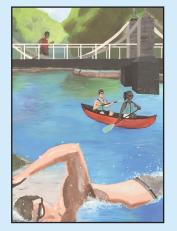


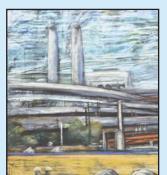
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Plans for Lincoln Park renovation presented to the public



Planned renovations for Lincoln Park were presented to the public on Monday evening.

By Haley ED Houseman

The final plans for the Lincoln Park renovations were presented Monday evening at Argenziano School in an open house meeting. City officials invited the community to hear the final design and speak to officials involved in the project. Lincoln Park is one of Somerville's oldest green spaces and is very popular with residents of the neighborhood and adjacent school.

The plans for the 6.6 acres of parkland included a water spray area; an enclosed tot lot with play structures; two basketball courts; picnic tables; a multipurpose recreation field, and a ball field. There is also space for older children and adults, with the inclusion of an outdoor classroom, a dog run, as well as community gardens, and skate park area.

To fund the renovations, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone has submitted a Continued on page 5

Bubble your pleasure, bubble your fun!

By Jim Clark

Acclaimed children's author and actor Paul Carafotes is pleased to announce the release of the latest addition to the Charlie Bubbles family of children entertainment options, Sing With Charlie Bubbles.

The music CD is based on the characters and their adventures from the original The Adventures of Charlie Bubbles trilogy of books. The songs are currently available as both a digital download as well as on a CD that was released on January 15 of this year.

Of the music, Carafotes says, "I wanted to make a fun, positive kids record that moms and dads could enjoy too. This rockin' toe tapper of a CD will immerse children into the





Out the Window & Around the Town page 13 magical fantasy world of The Adventures Of Charlie Bubbles."

The CD contains seven songs featuring Charlie and his friends. The songs and book trilogy underscore qualities of love, loyalty, friendship and kindness.

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The living inspiration for the Charlie Bubbles book series, Charlie Carafotes, sits in on the bongos during a recording session for Sing With Charlie Bubbles, the companion CD to the books.

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Beginning this week, a new "opinion editorial" contributor, Chris Haskell, will be writing about events and happenings going on here in the city. His column will be entitled 'Villens United. Chris lives in Winter Hill with his wife and since he has moved here loves what Somerville is and all the wonderful things it has to offer to both new and old residents alike. He is going to be joined soon by another new "op-ed" writer, Charles Chisholm, a lifelong resident and math professor who will be writing about various current events here in the city, both politically and in the community. We welcome both to The Somerville Times. We hope you the readers will enjoy them and offer your comments on what they will be writing. We welcome anyone who wishes to write a column, either as a writer of articles or opinion pieces. Over the years we have invited many to do so and many have accepted our invitation. The only requirement is that it be about Somerville. We leave the other cities and towns up to the other papers. We're just about Somerville here, and all the way. If you would like to write too, contact The Somerville Times office at 617 666-4010.

Happy Birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: First of all, to our own Denise Cosby, a real estate agent with the Norton Group. We wish her the very best of birthdays. She recently visited in Georgia and South Carolina with many of her family members she hasn't seen in a long time and had a blast. Another local favorite of ours, and with many here in the city, our own Dorothy DiMarzo is celebrating. We know everyone loves her column on cooking some of the most interesting dishes. We wish her the very best of birthdays. Another local guy who grew up here in Winter Hill and now lives in Stoneham (we call that Somerville with trees), Jeff Cappello, who is celebrating this week. Some might remember that his wife, Maryann Cappello, was Ward 4 Alderman for many years. A lady we've known for over 50 years is celebrating this week. Louise Lounsberry (formerly Bannister) is celebrating this week. We wish her the very best. A well-known East Somerville guy, Philip Ercolini, is celebrating this week as well. We wish him the very best of birthdays. Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: We've already paid for the GLX

Matt says:

Well said, overall we need to look at how we can quickly and efficiently improve our mass transportation infrastructure as well as how we fund it. We need to look at ideas like the indigo line and extend their reach across all of our urban core right of ways. To pay for this we should look to tools like congestion fees using existing technology like pay-by-plate as well as ezpass as well as funding general infrastructure based on use (pay per mile driven) and proper tolling to make sure that out of state commuters are paying for their usage.

Freebie says:

Wow – awesome points here Bill. We deserve it and we're gonna get it.

Abba says:

The article hits some good points, but misses a couple of very important points:

1) Somerville contributes about 5 million dollars per year in MBTA assessments (Medford about 3.6 million dollars). What do they get for that money? Not much. Until just last year Somerville only had 1 MBTA station, at its distant outskirts that actually serves very little of the city plus another T stop with subway and commuter rail in Cambridge that is relatively close for a few residents. Assembly Square's opening last year added one more stop at the far outskirts of the city serving very little of the city. Similarly, Medford has only one T stop at the far outskirts serving very little of the its population. We pay about as much to the MBTA as Newton does, which is well served by the Green Line, and a commuter rail line with three stops. I would say we are OWED skin, rather than we need to put some skin in the game. We've been paying out the nose for very little service (and they want to shove a maintenance facility in our cramped city on top of it).

2) The latest \$3B estimate puts the GLX project way, way more expensive per mile than any other similar project in the US. The method of contracting was relatively new, and disastrous because it allowed the contractor to escalate the price to whatever they wanted to. Change the contracting method, and I suspect the costs will fall more in line with similar US projects. If so, then no one needs to worry about putting extra skin in the game.

Another thing to note is that this project keeps getting delayed (2011, then 2014, then...) and the state is supposed to provide interim offset mitigation for the delays. How about the state pick up any cost overruns as a way of mitigating the delays? Doesn't improve the environment any, other than that it means the GLX gets built instead of cancelled, but I'd take it.

Genie Geronimo says:

Good piece, Bill.

It bugs me that people out there have such short memories & forget the 25+ year history of this project & that there's a longstanding environmental reason behind it.

Baker could either do the predictable Republican thing & try to burnish his conservative credentials (nationally) by throwing urban folks under the bus & pitting suburb vs. urban in the interest of "fiscal responsibility" – or be the hero & "save" the greenline, thus earning respect from a good chunk of urban voters along the way.

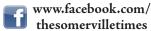
A Moore says:

Any new contracts made will still be made to enable increases in the contract. There will be no set price for the job in reality. Trying to go from the 3 billion to the 2 billion is not going to happen. It could go to 12 billion easily considering the years it will take. There also is no money to do this. We will be getting this money from a country deep in debt and getting deeper by the day. And by delaying it I would think it would and up increasing the cost. Either get started or dump the project.

Villenous says:

Not for nothing, if the economy tanks, it will drive down labor and material costs, making the GLX more affordable.





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By State Representative Denise Provost

The Background:

In 2008, our legislature adopted laws committing MA to lower its carbon emissions (the "Global Warming Solutions Act"), through actions that would increase our use of renewable energy (the "Green Communities Act"). To optimize the production of electric power through solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, our legislation required electricity distribution companies to purchase surplus solar energy from producers at the retail rate (what consumers pay for electricity.) The ability of solar producers - including homeowners with rooftop solar - to pay a "net" electric bill (the cost of the power you purchased, minus cost of power you sold back to the grid) is how "net metering" works.

Since 2008, solar energy has taken off in Massachusetts. For a while, we were the number three solar producer in the nation -+ though we've slipped to fourth place. While our net metering law unleashed demand for solar PV installations, it also set caps on the amount of solar energy that electricity distribution companies would have to buy back from solar energy generators in their geographic areas.

When caps are reached, it can become impossible for solar generators to sell electricity back to the grid, squandering the many benefits of distributed solar power generation. Besides being free from carbon emissions, solar power allows us to diversify our energy supply, making us less dependent on expensive spot market energy when demand spikes. As storage battery technology continues to improve, the benefits of solar will only multiply.

Where we are now - and how we got here:

In July of 2014, the legislature raised the net metering cap by a small amount, to avoid reaching caps and allow the continued expansion of solar. On March 31, 2015, the cap was reached for commercial-scale solar projects in National Grid's territory of 171 cities and towns. I spoke personally to Gov. Baker on that day about the need to raise the cap; he was noncommittal then, but subsequently took a public position opposing the raising of net metering caps. In July, 2015, the Senate engrossed a Climate Change Adaptation bill with an amendment eliminating net metering caps. The House but took up the Senate net metering amendment (disposing of Climate Change Adaptation in the process), and released its own net metering bill on November 17, 2015.

Why I voted against the House bill:

House members (myself included) filed 27 amendments to the net metering bill; adopting even



a few would have improved the House bill in important ways but no such amendments were adopted, and I voted against the bill. The House bill proposed a tiny increase (2%) to the cap, which would have likely been used up in just a few months. Worse, the bill would have changed the payment for solar power from the retail rate to the wholesale rate - a difference of approximately 13 cents per kilowatt hour - undermining the economics of solar generation. Although the Senate, in conference committee, quickly agreed to lower the cap increase to 2%, no agreement could be reached between the branches,

and the net metering cap remains in place.

As State House News Service has reported, "Come January the pressure will ratchet back up on conferees to strike a deal. The disagreement over solar is serving as a prelude to a broader debate next year over energy policies. Offshore wind and Canadian hydroelectricity interests are angling for a piece of the energy mix as lawmakers weigh price, reliability and demand issues that will be exacerbated with the Pilgrim Nuclear Plant shutdown."

What can individual voters do? I know that many of you support renewable energy, and the - Photo courtesy of MassSolar

use of net metering - many of you have contacted me about this issue. Here are some things you can do:

Stay informed - the MassSolar website, is a good resource, where you can sign up for its email list for updates; many environmental organizations also provide good information.

Continue to let me know where you stand and what you're thinking.

Contact people you know in other districts, explain why this is important, and ask them to contact their legislators.

Let Governor Baker know you support solar and other forms of clean energy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To The Editor:

As a young professional, I've been speaking lately with many of my friends about all the exciting things going on in Somerville, especially Union Square. The possibilities seem endless, but that has also opened up a debate about what's best for Somerville and what's right for the Square specifically. Speaking from personal experience and the conversations I've had, I know finding a place to live in Somerville is tough. There is also concern that Union Square could go one of two ways- it can retain and expand upon its reputation as a fun and hip place to live work and play, or it can become a more sterile, corporate center like Kendall Square, pushing residents further out of the center of the Square in favor of big businesses and exacerbating the lack of housing options. but during evening hours as well. There are people living in the area and patronizing the retail shops and restaurants, enjoying nightlife, and exploring residents for available housing, or they will be accommodated with the kind of housing they want and need – close to the office where they work and with the amanitian that they use in will help keep rents in check, accommodate new workers and contribute to an energetic Square. For the great majority of us who have not had a chance to express themselves at public meetings on this topic, please keep an eye out for this petition which I will deliver to city officials in the coming weeks so all of our voices can be heard. You can also find an online version of it here: https://www.change. org/p/the-city-of-somervilllepetition-for-new-housing-inunion-square

The people I talk to, however, seem unanimous that we need to build upon the unique character of Union Square in a way that improves the lifestyles of the people who live in and around the Square. That means we need a neighborhood that is active and bustling not just when office workers are here, the nooks and crannies.

