by the Fitchburg Railroad to the North, Beacon Street to the West and South.

The hearing will take place on February 12th at 11:30 am at the Executive Office of Transportation, Suite 4160, located in the Transportation Building, Ten Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. All interested parties should attend. Inquires concerning this hearing may be made to the Office of the Rail Unit, Executive Office of Transportation at (857) 368-8964.


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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Wednesday January 22, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:30PM** on the application of Legal Sea Foods, LLC d/b/a Legal on the Mystic, 301 Great River Road, Somerville, MA for a change of beneficial interests. Richard W. Anderson will be replacing Jan A. Miller on the Board of Managers of the LLC.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Executive Secretary

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THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCES WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

2014-1 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the following additions: 45 Baystate Av (90 day trial)

2014-2 rescinds 2013-1 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" with the removal of the Handicapped Parking Space at 316 Highland Av

2014-3 Article V Section 5-10 "Parking Prohibited at Safety Zones" is amended with the following additions: Fire Lane - Kensington Av, west side, beginning 10ft south of the fire hydrant extending northerly to the intersection of Middlesex Ave; Park Place, south side, from Laurel St extending easterly for 25ft; Park Place, west side, extend the existing fire lane (at the left bend) 15ft north for a total fire lane length of 50ft; Park Place, east side (at the bend), reinstall signage to indicate the entire east side of Park Place from the bend to the north end of Park Place is a fire lane.

PROMULGATED: DECEMBER 19, 2013
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Suzanne Rinfret, Acting Director


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LEGAL NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Somerville Home will be held at the Home, 117 Summer Street, Somerville, Massachusetts on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. {3:30 p.m. Reception} for the purpose of electing Officers and Trustees for the ensuing year and to act on any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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Views of Somerville

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become spoiled by many advances in technology. Things like the Internet, computers, smart phones, and iPods to name a few. At the risk of sounding pessimistic, I believe some of these advances have had an adverse effect on what could be a simple society as a whole. By allowing these modern devices (that were supposed to make our lives better) into our lives, they seem to have made our lives more complicated and stressful.

This is one of the reasons I am so passionate about history and nostalgia. Once bitten by the nostalgia bug, I began sorting through and searching for old images of Somerville. As a lifelong Villen, I could obviously relate more to the historical treasures that Somerville had to offer than my favorite Rockwell painting. It was then I made it a mission to compile as many images of vintage Somerville as I could. (Some of which can be seen on my Facebook page “Views of Historic Somerville”)

These images are invaluable when one tries to escape the day-to-day drama and stress of modern city living. It’s really quite amazing how looking at a simple image can make you forget about life’s problems (if only for a moment). Personally, I love my city and what it has become. However I do enjoy fantasizing about small town living and what life was like without the hustle and bustle, the traffic jams, and other (more serious) issues we face in today’s world.

I know it’s impossible to turn back the clock and rewrite history, but there are some little things we could do in our beloved city to make it feel a little less contemporary or for a lack of a better word “cookie cutter”. I have always voiced my opinion when it comes to preserving the historic look of our city. Places like Prospect Hill and the old Powder House are a couple of landmarks we honor and cherish. They are historical icons that will always be protected



and preserved.

Nonetheless, there is much more we could do to make Somerville a vibrant mix of old and new. I have often suggested we return Foss Park to its glory days when it was a beautiful park with a pond in the middle. By surrounding the park with dense trees, we could sup-

press the obnoxious sounds of McGrath Highway while enjoying a tranquil fishing pond surrounded by a walking path with benches and a picnic area. This small change would give us a much-needed place to enjoy the outdoors without having to pack up the car and travel outside the city. This and some

minor restrictions on future development designs could go a long way in preserving and making Somerville (and other cities) a less stressful place. Experiencing a bit of nostalgia is far better than looking at a painting or a photo.

That’s my View of Historic Somerville and I’m sticking to it.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers. Everyone 55+ are encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. 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.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Trip Corner:

Fiore Restaurant, Boston’s North End, Tuesday, February 18. Call Connie to register or for more information.

STAY ACTIVE:

Wii Bowling League - at Holland Mondays at noon. Free. If you haven’t tried this, come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

Zumba for All with Cheryl - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes. Come at the end of the day, after work. Open to all.

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. at Holland and 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.

Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings

Bowling at Flatbreads - Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

LGBT Events (Open to all ages):

Holland Street Café – February 10. Local restaurant TBD. Vegetarian options always provided. RSVP a6 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Movies to Come Out To: February 12. Meal from Vinnie’s Ristorante. Price \$6. RSVP by February 10. Movie TBA.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available.

Ralph & Jenny Center Events:

Ralph and Jenny Center will be open four days a week (Mon-Thurs) beginning Monday, January 27.

Thursday, January 23 - “Reflections: Portraits of Seniors in Images and Words,” a special exhibit featuring nine pastel portrait creations of Somerville artist Nancy Hall Brooks.

Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 a.m. every day the center is open (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

Do you crochet or would you like to learn? Thursdays

at 10:45 a.m. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

Strengthening Exercises with Geoff. 10 a.m. every Tuesday.

BINGO every day at 12:45.

Cross Street Center Events:

Center open every Tuesday and Wednesday.

English Conversation group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Enjoy conversation, and stay for lunch with new friends from all over the world.

January 22

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life A & B&C

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 23

Holland Street Center

Current Events|10 a.m.

Lunch|11L30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.

Crochet and Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 24

Holland Street Center

Book club meets first Friday of each month at 10 a.m.

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

January 28

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercise

SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Fit 4 Life LBT|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

English Conversation|9:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

January 29

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life A & B&C

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|January 22

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

Central Library
Shape Up Somerville
Alison Frazzini|860-680-5067
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|January 23

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

Friday|January 24

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year
olds
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m|79 High-
land Ave

Central Library
Young Life Interest Meeting
Sarah Brasington| 617-930-8336
12 p.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Teen Program To be Announced
Cynthia or Ron
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM|79 Highland

Veteran’s Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somer-
ville Ave

Saturday|January 25

Central Library
Saturday Homework Help
Ron Castile|617-623-5000 x2969
1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Sunday|January 26

Central Library
Top Secret Science
2 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Veteran’s Memorial Rink
Free public skating
3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somer-
ville Ave

Monday|January 27

Central Library
Sing-Along with Jordan Voelker
Cathy x2954
11 p.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland

Ave

Central Library
Math & Science Homework Help
For Teens
3 p.m.--5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
Knucklebones
9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance
Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|January 28

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for
Ages 9-11
Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216
9:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

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

Central Library
StoryCorps Interviews
Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000
x2910
2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

Wednesday|January 29

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

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Wednesday|January 22

Johnny D’s
Honkies and Friends on behalf of
Sam Davis|7:30 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
Full Scene Ahead|“CD
SWAP”|Mark Gilday Jr.|David
Stewart|Part Time Dog
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
MBTA Green Line: Lowell Street
to Broadway (includes Lowell St.
and Ball Square Stations)
6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

Thursday|January 23

Johnny D’s
Bill Blumenreich Presents:Kurt
Braunohler|7 p.m.
The Nephrok! Allstars|10 p.m..
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band
grassy Thursdays
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Scattershot 80’s night|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
“Campfire” hosted by Ben
Bullock
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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch
Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Singer-Songwriter Event: The
Loop
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Friday|January 24

Johnny D’s
Sounds of New Orleans - Gram-
my Award Winner Charles Neville
and Jeff Pitchell & Texas Flood
WS/CJ featuring Dave Keller
Band|7:30 p.m.
Free Friday featuring Brother’s
Rye|10 p.m..
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Jeremy Lyons Trio |6 p.m.
Paa Seck Diery \$10 cover |9
p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Jimmy’s Down
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
Precinct persents Winter A go
Go|Daddy Long Legs|
Muck And The Mires|The Down-
beat 5+special guests
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA’S Lounge
Soft Powers|The Lousy Instru-
ments|Earth Hearth
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
John Gramling & Hi Fi Monk
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-
718-9177

Casey’s
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Radio Bar
379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Theatre Festival
7:15 p.m.|Performance Hall
Bluegrass Fridays at the Armory
7:30 p.m.| Cafe|191 Highland
Ave

