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Somerville copes with a blizzard



Somerville got its share of snow on Tuesday as Winter Storm Juno blew through the region leaving sidewalks, walkways and streets in need of a massive dig-out. More pictures on page 13. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

By Jim Clark

The anticipated snowstorm that has been christened "Juno" hit the northeast hard, as was expected, and residents and city work crews spent most of Tuesday digging out and trying to keep up with the snowfall.

The City of Somerville reported that it had 95 vehicles and 130 crew members out clearing streets and sidewalks.

All routes were reported as passable for public safety equipment.

The DPW anticipated salting to start at around 2 p.m., which was when workers would start getting it clear to the pavement.

According to reports, Somerville was expected to accumulate 20-22 inches of snowfall in total.

At press time, the city indicated that they did not know when the parking ban would be lifted as they were still monitoring the storm, but that the emergency status was scheduled to be lifted at noon on Wednesday.

At this time, the city reports that it had to tow 75 vehicles.

Additionally, the city said that it has a team, location, supplies and home evacuation procedures ready to go should shelters be needed, but as of press time there have been no power outages or other situations leading to that need.

Uplifting Student Health Survey results, but room to grow

By Jason Andrew Park

The results of the Somerville High School (SHS) Student Health Survey are in and, for the most part, they are optimistic.

The number of current SHS students reporting alcohol use fell in 2014, as 20.6 percent said they used alcohol in the past 30 days – a drop of 8.3 percent compared to 2012 when the last survey was administered. The results show drug use remained low although some usage fell compared to previous years.

"The main thing is that most kids in Somerville High School are not doing drugs. Most of them are not," said Cory Mashburn, Prevention Director of Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP).

Current cocaine use was at a mere 0.5 percent, an all-time low since the survey was first administered in 2004. Methamphetamine use also dropped from a high of 1.9 percent in 2004 to a low of 0.3 percent. Heroin and Continued on page 5



The Student Health Survey results were presented to the public via a game show format that encouraged discussion on the relevant topics covered in the survey.

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On the political side of things, we will be having the local elections for Mayor, Alderman and School Board members this year. Two years ago some races had some contests and hopefully again this year that will happen. We think competition is great for everyone, in the private sector as well as the public sector. We hope more will decide to jump in and run for office. So far this year we have heard that Ward Three School Board member Adam Sweeting is not going to seek re-election, leaving it a wide open seat. The first rumor we heard about someone running was former candidate for mayor and Ward Three Alderman herself Ms. Suzanne Bremer is thinking about testing the waters. Others are also considering running for the vacant seat. Again, we hope all the wards have more than one candidate running for office.

The latest rumors around the city have former candidate and popular guy Sean Fitzgerald jumping in the race for Alderman, but is not sure yet if he's going to seek the Ward Seven seat or At Large again. We'll keep you posted. We're sure he's going to let us know soon.

We heard that Elio LoRusso is jumping in again and is going to run for Alderman in Ward One, since he barely lost two years ago. He's been out there and now we hear he is going to run a full campaign against current first timer Alderman Matt McLaughlin. In Ward 5, former Alderman Courtney O'Keefe's name keeps coming up in conversation. Some think she's going to run in Ward 5 again, and some say it will be At Large. We will keep you posted on this one. It could be interesting in Ward 5.

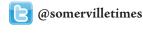
Big Happy Birthday this week to both Vinnie & Louise Leone of the famous Leone's Sub and Pizza fame. We wish them both the best of luck on this, we hear, is their 93rd birthdays. They exemplify hard work and dedication over the years, giving customers what they want and making it the best. Who doesn't love getting a sub or pizza from Leone's? Again, get well fast and return to the shop to Nick, who has been laid up.

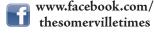
Ward Three Alderman – one of the best in "constituents services" – Bob McWatters, is becoming even

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Let's meet at The Bal-A-Roue

A. Moore says:

I remember this so well. The blisters on my feet from skating with the rental roller skates. Way before your time Jimmy.

gloria says:

what a time spending your weekends skating at the bal a roue beinging a child growning up in somerville and medford movies and hanging out with friends what a great life we had

Boston Kate says:

I can still remember the smell – not a bad smell, just a distinct Bal-A-Roué smell. My friend took skating lessons, and she really became quite good. I loved that place. I used to skate into something, to come to a stop. Good times. :-)

Lori-Ellen Budenas says:

I was just looking for a picture of the old Bal-a-Roue to show my parents who met there in the late 50's and came across this article. Mom asked Dad to skate and the rest is history. We loved the article, it brought back great memories!

Rosie says:

There is a Facebook page where you can see some old pictures.

JOHN DINEEN says:

I met my wife, a Medford girl, there on April 23, 1952.

Been married 59 years and still going strong.

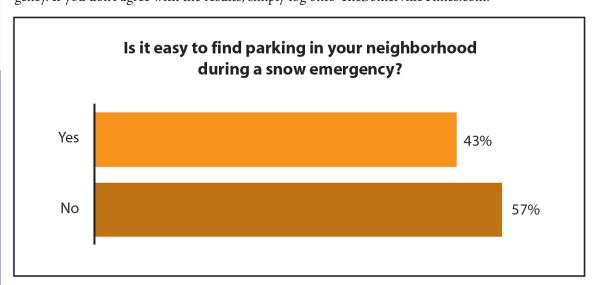
There was a Texaco gas station across the street. I remember gassing up my 36 Ford there or less than \$2.00. There was a gas war going on and when I told the attendant to "fill it up" it only took about 75 cents.

I paid for it wit a \$2.00 bill and he wouldn't give me any change.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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Flood prevention projects as part of GLX

By Gabriela C. Martinez

On January 22, the Somerville Board of Aldermen held its weekly meeting to discuss a variety of upcoming projects and resolutions, many focused infrastructural improvements, maintenance issues, and educational initiatives.

At the meeting's public hearing, John Melliacco, a representative from Kleinfelder in Cambridge brought forth three plans, all of them proposing the construction of flood infrastructure as part of the Green Line extension.

The first item submitted seeks to construct two new catch basins, a new manhole, and 76 feet of pipe in the North End of Horace Street. Maryann Heuston, Alderman from Ward 2, praised the project, as it could help alleviate flooding in the area.

"They need to make sure there is no possibility of flooding in the area. I actually think this is a good thing. On the MBTA's dime, we get to have additional



catch basins and replacement of pipes in the area that we wouldn't normally be able to foot the bill on. I think it is a precautionary measure and I think they have observed some rain in events in the area that could potentially affect the extension of the green line there," Heuston noted.

Although the project raised no significant concerns from the side of constituents, a resident from Horace Street, said he was not aware of any previous flooding in the area and requested more detailed information about the construction plans.

"We are adding two new catch basins at the end of the road. We understand that there's a little bit of flooding at the end of the street and it's not for any new storm water generated. It's just some new work that's going to happen with a new retaining wall and we just want to make sure there is drainage in place, just to sort of appease an existing condition," clarified Melliacco.

One of MBTA's main projects, which seeks to construct 6 new catch basins, 4 new manholes, 370 feet of drainage pipe, 40 feet of sewer line, and 50 feet of water line in Washington Street, also as a part of the Green Line's extension, is aimed at eliminating the flooding that often occurs under the railroad bridge Washington Street.

Abuse Coordinator for Somerville proposed

By Gabriela C. Martinez

A resolution submitted by Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti at last weeks regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, proposed employing a Substance Abuse Coordinator to assist Somerville's families.

Rossetti touched on an interview with Mike Higgins, Woburn's new Substance-abuse coordinator. The interview, published in the Lowell Sun. illustrates the importance of Higgins' work in Billerica, which consists of helping addicts seek treatment and providing family counseling.

"An addict wants to talk to somebody who they can trust, because if someone's going to talk to me, I'm not going to repeat it. It stays in here. If some-

body asked me, I'm not going to say a word about it. That's the trust factor," Higgins expressed in the interview.

Alderman Rossetti, as well as other aldermen, are sponsoring the initiative of hiring a Substance Abuse Coordinator as a way of providing more specialized care to addicts and helping families get connected to the proper services. According to Rossetti, Somerville's Police Department is in the process of hiring a person that has the qualities of Woburn's current Substance-Abuse Coordinator.