That can't happen in the sterile, lifeless, corporate enclave dominated by sprawling offices that go dark at 5pm and on weekends when employees head home. The employees who staff those offices are going to want to live near where they work, and play near where they live. They are not going to want long commutes from the suburbs. That means they will come to Somerville, competing with long-time the amenities that they use in their daily lives.

The Union Square redevelopment offers a great opportunity to improve the city overall, making the Square an even more desirable place to live for longtime residents and the newcomers alike who want to live in an active downtown.

That's why I am circulating a petition calling for city officials to make housing a priority in Union Square. More housing

To The Editor:

One of the reasons I have attended Martin Luther King Day celebrations in Somerville is to see the many levels of achievement in the presentations: young musicians mastering instruments and scores in his honor, essayists reading their thoughts bout the significance of his life and a community of adults not only ensuring overall coherence but also contributing their historical sense of MLK"s impact. Embedded in the day's events was the sense that all could succeed. This year, essential advance planning was missing. Those

involved surmounted the dif- are about ficulties with aplomb. But the sion that a amount of off-topic and dis- allowed. respectful content — at best demonstrating lack of awareness Anne Ryan of what the day's celebrations Somerville

are about — gave the impression that avoidable failure was allowed.

Megan MacDonald

Somerville resident



Sudden chest pains epidemic at Sports Authority

Police were called to the Sports Authority store at Assembly Row Marketplace last week on reports of an alleged shoplifter observed in the store.

Upon arrival, officers spotted the man in question, later identified as Eric Neal, as he was exiting the store, followed by a security staffer

According to reports, Neal

dropped a large shopping bag he was carrying and began to run away from the area.

Police pursued Neal on foot and reportedly apprehended him at Grand Union Blvd.

After recovering store property that had been found in the bag that Neal was carrying, he was placed under arrest and charged with conspiracy, larceny over \$250, and receiving stolen property under \$250, police said

While being placed in the police transport vehicle, Neal reportedly complained of chest pains. An ambulance was called to the scene and Neal was checked out, but he declined further treatment.

The officers then went into the Sports Authority store to follow

up on their investigation. There, they were informed that another man was being held as a shoplifting suspect.

According to security personnel, the man being held came into the store with Neal and another man. They were reportedly observed taking clothing into a fitting room wherein they had apparently placed the store merchandise into a shopping bag, prior to leaving the store without paying.

As this suspect was handcuffed and prepared for transport for booking, he too began complaining of chest pain. This man was transported to Boston Medical Center for evaluation, and was subsequently charged with similar charges as Neal's.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

George Hanson, of 86 Chandler St., Arlington, January 18, 4:16 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on charges of distribution of a class D drug and drug possession to distribute.

Eric Neal, January 19, 5:57 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on charges of conspiracy, larceny over \$250, and receiving stolen property under \$250, and on warrant charges of resisting arrest, possession of a class B drug, shoplifting by asportation, use of a motor vehicle without authority, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, motor vehicle operator refusal to identify self, not meeting motor vehicle safety standards, miscellaneous equipment violation, assault and battery on a family or household member, destruction of property over \$250, assault and battery, larceny over \$250, trespassing, violation of municipal bylaw or ordinance.

Michael Kane, of 8 Farnham St., Boston, January 20, 12:32 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on multiple warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

John Morgan, of 60 Washington St., January 20, 8:36 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on warrant charges of identity fraud, credit card fraud under \$250, and harassment prevention order violation.

Jesse Babcock, January 21, 3:20 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on warrant charges of larceny from a building, drug possession to distribute, attempt to commit a crime, felony nighttime breaking and entering, possession of a class C drug, possession of a class E drug, and utter false prescription.

Nazareth Perkins, of 192 B Humbolt Ave., Dorchester, January 21, 8:28 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on charges of larceny over \$250, conspiracy, and possession of a class B drug.

Tomas Bouknight, of 101 Waters St., Medford, January 21, 10:24 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on charges of failure to stop for police, violation of city ordinance of a dangerous weapon, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Mary Wolusky, of 240 Pearl St., January 22, 9:12 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of receiving stolen property under \$250 and larceny over \$250.

Leodan Salmeron-Molina,

of 171 Walnut St., January 23, 10:24 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of trespassing, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and resisting arrest.

Agostinho Silva, of 45 Marshall St., January 24, 7:42 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Mark Ahern, of 18 Priscilla Lane, Medford, January 24, 11:32 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

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my son Charlie," Says Carafotes. "His birth changed the course of my life in so many ways. I used to read him children's books, and being a writer myself — having written plays and screenplays and being a fan of writing - I thought that I could do it. I did it as a gift, in a sense, to him. That someday when he's a man and a Dad that he could have something that his father left him that he could pass along to his children. And it would be a fond memory of his relationship with his Dad, between the two of us." The songs were developed to augment the stories and characters from the Charlie Bubbles storybook collection. Three books and a coloring book have been published. Carafotes explains, "I come from a musical family. My mom taught chorus and music theory at Somerville High School for 30 years. My father was a frustrated drummer. My entire family played and plays music." "Carafotes is a musical name.

The books have musical themes. It seemed the logical step. I wrote Come And Meet Charlie Bubbles first, a few years ago. That was it. I had a CD in mind, but it's working the ideas out. It's trying to make them a simple melody and lyric so that you tell a story and it's easy for everyone to understand. But I have a hard time with simple. "Then I ask for help and got it, which I am grateful for. Jim Netto helped me with the lyrics on several tunes. I was told all you need is three chords and the truth. I had this melody in my head for our sweet honeybee character, and then I finally just sat down to write it." "There are seven tunes on the CD, five of which I wrote and perform. I was very lucky to have gotten a few contributions from T.J. Sullivan, a noted blues man. He and I wrote a blues number, Blow Your Blues Away, and Chip Garamella wrote another track, a fun romp for kids called I'm A Kid."

bit difficult because I'm a single dad and wanted Charlie in on it as much as possible, and I could only get in most recording sessions during the day when he was at school. So I began to demo the songs at one studio that was close to my home and made it a bit easier for Charlie and I. We worked out a lot of the tunes there. That was the beginning of it and it was fun. We shot most of the videos at the "fun house" - the recording studio." "I spent a lot of time - probably too much time - waiting and traveling to several different recording studios. The schedule became something that needed a solution to, so I went to book time at four different places. Charlie has a blast in the studio and it was a lot of fun and you can hear it in the recordings. They are fun tracks and the kids and their parents have responded very well to the music, which pleases all of us."



"The recording process was a

"Teddy Hicup is a feel good groove that'll have you up on

Author/Actor Paul Carafotes in the studio, laying down some tracks for the *Sing With Charlie Bubbles* CD.

your feet dancing, then we slow it down with *Tai The Butterfly*. Moms love that tune. We are just knocked out by the way people have got into the bubble with Charlie and me!"

Originally a Somerville native, Paul Carafotes became a professional actor, working in film and television. He recently finished up working in his capacity as an actor in the film *The Wolves Of Savin Hill.* Additionally, he is an accomplished stage and screenwriter and director. He is well remembered from a number of film and television appearances, notably playing the role of Harold Dyer in the television drama *Knots Landing*.

Sing With Charlie Bubbles is available through CDBaby.com, iTunes, Amazon, and dozens of the most popular download and streaming sites. And, you can get swept away with Charlie's adventures at CharlieBubbles-Book.com.

JANUARY 27, 2016 5 The Somerville Times -Somerville High School goes 'Into the Woods'

By Jessica Kenney

Somerville High School will be performing their production of the musical Into the Woods by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine. The film version of the Broadway hit Into the Woods premiered in theaters on December 25, 2014. The story is about a baker and his wife who are left childless due to a curse from a once-beautiful witch. Three days before the blue moon, the husband and wife venture into the forest in order to find the ingredients that will reverse the spell and grant the witch her beauty once again. The ingredients are a milk-white cow, hair as yellow as corn, a bloodred cape, and a slipper made of gold. During their trip "into the woods", they come across Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, and Jack. Each of these characters is on a mission to fulfill a wish.

Somerville High School offers regular courses in music and drama, and also gives students the opportunity to participate in the spring and fall musicals, the Massachusetts Music Educators' Northeastern District Chorus, Orchestra, and Band and Jazz Ensemble. They also present full- length and one-act plays and compete in the annual Drama Festival competition held in March.

"In the case of Into the Woods, we're really telling a story about what it means to grow up and make the distinction between well-defined fantasy and a more nuanced reality"

The Somerville High School Music Department produces a full-scale Broadway musical each year, which provides opportunities for student performers, musicians, publicists, technicians, set and costume designers, make-up artists, and more. The students are actively involved in rehearsals for about half a year. Broadway veterans have come back to Somerville High to assist in these productions, and professional musicians play in their pit.

The director of Somerville High's production of Into the Woods, Charles Jabour, said that there were many things considered when deciding on a musical to produce. He stated, "We want to select something that we know will attract an audience, celebrate the diversity of our student body, and truly really engage the students involved in the production."

The students and faculty who work to put these productions together have been working diligently on their recent production of Into the Woods. Their director stated, "The cast and technical crew have surpassed our already high expectations of them. This is an incredibly challenging play for anyone to do, let alone students who are also juggling school work, part- time jobs, college applications, and family obligations, but each day they all arrive at rehearsal with an energy and enthusiasm that is



Somerville High School's production of Stephen Sondheim's Into the Woods will be performed on February 4, 5, and 6 at the Somerville High School Auditorium. – Logo design by Dylan Alvarado

really inspiring."

When asked about why they chose this play, Mr. Jabour said, "In the case of Into the Woods, we're really telling a story about what it means to grow up and make the distinction between well-defined fantasy and a more nuanced reality. I think that is something that our students can really relate to ... this will likely be a very different version of into the woods than you have

experienced on stage or in the movie theater."

The performance dates for Into the Woods are Thursday, February 4th at 7:00pm; Friday, February 5th at 7:00pm; and Saturday, February 6th at 2:00pm. All shows are at the Somerville High School Auditorium. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at www.ticketstage. com. There is a \$1.50 convenience fee per ticket.

Plans for Lincoln Park renovation presented to the public CONT. FROM PG 1

spending request of \$9.4 million to the Board of Aldermen. Construction on the park is expected to take about a year and will begin in early 2017.

The team, comprised of contractors SPURR and Weston Samson, developed the park's plan from suggestions and data derived from a variety of community meetings, data, and feed-

back, including three "listening sessions" and two design meetings. It takes into consideration the drainage and field usage issues that are some of the obstacles in the current space.

Nearly 100 locals showed up to learn more, including Aldermen Maryann Heuston, Mary Jo Rossetti, Katjana Ballantyne, and Mark Niedergang. The park

SCAP to present Student Health Survey results

is situated at the heart of the city between the points of Union Square, Inman Square, and the intersection of Washington and Beacon Streets. In this closeknit community, the space is particularly beloved, and its residents are hopeful that the park will only be more so after the renovations.