Saturday|January 25

Johnny D’s
School of Rock|4 p.m.
The Fools|7:45 p.m.
Joshua Tree|10 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Blind Devotion & friends |2 p.m.
Patsy Hamel Band|6 p.m.
Greg Klyma CD Release with
Ryan Taylor \$5 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Cover Up
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
DJ Forest Chess
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
Gorilla Music Battle of the
Bands|Marianne Toilet & The
Runs|Zombie Frogs|
Aftermath|Blindspot |The Wey-
dt|Contents|Blue Moon Harem
|Gnatly Charlie|
Happy Time Harry
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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BCAP & The Peoples
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173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Theatre Festival
7:15 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|January 26
Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band|4 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m
Natalie Flanagan Band, Vikki Porter Band, Trusty Sidekick |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.
Back Room
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Morningside Music Studio Performance and Jazz Jam
2:30-5:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|January 27
Johnny D’s
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Presents:One Microphone|7 p.m.
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.
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|6:45 p.m.
Back Room
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA’S Lounge
Americana Night
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Stump! Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|January 28
Johnny D’s
TBA
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Danielle Miraglia & friends
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swing-

ers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
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 - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|January 29
Johnny D’s
TBA
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
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The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Full Scene Ahead”CD SWAP”
|Happy Little Clouds|Alrite|Flight of Fire|Happy Time Harry
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|January 22
Central Library
Health For Everyone
Alison Frazzini| 860-680-5067
2 p.m.-5 p.m.,|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday|January 23
Central Library
Fair Housing Commission Meeting
Vicki Wairi| 617.625.6600 x 2588
12p.m.-12:55 p.m.,|79 Highland Avenue
Republican City Committee
Brian McCarthy| 617-718-1828
6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
(Session 1)6:00 PM - 7:00 p.m.
(Session 2)7:15 PM - 8:15 p.m.
40 College Avenue

First Church Somerville
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.,|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).
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Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

Friday|January 24
Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
2 p.m.,|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|January 25
Arts at the Armory
Winter Farmers’ Market
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bagel Bards

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

Third Life Studio
Jazz Dance Brunch!
A Six Week Jazz Dance Class Series with Jen Farrell
January 25 through March 1
10:30am-12:00pm|33 Union Sq

Sunday|January 26
Unity Church of God
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday|January 27
East Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.,
(Session 2) 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
115 Broadway

Central Library
Book Group: Books-into-Movies Discussion Group
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.,|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
6 p.m.,|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Tuesday| January 28
Central Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.-7 p.m.,|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
7 p.m.,|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday| January 29
Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.,|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com



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Assessment Q&A CONT. FROM PG 10

A: It is possible for assessments to change every year if there are significant changes in the market particularly in a revaluation year when the DOR review encompasses a high level of detail.

Q: What can cause an assessment to go up?

A: Significant changes in the market as well as investment in a property such as additions and renovations that add value to the property

Q: How many properties saw a large increase in 2014?

A: Out of the roughly 16,000 properties in the city, 110 properties (or 0.07%) saw a 50% increase or more in FY2014.

Q: What can a property owner do if they feel the assessment is too high?

A: File an appeal for abatement with the Board of Assessors by no later than Feb. 3, 2014.

Q: How do I file an appeal for abatement?

A: Applications can be obtained at the Assessors Office or by accessing the link on the Assessors homepage at the city website at www.somervillema.gov, click “Departments, Assessing, Department Forms, and Application for Abatement for Real and Personal property tax.”

Q: When are appeals due by?

A: The State requires that for FY2014, appeals must be filed in the Assessors Office by Feb. 3, 2014, by the close of business at 4:30 p.m. sharp. Mailed applications will also be accepted if they are postmarked by the U. S. Post Office by no later than Feb. 3.

Q: How will I be informed about my Fiscal Year 2014 assessment?

A: Your FY2014 assessed value can be found on the third quarter tax bill showing a due date of 2/3/2014. A public announcement was also made in November to alert property owners that

the new values would be available at the Public Library, online and at the Assessors Office prior to official, individual notification with the third quarter tax bill.

Q: What is a triennial revaluation?

A: Every three (3) years, cities and towns in the Commonwealth must have their assessments certified by the State Department of Revenue. This is called a triennial revaluation. In a revaluation year, assessors must conduct a complete review and analysis of existing property records and values in accordance with DOR regulations. More in-depth property data is available during a revaluation year and, for this reason, more significant changes in property values and assessments are common in revaluation years.

Q: It seems like my assessment held steady for a number of years but increased more

this year. Why?

