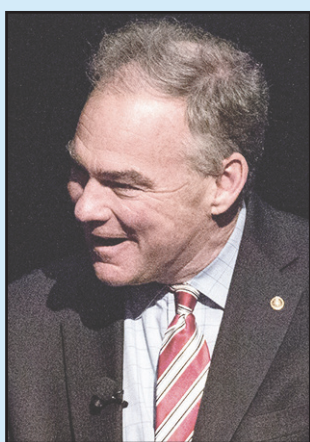


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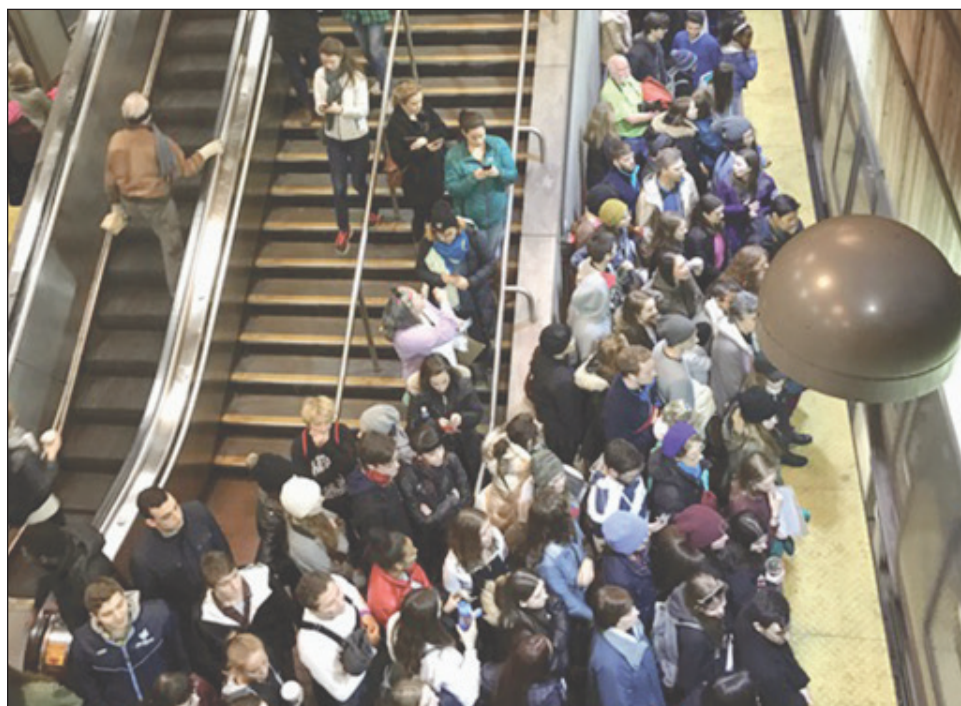
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## Somerville residents join the Women's March in Boston



Trains and T-stops were packed on Saturday as thousands poured in from neighboring cities like Somerville to participate in the Boston Women's March.  
— Photo by Joe Ruvido

By Joe Ruvido

Somerville residents joined an estimated 175,000 others at Boston Common on Saturday for the Boston Women's March.

The march, which was billed as a protest against the anti-female rhetoric and policy proposals of President Donald Trump also served as a general protest against his presidency.

Speakers at the rally preceding the march included Massachusetts Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and State Attorney General Maura Healey.

Hundreds waited at the Davis Square T station as packed trains from Alewife with no room for riders bypassed the platform. The MBTA had to send empty trains to Red Line stations to accommodate the influx of riders on their way to the protest. An empty train sent to Davis at 11:00 a.m. was met by cheers and applause.

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## Blossoming plans for the Somerville Growing Center

By Jessica Kenney

The Somerville Community Growing Center is a quarter-acre site located by Union Square. It was created twenty years ago as a means of educating people on the environment and hosting cultural performances. It is open to people of all ages and backgrounds, and allows chances to mingle with others, despite cultural or ecological differences. At the Growing Center, people are encouraged to develop ideas and learn through exploring the outdoors. It is also a center for arts and music, a spot people can go to for peace.

Both those that manage the Growing Center and those that attend it are proud of the positive things that make this space enjoyable and cherished in Somerville. But over the past two decades, the Growing Center has changed due to large areas of shade, a cluttered lawn, and decaying structures. It was difficult for those who manage the Center to see it

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The Somerville Community Growing Center is looking at getting a makeover in the near future, thanks to efforts by generous volunteers and funding by the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act.

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Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday first of all to a favorite here at *The Times*, **Dorothy DiMarzo**, a great lady who is always positive and makes the best dishes around. And we know this personally. Happy birthday Dorothy! Happy birthday to a long-time Somerville guy, **Jeff Cappello**, the husband of former **Ward 4 Alderman Maryann**. We wish Jeff the very best on his special day. Happy birthday to a lifelong resident who is involved with what's going on here in the city for a long time, **Philip Ercolini**. A great guy, from a great family. Local lady and real estate agent with **The Norton Group**, good friend **Denise Cosby**. We wish her a happy birthday. Former Somerville guy and a guy with a lot of passion for what he believes in, we're wishing **James Robertson** a happy birthday. Happy birthday as well to **Nancy Coutoumas**, who loves Somerville. Happy Birthday to **Kathie Lathasha Harris**, who also celebrates this week. Happy birthday to **Maureen Turner Schlegel**, who is celebrating this week as well.

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**Somerville Rotary** celebrates 93 years of service to the city and it is looking for some new members. Rotary is a service club for businesses and local non-profits. Somerville Rotary meets at **12:15 p.m. every Tuesday at the Holiday Inn**. If you'd like to find out more about Rotary and what it does here both in the city and internationally, go to the their website at [www.somervillerotary.org](http://www.somervillerotary.org).

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**Alderman at Large Jack Connolly** is home from the hospital, recuperating from triple by-pass surgery. We hear he's doing well and should be back to his usual self shortly. We certainly wish him the best.

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The first fundraiser for the upcoming city elections is set for this evening, **Wednesday, January 25, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at PA Lounge, 345 Somerville Ave.** Candidate **Stephanie Hirsch** will be running for Alderman At Large. Watch now how fast all the others will have their fundraisers.

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**Pat Reardon**, a local Somerville lady, *Continued on page 11*

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: *A new push by the city for sound barriers along I-93*

**Matt** says:  
How was this not already rolled out?

**LindaS** says:  
Nothing is a priority for the City unless they are losing money or it will make them money. They also don't seem to realize that noise pollution isn't just along those areas, but citywide. Construction noise, for one, must be all over the place, especially in the Union Square area, and that must also create air pollution from the exhaust coming from the equipment and the dust and dirt that may be kicked up as well. I feel for anyone who is living around that. When Maxwell's Green was being built behind my house, I had to deal with constant construction noise and air pollution coming in through the windows, to the point where I had to close them in the summer, so I know that anyone living or working near construction areas must be going crazy. Now that Maxwell's Green has finally been completed, every day, several times a day, including very early in the morning, there is a garbage truck that empties the dumpster there, and they bang it into the truck so hard it sounds like a cannon went off. Imagine hearing that early on a Saturday morning, especially if you have young babies that are easily wakened. It's even worse in summer when the windows are open. These things, of course, do not matter to the City, so it's highly unlikely they will ever be addressed. Be thankful that they are doing anything about I-93, even if it took them this long to do it.

**Townie** says:  
Wow Linda it almost sounds like you live in a city...

**Oliver Seppo** says:  
Can we add also fine particulate barriers?

**JAMES** says:  
Medford got there walls up and Somerville is still waiting for them for over 15 yrs

**ritepride** says:  
DOT just does what they want. Powderhouse Blvd has had "No Trucks" signage posted along it for over 60+ years. Now large heavy trucks travel along 24 hours day. Empty dumpster trucks reverberating echoing bangs as they travel over ruts in the pavement from 11 pm thru early a.m. hours. Plus box trucks, car carriers, Walgreen trailers, etc. Contact some aldermen and no action has been done to correct this issue. Wrote to Richard A. Davey, then MA Secretary of Transportation, who wrote back that the MA DOT made the Blvd a truck route in the 90's. Ironical that no one in the neighborhood was contacted about any hearings on how some state hack decided to devalue the property values of the homeowners by doing such a stupid thing. Maybe now our BOA is getting full time pay for part-time positions, instead of rubber stamping the mayor's new high school etc. They will take time to get the state to revoke their illegal ruling. Powderhouse Blvd is a city roadway, not a state road.

### Response to: *Excerpts from Alderman at Large and Board President William A. White Jr.'s Mid-term speech*

**Courtney O'Keefe** says:  
As someone who attended years of Committee meetings before I served as an Alderman, I'm glad Bill brought them up. These meetings give residents a great opportunity to have their voices heard in front of numerous Aldermen and department heads. When I served, I did ask that these meetings be recorded and/or videotaped for public review, but was unsuccessful. I hope that this is reconsidered in the future along with having closed captioning for full Board of Aldermen meetings.

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John Connolly

# Mayor recognized by Somerville Community Access Television

By Brian Zipp

Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) presented Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone with the SCATV Sanctuary Award this past Thursday, January 19, as part of the community media center's annual meeting and awards events. The award acknowledges Curtatone's leadership role in championing and promoting the community values that make Somerville a city that values and supports free speech, creative innovation and welcomes and safeguards the community diversity that makes Somerville such a special place.

Held the at the SCATV studios in Union Sq., SCATV Board President, Jesse Moos, in presenting the award, stated that "being president of the board of Somerville Community Access Television, I look to other strong leaders who are deeply invested to doing the right thing...As a Somerville resident and city of Somerville employee, I'm proud to present the Sanctuary Award to Mayor Curtatone on behalf of Somerville Community Access Television."

Curtatone in accepting the award remarked, "I'm proud and flattered that I'd be recognized for doing something that's just very human. And I think that any-



Mayor Joseph Curtatone receives Sanctuary Award from SCATV Board President Jesse Moos.

one in Somerville, and that's what's great about this city, stands side by side with you, as an elected leader, as a resident, to promote these community values."

Mindful of the following day's inaugural events, Curtatone went on to say, "And my hope, beginning now and tomorrow is that the rest of the country will open up its hearts and minds and understand that the Somerville way is the right way. That's where we double down on our values. Right? Of civility, of humanity, of community, of democracy for everybody." Curtatone closed by reiterating Somerville's status as a Sanctuary City, "We're a community that welcomes everyone who wants to be part of this country, who loves this community, loves this state, who loves this country."

# Sen. Tim Kaine visits Tufts University



By Charles Lane

Tim Kaine, the 2016 Vice Presidential nominee and U.S. Senator (D-Va.), visited Tufts University this past Monday morning, January 22.

Sen. Kaine participated in a conversation with Alan Solomont, dean of Jonathan M. Tisch College for Civic Life and former U.S. ambassador to Spain and Andorra, about the 2016 presidential campaign, his career in public service, and how he and his colleagues in the Senate will approach the next four years.

Sen. Kaine encouraged the crowd of Tufts students, staff and faculty to stay engaged, and to consider their roles as voters and public servants while positively channeling their energies to issues most important to them.

Among the topics addressed, Sen. Ka-

ine discussed the 2016 presidential race and his disappointment at outcome. He added his thoughts on the confirmation hearings and the role of the Senate minority. He also touched upon the need for increased voter turnout.

Sen. Kaine took questions from students in the audience about his faith, progressive politics, how Democrats will function in the Senate, and offered advice to students seeking careers in public service.

The entire 42-minute conversation is on Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6Jtmkrhh3k&feature=youtu.be>, and is available for download at this link: <https://tuftsemc.box.com/shared/static/hij63ogpxi3o61bl2ncb-fo5nf5jn00ks.mp4>

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'THE WEEK IN CRIME'

By Jim Clark

## Attempted murder on Broadway

Police were dispatched to the L.A. Market convenience store last Friday on reports of a stabbing victim who had stumbled into the market.

The 911 caller from the market reported that a man came into the store, bleeding, and collapsed. The caller also stated that he observed a knife outside the door.

Police noted that just a few minutes prior to this call, another 911 call had come in from a different caller, reporting that two men were engaged in a knife fight in the middle of Broadway, in front of the L.A. Market.

Police and EMS units arrived on the scene to find the stabbing victim, unconscious and suffering from multiple severe stab wounds to his heart, lung, throat, abdomen and hands. Be-

cause of his grave condition due to the massive loss of blood, he was immediately rushed to Massachusetts General Hospital.

A blood stained sidewalk, with the trail leading from a smashed cell phone on the sidewalk in front of Venus Pizza to L.A. Market, approximately 20 yards long, was observed by investigating officers.