Better Block follow up discussion

Mayor Joe Curtatone and Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente invite all Somerville residents, business owners, and all other stakeholders are invited to evaluate, debrief, and discuss next steps related to the Winter Hill Better Block festival on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Winter Hill



Community School cafeteria (115 Sycamore St.). The Festival, held on Dec. 12 and 13, 2015, tested short-term ideas for activating and celebrating Winter Hill, and sought opportunities for similar events in the future. At the upcoming meeting, event organizers will present a brief summary as well as survey results from the event and invite community members to provide feedback, opinions, and strategies for potential similar

Somerville Office of Prevention Director Cory Mashburn announced that the result of their annual Student Health Survey will be presented in a public forum on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Winter Hill Community School, 115 Sycamore St. The results will be presented in the form of a game show, with attendees



being divided into teams to discuss topics from the Student Health Survey. The youth from Somerville Positive Forces 100 (SPF100) will be presenting the information.

The Student Health Survey was administered to all Somerville Middle School students in April 2015, and anonymous answers were compiled into an analytical report and compared with state and national averages in categories including alcohol use, drug use, bullying and overall school environment, and school services. A survey will be administered to Somerville High School students in February 2016.

"Bringing together community groups and individuals from Somerville to discuss the key topics of concern to the youth of the city and what items that the community want to assist them on these efforts are very important," stated Mashburn. "Discussing these results as an entire community will help increase awareness and outreach, and decrease violence and drug use among our city's youth." For more information about the event, or the survey, please contact SCAP at 617-625-6600 ext. 2570.

activities in the future.

For more information, please contact Max MacCarthy at mmaccarthy@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2515.

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Dorothy's Corner BY DOROTHY DIMARZO

Cream Cheese Two Ways

One of my favorite breakfast comfort foods is bagels with cream cheese. On occasion, I like to have a choice of either a sweet or savory cream cheese to go along with my bagel. There are many choices in the supermarket for flavored cream cheese, but there are so many additional ingredients added that I find I'm either unable to pronounce or even know what I'm looking at unless I look it up! To stay away from artificial flavors and unnecessary ingredients, I came up with these flavor combinations that fit the bill. The great thing is you can add your own flavor combinations to your liking. These recipes below have a really nice balance of flavors and textures. Feel free to make your own flavor combinations. It's that easy!

ORANGE MARMALADE, CAR-DAMOM & PECAN CREAM CHEESE

8 oz cream cheese at room temperature

1/4 cup orange marmalade1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom1/4 - 1/2 cup of chopped pecans or walnuts

SAVORY FRESH HERB CREAM CHEESE

8 oz cream cheese at room temperature

1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley 1/4 cup finely chopped chives or green onions and extra for garnish 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black

pepper 1/4 teaspoon granulated garlic powder

Leave the cream cheese out at room temperature until softened, about 1-1/2 hours, add cream cheese to a medium sized bowl. Whichever recipe you choose above, add all the





ingredients to the cream cheese and blend thoroughly with a spatula, or a mixer. Serve along with bagels, bagel chips or even crackers.

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

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
36 Sewall St	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	51	\$489,900	\$429,000
2 Snow Terrace	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	29	\$519,900	\$510,000
66 Sydney St	9 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	59	\$689,900	\$677,500
29 Highland Rd	9 room, 5 bed, 1f 1h bath Victorian	8	\$849,900	\$920,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
17 rose st U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	1	\$295,000	\$300,000
326 Broadway U:24	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	68	\$299,000	\$295,000
111 Woodstock U:6	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	75	\$299,900	\$285,000
39 Franklin Street U:1	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	77	\$340,000	\$330,000
14 Kenneson Rd U:A	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Townhouse	15	\$449,900	\$480,000
34 Skehan Street U:34	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Townhouse	36	\$495,000	\$487,500
80 Webster Avenue U:4K	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	40	\$519,000	\$612,000
11 Powder House Terrace U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	5	\$560,000	\$609,300
34 Madison St U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	61	\$579,900	\$573,500
29 Windsor Rd U:29	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$589,000	\$665,000
1188 Broadway U:204	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	21	\$639,000	\$668,000
82 Highland Ave U:5	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	63	\$659,000	\$645,000
81 Prichard Ave U:81	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	72	\$679,000	\$665,000
11 Landers St U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	76	\$689.000	\$665.000

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

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
58-60 Alston Street	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	8	\$495,000	\$462,500
18 Webster St	2 unit, 10 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	14	\$624,900	\$631,000
84 Properzi Way	2 unit, 8 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	72	\$625,000	\$620,000
188-190 Cedar St.	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	5	\$689,000	\$689,000
20 Gilman St	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	91	\$689,900	\$678,000
13 Morton Street	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	144	\$749,000	\$710,000
951 Broadway Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	30	\$775,000	\$815,000
78 Rear Mount Vernon	3 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	23	\$798,000	\$790,000
23 Wisconsin Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	36	\$800,000	\$750,000
99 Hudson St	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$825,000	\$785,000
293 Alewife Brook Parkway	2 unit, 17 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	96	\$829,000	\$825,000
42 Florence Street	3 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	43	\$899,000	\$875,000
50 Springfield Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	4	\$1,175,000	\$1,000,000
29-31 Magnus Ave	3 unit, 16 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	83	\$1,191,000	\$1,100,000

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Community comes together to support local nonprofit leader

By Haley ED Houseman

Community members are coming together to give back to Warren Goldstein-Gelb, a devoted leader of local non-profit The Welcome Project. A large number of local nonprofits have joined together to host a benefit for Goldstein-Gelb, who recently suffered a stroke that will require a long road to recovery.

With bills to pay and the stress of longterm illness lingering, the community will hold a benefit on February 3 that will feature family-friendly food and music, with numerous raffle prizes and a silent auction, at Aeronaut Brewery on Tyler Street.

In addition to raising his family in Somerville, Goldstein-Gelb led the Welcome Project as the Executive Director for the past ten years. He is deeply rooted in the community, and those he has touched are eager to give back to him and his family.

Lee Palmer, a School Committee member, had considered him a friend and mentor since becoming involved with the Welcome Project, where Goldstein-Gelb works to support social justice and local immigrant families. His work, says Palmer, embodies who he is. "Warren has such a big heart and has dedicated his life to helping meet the needs of others, through strategic organizing and alliance-building, creative and effective educational programming, and smart policy and advocacy work."

The symmetry of the situation makes the benefit even more meaningful. "It is just so fitting that we would all come together as a community to support him in this way so he can continue to focus on his own recovery," adds Palmer.

Mark Alston-Follansbee, Executive Director, Somerville Homeless Coalition, can also attest to the heartfelt commitments between Goldstein-Gelb and the nonprofit community. "His stroke was devastating for many of us, but the incredibly hard work Warren is doing to regain his life have been both miraculous and inspiring." With the impact that Goldstein-Gelb has had on the citizens of Somerville, particularly those who are



Friends and loved ones are pulling together in support of Warren Goldstein-Gelb in this time of need.

struggling to build a new community, the outpouring of support has been gratifying but not surprising. Alston-Follansbee is particularly proud of Somerville for this. "Seeing the love and support this community has given Warren and his family during this traumatic period exemplifies the best in all of us."

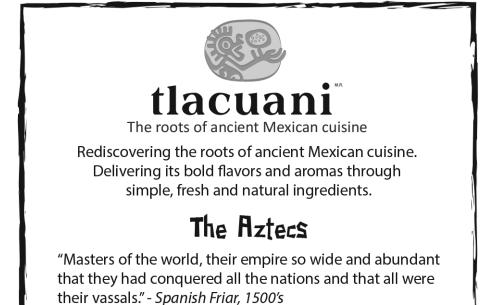
One of the organizers of the event, Theresa Vazquez-Dodero, of Somerville Main Streets, notes the aid they are providing is the least that could be done. "He's been giving so much to the community. We can give back to relieve the stress on his family right now." In addition to the benefit, supporters can contribute to the community pot luck <https://www. mealtrain.com/potlucks/q708k8> or to a fund for medical expenses <http:// www.plumfund.com/medical-fund/warren-aid> for the Goldstein-Gelb family.

The fund has already reached half of its funding, and the family has provided

some updates on the road to recovery. Contributions are always welcome, even if unable to attend the benefit, as Goldstein-Gelb works to get back to the work and the community he loves.



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When: Wednesday February 3, at 5:00 pm.

How to Help: In addition to the benefit, supporters can contribute to the community potluck <https:// www.mealtrain.com/potlucks/ q7o8k8> or to a fund for medical expenses <http://www.plumfund. com/medical-fund/warren-aid> for the Goldstein-Gelb family. Anniversaries, Bridal & Baby Showers, Pig Roasts, Retirement Parties, Birthday Parties, Holiday Parties and more!

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Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Our Legislators in the House and Senate for The Senate, on a voice vote without a roll call, approved a bill banning the use of hand-held cell phones and other mobile devices while driving. The measure allows only the use of hands-free phones and devices. First time violators would be fined \$100, a second time offense is \$250 and any subsequent offense is a \$500 fine and would be considered a moving violation for insurance purposes.

> Supporters said figures show that distracted driving accounted for 26 percent of the 30,000 lives lost in motor vehicle accidents in 2013. They said the bill will save many lives and prevent many serious injuries.

> Opponents said the ban goes too far and is another example of a nanny state. Some said similar laws are often unevenly enforced and disproportionately target black men. They argued the fines are too high and would hurt working class and poor residents.

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

> The first five roll calls are on proposed amendments to the bill.

> **EXEMPT EMERGENCY PERSONNEL (S 2093)** Senate 33-3, approved an amendment allowing public safety personnel or emergency first responders to use a hand-held mobile electronic device while driving in the course of their official duty.

> Amendment supporters said these essential first responders should have more flexibility because using a hand-held device might help them get more information or get to the scene faster.

> Amendment opponents asked why this group should get an exemption while individual drivers would not.

> (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

> > Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

EMERGENCY CALLS FOR INDIVIDUALS (S 2093)

Senate 12-24, rejected an amendment that would amend a section of the bill that allows individuals to use a hand-held mobile electronic device if he or she is making the call for emergency purposes including medical assistance, car problems and the need for a police officer or firefighter. The amendment would expand the amendment and also exempt drivers who receive an emergency call.

empt from the \$100 fine for a first violation if they prove with a receipt they bought a hands-free device shortly after the violation.

Amendment supporters said it is better to have someone purchase a hands-free device as "punishment" rather than pay a \$100 fine and still not get a hands-free phone.

Amendment opponents said this begins to water down the bill and said the amendment is unworkable. They noted that a person could buy a hands-free device, produce the receipt, and then return the product or never use it.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

PROHIBIT SEIZURE OF CELL PHONE (S 2093) Senate 25-11, approved an amendment that would prohibit authorities from seizing a hand-held electronic device.

Amendment supporters said that police officers should not be allowed to take away the device of someone who violates this law. They acknowledged there were court decisions prohibiting the seizure but argued the Legislature should make it an undisputable law.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is unnecessary because the courts have already ruled that these devices cannot be confiscated without a warrant.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ALLOW HAND-HELD PHONES IF CAR IS AT A RED LIGHT (S 2093)

Senate 5-31, rejected an amendment that would allow drivers to use a hand-held phone when stopped at a red light or in a traffic jam.

Amendment supporters said this would not be a danger as long as the car is not moving.

Amendment opponents said the amendment waters down the bill and noted it can be dangerous even when a driver is in a traffic jam or stuck at a red light.

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call r ecords local senators' votes on roll calls from the week of January 18-22. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

Amendment supporters said drivers who receive emergency medical or other calls from family members and friends should be able to talk with a hand-held device.