A: FY2014 is a revaluation year. It’s not uncommon to see major valuation swings in a revaluation year. In Somerville, the last overall increase in assessments occurred during the FY2007 revaluation due to the positive real estate market conditions at the time. In the FY2010 revaluation, values held mainly steady because the market had not improved in the interim. In FY2014, overall gains in the market were evident. So now, seven years after the last overall increase, in the midst of a real estate recovery, we are seeing increases in values and assessments. In a revaluation year, the DOR does a comprehensive review of all values that affect assessed values. Some of those factors are way up, including sales prices, income and expenses, and rents, while vacancy is lower causing assessed values to increase. (Please

note, due to the DOR’s need to adjust their schedule, some cities and towns including Somerville had their FY2013 revaluations rescheduled to FY2014 leading to a 4-year rather than a 3-year period between revaluations.)

Q: How do you inspect my property?

A: Attempts are made to inspect all properties that have recently sold, involve building permits, or have not been inspected in more than 5 or 6 years. Inspections include an interior and exterior review focusing on the exterior building measurement and interior features and condition of the property.

Q: How does the Assessor determine value?

A: Depending on the type of property, Assessors use the three accepted professional appraisal approaches to value including cost, sales comparison, and income.

I was a teenage paperboy CONT. FROM PG 10

in our collection money. The worst thing you could possibly hear was... “YOU’RE SHORT!” NO! That meant I’d have to use my tips to cover. It didn’t happen often, thank God. My paper routes paid for my first guitar amplifier as well as a lot of school clothes at the “Truc” and “The Lodge” in Harvard Square. There were other news agencies in Somerville back then such as Burkes and Broadway News.

Delivering the Sunday paper was a whole different story. It cost an outra-

geous 25 cents. You had to get up very early (and sometimes insert all the ads and “colors”) and put the gigantic papers in a huge, rickety wooden cart. Snow and rain made it more of a nightmare. You would have to wheel it around the streets until all of your 35 or 40 papers were delivered. Once I skipped a whole street by accident and thought I had extra papers. Instead of wheeling the cart all the way back to Abe’s, I dumped them down the railroad tracks. Unfortunately, another

paperboy saw me and ratted me out to Abe. He went berserk, and of course I had to pay for the papers.

One of Abe’s right hand men was Dixie Dumas. I wonder if he’s still around. And who could forget the colorful and outspoken character Mary S., who lived next door. She actually ran for mayor of Somerville! She kept us entertained.

Once I had to pay for denting a guy’s aluminum screen door with a paper. Except for that incident, I became pretty

good at flinging papers from my bike. It also helped to develop my arm strength. Today it would be dangerous for kids to deliver papers because it would be hard balancing the bike, tossing the papers, listening to an iPod and texting all at the same time! I can still hear Abe’s gruff voice telling us to hit the streets with our papers. All my friends would imitate him and impersonate his voice, but I am grateful to him for giving me some of the best memories of my boyhood.

Treasures for all at The Brattle Book Shop

By Shirley Kawa-Jump

Kenneth Gloss is a rarity: he loves to go to work each day. Handling leather-bound volumes of Shakespeare and first editions of Charles Dickens are part of what fuels his passion for books. Gloss, owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston, fills his days weeding through old volumes and texts, looking for pieces of buried treasure.

His parents alleged that his first word was "book." In fact, it's easy to believe. The family bought an interest in the shop for \$500 the year before he was born. As a child, Gloss helped his father around the shop after school and on weekends. Since its purchase in 1949, the Brattle Book Shop has survived seven moves and a devastating fire in 1981. Today, Gloss is known as one of the foremost authorities in the world of English language old and antique books. His shop has become a frequent stop for collectors everywhere.

"I have always loved the book business," said Gloss. He admitted it was hard to work with his father, "although I learned a huge amount from him." Unsure if he wanted to be involved in the family business, after college Gloss was accepted into a PhD program in chemistry. In 1973, he took a year off to help his father and in 1985 when his father was ailing he took over the business. He has never looked back.

He likens his work to the novel *Treasure Island*. "You never know whom you're going to meet, what you're going to see," he said. He spends a good portion of his time purchasing books, mainly from homes and estate sales. "I enjoy buying from a personal library or a special collection. Even if the books are only worth \$2, \$5 or \$10 apiece, if someone has 500 or 1,000 books, the lot can be worth quite a bit without any of the books being rare or of

particular value." He said he has little trouble selling the books he gets in at his shop. "When you're dealing with used and rare books, the only limiting factor is what you can get, not what you can sell."