"The big issue is that there are city services, private services, but there is no connection between those services and the people who need them," said Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaugh-

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By Jim Clark

Late night car rummaging fail

Police were dispatched to a Medford St. location at around 2:00 a.m. last Sunday on reports of a larceny of a motor vehicle in progress.

Upon arrival, officers found a group of three men holding a fourth man down on the ground.

The reporting party was among

the men who were holding down the suspect, Rodrigo Mateus, 29.

Police were reportedly told that the group of men had discovered Mateus sitting in a car that was parked near the others' cars in a lot nearby the reporting party's residence. One of the reporting party's friend's car had been broken into and the contents of the car had been strewn around, as if someone had been searching for something, police said.

When the group spotted Mateus sitting in the nearby car they pulled him out and held him until police arrived.

A search by police reportedly turned up a cell phone in a pink case, two credit cards, a silver color ring, a sliver color necklace with pendant and a black color cell phone case was discovered in the pockets of Mateus' clothing.

The two credit cards had a

female's name, which Mateus reportedly said he didn't know. Mateus also denied ownership of the jewelry and cell phone.

Mateus was placed under arrest and charged with nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat and receiving stolen property over \$250.

Changing into hot clothing

A uniformed police officer on foot patrol in the Assembly Row shopping area reportedly spotted a man through the shop window at J. Crew placing something under his coat last Friday

afternoon.

The officer entered the store and located the suspect, later identified as Jonathan Devereaux, 26, of Medford, who had reportedly hidden in an alcove and was attempting to put on the shirt that he had previously tucked under his coat.

The officer reportedly approached Devereaux and told him to stop what he was doing,

at which time the suspect ran out the door, pushing past security.

The officer gave chase and called for backup. A short time later, Devereaux was apprehended and placed into custody.

The shirt that Devereaux had allegedly attempted to steal was valued at \$29.99.

Devereaux was subsequently charged with shoplifting by asportation and resisting arrest.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

Help Keep Somerville Safe!

Arrests:

Tevon Ngomba, of 25 Canal La., January 19, 8:31 p.m., arrested at 20 Memorial Rd. on a warrant charge of armed robbery.

Brandon Levins, of 65 Ashland St., Medford, January 20, 2:42 a.m., arrested at 190 Broadway on a charge of indecent exposure.

Christian Garcia, of 32 Cherry St., January 20, 9:03 a.m., arrested at 709 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Clarence Allien, of 116 Great Ave., Medford, January 20, 11:25 a.m., arrested at 709 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Justin Pabrezis, of 3 Maxwell Greens, January 20, 1:45 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14.

Franklyn McLaughlin, of 35 Theatre St., Boston, January 21, 1:58 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on warrant charges of resisting arrest, drug violation near a school, conspiracy to violate drug law, number plate violation, unregistered motor vehicle, possession of a class B

drug, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, assault and battery on a police officer, and drug possession to distribute.

Jonathan Mahoney, of 87 Alpine St., January 22, 7:39 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug, possession of a class E drug, possession of a class C drug, conspiracy to violate drug law, and no inspection sticker.

David Rockett, of 138 Highland Ave., January 22, 8:47 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of unarmed assault to rob.

Jeremy Gillis, January 23, 2:05 p.m., arrested at Cameron Ave. on a charge of larceny under \$250 and on a warrant charge of attempt to commit a

Christian Garcia, of 32 Cherry St., January 23, 4:07 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of failure to stop or yield and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Jonathan Devereaux, of 93 Rockwell Ave., Medford, January 23, 4:37 p.m., arrested at 600 Assembly Row on charges of shoplifting by asportation and resisting arrest.

Benjamin Reed, of 49 Adams St., Haverhill, January 23, 9:58 p.m., arrested at 114 Temple

St. on a charge of conspiracy to violate drug law.

Samantha Reed, of 295 Nahant rd., Nahant, January 23, 9:58 p.m., arrested at 114 Temple St. on charges of possession of a class B drug, possession of a class C drug, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Rodrigo Mateus, of 89 Grant St., January 25, 2:06 a.m., arrested at 8 Medford St. on charges of nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat and receiving stolen property over \$250.

Alexandria Drapaniotis, January 25, 5:01 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Incidents:

January 20, 2:22 p.m., police reported a theft at 320 Broad-

January 20, 4:37 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath

January 20, 5:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Francesca

January 20, 7:17 p.m., police reported a theft at 544 Assem-

January 21, 10:38 a.m., police reported a theft at Dickinson

January 21, 7:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Franey Rd. January 22, 8:57 a.m., police reported a theft at 196 Somerville Ave.

January 22, 11:48 a.m., police reported a theft at 133 Middlesex Ave.

January 22, 11:52 a.m., police reported a theft at Newbury St. January 22, 5:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Park St.

January 23, 1:04 p.m., police reported a theft at Holland St. January 23, 4:37 p.m., police reported a theft at 600 Assembly Row.

January 23, 11:26 a.m., police reported a theft at 520 Great River Rd.

January 24, 8:53 p.m., police reported a theft at Flint St.

Breaking & Entering:

January 20, 4:32 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Newton St.

January 20, 7:24 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Jaques St.

January 20, 8:13 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Jaques St.

January 21, 7:40 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cross St.

January 21, 10:31 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

January 23, 12:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Norfolk St.

January 23, 4:12 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at South St.

Vehicle Theft:

January 20, 11:16 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Elmwood St.

January 21, 2:58 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Direnzo Terr.

January 22, 7:14 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Main St.

Assault:

January 22, 2:54 p.m., police reported an assault at Tennyson St.

Counterfeiting/Forgery:

January 22, 12:34 p.m., police reported a counterfeiting/forgery at Westwood Rd.

DUI:

January 23, 1:08 a.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Temple St.

Disorderly Conduct:

January 20, 2:42 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 190 Broadway.

January 20, 7:05 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Perkins St.

January 24, 10:08 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 251 Washington St.

Drug Violation:

January 23, 9:58 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Temple St.

CONT. FROM PG 1

Uplifting Student Health Survey results, but room to grow

ecstasy use among students also fell.

The youth group leaders of a youth group run by the city's SCAP program called Somerville Positive Forces 100 (SPF100), presented the survey results in a game show format that involved members of the audience guessing among a variety of answer choices. The game show was an interactive way to disseminate the results of the survey to the audience and dispel any current preconceived misconceptions they may have had.

"We saw that people had huge

misperceptions about the behaviors of young people. Part of this event is to help correct some of those misperceptions," said Lovelee Heller-Bottari, SCAP Program Director.

The Student Health Survey, similar to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behavior Survey, was administered to 1,002 9-12th SHS grade students last February. The survey asked questions on about substance abuse, mental health, resiliency, violence, safety, sexual and physical health.





But the news is not all encouraging – the survey results suggest that mental health issues among SHS students are on the rise.

"We saw that people had huge misperceptions about the behaviors of young people"

More than 15 percent of students said they have hurt or injured themselves on purpose in the past year – a 3.1 percent increase from the previous. The number of student who reported they had contemplated suicide also grew. About 12 percent

of students said they made plans to commit suicide in 2014 compared to 8.6 percent in 2012.

"Suicide went up a little bit. For the mental health side, some kids are getting to the stage of suicidal thoughts or attempting suicide and that is something we need to be focusing on," Mashburn explained.

Current SHS students also felt that mental health was a rising epidemic and there should be a designated school representative they could talk to about these issues.

During an interview, SHS eleventh grader and SPF100 group leader Mosammat Jahan said there are many issues the school should focus on including mental health and violence. "We should have a counselor that we could personally talk to about how we feel," she said.

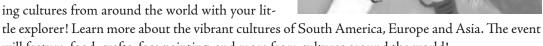
Both Mashburn and Heller-Bottari plan to use this data to continue targeting the hot topic areas to improve and promote better health of the young adults in Somerville through different community programs.