Amendment opponents said these exemptions water down the bill and allow more use of hand-held devices.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment expanding the exemption. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

GO EASY ON FIRST-TIME VIOLATORS (S 2093)

Senate 12-24, rejected an amendment that would allow people using a handheld device while driving to be ex(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

RECYCLE PAINT (S 2052)

Senate 25-11, approved and sent to the House a bill that would create the Massachusetts Paint Stewardship Program, run by paint manufacturers to coordinate the collection, recycling, reuse and environmentally sound disposal of used leftover house paint purchased by consumers. The program would be funded by adding a fee to paint sold in the Bay State.

Supporters said this program would be a great convenience for consumers, who would be able to responsibly recycle all their latex and oil-based paint. They argued it would create many green jobs and is an environmentally and fiscally responsible program that will result in more recycling of paint while saving millions of dollars

in paint disposal costs for cities and towns.

Some opponents said the fee is essentially an unwarranted tax on consumers, who already pay too much in taxes. Others noted that they support the recycling aspect of the bill but without a tax involved. Some said this bill would pave the way for the state to develop a similar taxbased system for recycling an endless number of other items like spray cans, pillows, mattresses and tires.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MUST SHOW ID TO VOTE (S 378) - The Elections Laws Committee held a hearing on several bills including one requiring all voters to show identification at their polling places in order to be allowed to vote. Acceptable forms of ID would include a Massachusetts state driver's license or photo identification card, a United States passport or a Social Security card.

Supporters said it is illogical that all voters are not required to show identification prior to voting and noted that many other states have laws requiring IDs. They argued that people cannot cash a check, rent a car or even enter some government buildings without showing an ID.

Opponents said the amendment would disenfranchise thousands of voters including people who do not have a current address because they are in a homeless shelter or domestic violence facility. Others said that there have been no widespread reports of voter fraud in Massachusetts.

ALLOW NON-CITIZENS TO VOTE (H 596) The Elections Laws Committee's agenda also included a proposal that would allow cities and towns to permit non-citizens over age 18 to vote in local municipal elections. These non-citizens would be eligible only if they certify in writing that they live in the city or town and "intend in good faith to become a U.S. citizen and intend to begin that process, if eligible." The law would take effect in a municipality only if approved by the local governing body and by the voters on a local ballot question.

UNSUBSCRIBE FROM DIRECT MAIL (H 3216)

- The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee held a hearing on legislation that would allow consumers to opt out of receiving direct mail and direct door-to-door flyers. The measure allows consumers to notify the company to take them off the list and fines companies that don't comply up to \$1,500.

continued

Under the bill, all current laws that now apply to individuals would also apply to businesses including allowing an individual on the list to sue a company for up to \$5000 if the company violates the list and calls the individual more than once a year; preventing companies from blocking their number from appearing on any consumer's Caller ID box; prohibiting companies from using recorded message devices to make these calls; and restricting these calls to between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Supporters said this long overdue bill will finally allow businesses to put a stop to these annoying invasions. They argued the system has worked well for consumers and will be a success for businesses.

MILLIONAIRE TAX (H 3933) - The Revenue Committee held a hearing on a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow a graduated income tax and impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current 5.10 percent tax, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million. The proposal goes before the Legislature and on the 2018 ballot only if approved by 25 percent (50 members) of the 2015-2016 Legislature and the 2017-2018 Legislature. The amendment is being proposed by the group Raise Up Massachusetts, which recently gathered the necessary signatures to bring the measure to the Legislature. Language in the amendment requires that the revenue go to fund quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation.

Supporters said the amendment is a reasonable one that will affect only 14,000 very wealthy individuals and will generate between \$1.3 billion and \$1.4 billion in additional revenue. They said the requirement to use the revenue for public education, public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation will benefit millions of Bay State taxpayers.

Opponents said the state will soon regain its dreaded title of "Taxachusetts." They argued the new tax will result in the loss of 9,500 private sector jobs and \$405 million annually in personal disposable income. They argued that the earmarking of the funds for specific projects is illegal and said all the funds will go into the General Fund and be up for grabs for anything.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ARE NOW AVAILABLE - Secretary of State Bill Galvin announced that absentee ballots for the March 1 presidential primary are now available in every Massachusetts city and town hall, the earliest absentee ballots have been available before a presidential primary. "If you expect to be absent from your commu nity on Election Day, you can apply in person at your Mo local election office beforehand and cast your absentee ballot there in one visit, but be sure to call the election office beforehand," Galvin said. Voters can also ask for an absentee ballot to be mailed to them. The deadline for persons to register to vote in the presidential primary is February 10. Wed. January 20

that the classification is improper." Further information can be obtained by phone at 1-800-392-6090 and online at http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cisptax/cisptax.htm.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Excerpts from Gov. Baker's annual State of the Commonwealth Address, the state version of the U.S. president's State of the Union Address.

"I still believe that the 40,000 voters who put [Lt. Gov.] Karyn [Polito] and me over the top in 2014 were actually people who voted for [my wife] Lauren."

"If I had to sum up the past year in office in one phrase, it would be the following: Don't be surprised when you get surprised. Stuff just happens. Some good. Some bad."

"It started to snow. And nine feet of Snowmaggedon later we had a transit system in serious trouble and a new term I'd never heard before: Snow Farm."

"Working together, we've made investments in school aid and local aid. No longer will Beacon Hill balance its budget on the backs of local communities."

"We will no longer send women who were involuntarily committed because of a substance abuse disorder, to MCI Framingham. Instead, they will access medical care at Shattuck and Taunton State Hospitals."

"As the administration ends its first year in office, some have lamented how boring we are. I'll admit: that makes me smile. No fights. No yelling. No partisan scrums."

"But we have work to do. We always will. As my dad always says: 'Success is never final.""

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 18-22, the House met for a total of 11 hours and 23 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 12 hours and four minutes.



Supporters said consumers should have the right to opt out if they are tired of receiving junk mail. They noted that junk mail creates an unwanted solid waste management burden for individual households and for cities and towns and that it costs money to dispose of piles of unwanted paper and plastic wrap.

ALLOW BUSINESSES TO OPT INTO "DO NOT CALL" LIST (H 159) - Also on the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure's agenda was a bill restricting telemarketing companies doing business in the state by allowing businesses to sign up for a "do not call" list and fining companies up to \$5000 if they call a business on the list. Current law only allows individual consumers to sign up for the list.

ABATEMENTS - Secretary of State Galvin also reminded property owners in two-thirds of the state's Thurs. January 21 communities that the deadline to apply for a property tax abatement is Monday, February 1. He said, "If you believe your assessment is too high, you might want to Fri. January 22 explore the abatement process. You can challenge a tax bill if you believe that the assessed value is too high in relation to similar properties in the neighborhood, or

on. January	18

Tues. January 19

No House session No Senate session

House 11:00 a.m. to 1:12 p.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 1:55 p.m.

> No House session No Senate session

House 11:01 a.m. to 8:22 p.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 8:22 p.m.

> No House session No Senate session

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Just Like Roads and Electricity, Parks Are Community-**Critical Infrastructure...And We Need to Plan that Way**



By Joseph A. Curtatone

This week we unveiled our plans for the design of Lincoln Park. It features a natural grass recreation field, lighted pedestrian pathways, and an activity corridor with community gardens, skateboard and Parkour activity areas, a new basketball court, adventure style playgrounds, and a water splash pad. The park also includes more than 150 new trees, plenty of seating, an updated ballfield, and an off-leash recreation area for dogs. On top of that it will have a 1.26 million gallon subsurface stormwater management system to help reduce flooding in the surrounding area, and rain gardens that will capture and reuse stormwater. We worked closely with the community to develop these plans, trying to balance recreational needs with open/green space needs, and we're proud of the results.

While we call this a parks proj-

ect, it really is just as much an infrastructure project. Just like a city can't operate without roads, electricity, and water and sewer mains, open space is an essential element to quality of life in urban living. We need places where people can play, or relax next to some greenery. On top of that, permeable surfaces help prevent flooding and reduce the amount of stormwater runoff that flows into our regional waterways. Improving the open spaces we've got and creating the 125 acres of new, publically accessible open space (as outlined in our comprehensive plan: SomerVision) are vital to making sure we have a city that works on a human scale. These are essential projects, which is why we should place the same importance on open space as we would any other type of community-critical infrastructure.

Open spaces serve as some of our principle gathering areas. They're where our children will forge some of their fondest memories and where adults can go when they need to unwind. Whenever we design a new park or playground, we try to make it something special for the people who will use it. In the most densely populated city in New England, every bit of open space is precious. One of the best things to emerge from the Lincoln Park planning process was just how much people cared that a large park, by Somerville standards, truly serves the community. People were passionate and engaged, and we get better park designs when that happens.

One of the big points of discussion with this project was a grass recreational field versus a synthetic turf recreational field. In this particular case, grass made more sense. Lincoln Park is our largest contiguous city-owned open space in a dense city. As part of our long-range park planning, it made sense to maintain this park as a large, natural open space for all to use. It will serve as our city common-a large expanse open to all.

However, the citywide field use data clearly show that to meet our significant and growing field demand, while adhering to best practices for field usage, synthetic turf will be required at other, more suitable locations. The City will select only safe and high-quality turf, for which fortunately there are several recommendable options. Helping to guide this effort will be our Fields Master Plan, which will be shared with the community in March at public meetings. I hope you will attend.

Our Fields Master Plan is just one part of our overall Open Space Plan, which will be presented this spring. In addition to mapping out data-driven and rational plans for park renovation and planning, that plan seeks to achieve the SomerVision goal to establish 125 new acres of open space. People might be wondering where we're going to find that much land. Part of the answer is redevelopment. You've probably heard the term smart growth before, and one of its core tenets is to open up community space when you're redesigning residential and commercial areas. This gets back to what I was saying about treating open space like it's infrastructure.

As we re-envision Union Square, Boynton Yards, the Inner Belt and Brickbottom, we need to plan for open space. There should be a variety of spaces to fit all needs ranging from new plazas for socializing, recreation spots like playgrounds and fields/courts and reflective greens. When the state finally knocks down the concrete monstrosity known as the McGrath overpass, we also need to find space for trees and grass along that new boulevard.

Balancing that with 6,000 to 9,000 new housing units and the workspace for 30,000 new jobs will be no easy feat, but this is why it is so important residents stay engaged and push for the best community design we can deliver. During the comment period on the draft Neighborhood Plan for Union Square, we received many requests for more green and open space. As a result, we've been hard at work fitting in new green and open space into a revised plan. That's the process working because it must. The future of our city can't be all concrete and asphalt. Open spaces give us patches of sanity in a hectic world. They turn a city into a community.