However, Gloss is always on the lookout for "beautifully illustrated, beautifully bound rare editions in fine condition," on virtually any topic. He also purchases autographs, manuscripts, photos, postcards and magazines. "We don't buy *Book of the Month Club* volumes, recent bestsellers, *Reader's Digest Condensed* novels or recent social sciences books," he said. "Other than that we will buy almost any subject or field that interests us. He has made a career out of "specializing in not specializing."

His bookstore is a haven, not only for collectors, but also for other dealers who often purchase part of a lot from him. He recalled a collection of 2,000 parapsychology books that the owner kept in his basement and sold to Gloss. "The next day, I got calls from all over the world," he said. Before he could wonder if perhaps there might be some telepathic communication going on, Gloss learned that he had outbid two other dealers and they had referred their customers to him. "It goes to show that if they are the right books for someone, they will hear about the collection and seek us out... even if the books were in a basement," he added with a laugh.

Since he buys entire collections of books, such as modern fiction or Mark Twain, he often has books in the pile that are not sold in the shop. On dry days they go into the many rolling carts and shelves of books in the adjacent open lot that sell for \$1, \$3 and \$5. Books inside can go up to \$100,000. If a book comes in that would be of specific interest to a local non-profit he



Kenneth Gloss holds a picture of himself as a child with his father, working together in the book store.

has been known to donate it as he has over the years to various institutions such as the Newton History Museum or the Larz Anderson Museum. "One of the things I enjoy so much is being able to give," he said.

Gloss dispenses free advice to people who wonder if they own a rare or valuable book. He recommends that potential sellers make a list with title, author, publisher, date and condition of the books and bring it into the shop or send it in by mail or email. "We'll go through the list and tell the inquirer those that are valuable. Many times, people try to search the value themselves. There are so many sources and can be a very time-consuming activity," said Gloss. "I and my staff know this field so well that we can direct them very quickly and give them the answer they need."

Gloss doesn't expect everyone who asks for an appraisal to sell their books to him. "A book collection can be a very emotional thing for people. Sometimes, it's extremely difficult for someone to let go of a collection they've had all their lives." Gloss attests that he "doesn't collect books personally." He can still remember the days when his father would bring home four or five books daily, amassing a collection so large, they couldn't park the car in the garage.

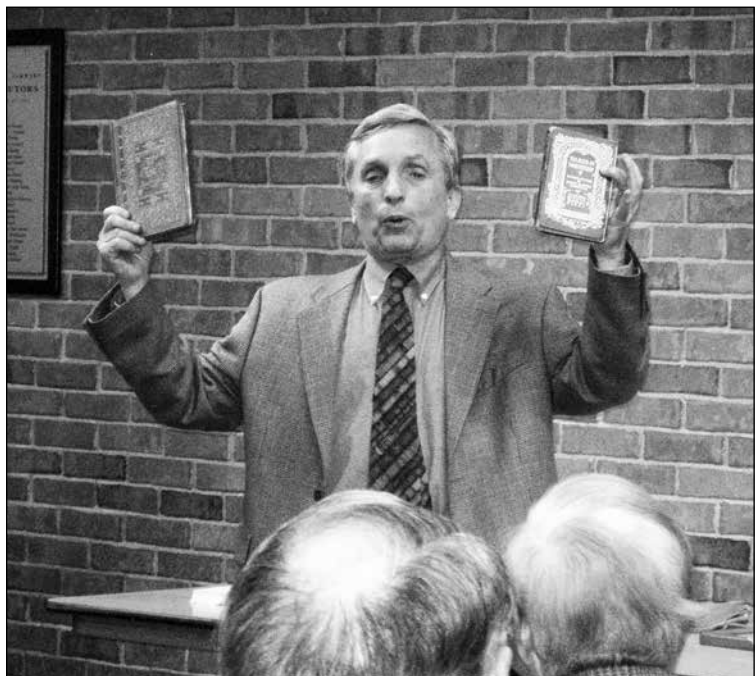
However, he admits that his wife has more than 1,000 books on jazz, and his two daughters each have hundreds of books. In his family's vanity bathroom, of all places, is a collection of some 300 Victorian books with illustrated covers. The "non-collection" started simply enough: "I found a book called *Flushed with Pride: The Life of Thomas Crapper*, with a picture of a toilet on the front. I thought it would be fun in the vanity bathroom," he said. Before he knew it, he had added a book with a big eye on it about the Pinkerton agency. He ended up building shelves to accommodate the growing collection.