Two blood stained knives were reportedly found on the sidewalk outside of the Broadway businesses.

When questioned by police, the victim's girlfriend reportedly said that the victim had left their North Street apartment to go to the Stop and Shop around the corner to get her something to eat for breakfast while she took her shower. He was to then come back to pick her up and

take her to work.

She said that when he didn't show up to get her she walked up North Street to Broadway where she ran into all the police activity and learned that the victim had been stabbed. She reportedly told police that upon learning he'd been stabbed, she immediately suspected that it was either Dwayne Williams or another individual who had been threatening the victim over the past several weeks. She also stated that the victim, who is not a violent individual, began to carry a knife for protection.

After a series of investigations, including showing photos to witnesses of the incident, an arrest warrant was issued for Dwayne Williams and he was subsequently stopped while driving through Medford and



— Photo by Bobbie Toner

placed under arrest.

According to police, both Williams' hands and the steering wheel of his car tested positive for the presence of blood.

Blood-spattered sneakers belonging to Williams, the same

sneakers that he can be seen wearing on a video at the crime scene, were located at his Medford residence.

Williams faces charges of assault to murder and aggravated assault and battery.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Javier Rivera-Vasquez**, of 103 Leydon St., E. Boston, January 16, 2:38 p.m., arrested at New Washington St. on charges of marked lanes violation, unsecured or uncovered load, unregistered motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Albert Gaudreau**, January 16, 8:44 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

**Sean Beek**, January 17, 2:19 p.m., arrested at Broadway on

a charge of fugitive from justice, and on warrant charges of receiving stolen property over \$250 and possession of a class A drug.

**Robert Papaluca**, of 75 Rockypond Rd., Plymouth, January 17, 4:14 p.m., arrested at Fellsway on warrant charges of speeding, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and not in possession of license.

**Eric Basi**, of 62 Highland Ave., January 17, 6:16 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

**Kervens Michel**, of 70 Lincoln Way, Cambridge, January 17, 8:26 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

**Luciano Maura**, of 33 Marshall St., January 20, 6:12 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Dwayne Williams**, of 245 Commercial St., Malden, January 20, 8:34 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of assault

to murder and aggravated assault and battery.

**Stacey Toli**, of 39 Kingston St., Boston, January 20, 5:06 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation and removal of theft detection device.

**Joana Mempin**, January 20, 5:38 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Namron Holder**, of 81 Woods Ave., January 21, 5:50 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of armed assault to murder and armed robbery.

**Jonathan Laughlin**, of 1132 West Boylston St., Worcester, January 21, 6:53 p.m., arrested at Holland St. on a warrant charge of larceny under \$250.

**Josue Davila**, of 18 Dale St. Andover, January 22, 3:37 a.m., arrested at Boston Ave. on charges of unarmed burglary and nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat.

**Evaldo Dasilva**, of 11 Flint Ave., January 23, 6:46 a.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

## Somerville residents join the Women's March in Boston

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Protesters brought signs or otherwise made makeshift ones at the station before getting on the train. Others donned the pink hats that were legion at other protests in the U.S. and abroad.

Somerville resident Gretchen Brion-Meisels, wearing a "Black Lives Matter" t-shirt as well as a pink hat, waited eagerly for a train. "We brought our kids to other protests. It's important to be a part of moments like this against injustice," she said when asked why she and many others brought their young children to the protest.

Many attendees were happy with the turnout. A group of middle-aged women wearing

pink hats, cramped with arms at their sides on the standing-room-only train car were nonetheless in good-spirits on their way to the Common. "It restores my faith in humanity," remarked one member about the large crowds. "We don't want to go backwards. We don't stand with that."

The crowd was not homogenous in terms of gender, demographics, race or ethnicity. In addition to women's rights, many held signs in support of LGBTQ rights, racial equality, immigrant rights, climate science, and a free press.

The demonstration in Boston was nonviolent and peaceful, like its counterparts in Wash-

ington DC and elsewhere. No counter-protestors or disruptors interrupted the speeches or the march.

Others on the train and downtown who were not attending the march were nonetheless awed at the size and enthusiasm of the protest. Cambridge resident Tai, a first-generation immigrant from India, was surprised that the trains were so full for a Saturday in January. "I'm going to Macy's," he said as crowds streamed past him from Park Street station toward the rallying point on the common. After soaking in the scene for a minute, he smiled. "This is a beautiful country."



More than 175,000 protestors were estimated to have participated in the Women's March in Boston.  
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## NFL Super Bowl Quarterback Matt Ryan inspires Somerville victims

By Donald Norton

Matt Ryan, the Super Bowl Quarterback of the Atlanta Falcons, inspired Mystic Avenue residents to stand up against MassDOT bullying in Somerville. When Boston College Law School Dean, Vincent Rougeau, and BC University President Father William Leahy invited Somerville Attorney Philip Privitera to celebrate the retirement of Matt Ryan's Football jersey during the BC vs. U-Conn game, no one imagined the celebration would inspire Somerville residents to stand up against MassDOT bullying tactics, and possibly even help save their lives.

On the day of Matt Ryan's celebration, conversations soon switched. Privitera mentioned how disheartened he was that the MassDOT was taking open space in a low income, immigrant neighborhood, where the ultimate victims – the residents – didn't really understand what was going on and that they either afraid or unable to protect

themselves.

Jessica Cashdan, BC Law's Assistant Dean of Development, emailed BC Law Professor Zygmunt Plater, a Property Professor and the author of *The Snail Darter and the Dam*. With no less than six trees (each over 30 years old) already killed by the MassDOT and a proposed new traffic design, Plater contacted 422 Mystic and suggested several possible procedural and substantive actions, from an Environmental approach, that might protect the Somerville Victims, including filing for an injunction under the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act.

The land in front of 422 Mystic Avenue represents the last "scraps" of open green space separating residents from 13 lanes of traffic (from Rt. 93 and Rt. 38). If MassDOT gets its way, residents will soon face 15 lanes of traffic, including a bus stop in place of their front walkway and entrance.

In addition to the property damages, the costs of the



Residents at 422 Mystic Avenue in Somerville have gained a lot of support in their fight with MassDOT to preserve their important green/open spaces.

MassDOT project to human lives might be astronomical. Somerville Environmental Researcher Wig Zamore visited Mystic Avenue and commented, "I've been doing health research near highways in the Somerville and Boston Community Neighborhoods for the last decade, and I contacted the people at 422 Mystic Avenue because I am concerned about studying increase in traffic pollution exposure, resulting from the new Mass Highway Project at Mystic Avenue."

The MassDOT Plan essentially eliminates all remaining green space and places a 150-200 foot bus depot directly under the windows of residents. Zamore stated, "From our research and knowledge of particle exposure near highways, we are well aware of increased cardiovascular, lung cancer, childhood asthma and autism risks to residents in these locations."

It has been suggested that some premature deaths caused by state negligence, such as those resulting from the Big Dig ceiling tile collapses, could be valued as high as \$8 Million, or even more, per person, per death.

In addition, to the health and safety costs, the current MassDOT plan arguably ignores public access to the building by the handicapped, elderly, or any other visitors (whether guests, couriers, or food/pack-

age deliverers). The building's current curb cut and drop off area, which is the only public entrance from the street, would be wiped out and replaced with a 100-200 foot bus depot, where parking and stopping is strictly prohibited.

*"... we are well aware of increased cardiovascular, lung cancer, childhood asthma and autism risks to residents in these locations"*

After visiting the premises, Boston Attorney George McGlaughlin, renowned for eminent domain cases, was so optimistic about the damages in this case, that he proposed to represent 422 Mystic at no cost, but to be compensated out of the "additional damages" that he foresaw "over and above" any Pro Tanto Settlement amount that had already been offered by the MassDOT.

While grateful for the outpouring of support for 422 Mystic Avenue and Somerville residents, Attorney Philip Privitera reflected, "When this all started, I just wanted the lives of my

Somerville residents to be respected and protected. But, now, after all that has been forced to happen, that perhaps, so much more will come about to help them (the resident victims) and hopefully protect their lives."

While most residents were originally reluctant to voice their opinions, many such as Denise Laures DaSilva, Junior Rodriguez, D'Muer Varelo and Wilene Picanelli spoke out against MassDOT's plans. DaSilva, a longtime resident, suggested that the project was taking all the beauty away and replacing it with a traffic jam and a concrete jungle. D'Muer Varelo was upset that MassDOT was taking all the green space, trees and decorative granite pillars away.

Zamore proposed studying current residents to measure and record the impact and damages of additional traffic pollution exposure from the MassDOT's two additional traffic lanes (15 in total) and placement of a bus lane directly below tenant windows where trees and green space once existed.

Boston Attorney James McGrail, who also visited 422 Mystic Avenue and walked the premises, suggested that a modified design that is more palliative and perhaps less damaging might be a solution.

As a former Commonwealth employee, Privitera commented, "Maybe we

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* has obtained the 2016 official list from the state treasurer’s office of the “per diem” travel, meals and lodg-

ing reimbursements collected by the Legislature’s 160 state representatives from January 1, 2016 through December 1, 2016. The list reveals that representatives collected a total of \$226,876. Combined with the \$51,725 that the state’s 40 senators collected as reported in last week’s *Beacon Hill Roll Call*, the grand total for both branches is \$278,601.

Under state law, per diems are paid by the state to representatives “for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse.” These reimbursements are given to representatives above and beyond their regular salaries.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a representative resides and its distance from the Statehouse. The Legislature in 2000 approved a law doubling these per diems to the current amounts. The payments range from \$10 per day for legislators who reside in the Greater Boston area to \$90 per day for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 per day for those in Nantucket. Representatives who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston’s Statehouse most often collect the highest total of annual per diems.

Some supporters of the per diems say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They argue many legislators spend a lot of money on travel to the Statehouse and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions. Others say that some legislators accept the per diem but use all revenue they receive to support local nonprofit causes. They say that not taking the per diem would leave that money in the state’s General Fund to be spent on who knows what.

Some opponents argue most private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. They say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes, and funding for important programs has been cut.

The 2016 statistics indicate that 87 of the state’s 160 representatives have received reimbursements ranging \$60 to \$8,550, while 73 have so far chosen not to request any money. According to the state treasurer’s office, a legislator can request to be paid a per diem for any day in the current year and the previous year. Any request for a day prior to that time period will be denied.

The representative who received the most per diem money in 2016 is Rep. Timothy Madden (D-Nantucket) who received \$9,700.

The other four representatives who received the most are Reps. William “Smitty” Pignatelli (D-Lenox), \$8,550; (Former) Rep. Ellen Story (D-Amherst), \$5,820; Robert Koczera (D-New Bedford), \$5,715; and Patricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield), \$5,580.

**REPRESENTATIVES’ 2016 PER DIEMS TOTAL**  
The dollar figure next to the representative’s name represents the total amount of per diem money the state paid him or her in 2016. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the representative certified he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period.

Representatives who have not requested any per diems

have “0 days” listed. That is not meant to imply that these legislators didn’t attend any sessions but rather that they chose not to request any per diems.

Rep. Christine Barber	\$1,020 (102 days)
Rep. Denise Provost	\$1,160 (116 days)

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**HEARING ON PAY RAISE FOR STATEWIDE OFFICEHOLDERS, SENATE PRESIDENT AND HOUSE SPEAKER AND CHANGES TO LEGISLATORS’ SALARIES AND BENEFITS** - The Joint Committee on Ways and Means held a brief one-hour hearing on the two-year-old report of the Special Advisory Commission on the Compensation of Public Officials, created by the Legislature in June 2014. The hearing was convened with less than 72-hours-notice to the public.

The commission recommended pay raises for the state’s six constitutional statewide officers, the speaker of the House and the Senate president.

Other hikes suggested by the panel include increasing each legislator’s annual general expense allowance from \$7,200 to either \$10,000 or \$15,000 depending on the member’s distance from the Statehouse; eliminating legislative per diem payments for meals and lodging reimbursements; changing the source and data on which current biennial legislative salary increases and decreases are based; and providing a \$65,000 annual housing allowance for the governor.

The commission issued its report back in December 2014 but the Legislature never held a hearing on it. Ira Jackson, Dean of the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston, chaired the group.

“Our commission has been non-partisan, fact-driven and guided by principles and a philosophy about public compensation,” Jackson said in the report. “We have worked hard [and] conducted our business transparently. While issues around public compensation are inherently controversial and often contentious, we believe that these recommendations are fair and balanced and we are proud of what we have accomplished in less than 90 days.”