Creating those public spaces will require detailed planning. New parks don't happen by accident. We also need to encourage sustainable development that makes room for open space in our proposed updates to our zoning regulations. It's one thing to say we value open space, but we need that value delineated in our zoning code. To deliver on that community value, we need a better set of rules and incentives. Hard work and forward thinking will be how we unlock more open space in the future

'Villens United by Chris Haskell **Strange Behavior**



biz in his comedy show aptly tily show is. The show itself has quickly become a favorite date night activity for many local college students and young professionals pinching pennies to pay the rent. Last Thursday's show packed a hard one-two punch showcasing Doug Smith and headliner Sean Patton, who's recently been on Conan O'Brien and Inside Amy Schumer (Patton's Jamaican Robocop bit had me howling like a hyena). Ryan Donahue, a former Emerson student, grew up in Rhode Island but is proud to have started his comedy career right here in Somerville. The longhaired, often sweater-clad weirdo hits the audience with a very unique,

almost slapstick comedy where tled Strange Behavior. Fans of the he laughs at his own childhood local comedy scene know what a memories and twisted perspectruly hidden gem this month- tive of everyday life. Donahue was a finalist in the 2013 Boston Comedy Festival that was hosted at the Davis Square Theatre. The original Strange Behavior show started as a weekly bar show at the Middle East in Central Square but was later relocated to Davis Sq. after Donahue was offered his own show by the directors of The Davis Square Theatre. "I find it very rewarding to be able to hone my comedy here and bring a funny affordable show to the area," says Donahue. "It's a great place to try new material. It's like an incubator of creative thought. The audience is always so receptive and open to the comics."



In a dimly lit basement in the 'Ville, Ryan Donahue and his crew of mad men are preparing to cure the locals of their wintertime blues. A line of people form outside the doors of the intimate Davis Square Theatre eagerly waiting to hand the doorman \$10 to witness some Strange Behavior. If laughter truly is the best medicine then these folks will gladly pay the small price to get their prescriptions filled.

Over the last year, Donahue has hosted some of the hottest comics picking up steam in the

Sean Patton (left), Ryan Donahue (middle), Doug Smith (right).

Donahue has been traveling around the continent playing different festivals such as the Johnny Carson Great American Comedy Festival in Nebraska and most recently the Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal.

"Great comics are always great people," Donahue said. "And I love being able to bring back some the great comics I meet on the road to perform with me here in Davis."

Recently, some of the strange brew of laughs from Strange Behavior are finding their way out of the small basement theater and into other media outlets; the show has hosted a couple album recordings over the last several months. The October Continued on page 17 edition of

COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



So, let's heave a collective sigh of relief as we sit in wait for whatever else Mother Nature may have in store for us this winter. It's not over yet. Not by a mile.

Keep the home fires burning, and the snow shovels primed and ready. We can hope for the best, but hope won't stop the deluge if its time comes. Don't we know it all too well.

It seems that we dodged a bullet this time. Mercifully so. And it's a good thing, too. Are any of us really prepared for a repeat of the natural disaster that took place last winter when we were nearly buried alive in all that snow?

Well. A little exaggeration never killed anyone. But a little too much shoveling and fighting for parking spaces and the

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

A Villen who moved to FLA, but who also grew up in East Somerville, James Robertson is celebrating this week. And yet another Villen who grew up here, Nancy Huber Coutoumas, is celebrating as well this week. We wish her the very best. Another happy birthday to Sheila Howe, a lifelong resident. She's a nice lady and the lovely wife of John, who loves that yellow car.

If you haven't registered to vote yet you The East Somerville Reunion is being have until February 10 to do so to vote planned for this coming June 25 at the

general wear and tear on the nerves just might. It wasn't a pretty thing to behold – and we wouldn't wish it upon ourselves or our worst enemies – or would we?

While we ourselves got out of this thing relatively unscathed and no worse for wear, many of our neighbors didn't fare quite so well, and our heartfelt good wishes go out to them. Let us extend our sympathies – if not our snow shovels – in support of what we know all too well is happening to them. May they shake it off in good health and with their civic cleanup costs within manageable limits. We know too well too the price of a massive cleanup operation. Our city's coffers got pretty well cleaned out too last year.

certification for Massachusetts/NRA Tues, Jan. 12, and the second will be Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They held tonight, Wed., Jan. 27, beginning run a class once a month, which is at 6:30 p.m. at the Lowell St. VNA limited to 10 people and we hear that (259 Lowell St.), in the Community this is the place to go to learn safety Room. Parking is extremely limited when handling guns. Email gunclub@ at the VNA, so please make arrangements to walk, bike, carpool, or use earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawstreet parking. ***** rencerodandgunclub.org and read up

> Somerville Office of Prevention Director Cory Mashburn announced that the results of their annual Student Health

chefs bring you their best chili. Who will win "Crowd Favorite"? Join RESPOND and Guest Judges for this fiery & flavorful Pre-Super Bowl Bash to benefit RESPOND's work to end domestic violence. Raffles, cash bar, hot sauce taste off! Thursday, January 28, 7-9 p.m., Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St.

In preparation for the 2016 Boil Down Festival, Groundwork Somerville will head over to Tufts on January 30 to tap the trees that we will be collecting sap from in the coming weeks. Come with friends, partners, or kids and learn about maple trees, sap, and the history of the Maple Syrup Project. You will be helping tap trees, and you might even get to taste a bit of sap! Meet at the top of the Memorial Steps at 10 a.m. Remember, sap is temperamental. So check Groundwork Somerville facebook for updates on the details of this year's tapping.

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

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.

Those who might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They offer an extensive program at the end of which you receive Somerville City Club, across from Holiday Inn. They have a Facebook page set up to take reservations: East Somerville Reunion 2016. The first reunion was very successful, with well over a 100 people attending, and lots of old friendships were restarted. If you grew up in East Somerville in the 60's, 70's and 80's you should set aside the date and make your plans to attend. You won't be disappointed.

about the course.

The Community Preservation Committee invites all interested community members to hear about the Community Preservation Act (CPA) project proposals before the Committee and offer feedback on which deserve to receive funding at two community meetings in January. The first was held on rum on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Winter Hill Community School, 115 Sycamore St. The results will be presented in the form of a game show, with attendees being divided into teams to discuss topics from the Student Health Survey. The youth from Somerville Positive Forces 100 (SPF100) will be presenting the info.

Survey will be presented in a public fo-

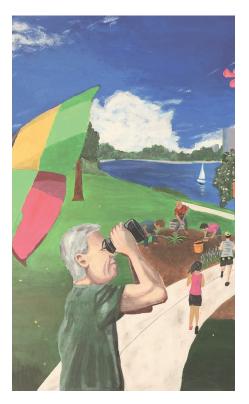
Join the Nave Gallery Annex in kicking off The 2016 Sketchbook Show with a poetry reading featuring Afaa M. Weaver and Gary Hawkins, an artist whose poems in progress appear in his sketchbooks in the show. January 30, 7 p.m., NAVE ANNEX, Davis Square, 53 Chester Street, Somerville, MA.

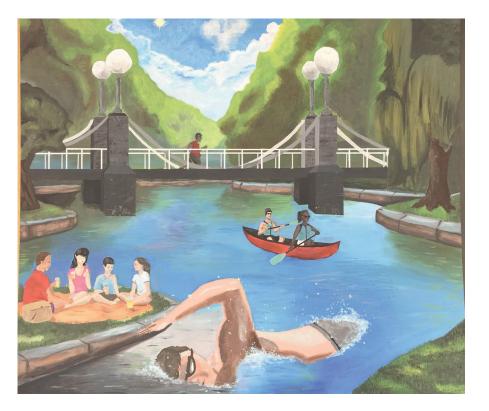
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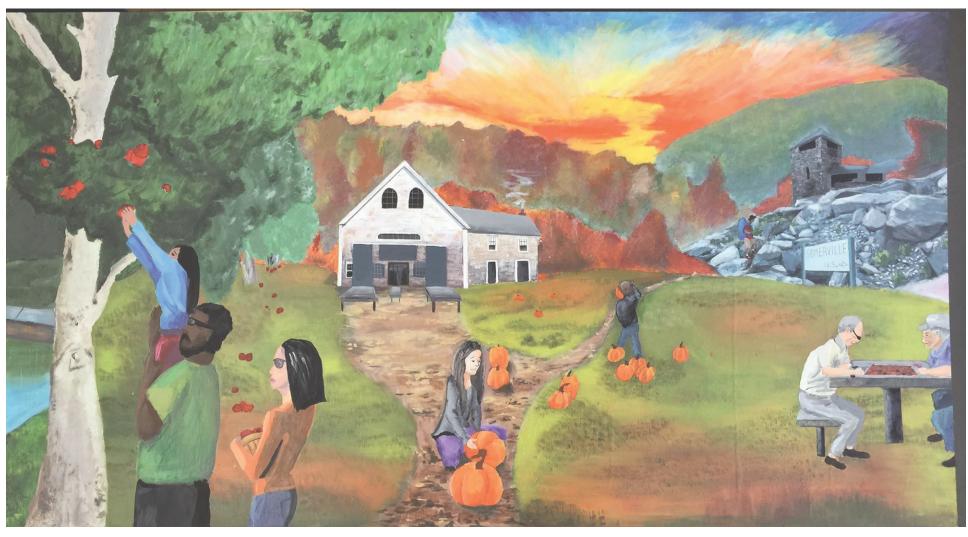
Don't forget, every Saturday through March. The Somerville Winter Farmers' Market is back at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave from 9:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. with an amazing selection of produce, meats, cheeses, fish, pastries, and lots more – all from local farms and businesses.

New artwork at City Hall

The Somerville High School Art Club, National Art Society and Art Major students all worked with the City Hall Wellness committee on a new 3 X 18 foot painted mural at City Hall.



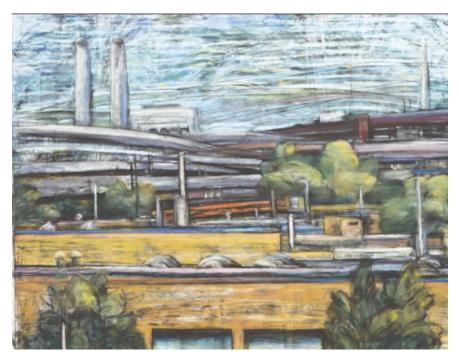






'Out The Window & Around the Town' at Brickbottom Gallery

Out the Window & Around the Town exhibit opened last weekend at Brickbottom Gallery, 1 Fitchburg Street, Somerville. Paintings and drawings by two of Brickbottom Artist Building's founding members, Cynthia Maurice and David Campbell are featured. The exhibit will run through February 27. Gallery Hours are Thursday - Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m. Visit http://brickbottomartists.com/ for directions and more information.





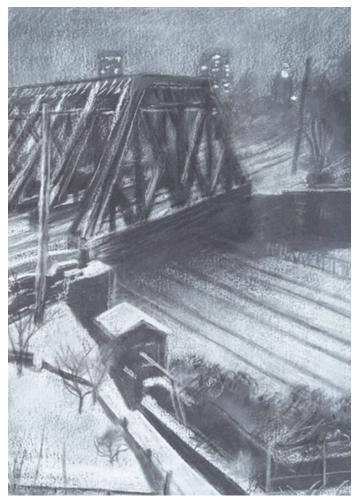
Somerville Sleet – Cynthia Maurice

Somerville Towards Route 93 – Cynthia Maurice



Boston Skyline and Northern Suburbs – David Campbell





Bridge and Railroad Tracks – David Campbell

Highways Crossing – Cynthia Maurice



Green Line Construction – David Campbell

SPORTS

Somerville High School represented at Coaches Invitational and Elite meet

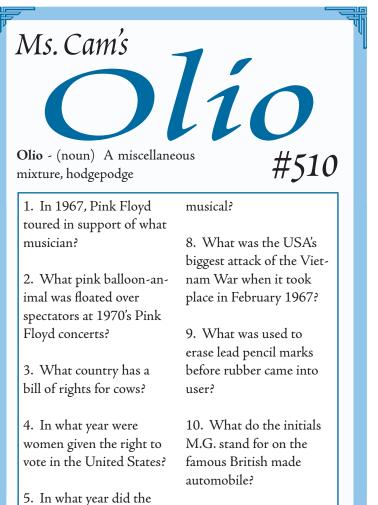
By Louise Carpenter

The Somerville High Girls Track team participated in the statewide Coaches Invitational and Elite meet on Saturday, January 23 and Sunday, January 24 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

Participating on Saturday were Youdine Felix and Lourdes Jean-Louis who both competed in the 55m dash and the long jump, along with Jackie Eloi who competed in the 55m hurdles. All three girls qualified for this meet with their performances throughout the season.