2015 Somerville World's Fair

The Center for Arts at the Armory 191 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

February 1, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join Cultural Care Au Pair at the Center for Arts at the Armory for a FREE, fun-filled day celebrating outstand from around the world with your life.



will feature, food, crafts, face painting, and more from cultures around the world!

Price/Registration: Tickets are FREE

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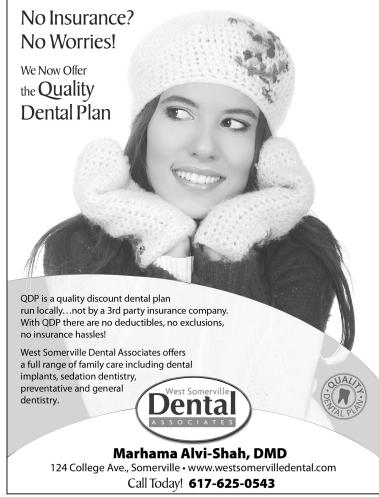
The club is available for parties of any kind For more information Call Mike @ 617-628-0819

Everybody is welcome and we hope to see you soon!



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Weathering change through art

Climate change exhibit opens at Brickbottom Gallery

By Haley Houseman

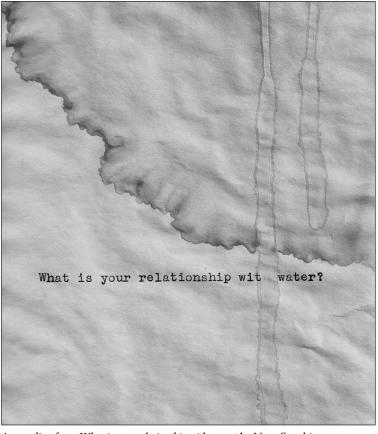
At the Brickbottom Gallery on Sunday, Jan 25, the exhibit Weathering Art: Creative Expression in the Era of Climate Change opened with a small but lively reception.

There, the audience could interact with the artists and the curators while examining the multi-media exhibition. The show will be open until Saturday, February 28, closing with a 7 p.m. presentation and dialogue entitled Collapse Interviews: A Gathering of People With Nothing In Common will screen the video Collapse by Lydia Eccles. The panel following the movie will include the artist and movie research volunteers.

The show focuses on responses to the 2012 essay, Crossing the Chasm: From Denial to Acceptance of Climate Catastrophe by Steve Wineman and the fate of climate change efforts. The essay asserts that this decade will determine our future relationship to the world around us. It takes the position that climate change is inevitable, and that here is a need for a discussion what can be done to remediate its impact.

The work is primarily sculpture, as well as dimensional paintings and some installation work. Visitors are greeted to the gallery space with large vintage chalkboard, the surface of which is covered a largescale chalk drawing of an ancient sea creature.

The piece is titled Drawn with the Remains of its Ancestors, by Ellen Young, and features a large



A sampling from What is your relationship with water? by Naoe Suzuki.

hunk of chalk in the chalk tray. It includes a direction to touch but not use. The piece sets the tone for an exhibit whose work primary focuses on human relationship to the resources avail-

Another piece, What is your relationship with water? by Naoe Suzuki, chronicles an ongoing inquisition into the complexity we face in trying to fix an overwhelming relationship. Other pieces like the installation Uncertainty Principle use an immersion space to reflect on the new realities of climate.

The Brickbottom Gallery is a non-profit exhibition space established in 1989. It is open to emerging and established artists in the greater Boston

metropolitan area. It is run by the Brickbottom Artists' Association (BAA), housed in the same building. Gallery hours are Thursday – Saturday, 12-5 p.m.

Brickbottom Gallery (and Artist Association)

Address: 1 Fitchburg Street, Somerville, MA 02143, United States

Phone: (617) 776-3410 www.brickbottom.org

Proposed zoning overhaul update





The public was invited to an information session about the proposed zoning ordinance overhaul on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Somerville Armory. The session included a presentation on the new code followed by an opportunity to review the code and map and discuss them with city staff. Following this information session, the Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen and the Planning Board have scheduled a joint public hearing on the proposed ordinance for Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

— Text & photos by Donald Norton

BY DOROTHÝ DIMARZO



Broccoli Rabe/Rapini

One of my all time favorite greens is broccoli rabe. It has a bright but slightly bitter flavor and is found predominantly in Southern Italian, Portuguese and even Spanish cuisine. It's part of the mustard family and is in the same subspecies as the turnip. (Wikipedia.org)

When I was growing up, my family prepared the broccoli rabe with olive oil, garlic, red pepper flakes and a touch of salt. Still to this day, it's my favorite way to prepare it. While out to eat one evening at an Italian restaurant I was excited by what I read on the menu. Many dishes were highlighted from different regions of Italy. One side dish that caught my eye was broccoli rabe. This particular dish was inspired by Sicilian ingredients or at least those used in Sicilian cooking and included pine nuts or pignoli nuts and raisins.

Serves 5 people

1 Bunch Broccoli Rabe cleaned (see below) 3-4 Tbl Olive Oil 6 Garlic Cloves thinly sliced 1/8 Tsp Red Pepper Flakes or to taste

1/4 Cup Pine Nuts 1/2 Cup Raisins or Sultans Salt to taste

To clean the broccoli rabe: Fill a stock pot (6 quart) about half way with water and bring to a boil. In the mean time cut off the dried ends of the rabe at about 1/2" and discard. Chop the remainder in approximately 1" increments. You will have some stalks that are thick, cut the long way to ensure the greens will cook evenly. Rinse the rabe under cold water. Once the water comes to a boil, add a tablespoon of salt to the water. Add the rabe and cook for 3 minutes. Drain in a colander and rinse under cold water for about 2 minutes. At this point it would be fine to refrigerate until you're ready to complete your dish later on that day or the next.

In a 12" saute' pan, add the olive oil and heat, add the garlic and red pepper flakes, this will infuse the olive oil with these flavors. Once the garlic starts to brown at the edges add the pine nuts (walnut pieces can be substituted if desired) and raisins. Once the raisins start to plump up add the rabe and the salt. Stir together until just heated through, about 2 minutes. Serve!



Sally O'Brien's 335 Somerville Ave. 617-666-3589

Monday February 2

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam 7 p.m. Marley Mondays with Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

> **Tuesday February 3** TBA

Wednesday February 4 Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

> **Thursday February 5** Farewell Rose 7:30 p.m.

Friday February 6

Hashtag Hoedown 6 p.m. Preacher Roe CD Release with The Modifiers, Devil on Horseback \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday February 7

Stan Martin & Wicked Heart 6 p.m. HNL presents PK & The Mighty Seven, Miscellaneous Mischief, The Floods \$10 cover 9 p.m.

> **Sunday February 8** Dave Foley Band 7 p.m.



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COMMENTARY

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Preserving and Enhancing our Commercial Corridors

Locally owned, independent business have long been ingrained into the economic fabric of the City of Somerville. With significant changes on the horizon, having a strong commercial-tax generating base is something that should be on the forefront of every conversation about Somerville's future.

Seeing the incredible transformation of Assembly Row, the increase of activity in the Ames complex and storefronts opening across the city is exciting. Continuing this economic boom can relieve the financial burden that so many residents feel, as maintaining our vital City services relies

heavily on their tax contributions.

Somerville Local First encourages the administration to continue the prioritization of local industry during this time of evolution in the city, while also taking care to preserve smaller storefronts on existing commercial corridors. These smaller storefronts provide spaces where our locally owned, independent businesses can start and thrive, while providing foot traffic and connections on corridors between our squares—particularly along Highland Avenue, Somerville Avenue and Broadway.

These businesses not only help define

the character of Somerville, they also return up to four times the money spent into the local economy. A study conducted in New Hampshire in 2014 (http://bit.ly/1wolwuU) concluded that locally owned retailers returned 62.4% of their revenue to the local economy, while national chain retailers returned just 13.6% of revenue.

New commercial spaces are very important to the future economic health and growth of our city, but older and smaller spaces remain more affordable to the quirky and creative businesses who have made Somerville the attractive place

it is today while contributing heavily to the local economy. We want to make sure these are not lost in the shuffle of priorities as we determine Somerville's future.