Jackson echoed those remarks at last week’s hearing. Other members of the commission also spoke in favor of the pay hikes and other changes.

Only Chip Faulkner, Director of Communications for Citizens for Limited Taxation (CLT), testified against the hikes. Faulkner spoke with *Beacon Hill Roll Call* following the hearing.

“Only in the Massachusetts State House could the Joint Committee on Ways and Means suddenly out of nowhere call for a public hearing with less than 72 hours’ notice on the day before the Presidential Inauguration, and for what?” asked Faulkner. “For huge raises being proposed for the legislative leadership and constitutional officers. The salary proposals heard today were completely indifferent to what the voters had approved in 1998 and showed complete disdain for the state constitution. I asked ‘What part of the constitution don’t you understand?’ Complete silence followed that question.”

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**GOV. BAKER SIGNS MORE BILLS INTO LAW**  
- Gov. Charlie Baker signed several bills into law last week including:

**PROTECT BICYCLISTS (S 2534)** - Prohibits drivers from parking in bike lanes and from placing their vehicle in a manner that would interfere with the safety and passage of bicyclists. Violators would be fined up to \$50.

Supporters say that prior to passage of this new law, cities and towns passed local ordinances addressing this issue and the result is a patchwork of inconsistent rules and enforcement. They note that when drivers park in these lanes they endanger bicyclists who are forced to merge into traffic.

**ELECTRIC VEHICLES (H 4781)** - Regulates and encourages the use of zero-emission vehicles. The new law prohibits owners of public electric vehicle charging stations from requiring a person to pay for a membership to use the stations but allows the stations to charge different prices for members and non-members. It also allows municipalities to designate parking spaces for use only by zero-emission vehicles and to fine and tow vehicles that violate that rule.

Other provisions require the state to establish regulations for electric vehicle charging for residential and commercial buildings; issue a feasibility study on the electrification of state-owned vehicles; and conduct a study examining the advisability and feasibility of as-

sessing taxes, surcharges, levies or other assessments to offset projected gas tax revenue loss from the increasing purchase or operation of zero-emission vehicles.

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

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

**EYE DROPS (H 4195)** - Requires insurance plans to cover refills of prescription eye drops under the same guidelines used by Medicare Part D. Prior to passage of this new law, Bay State law restricted patients from refilling eye drops and other medications earlier than the 30-day or 90-day refill date. The new law allows patients to get a refill if they run out of drops a few days prior to the allowed refill date and permits some optometrists to treat anaphylactic reactions by injecting epinephrine or adrenaline. Under prior law, only ophthalmologists were allowed to do so. Supporters say that unlike pills, eye drops are difficult to administer and patients often use more than one drop at a time because the first drop misses. They argue this leads to patients either taking a twice daily eye drop only once a day or discontinuing their use of drops until the next allowable refill under their health plan. They note that this can cause their condition, like glaucoma, to worsen and presents serious health and vision risks.

**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 16-20, the House met for a total of one hour and 47 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and nine minutes.

Mon. January 16	No House session No Senate session
Tues. January 17	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:07 a.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 11:15 a.m
Wed. January 18	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. January 19	House 11:07 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.
Fri. January 20	No House session No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
68 Sydney Street	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	55	\$649,900	\$630,000
61 Preston Rd	10 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Victorian	97	\$775,000	\$735,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
98 Albion Street U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Detached	69	\$399,900	\$405,000
106 Walnut St U:6	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Other	66	\$429,000	\$425,000
53 Marshall St U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$449,900	\$510,000
74 Gilman U:10	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	54	\$490,000	\$470,000
68 Wheatland U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	140	\$499,000	\$490,000
116 Perkins St U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Other	22	\$514,900	\$505,000
51 Sydney St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	39	\$549,900	\$545,000
76 Flint Street U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	12	\$599,000	\$599,000
9 Silvey Place U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$599,000	\$580,000
39 Oliver St U:2	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	34	\$618,000	\$585,000
13 Cameron Ave U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	14	\$630,000	\$630,000
24 Sunset Rd U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	18	\$649,000	\$649,000
76 Flint Street U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	38	\$649,000	\$645,000
14-R Carlton St U:2R	9 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	59	\$674,900	\$660,000
21 Carlton U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	61	\$775,000	\$755,000
384 Washington Street U:l	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	28	\$880,000	\$877,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
86 Franklin Street	2 unit, 9 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	15	\$519,900	\$550,000
5 Wigglesworth St	2 unit, 7 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	50	\$625,000	\$590,000
36 Merriam St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	53	\$725,000	\$770,000
34 Merriam St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	53	\$775,000	\$770,000
162 WALNUT ST	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	88	\$949,900	\$950,000
382 Broadway	2 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	31	\$999,900	\$980,000

OBITUARY

Susan M. (Franklin) Wallace



Susan M. (Franklin) Wallace, a 6 year resident of Burlington and former 30 year resident of Marshfield and longtime resident of Somerville, entered into eternal life suddenly on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at her home in Burlington. She was 60 years old.

Susan was born in Providence, Rhode Island on January 22, 1956, a daughter of the late Ralph Franklin and Elaine (Fournier) Franklin. She grew up in Somerville where she was educated in the Somerville Public School system and graduated from Somerville High School in 1974. Susan was a hairdresser for over 30 years and for 6 years she owned her own hair salon in the Brant Rock section of Marshfield. Susan enjoyed spending time at the beach and doing crafts and was always interested in her jewelry. Susan is the loving companion of Neil E. Gillis. She is the devoted mother of Michael Wallace, Kenneth Wallace and

Stacey Wallace. She is the loving Grandmother to James, Joseph and Nicole. She is the beloved twin sister of Jeanne Guell and sister of Lorraine Frisina, Katherine Cremin, Paul Mathis and the late Richard Fournier. She is the dear aunt of Christine Cremin and the late Deanna Cremin and also many other nieces and nephews. She is also the dear great-aunt to Quinten Cremin. Relatives and friends are invited to attend Susan's visiting hours on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon with her Funeral Service at 11:30 A.M. in The Carr Funeral Home, 220 Bunker Hill St. Charlestown. Her burial is private.

Personal Property Inspections underway

Personal Property Inspections (equipment used in the conduct of business) began on Monday, January 23 and will continue for approximately three months.

The Assessing Office Personal Property consultant will be visiting new businesses as well as approximately 1/3 of existing businesses to inventory equipment used in the conduct of business.

Representatives of Real Estate Research Consultants (RRC) will be in the field with identification and the Assessors' ask for and appreciate your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Assessing at 617 625-6600 x3100.



Treasure Hunting with Bob

BY BOB ADAMS



The old silver tray

A few years back, I came across an old tarnished silver tray at a Somerville second-hand store. It was buried under piles of other trays, but this one stood out. The outer edge of the tray was all I could see and it was hand-engraved.

Now, they usually only hand-engrave the good stuff. And this was one of them. It cost \$10 and when I got it home, I looked up the small hallmarks stamped underneath. The tray had a small rice-sized hallmark with the letters "P S" and other small stamps consisting of a lion, a crown, a portrait of a man and the letter "I."

Looking it up, I found that the tray was made by Paul Storr of London in 1804 and weighed 60 troy ounces. The engraving that I saw on the rim was a coat of arms for a Duke in Scotland. This tray looked to me that it was used under plant pots recently as it had greenish circles where a brass or copper plant pot had sat. I used a bit of silver polish and some elbow grease to remove the circles.

Contacting Sotheby's in New York City, they told me that they were having an English Silver auction in a few months and

wanted it for their sale. I mailed it down and saw it in their catalog a few weeks later. The tray sold for \$5000. I don't know who bought it but I'll bet it probably went back to Scotland.

Had this tray been made by a less popular maker – someone other than Paul Storr – it would have not been handled by an auction house as big as Sotheby's and would have sold for the weight of the silver which at the time was about \$500. "Star power" of the maker is important in silver as it is in paintings, furniture, carpets, etc.

How this tray ended up in Somerville hundreds of years after it was made, I don't know. It's important to label your items so they don't just get tossed into the trash, given to a second-hand store for a small tax write-off or destroyed.

Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for my next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com

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Historical Fact of the Week



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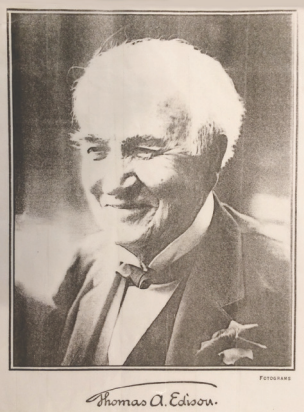
The Thespians

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." So wrote England's most quoted writer and playwright, William Shakespeare. He died on April 23, 1616, four hundred years ago. It was a short time before the founding of the Massachusetts settlements of Plymouth in 1620, of Boston in 1630, and of Charlestown/Somerville a dozen years before in 1628.



Laws were harsh in early New England. The banning of Shakespearian Theatre came across the ocean with the Puritans to Massachusetts Bay. Governor Winthrop and his church followers forbade sports and entertainment in the colony along with the banning of Christmas for over a generation.



In 1750, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a law outlawing stage acting. At the time of the Revolution, occupying English soldiers were more tolerant. On the night of June 16, 1775, the unsuspecting King's officers were enjoying a play at Faneuil Hall while Patriot soldiers were fortifying Bunker Hill. Later in the war at Valley Forge, General Washington, the raiser of America's first flag on Prospect Hill, ignored the congressional ban and allowed theatre for his troops morale.

Abraham Lincoln was America's beloved Civil War president. While a congressman in 1848, he toured Somerville and other Boston area towns. While president, he kept the works of Shakespeare on his White House desk and borrowed quotes in many of his speeches. He dearly loved acting performances and was assassinated while attending a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.



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# School Committee Chair Laura Pitone’s 2017 State of the City Address

**By Laura Pitone**

*The following is from School Committee Chair Pitone’s speech delivered at the Board of Aldermen Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017 in the Aldermanic Chambers:*

Mayor Curtatone, President White, fellow elected officials on the Board of Alderman and School Committee, Superintendent Skipper, family and friends. I am honored to share this night with you and for my new role as the Chair of the School Committee. I appreciate the confidence and trust you have placed in me to lead and collaborate with the talented people that represent the city of Somerville on the School Committee.

First I want to acknowledge and congratulate Paula O’Sullivan as our newest member of the School Committee, representing Ward 6. She is filling big shoes (literally) with the resignation of Paul Bockleman, who mentored me and may others with his deep knowledge of the district, ability to both listen and speak thoughtfully and with great humor. With her professional background in education and as a parent of three children attending the Kennedy and Brown Schools, Paula’s perspective will contribute greatly to the work of the School Committee. Thank you Paula, for stepping up and your future service.

I would also like to acknowledge the out-going Chair of the School Committee, Carrie Nor-

mand, who has led us through a period of great change, both in membership and district leadership. Although our current school committee members are relatively new to the job, there is no shortage of passion and Carrie has inspired all of us with her generous and thoughtful leadership, always putting the needs of the children of Somerville first and foremost.

Although many of the faces on the school committee have changed, it is inspiring to look around the room and recognize so many who have served before us – the list is too long to name – many who continue to serve in public office. Your commitment to the city and our schools continues in your current work, and the Somerville Public Schools would not be enjoying its current success without your continued support – thank you. As steward of the schools I also imagine I am not only seeing my predecessors but hopefully a few faces of those that will follow in our footsteps.

For some of us, OK me, my role on the SC was not part of some master plan but a journey I unwittingly embarked on the day I brought my son to kindergarten at the Healey School 10 years ago. I was welcomed in the school community and greatly supported as we made, what was for my family, a challenging transition. I wanted to give back so I got involved at the school, doing what I was interested in and leveraging my skills – that sweet spot that makes volunteering easy. But I realized I wanted to do more for the wider school community. Running for office was an overwhelming prospect but one of the most exciting and rewarding experienced I have had. I met so many amazing and different people – but the one thing they shared in common was their sincere interest in the students of Somerville.

That interest showed it self this November when the commu-

nity overwhelmingly supported the city’s planned investment in a new Somerville High School. Thanks to the High School Building Committee for their time and efforts to consider every possible location and various interests from historic preservation, the experience of current students during construction to the inspiring educational vision of the future of Somerville High School developed by school staff, Headmaster Oteri and Superintendent Skipper. This vision emphasizes critical thinking skills, collaboration and an increased connectivity between our career and technical and college preparatory programming. I am excited to see the future of Somerville High School unfold.