On Sunday's Elite Meet, which is a showcase meet for the best track and field athletes in Massachusetts, senior Gabrielle Etienne placed 4th in the shot put with a best throw of 38' 8 3/4". This was very close to her season best throw of 38'10" at the Dartmouth College Relays.

Next up for the Highlanders is the GBL Championship Meet on Saturday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m. at The Reggie Lewis Center.



11. Humans have 7 vertebrae in their necks - how many do Giraffes have?

12. Who was the first inductee into the National



The SHS Girls Track Team made a splash at the statewide Coaches Invitational and Elite meet this past weekend.

Saint Clement School skills and drills clinic

By Charles Lane

Saint Clement School has announced it is offering a Metro-Boston basketball clinic for boys and girls grades 2 through 8 on Monday, February 15 through Friday, February 19 at Saint School Gymnasium, 579 Boston Avenue, Medford, MA.

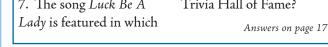
Area coaches will teach kids the proper skills on how to ball handle, shoot, pass and play defense. Cost for the program is \$50 if you register before Monday, February 8 or \$100 at the door.

The clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please call Athletic Director Ryan Murphy with any questions at 339-221-1006 or email him at Ryanmuph3@aol.com.

PTA Boston Celtics Fundraiser

Enjoy a Boston Celtics game while raising funds for your school's PTA-sponsored activities! Somerville PTAs have teamed up with the Boston Celtics for a great "friends and family" experience. Students can enjoy the Celtics vs. Portland Trailblazers 7:30pm game on March 2nd in the company of family and friends at a discounted price, and earn fun experiences while raising money for their school. To learn more about this fundraising event and to download an order form, click on the following link event link: Boston Celtics Fundraiser. Please contact a PTA representative from your school if you have additional questions about this exciting fundraising event.





Great Depression begin?

6. In Star Wars, who

hides the plans to the

Death Star in R2-D2?

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Council on Aging extends poetry series

By Maureen Bastardi

Just because your age advances doesn't mean your excitement for learning new skills and information stops suddenly. If anything, it seems to grow for many participants in Somerville Council on Aging programs. This curiosity has led to a number of new initiatives, including educational lectures and outings to Berklee College of Music to hear outstanding student and faculty concerts. Now, beginning in January, the Council on Aging and the Somerville Arts Council are partnering to offer a series of poetry workshops to Somerville's seniors.

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 10 to 11 a.m., older adults can enroll in a free series of three workshops featuring Somerville's own Poet Laureate Nicole Terez Dutton. Open to all writers and readers of poetry, the first workshop offers an opportunity for participants to share and discuss poems that are particularly resonant to them. A second workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon, focuses on generating and refining new poems The third and final workshop, on Tuesday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to noon, serves as a celebration for participants and their friends, and will include a chance to share new work created during the workshop. All are welcome and encouraged to attend any of these gatherings. Both workshops with Terez Dutton will be held at the Cross St. Center, 165 Broadway.



Somerville Poet Laureate Nicole Terez Dutton.

Nicole Terez Dutton's work has appeared in prestigious poetry publications including Callaloo, Ploughshares, 32 Poems, Indiana Review, and Salt Hill Journal. She earned an MFA from Brown University and has received fellowships from the Frost Place, the Fine Arts Work Center, Bread Load Writers' Conference, and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. Her collection of poems, If One of Us Should Fall, was selected as the winner of the 2011 Cave Canem Poetry Prize. Nicole lives in Somerville, and she teaches at Grub Street and in the Solstice Low-Residency MFA Program.

For more information on these, and other arts and cultural programming, please call Janine Lotti at (617)625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Somerville Songwriter Sessions at the Armory

By Rebecca Danvers

Somerville Songwriter Sessions at the Armory Cafe presents a concert with Medford singer/songwriter Susan Cattaneo, Berklee singer/songwriter Mckenna Flaherty and Boston singer/songwriter George Woods on Saturday February 6. The concert will feature a solo set by each artist, followed by a round robin song swap. The show begins at 8 pm and there is a suggested donation of \$10. The Armory Cafe is at 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville. For more information, call 617-718-2191 or visit artsatthearmory.org or www.facebook.com/SomervilleSongwriterSessions. Somerville Songwriter Sessions at the Armory Cafe presents contemporary folk singer/songwriters in concert on the first Saturday of each month. The Armory Cafe features live music in an intimate setting, a menu featuring sandwiches, soups, desserts and coffees, and plenty of free parking. Susan Cattaneo is a Boston artist who combines vivid storytelling with a modern songwriter's spin. Call it New England Americana with a twang. For 15 years, Susan has had the best day job ever; teaching Songwriting at the Berklee College of Music. Susan was



What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

In this segment of *Somerville Neighborhood News* we take a look at the opioid issue here in Somerville.

Somerville is not immune to the increase in opioid use and addiction around the country. In Massachusetts, Governor Baker has proposed legislation to support medical personnel, tighten prescribing regulations and increase community education.



Somerville Neighborhood News shares a three part series on Opioid abuse, addiction, and the city's response. Police Chief Dave Fallon and Patricia Contente of Community Outreach and Harm Reduction join us to discuss their collaboration and the steps the city is taking to treat addiction in the long term and stop addiction before it takes hold.

To watch this *Somerville Neighborhood News* story, visit SCATV's website at somervilleneighborhoodnews.org or on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on Ch.3.

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents.

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Susan Cattaneo will join other Somerville songwriters in a concert at the Arts at the Armory Café on Saturday, February 6.

a 2015 finalist at Kerrville's New Folk Contest. Susan was also a finalist in the 2015 International Acoustic Music Awards, the Independent Music Awards, the USA Songwriting Competition, and the 2014 Mountain Stage New Song Contest. She has performed with Bill Kirchen, David Wilcox, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Ellis Paul, Paula Cole, and Melissa Ferrick. More at Susancattaneo.com.



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Section 00.11.00 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from **General Building Construction Contractors** for the **Hagan Manor, Standby Generator, DHCD #274098** in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **RDK Engineers**.

The Project consists of: A new generator to be installed in the back corner of the parking lot to supply stand-by power for one elevator, common area and kitchen equipment when loss of power. In addition, replacing the main electrical distribution with new.

The work is estimated to cost \$220,000

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 <math display="inline">526 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at <u>www.biddocsonline.com</u>. Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, **General Building Construction**, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement (Form CQ 3).

General bids will be received until **2:00 PM** on **Thursday, 18 February 2016** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until **2:00 PM** on **Thursday, 11 February 2016** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub Bidder's Update Statement.

SUBTRADES

Section 26 00 00 - Electrical Work

All Bids should be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternatives), and made payable to the **Somerville Housing Authority**.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at <u>www.bidicsonline.com</u> (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudon, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of **\$50.00** per set (maximum of 2 sets) <u>payable</u> to BidDocs ONLINE Inc.

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for **\$ 40.00** per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPD overnight), non-refundable, payable to BidDocs ON-LINE Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation goal reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. *See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.*

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: Wednesday, 3 February 2016 at 10:00 AM Address: Hagan Manor 268 Washington Street, Somerville, MA Instructions:

SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: NONE



The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for from General Contractors for SHA Project number 1525, (667-4) Bryant Manor: for Ventilation System Modifications for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville, MA in accordance with the plans and specifications as written by Norian/Siani Engineering, Inc., 43 Bradford Street, Concord, MA 01742.

The primary scope will consists of replacement of existing makeup air units, exhaust fans and associated ventilation system modification.

The estimated cost of this project is **\$ 480,000**. The category for which the General Bidder must be DCAMM Certified

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J and to Davis-Bacon wage rates. Workers shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing Davis-Bacon rates established by the Department of Labor and listed in the specifications.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED by the Housing Authority. You must submit your bid electronically at <u>www.projectdog.com</u> Obtain all documents online via the job specific project number **809646**. Tutorials, instructions and videos on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online as well as in the instructions to bidders. You may also call Projectdog, Inc at 978-499-9014 for assistance in submitting your bid package (M - F 9AM - 5PM).

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAMM) in the category HVAC General Bidders must include a current DCAMM Prime Contractor Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Prime Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until **2:00P.M., February 19, 2016** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until **2:00PM**, **February 12, 2016** and opened online forthwith. Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trade listed below and bidders must include a cur-rent DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

SUB TRADES

Section 26.00.01 Electrical

All Bids shall be submitted electronically online at <u>www.projectdog.</u> <u>com</u> no later that the date and time specified above.

General bids and sub bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Newton Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available at www.Projectdog.com project number **809646** or picked up at Projectdog, Inc 18 Graf Road, Suite 8 Newburyport, MA (978-499-9014) after 10 A.M., **Wednesday, January 27, 2016**.

There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 set) payable to Projectdog, Inc.

Refundable deposits must be a certified or cashier's check. This deposit will be refunded upon return of all documentation in good condition within ten (10) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of Projectdog.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$75.00 for next day delivery, payable to the Projectdog, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation goal reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.

The job site and/or existing buildings will be available for inspection at Bidders Conference: Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 9:00 A.M. meet at the entrance of Bryant Manor 75 Myrtle Street, Somerville, Massa-chusetts 02145.

For additional information regarding this project contact Gabe Ciccariello, Project Manager, at 617-625-1152, ext. 330

Somerville Housing Authority. Joseph R. Macaluso, Executive Director

DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2016

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The **Somerville Housing Authority** invites sealed bids from contractors to furnish, install, and repair blinds and shades as needed, in various State and Federally Funded housing developments at various locations throughout Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by the SHA Purchasing Department.

The Project consists of Furnishing, installing, and/or repairing of Vertical Blinds and Shades as needed.

The work is estimated to cost \$60,000.00

This is a Three-year contract

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §526 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m. on February 19, 2016 and publicly opened, forthwith at Somerville Housing Authority's, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at Somerville Housing Authority 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 11:00 A.M. on February 3, 2016. There will be no charge for these documents.

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit or bid bond that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount (considering any alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority. Bids may be mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received before the time specified. SHA is not responsible for lost or late bids.

A site visit is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on February 8, 2016. All interested parties will meet at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Site visit not required. Prior notification that you are interested in attending the site visit is required. Please notify Anthony Crespo at 617-625-1152 extension 336 or email <u>Tonyc@sha-web.org</u> if you are attending.

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The **Somerville Housing Authority** invites sealed bids for Pest Control bid number P-PES-022016 for multiple locations located in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority Purchasing Department.