Sincerely,

Somerville Local First Staff and Board of

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Three Members Urge Retirement Board to Divest from Fossil Fuel Companies

By Mark Niedergang, Peter St. Clair and Patricia Wild

We urge the Somerville Retirement Board to divest from all companies in the fossil fuel business. All three of us are vested members of the Somerville City Retirement System. We support divestment for two reasons: (1) We believe that our children's and the City's future is in peril if humankind does not drastically reduce our use of fossil fuels; and (2) we want to protect our retirement and our pensions. We believe that fossil fuel companies are poor investments that will not only generate less return than other, comparable stocks and bonds, but are becoming increasingly volatile and risky investments, likely in the future to lose money for the Somerville Retirement System.

While everyone cares about the Earth's future, we all also have to worry about our own families. Many City workers and retirees have voiced opinions about fossil fuel divestment - some for, some against - and many base their opinion on one key question: will divestment result in lower rates of return for the City's pension fund? We are lucky in Somerville that our Retirement Board has done a terrific job in recent years of investing our pension funds, with returns outpacing what the State Retirement Board has achieved. But while self-interest is important, we need to balance it with our concern for the future and the planet. Predicting future returns is notoriously difficult; however, we believe the evidence is clear: the financial risks associated with divestment are slight or nil, while the risks associated with catastrophic climate change are severe for all of us. Divestment is a moderate step

with minimal financial risk to help mitigate the disruptions and threats posed to our children's lives and the Somerville community by climate change.

Divestment from the top 200 fossil fuel companies will not significantly affect the Somerville Retirement Fund portfolio's rate of return. The Somerville pension fund has a very small amount invested in these companies, just 1.9% of our total portfolio. We are not saying sell all fossil fuel investments immediately. (Given the severe decline in the price of oil, that would be unwise, as those stocks have dropped tremendously in value in the past six months.) Rather, we urge a gradual, moderate approach to divestment. Over a five-year period, the Board should sell their holdings in these companies, replacing those fossil fuel investments with investments offering similar or better returns. It is quite possible that divestment will result in higher returns. An MSCI report found that portfolios without fossil fuel companies would have outperformed those with in a five-year period from 2007-2013. Over the next 5-10 years, fossil fuel use will almost certainly be limited by world governments, further eroding this industry's profitability and further hammering its stock values.

The record on climate change is clear: rising flood waters will threaten our Assembly Square and East Somerville neighborhoods; severe storms already threaten our homes, businesses and public infrastructure, especially in low-lying areas like Union Square and Duck Village; crop failures both locally and internationally will threaten our ability to feed our families. Some changes to our climate are now inevitable, but the worst effects – the almost unthinkable catastro-

phes – are not. The fate of our City and our society as we know it largely depends on whether the world can rapidly reduce carbon emissions. Reducing carbon emissions means quickly and severely reducing the use of fossil fuels. And reducing the use of fossil fuels means massive profit losses to the fossil fuel companies.

If the fossil fuel companies were willing to reduce their production of coal, oil, and natural gas in line with what our community and the world desperately needs, if they were willing to invest in renewable energy, then we wouldn't call for divestment. Unfortunately, they are not. Instead, they are focused on increasing short-term profit, which means digging, drilling, and fracking for more coal, oil, and natural gas; lobbying Congress for tax breaks; drilling on Federal lands such as National Forests, and advocating for pipelines we don't need (like Keystone XL). And they use their enormous political clout to block the legislation we do need to develop clean, new energy sources.

Their business plan pretty much ignores climate change. The rationale that permits the fossil fuel companies, filled presumably with good people who love their families and care about their communities, to make these decisions is short-term profit above all else. It is a mentality that has gotten the planet Earth into a dangerous situation, and it is a mentality that the Somerville Retirement Board must not adopt.

None of us would knowingly support a company whose business plan threatens our community and our children's future. The evidence is clear: fossil fuel companies are actively doing permanent harm to our planet and intend to continue to do so. For the sake of our community, we urge the Somerville Retirement Board to do the right thing and begin divesting from the top 200 fossil fuel companies.

Mark Niedergang is the Ward 5 Alderman; Peter St. Clair is a retired Somerville firefighter (Deputy Chief), and Patricia Wild is a writer and a retired teacher from SCALE, the Somerville adult learning center.

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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.



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 records local senators' votes on four roll calls from the week of January 19-23.

The Senate last week voted on the rules under which

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for it will operate for the 2015 session. The changes from last year's rules include an increase from 24 hours to 48 hours in the amount of time that the agenda for formal sessions must be made available to the public; creation of three new standing committees - The Committees on Personnel and Administration, Intergovernmental Affairs and Redistricting; requiring any senator who cites a report or study during debate to provide a copy of it to other senators who request it; requiring the text of any bill voted upon by the Senate to be posted online within 24 hours of the vote; requiring a copy of any further or redrafted amendments to the state budget to be distributed to senators to allow a "reasonable amount of time" for review prior to a vote; adding an additional Republican member to some committees; requiring all Senate committee votes to be posted within 48 hours on the Legislature's website; and an increase from one to three the number of Democratic assistant majority floor leaders and from three to four the number of GOP minority party floor leadership positions.

> There was no roll call on approval of the entire package. It was approved on a voice vote. Supporters said these long overdue bi-partisan changes to the rules would make the Senate more transparent and efficient.

PUT SENATE COMMITTEE ROLL CALLS ON WEBSITE (S 6)

Senate 38-0, approved a rule that would require all Senate committee votes to be posted within 48 hours on the Legislature's website. The current rule is vague and requires committee votes to become "a public record and be available to the public."

Supporters of the rule said this would simply give the public quick and easy access to the committee votes of their legislators. They noted under current rules, a person has to come to the Statehouse in Boston during regular business hours in order to obtain this information.

(A "Yes" vote is for requiring that Senate committee votes be posted on the Legislature's website.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

SESSIONS BEYOND MIDNIGHT (S 6)

Senate 6-32, rejected a rule requiring a unanimous vote in order for any Senate session to continue beyond midnight. Current law requires a two-thirds vote to go past midnight.

Supporters said requiring unanimous consent will virtually put an end to post-midnight sessions. They argued it is unnecessary and irresponsible to work while legislators are exhausted and taxpayers are asleep.

Opponents said the rule is undemocratic and will allow one legislator to end Senate debate and action.

(A"Yes" vote is for requiring a unanimous vote to continue beyond midnight. A "No" vote is against requiring it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

REQUIRE TAX HIKE PROPOSALS TO BE ON-LINE SEVEN DAYS PRIOR CONSIDERATION (S6)

Senate 7-31, rejected a rule requiring that all proposals raising taxes be available online for at least seven days prior to their consideration. The amendment also requires the budget-writing Senate Ways and Means Committee to include specific information when it releases the multi-billion dollar annual state budget. The required information includes all new initiatives and major policy changes along with their funding source and the services they offer; any reliance on one-time non-recurring revenues; a diagram that clearly details all the spending recommendations and corresponding revenue sources and shows the spending on each item for each of the previous five fiscal years.

Supporters said that legislators and the public should have at least a week to review proposed tax hikes and make their voices heard. They noted that requiring specific information from Ways and Means will increase transparency and make it easier for everyone to better understand the budget and exactly what it does.

Opponents said the rule is well-intentioned but that compiling the information would be an unnecessary burden on the legislators and staff on the Ways and Means Committee.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

ADD THREE NEW LEADERSHIP POSITIONS (S6)

Senate 37-1, approved an amendment that would increase from one to three the number of Democratic assistant majority floor leaders and from three to four the number of GOP minority party floor leadership positions These additions would result in an additional \$7,500 stipend for the two Democrats in these two new positions and \$15,000 for the additional Republican in this one new position, for a total of \$30,000 per year.

Amendment supporters said these changes will help the Senate operate in an efficient and transparent way.

The lone opponent offered no arguments despite repeated e-mails and phone call attempts by Beacon Hill Roll

(A "Yes" vote is for the three new positions. A "No" vote is against them.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAKER SAYS DEFICIT IS \$765 MILLION - Gov. Charlie Baker said his aides have crunched the num-

bers and he projects a \$765 million budget deficit for the current fiscal year that ends on June 30, 2015. This is considerably more than the \$329 former Gov. Deval Patrick predicted prior to leaving office. The Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation's estimate is even higher. It recently predicted a \$1 billion deficit. Baker has said he will not support any new taxes, tax hikes or local aid cuts to close the gap.