*“I wanted to give back so I got involved at the school, doing what I was interested in and leveraging my skills...”*

In addition to plans for a new High School, 2016 brought an increased focus on the social and emotional development of our students. From enhancing health education in the middle schools to strengthen how our staff is organized to identify and met the needs of struggling students – we have made investments that allow all our students to better meet academic challenges and prepare them for life after SPS. Students who are struggling socially or emotionally may not be ready to learn or make their full contribution to their community. These efforts are in direct support of the district’s continued commitment to Whole Child education – a shorthand for the combination of academic, social, emotional

School Committee Chair Laura Pitone.

and physical education – including new methods to assess our successes (and learn about areas for growth) beyond standardized testing.

But now, I hope to liven things up a bit by switching gears from assessments to baked goods to illustrate something fundamental about our schools and the work of 2016 and beyond. I was at Lyndell’s bakery last week, and the woman next to me made a comment about a young boy and girl pressed against the glass case filled with doughnuts. They were siblings and she was impressed to see them happily together, if not slowly, asking for their order. Her name was Barbara and she was a retired SPS PE teacher. She then told me about bumping into one for her former students and although she didn’t remember the name of the “boy” (who she guessed was about 60 now) she did remind him of a collision they had in the gym and pulled up the leg of her pants to show him the resulting surgical scar on her kneecap. After over 40 years she still remembers her student and they remember her. Wow, our educators know our kids (even 40 years later), our educators put the needs of our kids first, our educators watch out for our children in the community – even after they retire, looking at our future generation with a kind heart and commentary. Attracting, growing and keep-

ing great staff is a top priority at SPS and Superintendent Skipper has enhanced our efforts. To put it simply, the goal is to make SPS THE TOP choice for quality educators in order to retain and attract the best talent. I use the term educator intentionally (just as Superintendent Skipper does) to include not only teachers, but administrators, paraprofessionals,

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## 311: A look at why and how often you contact us



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Twenty seconds: That figure represents the time within which our 311 customer service representatives strive to answer resident calls, and 79 percent of the time they achieve that goal. This is a notable feat considering that Somerville 311 is one of the smallest constituent service centers in the country, but nationally 78 percent of 311 calls take up to 30 seconds before they are answered. Perhaps this is made even more impressive when considering the more than 90,000 service and information requests 311 responded to and resolved in 2016.

With the high number of inquiries, we understandably respond to a wide range of requests. Of course we hear from you about day-to-day services

and issues like trash pickup, permit requests, construction updates, and parking questions (especially with the change in snow emergency parking to the even side of the street for this season). But in 2016, we also heard from you regarding things like Christmas trees and cute animals – sometimes when you least suspect them.

Our customer service representatives say that receiving calls about Christmas trees is not out of the ordinary. The City mulches discarded trees, so 311 typically receives numerous calls during January or February inquiring about tree pickup. However, last year they received a call just after Labor Day weekend requesting the pickup of a tree from Christmas 2015 – 9 months after the end of the season.

And who could forget Somerville's resident turkey? Our call center received multiple calls last summer about turkey sightings, placing him in a variety of locations across the City like the Century Bank and even the I-93 entrance ramp during rush hour. Turkeys weren't the only animal sightings you reported though.

There were also calls concerning families of bunnies hopping around Somerville.

For daily updates on what your fellow Somervillians are contacting us about, you can view our 311 data and explore an interactive map of requests at our online Data Farm at [Somervillema.gov/datafarm](http://Somervillema.gov/datafarm). But no matter the nature of the service or information request, our 311 customer service representatives work hard to provide you with top notch service and many of you took notice. This year we launched a satisfaction survey for 311 that provided us with useful feedback. Key was that most callers, including those with issues we couldn't solve to their liking, rated our operators highly, giving them a 4.53 out of 5 with 5 being the highest score.

One survey respondent who called about a parking ticket noted: "Although I was not happy receiving the letter in the mail threatening the jeopardy of my renewal registration and driver's license, I appreciate the utmost respect, responses, and attentiveness I received from 311."

The constituent services crew appreciates all feedback because they want to make sure they are giving you the best service possible. But the positive feedback especially goes a long way in boosting morale.

In addition to praise from the community, Somerville 311 also received the 2016 QScend Technologies Innovators Award for contributing ideas for feature enhancements to their citizen request management software. Put simply, we've been working with them to make it possible to easily follow up with you so you know how we're handling your request and when it is resolved. The feature was implemented earlier this year and now benefits customers across the country. And we're continuing to work to refine it.

Another way 311 works to serve all residents is by making their services available not only 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, but also by offering multiple points of contact: phone, email, mobile app, City Website, Facebook, and Twitter, postal mail, fax, or by visiting the City Hall welcome

desk during business hours. And we can pretty much take a call in any language with the help of our in-house bilingual operators as well as our Language Line service, which ups our interpretation options to 240 languages.

Perhaps it is most important to remember that our constituent services department is here for you. And as I say frequently, we want to hear from you no matter how big or small you think an issue may be. Community engagement comes in more than one form. It is not just showing up to the polls on Election Day or attending a community meeting on the big City projects. It is also maintaining an open line of communication with your government and ensuring they know about an issue as soon as it arises. Somerville 311 makes it possible for residents to do just that. We hope to continue hearing from you this year, and as always, let us know what we can do to make living in Somerville better for you – even if it means assisting you with Christmas tree disposal in September.

## The politics of murder



By William C. Shelton

Late on a hot and muggy July night in 1995, my girlfriend and I were returning from the Assembly Square Cinema to our Summit Avenue apartment. Flashing lights from a mass of police, fire, and EMS vehicles assaulted us as we turned onto Boston Street.

My neighbor Gina Mahoney, whom I've since come to know and cherish, was sitting on her front porch. She and the cigarette she was holding were shaking. We continued home with deep feelings of foreboding.

The next day we learned that the shredded body of our neighbor Janet Downing had been found in her home. State Police detectives assigned to Middlesex District Attorney Tom Reilly's office were taking

over the investigation.

Hours later, police charged Eddie O'Brien, the fifteen-year-old best friend of Janet Downing's son, who lived across the street. At that point, they stopped investigating, except to support the theory of Eddie's guilt. In fact, they declined to accept material testimony that contradicted that theory. And the collective evidence of Eddie's innocence was unequivocal.

In compellingly clear and unadorned prose, Margo Nash lays it out in her recently published book, *The Politics of Murder*. Ms. Nash was a trial attorney assigned by the Court to be Eddie's guardian ad litem, a court officer appointed to advocate for the best interest of a child in the justice system.

Here is a portion of that evidence:

• Janet Downing's killer beat her, dragged her up and down stairs, stabbed her 98 times, removed her bra, sliced it 36 times, and put it back on her. But eyewitnesses establish that Eddie was in the house only five-to-seven minutes.

• The attack sprayed blood across stairs and walls, pooling on the floor. But the clothes that eyewitnesses agree Eddie wore before and after the murder had no blood on them.

• The DNA on what the prosecutor alleged to be the murder weapon was identifiable, and it was not Eddie's. The prosecutor chose not to identify the DNA under Janet Downing's fingernails, as well as other DNA and fingerprints found at the scene.

• There was no forced entry to the house, and Eddie did not have keys.

• Four months before the murder, Janet Downing had asked her sister and brother-in-law, Artie Ortiz to move out of the house after she discovered that Ortiz was dealing drugs out of the basement. Ortiz declined to return his keys.

• Gina Mahoney often observed Ortiz entering the house in Downing's absence. Items in the house disappeared and were moved. Ortiz taunted Downing by handing her a book that he had taken from her bed stand.

• The night of the murder, the

cab that Ortiz drove was parked next to the Downings' house and blocked in by emergency vehicles. A panicked Ortiz told Mahoney that he'd lost his keys. They were subsequently found in Downing's yard.

• On the day of the murder, Janet expressed her fears about Ortiz and begged Gina to ensure that the police would "investigate, investigate, investigate" if she were killed. Gina, who was stalked by Ortiz after the murder, repeatedly tried to present her evidence to police.

Police declined her many attempts to be interviewed. Nor did they interview Virginia Reckley, who lived in the apartment that shared a wall with the Downings. Reckley had heard a commotion in the Downings' residence at a point during the short time window when the murder could have taken place, but when witnesses established that Eddie was elsewhere. Nor did police interview Artie Ortiz.

The jury heard none of this because D.A. Tom Reilly had found a politically advantageous defendant, and Eddie's counsel

did not provide a competent defense. Franz Kafka remarks somewhere in *The Trial* that Justice wears the blindfold to conceal the fact that where eyes should be are two festering sores. One could form that impression by reviewing Eddie O'Brien's experience in the justice system, as Ms. Nash does.

The murder came at a time of public hysteria regarding "super-predator" youth. In anticipation of a forecast wave of ravaging teenagers, state legislatures and Congress were producing harsh sentencing laws. The predicted plague never materialized, and today, bipartisan agreement is emerging to repeal these laws.

Thomas Reilly championed them. Politically ambitious, he intended to become Attorney General, and this case offered him an irresistible grandstanding opportunity. In Eddie O'Brien, Reilly had found what Tom Wolfe called, "the great white defendant," that is, one who would insulate Reilly from charges of racism.

So he took *Continued on page 17*

COMMENTARY

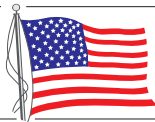
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Do it. Just do it.

Our View Of The Times



It’s an old problem that never seems to find a solution ... as unbelievable as that may be.

Once again the city is pressing to get some action from the state – or wherever it can – so that a sound wall can be put up along the stretch of Interstate 93 that runs into Somerville.

This is a laudable effort, to say the least, but how often have we heard the talk but

no one bothers to walk the walk? In the end we end up getting nowhere.

Finally though, the sabre rattling is beginning to sound more convincing, and maybe – just maybe – some real action may be taken to get this project underway and pushed through to completion.

If our neighbors in Medford and elsewhere can do it then we certainly can. All it takes is the will to keep nagging the

holders of the purse strings until they finally give in, either out of compassion for our needs or to get us out of their hair. Either way is fine, too. Let’s just get it done.

Of course, the issue goes well beyond the inconvenience of road noise. Pollution from fine particulates in the air pose a genuine threat to the health and wellbeing of all of us, not just those who happen to live or work near the highway. This

stuff travels.

So the time is right to strike while the iron is hot. City leaders have asked the public to help by contacting state officials who have the power to help get this done and let them know how important it is.

With all the funds flying around for the Green Line Extension and whatnot, there must be a little left for us to wet our beaks and do what must be done.

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retired **Somerset Bank** manager and Past President of **Somerville Rotary** has been ill and we send our warmest regards for a fast get-back-on-your-feet and back-to-normal. Pat is a great lady, loved by many here in the city. She and her husband Joe live in the Magoun Square area and are known all across the city.

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Our good friend **Charlie Chisholm** is still over at **MGH**. Major surgery was just completed and some more to come to get him back on his feet. Not a great place to spend extended time, in the hospital, so we hope he gets better soon.

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

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For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the **Lawrence Rod & Gun Club**. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified

Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email [gunclub@earthlink.net](mailto:gunclub@earthlink.net) for more information and or go to their website at [www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org](http://www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org) and read up about the course. We’ve been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it’s a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in *Newstalk*. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

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

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Now, regarding our good friends **Bobby Potaris** and **Chris Pedersen**; they had a little contest the other night at **Sally**

**O’Brien’s** on Somerville Ave. with beautiful **Lauren** and one of our **Newstalkers**. The contest was short, to the point and yes, Bobby won. He is a champion!

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Watching Alderman **Bob McWatters** work the **Little Sisters of the Poor** party being thrown for **Sister Rachel**, who turned 100 last Saturday, was like watching a truly nice guy at his best. He walked around and talked with just about every sister present and they were so happy to speak to and to have their picture taken with him. He is well-liked at Little Sisters, we can tell you. His dedication to the organization is tops, and is very much appreciated by the Little Sisters. Go online at our website and view the pictures of the celebration.

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Somerville’s number one deli, **Victor’s Deli** in Ball Square, is closed down this week. First of all, **Nancy** and **Jason** are on vacation with the baby down in the Caribbean for the week. The deli is closed for the week, to be renovated with a new look, but the same great food, so you have to wait until next week to get your order filled. We don’t know what to do in the meantime for lunch. A week without a piece of pizza or, even worse,

a week without one of their many delicious meals that has made the Moccia family famous is hard to take.

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Our own **Claudia Ferro**, the paper’s photographer – OK, actually has to be the city’s best photographer – is out of action this week. She’s had surgery on her foot and was told to stay off it and rest up. We hope she’s better real soon and gets back on the beat, we have to send **Donald** out as a back up and he isn’t as good with the camera, but don’t tell him!