This is a One (1) year contract with two-one year options to renew to be exercised at the Authority's sole discretion.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 § 39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., February 10, 2016 , and publicly opened forthwith, at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245.

Bids may be mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received before the time specified. Somerville Housing Authority is not responsible for lost or late bids.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority

Mailed Bids should be sent to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145, PEST CONTROL BID P-PES-022016, Attn. Anthony Crespo, Purchasing/IT Manager, and received no later than the date and time specified above. SHA not responsible for bids lost or not received on time.

A walk through of the properties will be held for this project at 9:30 a.m., February 2, 2016 at SHA Administrative offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA. Bidders are required to contact the SHA's Purchasing/IT Manager, Anthony Crespo 617-625-1152, extension 336 if attending.

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The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:

Somerville Housing Authority 30 Memorial Road Somerville, MA 02145 617-625-1152 Nashoba Blue Inc. 433 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749 978-568-1167



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Requirements

- Massachusetts Driver's License
- Mass State Licensed and certificated pesticide applicator
- · Stable work history
- Must pass a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)

In addition, may perform miscellaneous maintenance and repair tasks on buildings and property requiring a variety of skills such as cleaning, preparation for painting, floor waxing, minor plumbing and appliance repair. Assists other staff in the performance of tasks necessary to maintain SHA property.

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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY INVITATION FOR BIDS LEASE OF ROOFTOP SPACE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES SHA Job No.1601

The Somerville Housing Authority (the "Authority") is soliciting sealed bids for the lease and use of rooftop and penthouse space on 24 North St. operated by the Authority at the Clarendon Hill development in the City of Somerville, Massachusetts. This space is available for the installation and operation of radio communications facilities. These facilities can include, but are not limited to cellular telephone, personal communications systems, paging and land mobile radio. The lease and use of these spaces will be on a non-exclusive basis.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. At such time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Invitation for Bids (IFB) copies are available free of charge for pickup on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Authority's Modernization Office, 30R #1 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA. 02145. The Authority will e-mail an Invitation for Bids free of charge upon request.

Please direct questions, or requests for IFB documents, to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Rd, Somerville, MA 02145, Attn: Frank Smith. Tel. 617-625-1152, Fax: 617-623-0137, or e-mail to franks@shaweb.org.

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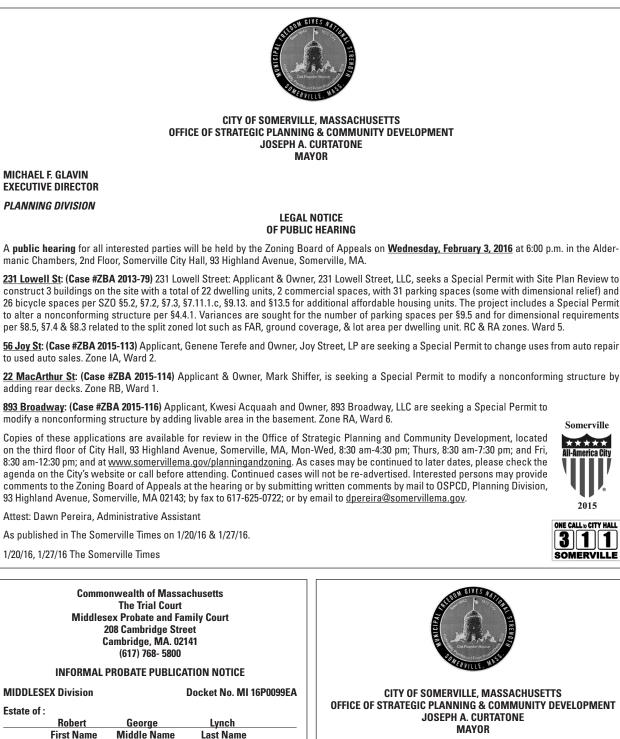
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Date of Death: October 08, 2015

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

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has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve

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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 Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by Jai Singh Khalsa: 1) to demolish a c.1874 wood frame house at 640 Mystic Avenue.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@ somervillema.gov

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Strange Behavior

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the show was recorded for Boston's own Dan Boulger (The Late Late Show, Comedy Central) and in December Josh Gondelman (writer for Last Week Tonight with John Oliver) was also recorded during a show for his March release comedy album which will be sold as a cassette tape at future Strange Behavior shows.

"I've had a few comedians contact me about performing and recording so we'll definitely be doing some more album recordings in the coming months," assures Donahue. "You don't want to eat chicken parm everyday though. You gotta have a creative buffet."

When he's not poking fun at himself, Ryan Donahue is working hard to bring his weird brand of comedy to the masses through other mediums. He is currently crafting an animated comedy show that he hopes to shop around to the networks or produce as webisodes. Ultimately, Donahue would love to take the show on the road."I want to do the show as long as I can and have the show evolve into a comedy tour." He already has plans for a special reunion show back at The Davis SquareTheatre where the tour bus makes its final stop.

"I'd love to end this show by bringing back all my favorite comedians for a one night only farewell show and just let loose. You gotta have goals."

Strange Behavior hosted by Ryan Donahue plays every month at The Davis Square Theatre. Thursday, February 25: Liza Treyger. Check in with the show's Facebook homepage for future show dates. Tickets are \$10 at the door but the small venue fills up quick so picking up tickets online through Eventbrite.com would be recommended. Best \$10 you ever spent.

Hope you enjoyed the column. In my next column I'll be reviewing bars in the city to find the best place to watch the Super Bowl.

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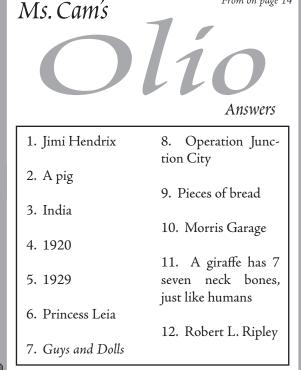
WholeTone Opera Presents 'La Zombiata'

This Valentine's Day weekend, Davis Square Theatre will set the stage for a uniquely morbid experience: La Zombiata, a new comedic opera in one act based loosely on Verdi's La Traviata and presented by Whole-Tone Opera. This production will immerse the audience in a romantic dystopia filled with brain noshing and ballroom dancing zombies. Filled with bloody soirees and ravenous relationships, this zombie opera will showcase the true meaning of "undying love." Revelers should expect an over the top performance on Saturday evening, complete with a designated fake blood "splash zone." Guests are encouraged to dress like a zombie, or plan accordingly with a poncho (available for purchase in advance or at the door) in anticipation of an especially bloody show.

Davis Square Theatre, 255 Elm Street, Somerville, MA 02144

Friday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, February 13 at 10:30 p.m. (splash zone performance), and Sunday, February 14 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets available online and at the door: http://zombiata.bpt.me. Student: \$15 per person (ID required. Service fee not included.)

General admission: \$25 per person (service fee not included) – VIP: \$40 per person (service fee not included)



•••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|January 27

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

Thursday|January 28

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

Friday|January 29

Avenue

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

Saturday|January 30

Central Library Victorian Valentines workshop Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000 x2914 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Monday|February 1

Central Library Sing-along with Fred Griffeth Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday February 2

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

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

Central Library Somerville High School Anime Club Emmanuel Mukadi 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday |February 3

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

MUSIC|ARTS Wednesday|January 27

Johnny D's Bar and Restaurant Closed 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Hana Kahn Delmore Katie Solomon In this River Ashley Dawn Durkin

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway/617-629-5302 Ruby Fruit Jungle's Funk Fest with special guest Bryan Mac|8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. Backroom Series: Audrey Ryan, Lisa Bastoni and Siobhan|7 p.m. L80's night with Scattershot|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Alex Formento Band Bizzurke and the Baby Makers Joe Holt The Facc-tones 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 Dub Down Reggae 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Thunder Road Afropop Night feat. M'Bolo & DJ Afro Marc|8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory The Loop 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Roast Battle Boston II 8 p.m.]255 Elm Street

Friday|January 29

Johnny D's John Cafferty & The Beaver Brown Band, with Charlie Farren of the Joe Perry Project and Farrenheit as support Vanessa Salvucci presents "Sounds of the Century", with Joe Feloni on guitar! 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Kevin Byrne and the Verticals |6 p.m. tavapa presents Dippin' Sauce, The Generous Pour, The Velvet Ants \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series The Social No. 11|7 p.m. Young Love & The Thrills|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **P.A.'s Lounge** The Disquiet Evan Weckbacher Blame Shifters Evan Weckbacher The Natural Disasters 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

DJ starting at 10 p.m.

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway |617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar 7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Saturday|January 30 Johnny D's

Deborah Silverstein and the Erics Boston Rockabilly Send Off to Johnny D's with Sleepy La Beef, Roy Sludge, The Hubcaps, and Juliet & The Lonesome Romeos 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Johnny Come Latelies |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Zagnutt, The BoxBerrys, Mokita \$10 cover\$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 Backroom Series Hemway and Heather Woods|7 p.m. Mugsy|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge Large Bodies

Bruvs Deep Secret Fossil Wild 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**

Big Mean Sound Machine 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory Ginger Ibex and Kate Chadbourne 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Shit-Faced Shakespeare 7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Sunday|January 31

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Jan Marie & The Mean Reds|5 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 Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 p.m. Burren Acoustic Music Series|8 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004 **Sally O'Brien's Bar** Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session/9 p.m. Back Room:Solas Nua Theatre/8 p.m. 247 Elm Street/617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Americana Mondays 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Tuesday|February 2

Johnny D's Hot Tamale Brass Band FREE Show! (New Orleans Jazz) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Honkytonk Masquerade|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA's Lounge Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

Thunder Road Boston Blues Society Showcase feat. Lee Hawkins Band 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre The Teaseday Club 8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Wednesday|February 3 Johnny D's Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's BarEast Branch LibraryFree Poker, lots of prizes!Learn English at the Library!

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

Thunder Road Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave Arts at the Armory

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|January 27 Central Library Creative Writing with Amy Shea Marita Coombs-617-623-5000

10 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue **Central Library** Death Cafe Glenn Ferdman-617-623-5000 x2910 7 p.m.-8 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Thursday|January 28

Avenue

West Branch Library

40 College Avenue

Learn English at the Library!