MORE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW - While the 2015 legislative session begins to grind to a start, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports on several more bills that former Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law shortly before he left office and Gov. Charlie Baker moved into his new office on the fourth floor of the Statehouse.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION (H 4305) - Creates a task force on child sexual abuse prevention. The task force would develop strategies for incentivizing organizations serving children to

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develop and implement sexual abuse prevention and intervention plans. It would also develop a five-year plan for using community education and other strategies to increase public awareness about child sexual abuse including how to recognize signs, minimize risks and act on suspicions or disclosures. The task force would make recommendations to the Legislature.

MAKE IT EASIER FOR CITIES AND TOWNS TO FUND COLLECTION PROCESS FOR TAX TITLE FORECLOSURES (S 2298) - Allows Massachusetts cities and towns to establish a revolving fund into which legal and administrative fees and charges recovered during legal proceedings for tax title foreclosures would be deposited. The municipality could then use the money directly to pay for the necessary expenses the community incurs during the collection process. Current law places the funds into the community's General Fund. The revolving fund could be created only in cities and towns that receive local approval to do so through passage of a by-law or by a vote of the town meeting or city council.

Supporters said this new fund would make collections easier by providing a dedicated source of funding without the problems and delays that come with having to get the money from the General Fund.

THEFT FROM RETAIL STORES (H 1474) - Cre-

ates new crimes relating to theft from retail stores. The new crimes include using duct tape or other devices that block sensors designed to set off an alarm if not removed by the cashier; using an emergency exit to escape following the theft; and creating a bogus sales receipt or UPC code. The measure also creates a new crime of working in an organized retail theft ring.

Supporters said that these theft rings are estimated to cost Massachusetts retailers more than \$160 million annually.

HOMELESS YOUTH UNDER AGE 24 (H 4517)

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- Creates a commission to study and make recommendations to provide adequate resources for unaccompanied homeless youth under the age of 24. The state would then enter into contracts with organizations and agencies to provide housing and support services to these

Supporters said there are thousands of youths who are living on their own without adequate food and shelter. They argued there is desperate need for increased housing and shelter options and noted homelessness often leads to poor health, exposure to violence, susceptibility to exploitation, high-risk behaviors and a dependence on public systems and benefits.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"We're clear that we do not believe the taxpayers want to pay for any operating deficit for it. We're prepared to do the public infrastructure projects we were already going to do and perhaps accelerate them so they're in place by the time [the Olympics are here]. That's for the benefit of our economy, not just benefitting the Olympics." — Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) on the potential cost of the 2024 Olympics to the state.

"My administration will commit significant resources to our Gaming Enforcement Division to investigate and prosecute any attempts by organized crime to infiltrate the gaming industry." — Attorney General Maura Healey on casinos.

"You know those big terminals, the blue boxes that print the tickets you see everywhere? They are almost two decades old. They are going! This new system will increase our capacity to be innovative and savvy." — State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg on putting out to bid the replacement of the Lottery's outdated and inefficient operating system and terminal hardware.

"I've always been a fan of John Andrew. Sam Adams obviously he's part of the gang that got us here in the Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

first place. And [Leverett] Saltonstall who was governor during World War II." — Gov. Charlie Baker on the three new portraits of former governors he chose to be placed in the Governor's Council chamber.

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 19-23, the House met for a total of eight minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 57 minutes.

Mon. January 19 No House session No Senate session

House 11:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Tues. January 20 Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Wed. January 21 No House session Senate 1:01 p.m. to 3:56 p.m.

Thurs. January 22 House 11:07 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:02 a.m.

Fri. January 23 No House session

No Senate session

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Community needs to prioritize our mounting infrastructure needs



By Joseph A. Curtatone

As I mentioned in my State of the city address earlier this month, like most cities, we must address water, sewer and building infrastructure that was built for the 20th century—and is aging rapidly. We have a 143-yearold high school that has not been updated in almost three decades and a public safety building that began as an MBTA car barn almost a century ago. We have a sewer system that's mostly just as old and an estimated sidewalk and pavement backlog that could cost upwards of \$83 million. We have planned streetscape projects in Davis Square and Winter Hill that are needed for both public safety and for our economic health. In short: We have immediate and longterm capital projects that must be planned for. But if we are going to pay for these critical infrastructure investments in the least burdensome way, we must adhere to our principles of strategic planning and prudent fiscal management.

We see this approach in our

tight budgetary controls, data-driven management efficient delivery of services, which have earned us the enviable moniker of "The Best Run City in Massachusetts." Prior to 2006, we had no reserves for capital planning projects. That's essentially the equivalent of having no savings for unexpected repairs—or planned ones. We also had no financial policies for managing debt. But we turned this around. We established new stabilization funds for aging infrastructure and repairs. These are funded with one-time building permit fees such as the \$2 million we received last week from Partners HealthCare. We now have stabilization fund balances that total more than \$21 million, and we expect to add significantly to those savings over the next 10 years as strategic development in Somerville continues. The hard decisions of the past are paying off, with our 10-year operating forecast showing our revenues outpacing our expenditures.

We also see this prudent approach in our community-driven development. Last year we had the most new growth in a decade, reflecting our expanding commercial tax base that allows continued investment, shifting the tax burden away from residents and spreading it out more fairly among small businesses and larger enterprises. Those new commercial taxes help pay for the services residents expect and deserve: quality education, effective public safety and sound infrastructure. And our 10-year growth projections are promising.

In earning the highest bond ratings in the city's history, both rating agencies specifically cited our "conservative budgeting approach" and our "ambitious economic development plan" in bestowing those ratings. Those phenomenal ratings save you money. Investors are willing to loan us money at almost no cost because of our reputation for smart fiscal management, which make it that much more affordable for us to Continued on page 17

Aiming higher



By William C. Shelton

Almost since it was converted from an MBTA car barn, Union Square's public safety building has continually threatened the health of the first responders who work in it. When I first reported on this, eight police personnel had received cancer diagnoses, and two dozen out of 127 sworn officers carried respito high to be random.

Over the ten years since I wrote that column, conditions for police personnel who work there did not change significantly. For firefighters, they grew worse.

Flooding and equipment damage caused by flooding have been a regular event at the site, going back to when the MBTA owned it. But in June 1998, five feet of raw sewerage and storm runoff filled the portion of the building used by the Fire Department. Retreating floodwaters left toxic black mold growing inside the walls and ventilation system.

Chief Kelleher refused to subject firefighters to the ongoing

ratory inhalers—incidences far health threat. That September the city leased a doublewide trailer to temporarily house the Fire Prevention Bureau and Engine 3, the city's busiest fire com-

> On Christmas Eve 1998 they moved into cramped quarters consisting of a small kitchen with attached bathrooms, a small dayroom with a TV, and four rooms for firefighters that are smaller than most prison

> Floods continued over that period. But even without them, sewerage regularly backed up through floor drains and puddled on the station floor, where firefighters stowed protective

gear in readiness for the next call. Receding sewerage left residual filth and odor.

Rats set up operations bases in the trailer's fiberglass insulation from which they launched sorties to chew through structure and walls. Strewn along their paths were deposits of the only thing that rats can make by themselves.

The threat of rat-borne fleas and diseases like murine typhus and hantavirus pulmonary syndrome prompted regular extermination efforts. The resulting carcasses, putrefying in the rats' inner-wall redoubts, produced an odor that firefighters took home with them, embedded in

their clothing. Dead rats and standing water drew insects into the trailer.

Conditions became so intolerable that the wall insulation was removed. Together with drafts produced by the slow disintegration of exterior cladding, the absence of insulation resulted in winter temperatures unfit for human habitation.

Firefighters brought electric space heaters from home, but pipes regularly froze. When the septic pump froze, raw sewerage oozed onto the corridor from the interior stairs.