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At the recent **Zoning Board of Appeals** meeting this past week, the Chairperson had her hands full but she handled the meeting like a professional, a sort of Solomon type. **Susan Fontana** of East Somerville got through some very contentious hearings, but she did the city proud.

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A twist involving one proposed development at that **ZBA meeting** had the local **Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang** siding with the developer while **Aldermen Mary Jo Rossetti, Bill White and Dennis Sullivan** spoke against it. It seems that a developer wants to take out a business at

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# Celebrating Sister Rachel Ferdinand's 100 years

By Donald Norton

Last Saturday, Little Sisters of the Poor on Highland Ave. celebrated Sister Rachel Ferdinand's 100th birthday with a huge party.

Sister Rachel was very pleased to see so many who showed up at her party. Many of her fellow Sisters of The Poor from around New England were present to offer their regards.

Sister Rachel entered the convent in 1943 and has been here in Somerville

now for 37 years, serving the community on Highland Ave.

Together with many of her many friends who showed up were Mother Maureen and Mother Provencal, with about 75 other attendees who filled the dining hall.

Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters, who is a big supporter of the order, presented Sister Rachel with a citation from himself and Board of Alderman President William A. White Jr. acknowledging her dedication and efforts here in the community



Go to [www.thesomervilletimes.com](http://www.thesomervilletimes.com) for more photos

Photos by Donald Norton



# The 2017 Ascatdemy Awards

Thursday, January 19, marked the 2017 Annual Meeting and Awards event for Somerville Community Access TV (SCATV). Held at their studios at 90 Union Sq., it was an opportunity to recognize community support for free media and free expression, as well as a celebration of the accomplishments of the area's media makers.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone and State Representative Denise Provost were the keynote speakers for the evening. Both emphasized the importance free speech and accountability and lauded the community

center's role in those arenas. And the first award of the night went to Mayor Curtatone for his leadership and the stand Somerville has taken as a Sanctuary City.

Highlights included Boston Free Radio (BFR) Station Manager and Youth Outreach Coordinator, Heather McCormack recognizing SCATV Volunteer of the Year, Fallon Leigh O'Brien and BFR Volunteer of the Year, Dan Burke. And Executive Director, Brian Zipp recognized the JoJo LaRiccia for her community media work that goes back to 1986 with the Lifetime Achievement Award.



Photos by Jason Corey



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JoJo LaRiccia and Joe Lynch.



Joe Lynch points out Ascatdemy Award artwork on Staffer Adam Stone.



Denise Provost and Jesse Moos.



Doug Ashford BFR Plaque.



JoJo LaRiccia receives Prospey from Brian Zipp.



Melitta King In fantastic company with Henry Parker and Yvette Wilks.



Hosts Joe Lynch and Ken McIntyre thumbs up to Yvette Wilks.

SPORTS

SHS Girls Varsity Basketball update



The Somerville High School Girls Varsity Basketball team played Notre Dame Academy - Hingham last Wednesday night, losing with a final score of 23 -51. They picked up a game at home against Malden on Friday, with a winning score of 48-36. — Photos by Bobbie Toner

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. When was the website Facebook first launched?

2. What was the original name of Facebook?

3. When did Facebook owner drop "the" from the domain name?

4. For what movie did Steven Spielberg win his first Oscar?

5. Who made the film Renaldo and Clara with Bob Dylan?

6. Which product was first called drybak?

7. Who was the first Harley-Davidson dealer?

8. From an old Irish proverb, "if you want to be criticized get" what?

9. Syngenesophobia is the fear of what?

10. What does Honolulu mean in Hawaiian?

11. What is a claque actor?

12. Who wrote the book, the lyrics, and the music to the musical Hamilton?

Answers on page 17



2017 SYRF Auction

Somerville Youth and Recreation Foundation (SYRF) is holding it's 2017 annual foundation during the month of February. This is a Great Opportunity to Assist the Youth of Somerville. The (SYRF) is hosting an On-Line Auction starting Wednesday, February 1 through February 28.

Auction Items will consist of Boston's finest hotels gift certificates: 1-2 free nights and possibly a complimentary Breakfast, tickets to entertainment (shows) and professional sporting events (Bruins, Celtics, Patriot's & Red Sox, etc.), memorabilia, restaurant's, clothing stores, and spa gift certificates.

This event represents a single fundraiser for the year and all proceeds are put directly to the programs and activities for the kids. visit the SYRF Web site at [www.SomervilleYouthRecF.org](http://www.SomervilleYouthRecF.org) to learn more about the SYRF.

The money donated for each auction item is tax deductible. There is also a link to the On-line Auction here: <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?vhost=-SYRF2017>.

The Somerville Youth & Recreation Foundation (SYRF) provides Financial Support for Children in Need and specifically specializes in Special Needs and Educational & Recreational Programs for Children.



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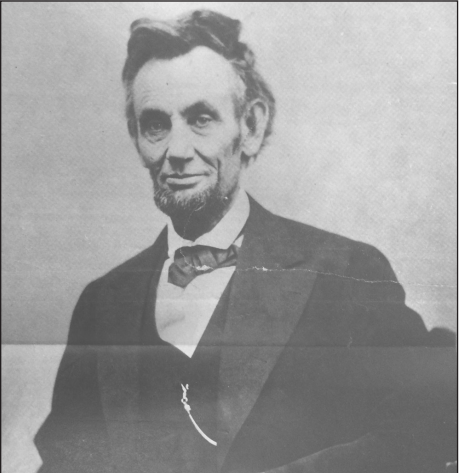
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Historical Fact

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Somerville’s Charles Williams’ electrical shop in Boston was an incubator for young inventors such as Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison. Bell’s first outside telephone call went to Williams’ house at One Arlington Street in Somerville and Edison’s first two inventions were created in his Boston shop. Edison would go on to produce over one thousand more inventions including the incandescent light bulb. One of his most popular creations was the motion picture camera, which became the Holy Grail for Hollywood actors.

This city has been touched by many performers and has played host to over sixteen movie theatres. Over the years, thousands have entertained through film and hundreds have performed on her stages. The city’s oldest continuing stage and movie house, the 103 year old Somerville



Laura Pitone

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lunch aids – everyone who work in our schools – they all play a role in educating our children. I believe this will be one of the most powerful ways we improve opportunities for the children of Somerville.

There are so many more exciting things I could share, but to keep things brief, I would like to expand on the idea of educators, reflecting on my own experience and reaching out to you, members of the Somerville community. Think about the ways that you may have a positive impact on our schools – considering where your interests intersect with your skills (that sweet spot of volunteering) – from tutoring students to asking challenging ques-

Matt Ryan

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worked for a ‘different Commonwealth’ back in the day, but back then we took pride in having the backs of every person in Massachusetts. We would never do anything that might be construed as bullying them or ramming something down their throats, especially something we knew they didn’t understand, something they would be afraid or unable to fight, and ultimately, something that would knowingly cause them injury or life-shortening damages.”

Zamore alluded to MassDOT’s responsibility to offer mitigating strategies, such as a traffic-design modification that takes into account the distances of residences from auto emission particles, and the installation of air quality improvement systems for abutting buildings. Zamore proposed to “explore available mitigating



Theatre, still thrives. In its early years, many popular actors like Tallulah Bankhead felt at home in the 1,200-seat performance center. In recent years, appearances by Leonard Nimoy, Bruce Springsteen, U-2, Bonnie Raitt, and Kevin Spacey graced its hall. In her youth, film star Betty Davis lived around the corner from the theater on College Avenue. She gave the name “Oscar” to the statuette awarded at the annual Academy Awards.

Somerville has been the stage for many movies. Magoun Square, Beacon Street, Union Square, Davis Square, Elm Square, Prospect Hill, Spring Hill, and East Somerville have provided a suitable backdrop. She’s fertile ground in front of the camera or on the stage for modern Thespians ... Shakespeare would be pleased!

tions of your elected officials and city and school administration, educating on what our community wants and needs. Thanks to those who are already in the mix, our PTAs, volunteers and tutors. Great thanks to Superintendent Skipper for her high-energy leadership and clear vision. And my personal thanks to those who allow me to do the work I do – my family, friends and dedicated colleagues on the School Committee. Be an educator, be involved, have an impact. But I warn you it may be addictive and next thing you know one of you may be standing on this podium or sitting in the horseshoe as the next stewards of our city and our schools. Thank you.

strategies, as well as to work cooperatively with residents and Mass Highway or DOT to come up with mitigating strategies that would lower exposures and health risks.”

PHD Environmental Engineer Dr. Neelakshi Hudda, who specializes in Traffic Emissions, also visited 422 Mystic Avenue and expressed interest in doing research, particularly in the project’s impact on 422 residents.

Privitera lamented, “At this special time of year, when we are often reminded that we were all created in God’s likeness, it is always surprising how we let so many suffer around us, especially when we have the power to prevent it. Hopefully, the elected officials and those in those in the proper positions will step up to help us protect Somerville lives while we still have time.

SCATV embraces expanding role as Somerville Media Center

It was announced this past Thursday, January 19, at the Annual Meeting of Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) that Massachusetts’ oldest cable access television station is going by a new name (and accompanying logo) in an effort to better signify the activities that it encompasses. Brian Zipp, as part of his Executive Director’s report, introduced Somerville Media Center (SMC) as the new moniker. Citing the numerous activities hap-



pening both at and beyond its Union Square facilities - Boston Free Radio (BFR), Somerville Neighborhood News (SNN), among them, the hope is that “Somerville Media Center” better reflects the organization’s efforts to address the ever-evolving and expanding media landscape.

This is not to say that SCATV is going away. Nor is BFR or SNN, the other marquee activities at Somerville Media Center. In fact, the logo, designed by Annie Smidt of Somerville-based Durable Creative, a brand, design and web consultancy, specifically includes the SCATV, BFR & SNN initials in the design. Says Zipp, “After more than 30 years of building goodwill in the community under the name SCATV, the last thing we want to do is throw the baby out with the bathwater.” Zipp was quick to point out that cable TV content on SCATV channel 3 in Somerville, remains a core activity. However, “We want the expectation that comes to mind when referring to this organization to go beyond TV. We are Boston Free Radio. We are Somerville Neighborhood News. We have a vibrant youth media program, workshops in the media arts, and audio and video content shared not only on our web site, but via social media, youtube and beyond.”

Zipp also revealed that this planning predates his arrival in April 2016 as Executive Director. The SCATV board under Jesse Moos began the process more than a year ago with a committee comprised of board members and SCATV staff.

T-shirts with the new logo were handed out to members at the event to both figuratively and literally try it on for size. Before the end of the event, the Somerville Media Center logo was already popping up on channel 3.

When asked about the timeline for the re-branding, Zipp pointed out that this will be an “easing” in of the SMC name over the next 6 months. Particularly because, “this is not about dropping SCATV or BFR or SNN as names, but adopting the new umbrella term - Somerville Media Center - that embraces all of the activities we provide to the community.”

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**25-27 Mason Street: (Case #ZBA 2017-05)** Applicant/Owner, Augustus Means, seeks a Special Permit pursuant to SZO §4.4.1 and §4.5.1 to alter a non-conforming two-family dwelling to extend the first floor porch and add a porch at the second floor. RA zone. Ward 7.

**259 McGrath Highway: (Case #ZBA 2008-38-R1-12/16)** Applicant, Paul Cook, Divine Signs, and Owner, Herb Chambers of Somerville, Corp., seek a Special Permit Revision under SZO §5.3.8 in order to alter signage on the existing façade of the structure. IA Zone. Ward 2.

**245 Elm Street: (Case #ZBA 2017-02):** Applicant, Garden Remedies, Inc., and Owners, Dana Family Realty Trust and RMD, Sr. Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.15 to establish a Medical Marijuana Facility in the ground level and basement of the building. CBD Zone and Medical Marijuana Overlay District. Ward 6.

**30 Inner Belt Road: (Case #ZBA 2017-03)** Applicant, Canal Realty Trust, and Owner, CPT 30 Inner Belt, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.13.1.1.b. and a Special Permit under §9.13 to establish a wholesale distribution business in approximately 90,000 square feet of the existing building. IA Zone. Ward 2.

**419 Broadway: (Case 2017-06)** Applicants and Owners, Thomas Sullivan & Maria del Carmen Sullivan, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to extend existing non-conformities, §7.11 to increase the number of units on the property, and parking relief under §9.13. RC zone. Ward 5.