Working at the shop 12 hours a day doesn't leave him much time for his second passion: reading. "I enjoy reading local history, mystery and science fic-

tion," he said. He looks forward to vacations on the beach where he can literally "read all day."

For Gloss, nothing can compare to finding that one rare gem among a pile of well-read books. "The feel of it, the artwork, the connection to the author is exciting." For Ken, the next trip to a home or estate sale might just yield Captain Kidd's treasure, if he doesn't have to outbid Long John Silver for it!

The Brattle Book Shop is located at 9 West Street in Boston's Downtown Crossing section. The website is www.brattle-bookshop.com where all scheduled open talks are listed or they can be reached at 617-542-0210 or at 1-800-447-9595. Book appraisals will be given at a home or business by appointment or anytime for those who bring books into the shop.



Kenneth Gloss at one of his free and open popular talks, "Is There Value in Your Old and Rare Books?"

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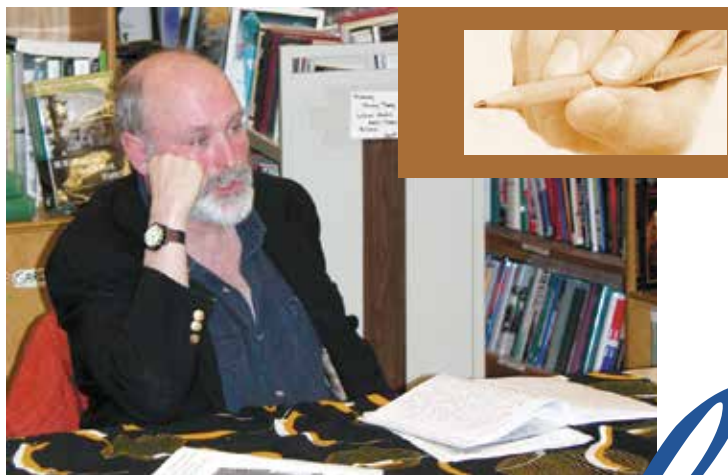
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Wednesday, January 22		5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00am	Festival Kreyol
7:30am	Life Matters	5:30pm	The Folklorist	10:00am	Tele Galaxie
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Dead Air Live
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:30pm	Chatting with History	12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	1:00pm	Play by Play
10:30am	Art at SCATV	9:30pm	Water is Life	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
11:00am	Abugida TV	Friday, January 24		2:30pm	Culture Club
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30am	Shrink Rap	3:00pm	Telemagazine
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
2:00pm	Physician Focus	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	10:00am	High School Peer Pressure	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
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7:00pm	Tufts University's Films for Social Change	2:30pm	History of the West End	11:00pm	Gay USA
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	Sunday, January 26	
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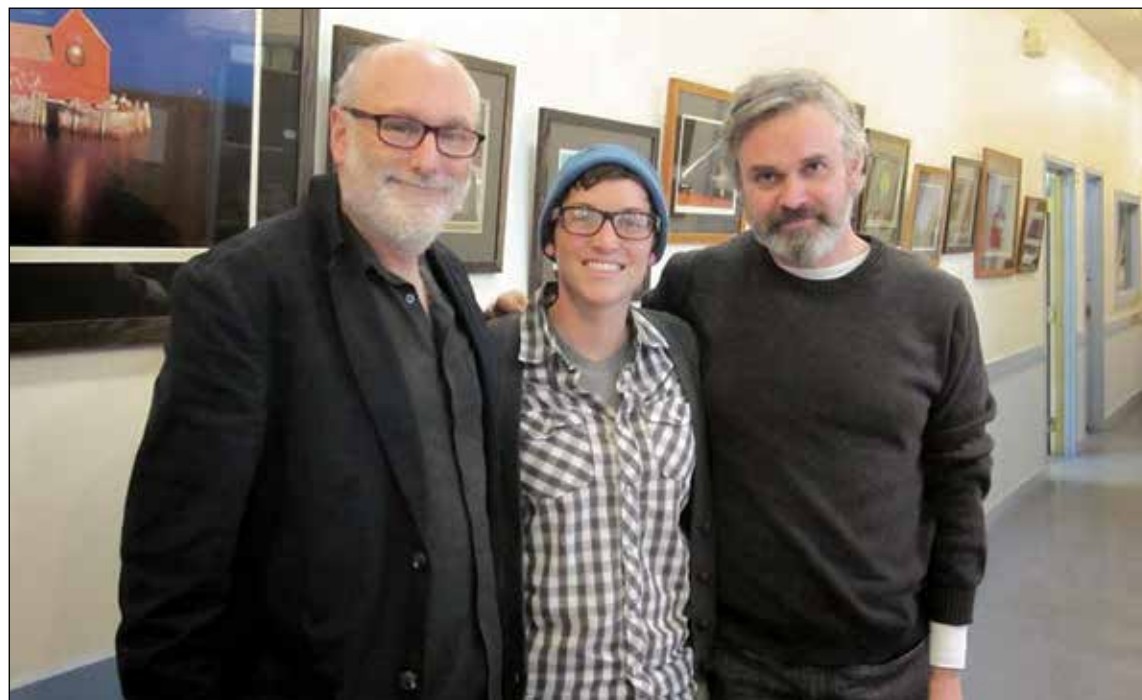
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7:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	1:30pm:	2014 City Hall Inaugural Ceremonies	2:00pm:	SHS Hockey vs. Everett	3:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Everett
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Chewing the fat with Somerville's media moguls