Firefighters regularly contracted the illnesses associated with sick buildings, Continued on page 17

Life in the WILL by Jimmy Del Ponte

From go-carts to golf carts



It seems like only yesterday me and my pal Charlie were pulling wheels off of a shopping cart that we found in the al-

ley of Stop 'N Shop in Davis Square to build a go-cart or, as we called it, a buggy. Now Charlie is in Florida tooling around in a golf cart and I'm still driving kids to school.

We were best friends then and still are. We both decided to leave St. Clements School after the 8th grade. We went to The Western Junior High for the 9th grade and then onto Somerville High School where we graduated with the

class of 1971.

Charlie and I also started many bands together. The first one was The Mini-Squirts when we were around 12, and the last one was The Tools. His sister Kathy always said that we were very lucky because we had such fun filled and exciting childhoods, and we did.

Yes, it seems like yesterday that we were mischievous and adventurous 12-yearolds growing up in Somerville. Fast forward almost 50 years. Charlie just bought a house in Florida and retired. On the day before the moving truck was to arrive, I went over to his house on North Street to say goodbye. Even though we knew we would see each other in the near future it was still a bittersweet farewell between two best buddies.

We reminisced about the old days. We really had a lot in common over the years, both happy and sad. We had both lost younger brothers at an early age and that just gave us another type of bond. We worked at a couple of the same jobs too, starting with The Dodge'em Cars at Revere Beach.

Then, later on, Charlie was the assistant parts manager at a foreign auto dealership in Watertown and got me the job as the parts delivery guy. I worked at it for about a year and Charlie even helped me buy a junk car and completely overhaul it to like new condition.



I was so grateful to him for getting me the job and helping me with the car that I called him up early one Monday morning in January with some news. I said, "I'm sorry Charlie but I have decided to quit and drive to Florida with my friend Jay." Needless to say he was a bit mad. I was quitting the job he got Continued on page 20

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark

The View Of The Times

Enjoying all the snow lately?



Yes, we're all more than a little bit sick of snow right now. Freezing fingers and aching lower backs from shoveling have taken their toll. It would be so nice to just sit back with a hot bowl of chili and a bracing beverage and ride the rest of it out in comfort.

Let's hope it will go that way, and that the worst is behind us. It seems so for now.

Meantime, we can reflect on how it all

went, and how we perhaps could make it go a bit better next time around.

City services seemed to be up to the task, although there are pockets where some folks complained that they weren't. A few residents felt that the snow plowing was sub-par, and in some cases not fully effective, leaving some blocked driveways and curbsides in their wake.

One would have to admit, though, that

this endeavor is less of a science and more of an off the cuff type affair. No two storms - or snow plow operators - are quite alike. Like snowflakes themselves, each and every event such as this is unlike any other before it or yet to come.

We should come to an understanding about this and accept the imperfections in our systems and methods of operations.

That's not to say that we shouldn't seek

out improvements whenever possible. Improvement is inevitable if we conscientiously apply ourselves.

Some things, though, are just so much bigger than we are. Individually and collectively. Bowing to the power of nature's occasional fury is not an acceptance of defeat, but rather an opportunity to embrace a bit of purifying humility for a change. Not a bad thing at that.

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more popular these days, making sure he returns all calls. We hear he has made believers of those that didn't vote for him two years ago. He was out riding those snow plows in Ward Three last night, making sure all the streets in his ward are done.

Big time Happy Birthdays this week to the many Villens both here and are also fans of The Somerville Times. Happy Birthday to our good friend Wayne Clarke, formerly of the Ten Hills. We wish him the very best. Happy Birthday to two of the nicest and most caring ladies here in Somerville, both celebrating together in sunny Florida this week, our own Dorothy DiMarzo and Lynne Lenoir. May they have a wonderful time together. Also, a nice guy and popular One Ward guy is Philip Ercolini. We wish him the very best of birthdays. Another popular lady who grew up here and still is seen around the city, Nancy Huber-Coutoumas, is celebrating this week. Our very best to one of the lady brokers at The Norton Group, Ms. Denise Cosby. We wish her the very best. One guy who not only grew up here but was and still is very well known, Jeff Cappello, formerly of Winter Hill, is celebrating. We wish him the very best. And finally, Ms. Katie Lathasha Harris is celebrating this week. We wish her a happy birthday. To the many others celebrating this week, we wish you the very best and hopefully the storm doesn't stop you from celebrating.

Have you noticed the prices down at Assembly Row? Is it us or is everyone down there having a 50% to 70% sale on items?

Tom Taylor out of the hospital but is still in Florida, hopefully recuperating quickly. He and his family are grateful for all the concern and prayers being sent. They are working. Be sure to say hello on Facebook.

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

Somerville High Adult evening school registration is this week and next week on Tuesday and Thursday nights, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Register for many

of the courses offered at major discount prices, like the real estate license course which is offered at other places for around \$400 per course, but at SHS Adult evening class only \$175, less than half. Learn to take the test and become a Real Estate agent here in Massachusetts.

Somerville High School (81 Highland Street) hosts the 2015 College & Career Night on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 from 6:30-8:30pm. Registration begins at 6:00pm. All SHS 10th and 11th grade students and their families are encouraged to attend to learn more about preparing for college and career success. The evening will include general information, and various workshops to help students prepare for the next phase of their educational and career journeys. For more information, visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/CollegeCareerNight2015.

Tickets are on sale for this year's Somerville High School Musical production of Aida. Three performances of "Aida,"

an Elton John/ Tim Rice collaboration, are scheduled for February 2015 at SHS's newly renovated Centennial Auditorium. Adapted from the four-time TONY award-winning hit, Elton John

and Tim Rice's Aida School Edition is an epic tale of love, loyalty and betrayal chronicling the love triangle between Aida, a Nubian princess stolen from her country, Amneris, an Egyptian princess, and Radames, the soldier they both love. Get your tickets before they sell out. For tickets and show information, please visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/ musicalhttp://www.somerville.k12. ma.us/musical>. All performances will take place in the beautiful, refurbished SHS Auditorium, 81 Highland Avenue. · Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM · Friday, February 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM · Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 2:00 PM Purchase your tickets in advance and save! Ticket prices are: Adult: \$10 advance purchase / \$12 at the door. Students (PK-12 and any young child not in school requiring their own seat): \$8 advance purchase / \$10 at the door. Senior Citizens: \$8 advance purchase / \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance by mailing a check to Rosemary Sears at Somerville High School (81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143) or by visiting www.ticketstage. com/SHS<http://www.ticketstage. com/SHS> (convenience fee applies to online ticket purchases). Make checks payable to SHS Performing Arts.

The calm before...

Scenes in and around the city during last week's snowfall.









Photos by Claudia Ferro







...the storm

Somerville residents share photos from Winter Storm Juno.



— Photo by Gloria Mindock



— Photo by Brianna Bemel



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— Photo by Brianna Bemel

SPORTS

SHS basketball victorious over Everett





The Somerville High School Highlanders Basketball Team prevailed over visiting opponent Everett by a score of 52 to 47 in last week's game held on Jan. 23

— Photos by Claudia Ferro

A miscellaneous #459 Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. How far can one ounce

- of platinum be stretched? 2. Who started identi-
- fying baseball players by numbers?
- 3. What U.S. president started the annual Easter Egg Hunt?
- 4. Joseph Levitch became famous but was better known as who?
- 5. What did people say when answering the first telephones?
- the state of Louisiana?
- 6. What is the capital of

- does the word "Judo" mean?
- 8. What breakfast cereal was Sonny the Cuckoo Bird cuckoo for?
- 9. Aretha Franklin was the first woman to be what?
- 10. In 1986 which film had 11 nominations but won nothing?
- 11. A goat represents what beer?
- 12. In 1943 president Roosevelt announced the end of rationing what?
- 7. In martial arts what

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City issues commendations





City officials honored two of Somerville's finest at last week's meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Citations were awarded to Carrie Dancy, who is leaving East Somerville Main Streets after 8 years as its first and only Executive Director, and to Somerville Police Sgt. Sergio Costa who distinguished himself by taking appropriate action that prevented a potentially life-threatening situation while on duty at the Jingle Bell Run Road Race on Dec. 14, 2014. Mayor Curtatone and Board members thanked Dancy and Costa for their generous service to the city.