**25 Ivaloo Street: (Case 2016-145)** Applicants and Owners, Tuesday Thomas & Can Keskin seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to substantially alter a non-conforming structure by razing the structure and rebuilding a single family residence.

**301 Summer Street: (Case 2016-144)** Applicants & Owners, Susan Dunbar & Donald Knerr, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming property by enclosing a back porch within the rear yard setback. RA zone. Ward 6.

**22 Wesley Park: (Case 2016-155)** Applicant, Esmond Kane, and Owner, Rosemary McDonough, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming property by constructing dormers in the side yard setbacks. RB zone, Ward 3.


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


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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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

**282 Broadway: (Case #: PB 2016-22)** Applicant, Cambridge Reprographics, and Owner, Trust The 282 Broadway Nominee Trust, seek a Special Permit §6.1.22.D.5 and §12.4 for storefront signage. CCD-55 Zone. Ward 4.


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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 17P0190EA

Estate of : **Jeannette Berndt**

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Also Known As: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: **11/03/2016**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner **Kevin J. Berndt of Somerville MA**

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(City/Town)	(State)
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☒ **Kevin J. Berndt of Somerville MA**

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(City/Town)	(State)
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has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [ ] with ☒ without surety on the bond.

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

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208 Cambridge Street  
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE  
G.L.c. 190B, § 3-306

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI17P 0042EA

Estate of : **Anna L. HUGUENIN**

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Also Known As: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: **December 13, 2006**

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on **December 13, 2016** that the Petitioner

**Paul A. Mishkin of Newtonville MA**

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(City/Town)	(State)
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intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a

☒ Petition for Informal Probate of a Will

☒ Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve [ ] with ☒ without surety on the bond

**Paul A. Mishkin of Newtonville MA**

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(City/Town)	(State)
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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Mystic View Development Concrete Panel Replacement Project for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The Project consists of: All labor, materials, equipment and supervision necessary to complete the demo and disposal of 1,396 square feet of existing concrete sidewalk panels at a total of (10) ten locations at our (AMP-1) Mystic View Development. Upon proper removal and disposal of existing concrete panels the contractor will properly prepare sub surface, form and pour 1,396 square feet of new concrete sidewalk panels per plans and specifications.

The work is estimated to cost **\$34,000.00**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 § 39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §526 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Milford Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

General Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2017** at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened forthwith.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the bid amount, and made payable to the SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Bid Documents can also be obtained electronically by contacting Gabriel Ciccariello @ [gabec@sha-web.org](mailto:gabec@sha-web.org)

A prebid meeting will be held The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA on **Thursday February 2, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.** It is strongly suggested that all prospective bidders attend the pre-bid meeting.

Questions or request for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Gabriel Ciccariello at (617) 625-1152 Ext 330 or Email at [Gabec@sha-web.org](mailto:Gabec@sha-web.org)

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

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LEGAL NOTICE

City of Somerville  
Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and  
Community Development (OSPCD)  
RFP # 17-PS1 CD  
RFP # 17-ESG1 CD

The City of Somerville Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invites sealed proposals for the 2017-2018 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 # 17-PS1 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 # 17-ESG1 CD

Request for Proposal packages for both programs may be picked up at the OSPCD, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Third Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning at **8:30 A.M. Monday, January 30, 2017.**

An electronic PDF file should be emailed to [OSPCD@somervillema.gov](mailto:OSPCD@somervillema.gov) and proposal packages must be submitted no later than **11:00 A.M. , March 1, 2017** for Public Services  
**11:30 A.M. , March 1, 2017** for Emergency Solutions Grant at the above address.

Please contact Penny Snyder, Contract Administrator x 2542, or email [psnyder@somervillema.gov](mailto:psnyder@somervillema.gov), for information and proposal packages

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The politics of murderCONT. FROM PG 10

the unprecedented expedient of a sitting Middlesex County D.A.'s personally trying a case. His first task was to get Eddie transferred to adult court.

Many Somerville readers will remember Paul Heffernan, an exceptional jurist whom we were blessed to have in District Court for many years. Despite Reilly's insertion of unverified evidence, Heffernan ruled that Eddie must be tried as a juvenile.

The next week, Samuel Zoll, Chief Justice of the Trial Court, called Heffernan to congratulate him for his decision's integrity. But a week later, Zoll apprised Heffernan of a gathering political storm and told him that if he didn't change his decision, he would be removed from the case.

Heffernan held firm. Reilly appealed to the Supreme Judicial Court, and in a ruling devoid of credible evidence or sound reasoning, a politicized SJC removed Heffernan, citing the need to "eliminate controversies and unnecessary issues." Say what?

Zoll appointed a new judge who subsequently recused himself based on a bizarre conflict-of-interest interpretation. Ultimately, Judge

Timothy Gailey, known to defense attorneys as "Guilty Gailey," conducted a second transfer hearing and ruled that Eddie should be tried as an adult.

Reilly needed a motive to convince a jury of Eddie's guilt and to fire up the pubic. Eddie was a fifteen-year-old who had no history of violence and whose football coach and judged him to be insufficiently aggressive. Nevertheless, Reilly portrayed him as a "sexual sadist" who had become obsessed with his best-friend's mother. As testimony by potential jurors revealed, that publicity was effective.

Leading up to and during the trial, Reilly withheld, manipulated, and misrepresented evidence. He was able to do so because Eddie's attorney, Robert George, did not provide a robust defense. In part, this was due to the Court's giving George insufficient time to prepare the case.

In part, it was because George was losing money. He had set a fixed price for the case, not anticipating the SJC appeal and two transfer hearings. Eddie's parents had mortgaged their home to pay George \$200,000. They were tapped out. Eddie's weak defense was also the result of George's

gross incompetence.

Twenty-seven months after the murder, Eddie was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole, a sentence that no other nation on earth imposes on a minor. One week later, Tom Reilly announced his Attorney-General candidacy. Five years later, Robert George began serving a sentence for money laundering.

Eddie has now spent over 22 years behind bars. By all accounts he is positive and mentally healthy. He has daily contact with family and friends. He is a voracious reader, a maturing writer, and is well informed regarding world events. He joins with others twice a week to say the Rosary.

Recent SJC rulings could make Eddie eligible for parole. But he would have to admit to a crime that he did not commit. He is unwilling to do so.

Boston College Law School's Innocence Program has accepted Eddie's case for review. When he learned of this, Judge Heffernan, who is now 84 years old, said "I hope I'm alive to see him walk out of jail."

I do too. And when that happens, I intend to offer my friendship to Edward O'Brien.

Somerville Growing CenterCONT. FROM PG 1

being hindered by these things. They wanted to make sure it remained a positive space for expressing yourself no matter what your background, for learning, and appreciating the environment. Thus, a plan has been put in place to revamp the Growing Center, to allow it to live up to its full potential once again.

Thanks to funding from the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act, an eighteen month process to restore the Growing Center has been put in place. The goals of the new design of the space include "increase the yield of food and highlight principles of sustainable urban agriculture at the Growing Center, make community gathering areas more accessible and easier to maintain, and to improve water conservation throughout the site" according to the official plan for redesign. This plan also includes having a diverse population of trees, longer visiting hours, and more educational programs.

Lisa Brukilacchio is the President of the Growing Center, and has overseen all of the plans for its redesign. This plan has been broken down into stages that can be viewed with accompanying diagrams on the Growing Center's website, [www.thegrowingcenter.org](http://www.thegrowingcenter.org).

To give an overview, they first zeroed in on the existing conditions of the things that make up the space. They noted that the wood on cer-

tain structures was heavily eroded, especially on the bottom tiers of the structures, which became the target locations. They then set goals for repairs, which included safe access to areas that are currently marked "out of bounds". They want to install a temporary solution to the problems there, before putting a mock structure in place to ensure the new structure will work well.

It is also important to those that manage this space that the educational value of the Growing Center is being upheld, and to use local or recycled material whenever possible. After conducting research, it

was determined how much these repairs would cost, the strength of the material that would be used for the new design, and the availability of these materials. Some ideas for repair design included metal cages, planters, and integrated seating.

The Growing Center has been a peaceful and positive place in the heart of Somerville for two decades. Its goal has been and continues to be a location that allows and encourages expression, acceptance, and education. With the new plan for redesign, these values will be upheld and the Center will continue to thrive.

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| 4. Schindler's List             | 10. Sheltered harbor       |
| 5. Joan Baez                    | 11. Paid audience clappers |
| 6. Duct Tape                    | 12. Lin-Manuel Miranda     |

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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**  
**Wednesday|January 25**  
**East Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Thursday|January 26**  
**Central Library Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds  
10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Friday|January 27**  
**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds  
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library**  
Book Group  
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Teen Program  
2:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Saturday|January 28**  
**Central Library**  
Yoga for Kids Ages 3-7 with Janine  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Sunday|January 29**  
**Central Library**  
Writing Workshop for Teen  
2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Monday|January 30**  
**Central Library**  
Sing Along  
11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
Creative Drama Workshop  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Tuesday|January 31**  
**Central Library**  
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 13-15  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**Wednesday|February 1**  
**East Branch Libratry**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Teen Game Day  
2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
Cinema at Central  
6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**MUSIC|ARTS**  
**Wednesday|January 25**  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Backroom Series: Lisa Bastoni CD Release Show|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Mike Dunbar|8 p.m.  
Matt Minigell  
Gianna Botticelli  
Mike Sweeney  
The Solars  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The A-Beez – Funk & Soul  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road**  
Founders Brewing Presents: Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency  
8 p.m.| 379 Somerville Ave

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
255 Elm Street

**Arts at the Armory**

Winter Art Show  
All Day.|Café  
Page Turners & Octopladd  
6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Thursday|January 26**  
**Sally O’Brien’s**  
HearNowLive presents \$10 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm  
Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm  
Backroom Series  
Scattershots|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
The Visitors  
The Irvin Dhimo Trio  
Dancehall Lounge  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
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

**Thunder Road**  
1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. Roosevelt Dime (Americana/R&B)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
255 Elm Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Winter Art Show  
All day|Café  
The Loop  
7 p.m.| Café  
DANCE - Phoenix Orchestra  
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Friday|January 27**  
**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.  
HearNowLive presents \$10 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series: Needy Sons|7 p.m.  
Rip Cord|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Katie Stodder Band  
Silent Wild  
TBA  
Offworld  
345 Somerville Ave

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

**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**  
TBA  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Joshua Tree**  
DJ McRiddleton  
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

**Thunder Road**  
1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. Will Hoge Solo Acoustic (Rock N Roll)|6 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Revocation  
Rivers Of Nihil, Bacterial Husk, Artificial Brain  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|7 p.m.  
B.U.M.P|9 p.m.  
Dirty Disney|11 p.m.  
255 Elm Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Winter Art Show  
All Day.|Café

Young Fiddlers’ Workshop Series - Boston Scottish Fiddle Club  
7:15 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Saturday|January 28**  
**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.  
Chris Hersch & The Moonraiders, Lonesome Draw \$10 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room:  
Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.  
The BagBoys|5 p.m.  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast  
8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Ezekiel’s Wheels Klezmer Band|7 p.m.  
Scattershots|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Angel Sierra|4 p.m.  
Freevo  
Flamingo Club  
Arlen|8 p.m.  
Governor  
Cute Uterus  
Positive Negative Man  
345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
TBA  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Joshua Tree**  
DJ El Sid!  
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Kids’ Union Dance Party|3 p.m.  
1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. The Band of Heathens (American Rock n Roll)|8 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Rhett Miller, Abbie Barrett  
Abbie Barrett  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
KERPLUNK!|11 a.m.  
Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|7 p.m.  
Dirty Disney|9:30 p.m.  
255 Elm St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Winter Art Show  
All Day.|Café  
Beyond Wrestling Presents “Robbing Peter”  
6 p.m.|Performance Hall||191 Highland Ave

**Sunday|January 29**  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
The Natural Wonders|4 p.m.  
What She Said|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.  
Back Room  
The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast  
8am - 2:30pm  
Donal Clancy|3 p.m.  
Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 p.m.  
The Burren Lantern Sessions|8 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’S Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Pop Icon DIVA BRUNCH! Featuring Bette Midler & Barbra Streisand!|10 a.m.