(Left to right) Doug Holder, Erica Jones, and Gordon Nelson.

I braved the unforgiving winds of the polar vortex on a recent January afternoon to reach the warm shelter of the Somerville Community Access TV studios. There I was to interview two key staff members of this fine organization: Erica Jones and Gordon Nelson. Jones, an upbeat woman hovering around the 30-year-old mark, has a slightly subversive sense of humor and a knack for snappy dialogue. For the past year or so, Jones has been the program and outreach coordinator for SCAT. Nelson, a laidback man with a graying beard and an avuncular manner, is the youth coordinator for this nonprofit.

Jones is originally from upstate New York and attended college there, later receiving her advanced degree from Suffolk University in Boston. I asked Jones, a resident of Teele Square, why she chose Somerville to put down her walking cane. She said, "I love the fact that everyday something is going on here. I also like the accessibility to Boston and the sense of community Somerville offers."

Nelson, a Pittsburgh native, is an independent filmmaker, and although he lives in Malden with his wife, he said, "I feel spiritually committed to Somerville." He told me that his films have been shown at the ICA, the Mass. Art Film Society and at various venues in New York City.

Since Jones came on board at SCAT over a year ago, she has worked to connect SCAT to the community through social media and planning events like the "Potluck Lecture Series," as well as forming partnerships with such institutions as the Cambridge Heath Alliance and other organizations.

Nelson said of the team at the TV station, "All of the staff at SCAT is involved with all aspects of the operation."

Under SCAT Director Wendy Blom's steady hand, Jones and other staff have updated the website and started a news program, the "Somerville Neighborhood Network." This nightly news program has a number of rotating anchors and reporters. One reporter of note is Rep. Denise Provost. Jones said the program fills a void for in-depth coverage of local stories. (Of course *The Somerville Times* also supplies great coverage!). Some of the stories the news program has covered have been the Green Line Extension, homelessness in Somerville, heroin abuse and labor-rights issues. The show even has a high school reporter who brings news from the hallowed halls of secondary education.

Another relatively new development at SCAT is "Boston Free Radio." This Internet radio station is open to all Massachusetts residents. Here folks can produce their own radio shows, and there are very few limitations on subject matter. There is one show, *Love Scene*, that deals with relationships and "healthy" sex. Jones, with a sly look in her gimlet eyes, told me it is "hot and steamy."

All in all, SCAT seems to be a vital organization in the Paris of New England, Somerville. The staff members I have known for the past 11 years that have produced my show have been accomplished and accessible. SCAT can help you realize your personal goals – and even your professional ones.

Check out what is happening at SCAT at <http://scatvsomerville.org>.

Emily Pineau's poetry has appeared in the anthology, *Like One: Poems For Boston*, and in newspapers and literary journals such as *The Somerville News*, *The Endicott Observer*, *The Endicott Review*, *Ibbetson Street*, *Muddy River Poetry Review*, and *Notes from the Gean: Monthly Haiku Journal*. The Ibbetson Street Press of Somerville published her poetry collection, *No Need to Speak*. The Aurean chose *No Need to Speak* as the Editor's Chap/Book Choice to be featured in their October issue in 2013.



Through her eyes

My cat is a writer.
She sees everything
as a metaphor.
Every blanket
in my house
is a cave.
Closed bathroom
doors
are boulders.
My hands
are every person
she knows
and loves.

– Emily Pineau

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