SPS at Peer Leadership Conference



Eight students from three Somerville schools attended The Middle School Peer Leadership Conference Friday, January 16, at Lasell College in Newton. The students, accompanied by chaperones Tara Stead and Joe Burke, included: Jacob Santiago and Elliott Rodriguez from the Argenziano School; Sara Charif, Syleen Scott and Hasta Lama from the Winter Hill School; and Roberto Blandon, Brianna Hyppolite and Ismael Pena from the Healey School. These student leaders are all part of the district's Aspirations program at their respective schools. At the conference, students participated in a number of fun educational activities designed to reinforce healthy decision-making skills, particularly those concerning maintaining a lifestyle free of drugs and alcohol. Somerville Public Schools students mixed with students from nine other communities, ranging in size from small suburban schools to large urban systems, and exchanged ideas on how to incorporate their proposals into meaningful school activities. Ultimately, this was a fun and rewarding day for our students. Pictured (L to R): Hasta Lama, Syleena Scott, Sara Charif, Jacob Santiago, Elliot Rodriguez, Roberto Blandon, Brianna Hyppolite, Ismael Pena.

— Rebecca Danvers

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

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



Here are some headlines: Check out the Martin Luther King Day concert and hear from some of the young performers; attend the meeting to learn about the city's new zoning ordinance; find out what the Union Square "community bene-

fits agreement" might be, who gets to negotiate it and who will benefit; check out a youth spoken word event at the Mystic, and hear from union members why they're upset the new mega-apartment building at Assembly Square will be built by non-union labor.

All these stories and more on Somerville Neighborhood News #32. Watch it on Channel 3 if you have cable TV, or online at http://www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.



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

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

ADOPTION OF A NEW SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 23, 1990.

Please refer to the full draft ordinance and maps, which may be reviewed through the Zoning Overhaul Website at: www.somervillema.gov/zoning

Copies of the ordinance and maps are also available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

Interested persons may provide comments at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman, Planning Board / Alderman Dennis Sullivan, Chairman, Board of Alderman Land Use Committee

Key changes in this overhaul include, but are not limited to:

Customer Service

- Allows homeowners to add common enhancements such as dormers, bay windows, open front porches, and small rear additions to their homes.
- Implements new regulatory techniques and terminology to increase clarity and transparency.
- Includes graphics illustrating the code that make the ordinance easier to read and understand.
- Simplifies the list of permitted uses

Housing

- Increases inclusionary zoning requirements.
- Orients the production of affordable housing to transit accessibility.
- Promotes a range of building types permitted in each district.

Neighborhood Character

- Establishes building types for infill development to fit into the form, scale, and pattern of existing neighborhoods and squares.
- Simplifies review for small, local businesses.
- Permits formula businesses and larger stores only by special permit.

Arts & Creative Economy

- Calls attention to the thriving arts & creative economy of Somerville and permits these activities to thrive across the city.
- Requires new buildings in certain districts to set aside floor area as leasable arts and creative use spaces
- Creates a new districts zoned specifically for artisan production, exhibition, sales, service, education, shared workspaces, and similar uses by the arts and creative economy.

Transformational Redevelopment

- Harnesses the demand for residential housing to redevelop underutilized areas of the city as new neighborhoods.
- Implements standards for new, developer-built infrastructure in transformational areas.
- Requires a commercial/residential development mix in certain special districts as called for by the SomerVision Comprehensive Plan.

Smart Growth

- Establishes transit-oriented parking standards across the entire city.
- Coordinates zoning with the community-driven neighborhood planning of Somerville by Design.

To be published in the Somerville Times on January 28, 2015 and February 4, 2015

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon) are proposing a Non-Tower Wireless Antenna Collocation on a 78-foot (overall height) Roof-top at 289 Elm Street, Medford, Middlesex County, MA 02155; N 42° 26' 29.63" W 71° 5' 40.26". Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Danna Allen, Wireless Projects, Environmental Resources Management, 200 Wingo Way, Suite 101, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464, email: vzwnepa@erm.com, tele#: 1-843-416-5110.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Herb Chambers I-93 Inc. dba Mercedes

Benz of Boston, 19 Joy Street, for a Garage License, for mechanical

repairs, washing vehicles, and storing registered and unregistered

vehicles, all for up to 22 vehicles inside and 20 vehicles outside, operating Mon-Fri 8AM-6PM, Sat 8AM-5PM, Sun Closed. This will replace

the Garage License at 91 Marshall Street most recently held by Pat's

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cedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood Street, for a Garage License, for mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, and storing registered and

unregistered vehicles, all for up to 25 vehicles inside and no vehicles

outside, operating Mon-Fri 8AM-6PM, Sat 8AM-5PM, Sun Closed.

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THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

54-56A Elm St: (Case #ZBA 2014-83) Applicant and Owner, 54 Elm, LLC, seeks a Special Permit to alter and expand a nonconforming structure by rebuilding the existing storefront with a second floor to add an additional dwelling unit on site. Parking relief is also required. RB Zone, Ward 5.

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

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

As published in The Somerville Times on 1/21/15 & 1/28/15.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Legislative Matters on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 7 PM, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Mary Jo Rossetti, Chairman of the Committee. for public input related to the city's snow removal ordinance (Ordinance 2014-12, found at Chapter 12 Section 8).

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

<u>JOHN J. LONG</u> CITY CLERK

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Car Zone Inc., 486 Columbia Street, for a Garage License, for mechanical repairs and storing registered vehicles, all for up to 3 vehicles inside and 3 vehicles outside, operating Mon-Fri 8AM-6PM, Sat 8AM-5PM, Sun Closed.

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

> **LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

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

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

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

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while the trailer's framing slowly buckled. Doorframes were no longer plumb and level, requiring almost weekly adjustment to permit smooth opening and closing.

Windows leaked from day one, while roof leaks took longer to develop. Continuously sodden carpet weakened the floor. Plywood screwed on top of it kept firefighters from falling through, but did nothing for the moldy smell.

Repairing the outside stair railing that rotted away took almost two months. Its replacement was wooden studs, screwed together without balusters.

In 2009 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) made \$210 million in grant money available to build new fire stations. Requirements gave priority to jurisdictions that already owned potential station sites, and higher priority if they had obtained permits.

Somerville did not and had not. Eleven years after the Union Square station moved into a trailer, the city was unprepared to apply for a grant, but it successfully applied for an ARRA grant that paid for infrastructure to support Assembly Square development.

In 2011 the Fire Prevention Bureau moved over to the Department of Public Works because it could no longer function in the trailer. This month conditions that firefighters had stoically endured for over sixteen years became so inhumane that Chief Kelleher moved Engine Company 3. It now shares the cramped Broadway headquarters building with Rescue 1, Ladder 2, Engine 2, and the Deputy Chief.

In today's dollars, the city has paid over \$420,000 to lease the trailer. The lease now requires payment for "Removal of Equipment and Return Freight."

Union Square has no fire station

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A dollar bill indicates the scale of Company 3's rodent roommates

as we anticipate massive new development there and in Boynton Yards. The SomerVision comprehensive plan aims to locate 85% of new development in transformational areas, including Brickbottom and Inner Belt, directly to the East. And now we are told that our city should add 9,000 new housing units over the *next* sixteen years.

The Board of Aldermen's Finance Committee this week considers a recommendation to take property at 515 Somerville Avenue. The plan would be to build a station there, and to close the Lowell Street station. The new station would serve the Lowell station's catchment area and Union Square.

Or, a new Assembly Square station that the Matrix Fire Consulting Group recommended in 2010 would serve Union Square, Inner Belt, and Brickbottom. A site across Middlesex Avenue from the K-Mart is under discussion.

Neither of these schemes is adequate. Fulfilling Somer Vision development goals will sharply increase populations, the burnable built environment, the number of emergency responses required, and traffic.

All the city's traffic calming measures—diagonal parking, bicycle lanes, curb extensions, lane narrowing, speed bumps—are having their intended effect. But one outcome is slower emergency response times.