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

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
Boston Crime Scenes|4 p.m.  
An Open Book: An Evening With Justin Furstenfeld|8:30 p.m.  
255 Elm St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Winter Art Show  
All Day.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Monday|January 30**  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Shawn Carter’s Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.  
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Bur-Run  
Helena Delaney, Johnny O’Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.  
Back Room:  
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Open Mic Mondays  
Rachel Marie  
Tom Maroon  
Ross MacAndrew (of The Naticks)  
Kevin Hamel  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Toddlerbilly Taco Takeover|5 p.m.  
Nick Wickstrom|6 p.m.  
The Splinters  
156 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
Boston Crime Scenes  
7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Winter Art Show  
All Day.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Tuesday|January 31**  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
TBA  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.  
Back Room:  
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Open Mic Night  
345 Somerville Ave

**On The Hill Tavern**  
Stump Trivia (with prizes)  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

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

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

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

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

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Spitting Black  
10 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Arts at the Armory**  
Winter Art Show  
All Day.|Café  
Cornfed Cadillac-O’Brien! and Friends CD Release Party  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|Febraury 1**  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Backroom Series:  
Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.

dren-Seavey|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Conor Kenney Band  
Hawthorn Duo  
The Parking Lot Gulls  
Nora Asher  
Josef Nocera  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The A-Beez – Funk & Soul  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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8 p.m.| 379 Somerville Ave

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Steve’n`Seagulls  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
HUSH: Silent Film-Live Music, Ella Cinders (1926)  
7:30 p.m.|255 Elm Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Winter Art Show  
All Day.|Café  
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**CLASSES AND GROUPS**  
**Wednesday|January 25**  
**Central Library**  
Mystery Book Club  
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Thursday|January 26**  
**Central Library**  
Fair Housing Commission meeting  
11:45 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**Central Library**  
FREE Yoga at the Library  
6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library**  
Drop in Knitting at the East Branch  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

**Friday|January 27**  
**Central Library**  
The Growing Center’s Future: A Public Input & Participation Meeting  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Saturday|January 28**  
Somerville Winters Farmer Market  
9:30 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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

**Sunday|January 29**  
**Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups**  
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

**Unity Church of God**  
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

**Monday|January 30**  
**East Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
(Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
(Session 2) 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.  
115 Broadway

**West Branch Library**  
Drop in Knitting at West Branch  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

**Tuesday|January 31**  
**Central Library**  
Learn English at the Library  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|February 1**  
**Central Library**  
Cinema at Central  
6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

**All clubs and groups welcome new members.**

**Holland Street:** 167 Holland Street

\*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

**Cross Street Center:** 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Older American’s Month Celebration** – Monday, May 1 at the WHYC from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$10 fee. Limited seating and transportation. Contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot

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

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

**Friendly Caller Program** - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our “Friendly Caller” Program.

The trip to the Kentucky Derby is sold out. There is a waiting list if you would like your name placed on the waiting list please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

The Cupid Super Bingo at Ralph & Jenny is sold out. The luncheon at Culinary Arts scheduled for 1-31-17 is SOLD OUT.

**LGBTQ EVENTS:**

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

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

**2017 Advisory Dates 4:30-5:30 p.m. at 167 Holland Street**  
March 13, July 10, October 16.

2017 Event Dates

April 27 – Health Fair @ Holland St. Center 4:30-6:00 p.m.

June 2 – Dance @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m.

September 18 - TBA

December 18 - TBA

For more information contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov)

\*If you require additional information or have any

questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

**STAY ACTIVE:**

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

**Weekly Exercise Class Schedule**

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

**Mondays:**

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

**Tuesdays:**

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics\*\*\*

6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life\* (H)

**Wednesdays:**

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise

9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition

12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition

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

5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

**Thursdays:**

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January

9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ)

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life\*(H)

**Fridays:**

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

\*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration  
One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

**Wednesday, January 25**

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

4:30 Bingo (H)

**Thursday, January 26**

9:00 Community Food Program (RJ)

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

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

11:30 Lunch (C, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

**Friday, January 27**

10:00 Painting with Linda (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

11:45 Bingo (H)

**Monday, January 30**

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (C)

**Tuesday, January 31**

10:00 Senior Housing 101 (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (C, RJ)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

**Wednesday, February 1**

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

4:30 Bingo (H)

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Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

Murdock and Cedar Streets and build six buildings on the site with 22 units. It looked like the neighbors were not happy with the proposal and showed their displeasure by speaking against it. The ZBA voted to continue the hearing to February 1. If you're a neighbor, show up and voice your opinion. We think it's unusual that in our city we are now allowing businesses to be demolished and have a residential of 6 building, replacing homes and 16 individuals that work at this place. A comment was made by some of the res-

idents who were not happy with this proposal that they knew something was going to go there. Maybe if it's true the hearing should be denied and wait until a proposal that will make the local residents happier would be the thing to do by the ZBA. Do we have to approve all developments?

Another hearing that was postponed until February 1 is for a Cherry Street project. The large crowd, including several of the Aldermen, were present to speak about the project, but the

Board voted to continue the meeting to the later date.

It was great seeing Dan O'Meara and his smiling face sitting alongside his better half Joan this past week. He's in and out of MGH enough, but he's looking good.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) invites the community to participate in Elder Fair 2017 at the Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill, 30 Washington St. in Somerville, from

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12. Elder Fair is a free health and wellness expo that provides health screenings and access to a wide range of information and services than benefit older adults, caregivers, and people with disabilities.

The Somerville COA lunch at The Porthole in Lynn is on February 1. Check in at Holland Street at 10:15 a.m. Approximate time of return is 1:00 p.m. Call Kim for info at 617-625-6600 ext 2300.

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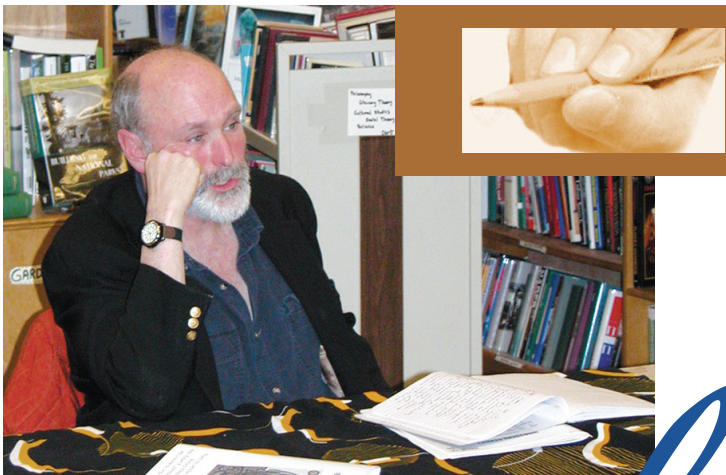
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6:30am	Exercise with Robyn	6:00pm	Villain News Network	11:00am	Haitian Poetry	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:00am	Poet to Poet	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Somerville Line	1:00pm	Infinite Momentum
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	1:00pm	Start Up TV	1:30pm	Legacies
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Mass Climate Action Network	2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	2:00pm	The Literati Scene
9:00am	The Literati Scene	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	2:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
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3:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	7:30am	Color in your life	<b>Sunday, January 29</b>		9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Somerville Story Time	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
5:00pm	Art At SCATV	9:00am	Middlesex Senate District Debate	6:30am	Eckankar	11:00pm	Visual Radio
5:30pm	Messier Mantra	10:00am	Middlesex Representative District Debate	7:00am	Nossa Gente's e Costumes	<b>Tuesday, January 31</b>	
6:00pm	Haitian Poetry	10:30am	Somerville Good Old Days	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	6:00am	Art at Scat
7:00pm	Creative Somerville Series	11:00am	Somerville Story Tellers	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30am	Esoteric Science
7:30pm	MAPS on TV	12:00pm	Free Speech TV	10:00am	Aging Well	7:00am	JuPrey Promotions
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	1:00pm	Health is Wealth	10:30am	International Church of God	7:30am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	1:30pm	Aging Well	11:00am	Chef's table Series	8:00am	Chefs table Series
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	12:00pm	Middlesex Senate District Debate	9:00am	Eat well be happy
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	2:30pm	Carven Salsa Dancing	1:00pm	Middlesex Representative District Debate	10:00am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
11:00pm	Warm up Wednesday	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Mass Climate Action Network	10:30am	The Somerville Line
11:30pm	Rare Groove Revolution	4:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Monday's at 9	11:00am	The Thom Hartmann Show
<b>Thursday, January 26</b>				3:00pm	Infinite Momentum	12:00pm	Aging Well
6:00am	JuPrey Promotions	5:00pm	Reeling Review	3:30pm	Greater Somerville	1:00pm	Somerville Pundits
7:00am	The Struggle	5:30pm	Somerville Good Old Days	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	1:30pm	The Struggle
7:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board	6:00pm	Words on Film	5:00pm	Dead Air Live	2:00pm	Health is Wealth
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Finger on the Pulse	6:00pm	Abugida TV	2:30pm	Taking back your health
9:00am	Esoteric Science	7:00pm	Beyond Boston	7:00pm	African Television Network	3:00pm	Physicians Focus
9:30am	Somerville Pundits	7:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast	8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:30pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Dead Air Live	8:00pm	CTBS	9:00pm	Cinema Somerville	4:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Greater Somerville	10:00pm	JuPrey Promotions	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	5:00pm	Duck Village Stage
11:30am	Legacies	11:00pm	Grownup Story Time	11:30pm	Grown Up Story Time	5:30pm	Beyond Boston
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	<b>Saturday, January 28</b>		<b>Monday, January 30</b>		6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	6:00am	Life matters	6:00am	Health is Wealth	7:00pm	Greater Somerville
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	6:30am	Eat well be Happy	6:30am	Villain News Network	7:30pm	Dead Air Live
2:00pm	Eat Well be Happy	7:00am	The Folkorist	7:00pm	The Struggle	8:00pm	Mondays at 9
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia and Dez	7:30am	Wild Tales - Song of the River	7:30am	Aging Well	9:00pm	Infinite Momentum
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Villain news Network	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Middlesex Senate District Debate
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	8:30am	Somerville Story Tellers	9:00am	Duck Village Stage	10:00pm	Middlesex Representative District Debate
5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	10:00am	Baystate Biking news	10:30pm	
		9:30am	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Color in your Life		

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<b>Wednesday, January 25</b>							
8:00am	Fit-4-Life #4 2017	9:30am	Aldermen at Work - Bill White	<b>Sunday, January 29</b>		9:00pm	SomerViva en Espanol
9:00am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	12:00pm	SomerViva en Espanol	12:00am	Connecting Communities	9:30pm	I Feira de Educaçao
9:30am	One Somerville - an MLK Day Celebration	12:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Bill White	12:30am	241st Flag Raising on Prospect Hill	9:37pm	Somerville Midterm Ceremonies 1.9.17
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 1.23.17	1:00pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	1:30am	I Feira de Educaçao	11:00pm	241st Flag Raising on Prospect Hill
12:30pm	Community Preservation Committee Meeting	1:30pm	BOA Special Mtg. on GLX Funding - 12.6.16	1:37am	SomerViva en Espanol	<b>Tuesday, January 31</b>	
2:08pm	Aldermen at Work - Tony Lafuente	4:00pm	Fit-4-Life #4 2017	9:00am	One Somerville - an MLK Day Celebration	12:00am	Somerville Midterm Ceremonies 1.9.17
6:30pm	One Somerville - an MLK Day Celebration	6:30pm	Somerville Midterm Ceremonies 1.9.17	12:00pm	Senior Circuit "New COA Programs"	1:18am	Connecting Communities
8:11pm	BOA Special Mtg. on GLX Funding - 12.6.16	7:48pm	Aldermen at Work - Bill White	12:30pm	Connecting Communities	1:48am	Community Preservation Committee Meeting
10:38pm	SomerViva em Português	8:18pm	Congressional Update	1:00pm	One Somerville - an MLK Day Celebration	8:00am	Fit-4-Life #5 2017
<b>Thursday, January 26</b>				4:00pm	Fit-4-Life #5 2017	9:00am	241st Flag Raising on Prospect Hill
12:00am	Somerville Midterm Ceremonies 1.9.17	9:07pm	One Somerville - an MLK Day Celebration	6:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol	10:00am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
1:18am	Community Preservation Committee Meeting	10:49pm	SomerViva em Português	7:00pm	Senior Circuit "New COA Programs"	12:00pm	Senior Circuit "New COA Programs"
3:00am	SomerViva nan Kreyol	<b>Saturday, January 28</b>		7:30pm	Connecting Communities	12:30pm	Rally Point
8:00am	Fit-4-Life #4 2017	12:00am	Aldermen at Work - Bill White	8:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Bill White	1:00pm	Somerville Midterm Ceremonies 1.9.17
9:00am	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	12:30am	One Somerville - an MLK Day Celebration	8:30pm	BOA Meeting - 1.26.17	2:18pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
9:18am	Rally Point	2:11am	Congressional Update	<b>Monday, January 30</b>		2:46pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"
12:00pm	Senior Circuit "New COA Programs"	2:42am	Tracking Progress - Union Square	12:00am	Connecting Communities	6:30pm	SomerViva em Português
12:30pm	Caroling with the Mayor	Tour - 9.25.16		12:30am	Community Preservation Committee Meeting	7:00pm	Senior Circuit "New COA Programs"
1:00pm	Somerville Midterm Ceremonies 1.9.17	9:00am	Community Preservation Committee Meeting	2:08am	I Feira de Educaçao	7:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	12:00pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	2:16am	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	8:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Bill White
7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	12:30pm	One Somerville - an MLK Day Celebration	2:34am	241st Flag Raising on Prospect Hill	8:30pm	Connecting Communities
<b>Friday, January 27</b>				9:00am	Connecting Communities	9:00pm	Rally Point
12:00am	One Somerville - an MLK Day Celebration	2:29pm	SomerViva em Português	9:30am	SomerViva em Português	9:23pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"
1:41am	Community Preservation Committee Meeting	6:30pm	SomerViva em Português	12:00pm	BOA Meeting - 1.26.17	9:42pm	Somerville Midterm Ceremonies 1.9.17
9:00am	Connecting Communities	7:00pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	2:30pm	SomerViva em Português	<b>Wednesday, February 1</b>	
				3:00pm	241st Flag Raising on Prospect Hill	12:00am	Aldermen at Work - Bill White
				6:30pm	One Somerville - an MLK Day Celebration	12:30am	SomerViva en Espanol
				8:11pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	1:00am	Union Sq Community & Benefits Strategy Plan - LOCUS
				8:30pm	Connecting Communities		