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

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

program for people with problems

with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

For more info call: 781-762-6629

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

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

First Church Somerville

Saturday January 30

Kathleen -617-686-2475

Arts at the Armory

Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

Holland St

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Family Groups

Central Library

Chess Night

Avenue

Victorian Valentines workshop

Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000 x2914

Working Parents Play/Support Group

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 79 Highland

Somerville Winter Farmers' Market

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

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

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

weekly to discuss their work

Sunday January 31

Unity Church of God

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Monday|Febraury 1

9:30 a.m.|Performance Hall|191

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Central Library

Central Library

Avenue

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West Branch Library Invitation to Bach and Ysaye Karen Kramer-617-623-5000 x2975 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.|40 College Avenue

Central Library Community Sharing Brainstorming Session Tim Devin -617-501-5356 7 p.m. - 8:50 p.m./79 Highland

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

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

Thunder Road

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

Thursday|January 28

Johnny D's

The Legends Live On! The Allman, Neville, Pitchell, Charles, King Show 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's TBA 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

Tallahassee|6 p.m. Federator No1|9 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory Soundproofing Benefit: Music of the Balkans 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Shit-Faced Shakespeare 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 The Rupert Selection 8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory Benefit for Alysa with True Story Theater 3 p.m.|Café||191 Highland Ave

Monday|February 1

Johnny D's Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Tight 5 Stump! Pub Trivia 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Tuesday|February 2

Central Library Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue Wednesday|Febraury 3 **Central Library** Creative Writing with Amy Shea Marita Coombs-617-623-5000 10 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue Central Library Somerville Positive Forces Lovelee Heller-Bottari -617-625-6600 x4322 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue Central Library Board Game Night Ellen Jacobs -617-623-5000 x2914 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

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

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

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

Free Funky Workshop – Friday, January 29 – Starting at 9:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. Learn the technique of needlefelting with wool and barbed needle from local artist Jodi Colella. Space is limited to 15 participants. To register or for more information, contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Bereavement Support Group – Monday, February 1st and running for 12 weeks from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at our Holland Street Center. Have you recently experienced the loss of a loved one and are in need of support? We are running a 12 week support group starting February 1st. Please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

Berklee College of Music Series – 5 dates. This is a free event. Outings to see the country's next big vocal, instrumental and theatre stars! Pre-registration is required. Very limited seating. Please call 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Monday, February 1 at 7:30 P.M.: Songwriting Faculty Concert; Monday, February 22 at 7:00 P.M.: Harp Extravaganza; Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 P.M.: Bass Department Student Concert; Thursday, March 10th at 7:30 P.M.: Eighth Annual Guitar Night: R&B / Funk Showcase; Monday, March 21 at 7:30 P.M.: Maggie Scott: Vocal Jazz Series.

Chinese New Year Super Bingo – Monday, February 8 – 11:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – A \$10 fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Seating is limited – please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Free Community Chamber Concert – Sunday, February 14 – 3:00 P.M. at the Chevalier Theatre in Medford.

March 17 at our Ralph & Jenny Center is SOLD OUT. The Pine Grove Dude Ranch trip scheduled for May 15 through May 20th is BOOKED SOLID. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to have your name put on the waiting list. This trip, costing \$449 pp/dbl and \$499 pp/ single includes round trip motor coach transportation, 5 nights deluxe accommodations, 3 great meals each day and a wide variety of entertainment and programs.

The Chinese New Year Super Bingo scheduled for Monday, February 8 is SOLD OUT.

Everyone is welcome to join our monthly Book Club. We meet the first Friday of each month at our Holland Street Center from 10 to 11:30 AM. Here are the book selections for the next few months: January – Now I See You by Nicole Kear / February 5th – Snowflower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See / March 4th – Critical Mass by Sarah Paretsky. Copies of book choices available at the Somerville Public Library main branch, under COA book club account. If you have any questions, please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email her at JLotti@Somervillema.gov

LGBTQ EVENTS:

Please note that we are now known as the LGBTQ LGBTQ Event Night – An Evening with Pat Jehlen - Monday, March 21, 5:30 PM in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center – Join us as we welcome Senator Pat Jehlen as we discuss the Special Legislative Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Aging Report. More information to follow – if you have any questions or require additional information please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

LGBTQ Advisory Group –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2016. We are looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

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

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. Become more active – make 8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H) 8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) 12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A 9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B 11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration**If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday January 27

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

Thursday|January 28

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

Friday January 29

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

Monday|February 1

9:30 Monthly Breakfast (H) – guest speaker, Bryan Bishop, Director of Veterans Services
10:00 Activity & Movie (RJ)
10:30 Moonlighters (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ)
1:00 Bereavement Group (H)
7:30 Berklee College of Music – Songwriting

Tuesday|February 2

How about bringing your Valentine to this concert featuring musicians from the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Limited seating so please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more info or to reserve your spot.

St. Patrick's Lunch & Show at Aqua Turf – Wednesday, March 16 – Departing Somerville at 8:30 A.M. on a luxury Silver Fox Coach to Connecticut's famous Aqua Turf Club - \$79 fee includes your transportation, a delicious family style luncheon (salad, corned beef & cabbage or pasta w/meat sauce or baked scrod, potatoes and vegetables, rolls & butter, complimentary glass of wine or beer, coffee / tea) Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or 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. St. Patrick's Day Super Bingo scheduled for Thursday,

new friends – boost your brain power – feel healthier. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Knitting for Babies (RJ)
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10:30 Men's Group (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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Somerville's boiling sap into syrup

By Tom Bannister

On March 12, celebrate Somerville's annual Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival. Community members of all ages are invited to the Community Growing Center at 22 Vinal Avenue between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to watch and learn for free as sap from local sugar maple trees is boiled down into pure maple syrup over a warm fire. Attendees can expect syrup tasting, kids' activities, demonstrations, and more. Waffles, hot drinks, and Maple Syrup Project T-shirts and posters will be on sale.

The Somerville Maple Syrup Project coordinated by Groundwork Somerville in partnership with the Somerville Community Growing Center, Somerville Public Schools, Tufts University, and each dedicated Maple Syrup Project volunteer.

What began 12 years ago as the small-scale tapping of a few trees on Tufts campus has now grown into a fully-fledged educational project that involves organizations and individuals throughout the Somerville community. Throughout the season, Groundwork Somerville staff trains and supports community volunteers as they teach a 4-week arts and science curriculum to 2nd graders in all of Somerville's public schools and lead educational activities at the boil-down event. At the end of each winter, local maple trees are tapped, and the collected sap is stored for this public boil-down event.

This year's tapping will occur on Saturday, January 30. Check the Groundwork Somerville Facebook page and website



for updates on this year's tapping and maple-themed events throughout February.

For information about The Maple Syrup Boil Down 2016,

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Julie Ann Otis is Somerville's Artistic Fellow of Interdisciplinary Arts. She composes and performs poetry on the fly and occasionally in mid-air. Julie Ann recently performed at the ICA Boston and at Aeronaut Brewery (Somerville), where she composed and projected poetry in real-time alongside an animation artist and



an electronic music artist. She created an environmental poetry installation, "Answering Mara," at The Art Farm (Nebraska) and "Incubus," performance poetry choreographed with aerial dance in rope and harness. Her interactive poetry installation, "Free Verse," combined vintage typewriters, public exchange of free writing, and live-time composition. Her performance installation of "The Complaint (& Catharsis) Department," a re-imagining of the R.M.V., offered affirmation/consolation for attendees of Somerville's Pity Party. Accolades include Opus Affair Artist of the Year in 2014 and exhibitions at Boston City Hall. Her most recent chapbook, *Elastic Communion*, is available at www.julieannotis.com.

Place in the Choir

It's just another day in Missouri It's just another day in New York It's just another day in Arkansas Alabama Mississippi in my hometown

Just another day of heartbreak the color drains from our faces as we receive the news of no news the news of nothing new the news of no action, no justice, no voice the news of no air escaping from the throat of this choked up judicial pipeline

OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

P.A.'s Lounge gives it to you straight – no chaser

So I am in Union Square, and the cold winter winds are whipping me like a frenzied sadist, when I entered P.A.'s Lounge. I needed a story and P.A.'s seemed to fit the bill. In one corner of the bar Jon Dorsett nursed a beer, and stared at a flat screen. He had the look of a guy who has seen and done that, and has no time for happy horseshit. The bartender and co-owner Tony Amaral, Jr. looked at me with world-weary eyes, as if to say, "So, what are you selling?" I told him I am Doug Holder from *The Somerville Times* – he was not impressed. But I sat down, and as the bar was basically empty this afternoon he agreed to chew the fat.

It seems that Tony runs the bar with his brother Jerry and his old man Tony Sr. P.A.'s was founded in 1971. It was called the Portuguese American Lounge back in the day. Its specialty was seafood, but later the lounge morphed into a live music venue and bar. The restaurant was in its heyday from 1975 to 1989. Tony Jr., told me they served a Spanish/Portuguese dish, Mariscada, that *Boston Magazine* raved about. It was a savory concoction of shrimp and other seafood that made many a mouth tremble and water with delight.

Speaking of Tony Sr., who birthed this lounge, he is a spry 75 years old and still keeps his finger on the pulse of the joint, and keeps his sons in line. In fact, P.A.'s is a family affair. Tony Jr's girlfriend works here as well as the brothers.

Tony Jr. is the real McCoy. He was born in Somerville Hospital, and he went to school with Mayor Curatone, who he says stops in now and then to say hello to his old classmate.

The bar is a no-non-

sense kind of place.

You are probably not

going to get a craft

beer, more likely a

Miller, Guinness or

Bud. Dorsett, the

lone patron piped

up: "It's sort of like

Cheers, where ev-

eryone knows your

And

are always glad you

came." Dorsett has

they

name.



Patriarch Tony Amaral Sr.

Is it just another day and someone else who's not me



Tony Amaral Jr. (left), Jerry Amaral (right).

lived in Somerville since 2001 and is a fan of the music and entertainment the joint has to offer.

I noticed a white guitar mounted on the wall. "Makes sense," I thought. According to Tony Jr., many an up and coming band has played here. Dorsett said, "Three years ago, Arcade Fire played here." According to Tony Jr., mostly indie rock bands are the standard fare, but they have "Americana Mondays" where Hank Williams-style music is the flavor of the week. Some local bands that have or will play here are Big Screen Radio, Amateur Athletes, Triax Coalition, to name a few. The bar has also hosted poetry readings, acoustic open mikes, and throughout the week they have different acts.

It is not only musicians, poets and other stumble-bums who make the scene, but comedians as well. Most notably, according to Tony Jr. and Dorsett, the comedian Eugene Mirman strutted his stuff here. Dorsett told me that Mirman now hosts his own TV show. No joke.

Tony Jr. has seen the neighborhood change in the last 10 to 15 years – for the good and bad. He thinks the Green Line (if it ever makes it here) will certainly bring new business. But he has seen real estate taxes rise, and many people displaced.

Tony Jr. told me that the family owns the building, so they will be around awhile. He figures they might put more emphasis on food in the future. But I think in this dark and moody gin joint they will keep it – straight ... with no chaser.

pour myself into the offering bowl cross my name off any soul-splitting cause

Today my grandmother speaking thru pain as she presses the third act of her life into an encore tells me the story of leaving her Methodist church Nebraska 1963

crossing her name off the register leaving a house divided abandoning the segregated soul called to worship with all God's children

Unspoken to me is her question of the epilogue that will follow will I sit at home instead of raising my voice will I watch on TV or take to the street

will I hashtag it on Twitter from the corner office spread the paperless indictment

or plant my feet where they're needed most

Was this my son who was shot for no reason was this my father who was choked was this my brother who was condemned, unarmed is this my family's weeping wounds

Beyond courthouse walls beyond prison doors I feel the ground move my peaceful scene to join pilgrims weary but revolving rooting resolve to the earth training in the gym of forbearance suffering fools again and again

Asking will I kneel in hard pews that run through every blessed borough now another day dawns in Boston in Hong Kong take up arms against any ignorance harbored carve a space for the wrong to come clean

have the strength to speak plainly courage enough for compassion for the man deluded, who thinks he's not we

(taking hammer to his own thumb a foot atop his own neck the illness of rage bursting our veins)

love atheist and believer indigenous and infiltrator open hands to poorly and 1%

have no battle but the joining have no task but gauze lifting day by day mend the invisible fence

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