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<b>Wednesday, January 25</b>							
9:00am	SHS Hockey v Revere	4:00pm	The Kindergarten Adventure	11:00am	SHS Girls Basketball v Malden	1:30am	Public Domain Theater
10:30am	Our Schools, Our City -	5:00pm	Kindergarten Registration	1:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City
	The Kindergarten Adventure	6:00pm	Beginners Instrumental Concert	3:00pm	Beginners Instrumental Concert	10:00am	Healey School Winter Concert
11:00am	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert	7:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert	3:30pm	SHS Hockey v Revere	11:00am	Beginners Instrumental Concert
12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Malden	9:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Everett	5:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Medford	12:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert
1:30pm	What's Going On	9:30pm	What's Going On	7:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Malden	1:00pm	SHS Hockey v Revere
2:00pm	WSNS Winter Concert	10:00pm	Kennedy School K-3 Winter Concert	9:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett	3:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett
3:00pm	WHCS Winter Concert	11:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert	11:00pm	Beginners Instrumental Concert	5:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Medford
4:00pm	Kindergarten Registration			<b>Sunday, January 29</b>		7:00pm	SHS Girls' Basketball v Saugus-LIVE
5:00pm	SHS Hockey v Revere			12:00am	SHS Boys Basketball v Arlington	10:00pm	SHS Girls' Basketball v Saugus
6:30pm	Our Schools, Our City -	<b>Friday, January 27</b>		2:00am	SHS Girls Basketball v Medford	<b>Tuesday, January 31</b>	
	The Kindergarten Adventure	12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball v Malden	3:30am	Public Domain Theater	12:00am	SHS Girls' Basketball v Saugus
7:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert	1:30am	SHS Boys Basketball v Arlington	9:00am	Beginners Instrumental Concert	2:00am	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett
8:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Malden	5:00am	Public Domain Theater	10:00am	Our Schools, Our City	9:00am	Beginners Instrumental Concert
9:30pm	What's Going On	9:00am	SHS Boys Basketball v Medford	11:00am	SHS Hockey v Everett	10:00am	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert
10:00pm	WSNS Winter Concert	10:28am	Our Schools, Our City -	12:30pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Medford	11:00am	SHS Girls Basketball v Everett
11:00pm	WHCS Winter Concert	11:00am	The Kindergarten Adventure	1:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett	1:00pm	What's Going On
<b>Thursday, January 26</b>				3:00pm	SHS Hockey v Revere	1:30pm	Kennedy School K-3 Winter Concert
12:00am	SHS Hockey v Revere	12:30pm	What's Going On	4:30pm	What's Going On	2:00pm	SHS Girls' Basketball v Saugus
1:30am	SHS Girls Basketball v Malden	1:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Arlington	5:00pm	Beginners Instrumental Concert	4:00pm	Kindergarten Registration
9:00am	Beginners Instrumental Concert	3:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Malden	6:00pm	Our Schools, Our City	5:00pm	Beginners Instrumental Concert
10:00am	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert	5:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Arlington	7:00pm	SHS Hockey v Everett	6:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert
11:00am	SHS Girls Basketball v Everett	7:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett-LIVE	8:30pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Medford	7:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett
1:00pm	What's Going On	10:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett	9:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett	9:00pm	What's Going On
1:30pm	Kennedy School K-3 Winter Concert	<b>Saturday, January 28</b>		11:00pm	SHS Hockey v Revere	9:30pm	Kennedy School K-3 Winter Concert
2:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert	12:00am	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett	<b>Monday, January 30</b>		10:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert
3:00pm	Our Schools, Our City -	2:00am	SHS Hockey v Revere	12:30am	What's Going On	11:00pm	Our Schools, Our City
				1:00am	Beginners Instrumental Concert	12:00am	SHS Girls' Basketball v Saugus



OFF THE SHELF  
by Doug Holder

Interview with Clea Simon

Clea Simon is an accomplished writer of mystery/crime novels that feature the object of her affection: cats.

Cats play any number of roles with Simon's human sleuths as they experience the unsettling of their worlds and then try to set them right again. Simon is a book reviewer, and often contributes to *The Boston Globe*, and has written several works of non-fiction including *Mad House: Growing Up in the Shadow of Mentally Ill Siblings*, that deals with the mental illness of her brother and sister and the impact it had on her family, as well as an exploration of the bonds that bind cats and women titled *The Feline Mystique*.

Her latest work in one of her mystery series is *The Ninth Life* is narrated by a cat named Blackie. I spoke with Simon at my usual backroom table at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square, Somerville.

**Doug Holder:** A cat named Blackie is the narrator in your latest book *The Ninth Life*. My cat Ketz is a great observer – he never misses a trick ... and he talks a lot. I would think if he could write he would be a damn good writer. Do you think cats have the qualities that make for a good writer?

**Clea Simon:** They do. Cats are great observers. But their priorities are not the same as humans. What a cat may choose to tell you may not be about what you think of as motivations, etc. Humans are sight-centric, and cats draw on so many more senses.

**DH:** I love cats. So do you. What people that don't own pets can't realize how intense, nuanced, and loving these relationships can be. Can you talk a bit about the relationship between cats and writers?

**CS:** Colette talked a great deal about the bonds between cats and writers. This speaks to us – those who work at our desks for long hours. The quiet and contemplative cat is the best companion. It doesn't ask for much. But at the same time you spend so much time with each other, you are free to interpret each others' behavior and motivations. This helps stimulate the imagination. I look at my cat and ask, "What is she thinking?" "What matters to her now?" It is only one more step for me to write fiction.

**DH:** Your third non-fiction book was *The Feline Mystique*. In that you discussed dogs vs. cats in the context of their relationship to their owners.

**CS:** There are differences that people have in their relations with their dogs versus their cats. A dog is something akin to having a child – something that is utterly dependent on you. Owning a cat is like having a mysterious roommate from a foreign culture. You don't quite understand each other, but you learn from each other and try to figure out ways to get along.

**DH:** In *The Feline Mystique* you write about how certain men are threatened by cats because the represent female sexuality.

**CS:** Men of quality are not threatened by cats. In many cultures cats have come to symbolize female qualities. This ranges from sexuality – to the mysteries of life. Cats have night vision and can survive falls. So cats in many ways are viewed as death defying. In certain cultures women were always the ones who cleaned up after the dead. Women are seen as controllers of the boundary between death and life. Cats are associated with this because of their physical qualities.

**DH:** I read that cats were sort of a litmus test for men when you were single.

**CS:** I think this is true for all pets. If you watch how a person treats an animal (when he or she thinks no one is looking), you see what a person is really like. Someone who is all smiles to you but then kicks a dog isn't a nice person. Someone who is petting a cat and talking to it is more often than not a nice person.

**DH:** I have worked at the psychiatric facility McLean Hospital since 1982, and I have a lot of experience with mentally ill populations. In your earliest book *Mad House* you go into your experiences with your brother and sister who were afflicted with mental illness and the impact it had on your greater family. Did you ever check yourself to see if you had signs of mental illness?

**CS:** I did for many years. I am the younger sister, and both my brother and sister developed schizophrenia in their late teens, which is sort of classic. I thought it was



a normal part of life. I felt pressure to make up for my siblings. I tried to be the perfect child or I acted out. The family can freeze in place. For many years I was afraid that I too was going to develop the illness. Because of extensive therapy I was able to get over this.

**DH:** There seems to be a lot of mental illness among writers and artists. Why do you think this is?

**CS:** It is also high among Ashkenazic Jews, what I am. Studies reveal that there is a link between bipolar disorder and creativity. On the upswing of the manic phase the neurons and synapses are more active so that may increase creativity. When it is full blown mental illness it stifles creativity because people have so much trouble just coping. Everyone one would like a touch of something that would make them special – allowing their brains to think in different ways – but now one would want to go through the full blown illness.

**DH:** You are the author of four mystery series where a cat plays a central role.

**CS:** Yes, in my different series they play different roles. In my first series the cat is simply a cat. The stories deal with real animal issues that are concerns for animal lovers. In another series it features a Harvard graduate student. She is studying Gothic Literature, and the ghost of her late, great cat that speaks to her and helps her solve mysteries. The starring cat was based on my late cat, Cyrus. In my latest book *Ninth Life*, Blackie, the cat, is the narrator. These are all mystery/crime stories.

**DH:** Do you think writing about cats undermines your image of a serious writer?

**CS:** I certainly run into that prejudice. At one point someone I talked to said to me, "I write real books." My genre, called "Cozy Mysteries" are character-driven novels so they stand with the best literature out there. My genre is denigrated because it is largely written by women, and read by women. But the genre is serious and character driven. Any great story has to involve a journey, and in the mystery genre involves the upsetting of the world and setting it right. I think that is literature of the highest order.

**DH:** Can you name some of your favorite mystery writers?

**CS:** Donna Leon. She is a keen observer of life. Denis Mina, a very dark writer. Laura Lippman, C. S. Harris and others.

**DH:** Your husband is Jon Garelick, a noted journalist (*The Boston Globe*, *Boston Phoenix*, etc.) Are you two guys competitive at all?

**CS:** Jon is incredibly supportive. I think it is unfair because he will send me an article and I will give him a 300 page manuscript.

**DH:** You have written many book reviews for *The Boston Globe* and elsewhere. What are the components of a good book review?

**CS:** Well, don't judge a book by what you expected it to be. Judge it on the merits of what you feel the author is trying to do. I don't like to read just summaries of books. The critic should look at what the writer tried to do and determine if he or she succeeded. The critic should provide some context for the book he or she reviews.

Mr. Dua writes *The Times*:

My name is Kevin Dua, a 29-year old African-American male that teaches 9th grade high school history at Somerville High School, in Somerville, MA. This poem was inspired by the 1937 Abel Meeropl's poem, *Strange Fruit* (that protested American racism, and lynching of African Americans).



A *Strange Tree in the President's Garden* is centered on the presidential election of Donald Trump, a person who advocated years of discriminatory and prejudicial allegations (via "birtherism") towards Barack Obama's (the 44th U.S. President and the nation's first African-American President) citizenship based on the premise of his African ancestry. This is reminiscent of factual American historical suspicions towards person of colors' identity as a certified American due to their ethnicity not resembling that of the majority demographic.

This poem was solely written to value human identity and life, despite the fact that a fellow citizen can succeed the same black man he discriminated against, to become President."

A STRANGE TREE IN THE PRESIDENT'S GARDEN

It is the southern breeze,  
and not over-well eggs,  
that stirs him to rise.

His eyes past a gold pane,  
resting on the shadow  
casts by a strange tree.

Blood on the leaves  
clash with the green look,  
dying the white's house's garden.

His nose cannot bear  
the scent of magnolias  
mixed with the rotten black fruits.

Here is a strange tree,  
with its hung bodies  
swaying in the winds,

unmoved by drawn curtains.

— Kevin Dua

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