Two or three minutes can make a significant difference in the intensity and volume of a fire and how dangerous it is to firefighters. It can make a difference in whether a heart attack patient lives, dies, or sustains brain damage.

Sacrificing needed tax revenue in order to locate a city library or administrative offices on prime Union Square property would be foolish. But locating a fire station there to protect the properties that generate that revenue and the people who inhabit them is just common sense.

The truth is that we need the Lowell Street station, and a Union Square station, and an Assembly Square station. And we need to house our firefighters in healthy environments that enhance their ability to protect us.

A column by Mayor Curtatone appeared in this space last week. Entitled "Let's aim higher," it begins, "One of the many accolades we've earned together over the past decade and that we can rightly be proud of is "The Best Run City in Massachusetts."

Let's aim higher by taking care of the municipal employees who actually run our city. Let's protect those who protect us.

Community needs to prioritize our mounting infrastructure needs

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invest in the infrastructure we tween 5 and 7 percent of the state and federal grants, includ- ty discussion to prioritize our strong.

And we need that infrastructure. The 2014-2018 Capital Investment Plan identifies \$183 million in projects needed just in that five-year period, including upgrades to city buildings, libraries, parks and aging infrastructure, while our long-term capital needs are even greater. In particular our infrastructure liability is enormous. My administration will be working with the Board of Aldermen and you, the public, to prioritize it all—and decide how to pay for these critical needs.

But to be clear, we will not over-leverage the city. We have been and remain committed to keeping our debt service be-

operating budget. Some of the ways we will keep our debt service low while still addressing these needs, will include leveraging Community Preservation Act revenues and using the stabilization funds I mentioned

But CPA revenues and stabilization funds will not be enough, so we have to remain diligent in planning for and recruiting commercial development to strengthen the tax base. We can consider other financing tools, such as the District Improvement Financing (DIF) and I-Cubed programs that have been successful in Assembly Square. We must keep up our successful track record in getting ing \$80 million for transportation since 2007—which excludes the recent \$2.3 billion for the Green Line Extension—and \$2 million in public funds for parks since 2011 (excluding additional millions in private park funding including at Assembly Row). We should research other state programs like Business Improvement Districts, local options like sales of assets and public-private partnerships. And for the projects the community feels we cannot and should not put off for the next generation, the option to put financing up for a referendum through a petition for a debt exclusion could be considered.

As we have this communi-

infrastructure needs, stay true to those principles of investing only after careful research and long-range planning. But whatever we do or do not do, these investments are not just financial numbers. We must also consider the social costs. Whether our children go to school in a sound building, whether our police officers and firefighters have the resources to keep us safe, and whether our below-ground infrastructure does not threaten our property and our homes will depend on the decisions we make together. Our infrastructure is the literal foundation of our community, and we will make the investments to keep that foundation

We must not forget that our successes have not happened by accident. Strategic planning has been at the core of everything we do. We invest with patience and mindfulness. We do not rely on short-term gimmicks for revenues or investments that become a burden later, kicking the can down the road and leaving structural deficiencies in our finances. Every investment we make is carefully born of a fastidious process that starts where it always does—with our core shared beliefs and values that are codified in SomerVision. As we move forward, I look forward to continuing to work with the community to set the path that helps us reach those goals.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday January 28 **East Branch Library**

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

Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball-617-636-9033

6 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|79 Highland

Thursday January 29

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

Friday January 30

Central Library

Prospect Hill Academy Professional Development Stacy Camposano-781-267-6542 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

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

Saturday February 1

Central Library

Espanol para hispanohablantes Kimberly Hernandez 617-501-0320 10 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday February 2

Central Library

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

Tuesday | February 3

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages Tammy McKanan

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

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

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

Wednesday February 4

East Branch Library Preschool: Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

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

MUSIC | ARTS

Wednesday January 28

Johnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren Front Room

Fxile on Flm Back Room

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

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub The Nephrok All Stars

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

Arts at the Armory

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

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

Thursday January 29

Johnny D's

Floodwood (Al & Vinny of moe.) AFROPOP NIGHT feat: Joe Driscoll & Sekou Kouyate, plus M'bolo 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

BYOBluegrass Party grassy Thursdays|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Scattershot 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

Live DI Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's

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

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

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

Arts at the Armory

Yani Batteau and the Styles with Busker's Band 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday January 30

Johnny D's

Ingrid Gerdes CD Release The Jauntee plus People With Instruments

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Hashtag Hoedown | 6 p.m. New Million Box, Ray Mason Band, The Weisstronauts 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Red Square

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

10 p.m.|65 Holland St On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

Ali McGuirk |10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille Live music

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory Bluegrass Fridays

7:30 p.m.|Café

Davis Square Theatre The Skunks

9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

The Search for Cleopatra's Crown 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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Saturday January 31

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Ethan Rossiter & The Jamberries The Band That Time Forgot Siobhan Magnus of American Idol plus Paper Waves 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Kevin & The Byrneouts |6 p.m. Tsunami of Sound, Muck and the Mires, The Shambolics \$5 cover|9

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren **Back Room**

Ripcord

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

On the Hill Tavern Live DI Music

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

Michael Gabriel|10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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Arts at the Armory The Two Ricks

10:30 a.m.|Café Jeremy Lyons 1 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Boris Larramendi - Unplugged|7 p.m.

The Midnight Mischief Cabaret Presents: A Raucous Revival 9 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Sunday February 1

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band Super Bowl XLIX

17 Holland St. 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Super Sunday! Big game on big screens and super food specials 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

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

and Dan Keller|7 p.m.

Burren Acoustic Music Series 247 Elm Streetl617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

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

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Arts at the Armory

Live Band & DI

Somerville World's Fair 10 a.m..|Performance Hall Jesse Williams Music Studios Concert 4 p.m.|Performance Hall Swinging Jam Session 6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday February 2

Johnny D's

Stump! Pub Trivial8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub Stump! Team Trivia

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Davis Square Theatre Boston Percussion Group**

8 p.m.|255 Elm Street Tuesday | February 3

Johnny D's

Open Mic Night w/ Dr. Grant 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers 8:30

Back Room Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan

p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 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

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

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

Bee Night

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 PJ Ryan's

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

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Visual Language of Film

3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Wednesday | February 4

Johnny D's Boston Comedy Fundraiser for Bobby

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes!

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm **Back Room** Comedy@10

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

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Street|(617) 623-9910 Arts at the Armory

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday January 28

Third Life Studio

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

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com Thursday | January 29

Central Library

Fossil Fuel Divestment and Your Pension: Informational Lunch Shoshana Blank-303-570-7720 12 p.m.-1 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Interfaith Panel Discussion Screening, All Abrahm's Children. Kevin O'Kelly-617.623.5000 x2961 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library

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

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

Saturday January 31

Arts at the Armory

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

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

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

weekly to discuss their work

Sunday | February 1 **Unity Church of God**

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

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

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com Monday February 2

Third Life Studio

Central Library

ment.

Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library!

(Session 1)6 .m.-7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 115 Broadway

Tuesday|February 3

Central Library

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

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Meeting Emmanuel-8572583920

Arts at the Armory

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

Somerville High School Anime Club

Third Life Studio The Art of Group Singing For Women

with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com 7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq Wednesday February 4 **Central Library**

Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000 x2914

7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.| 79 Highland

Avenue **Third Life Studio**

Board Game Night

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

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

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

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

Boston Flower & Garden Show – Thursday, March 12th – Departing our Holland Street Center at 9:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 3:00 P.M. A fee of \$26.- includes tickets and round trip SCM transportation. Lunch at a waterfront area restaurant is an additional cost. This year's theme is "Season of En-

chantment." Gardening, cooking, floral design demos, lectures and so much more. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THE CITY CALLS A SNOW
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CLOSED THE SCOA WILL ALSO BE CLOSED AND ALL
PROGRAMS, GROUPS, EXERCISE CLASSES & EVENTS
SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY WILL BE CANCELLED.

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

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

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

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

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

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Advisory Group – Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month.

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT NEWS

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H) Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)

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

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M.

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M.

*Fit 4 Life classes \$10/month, pre-registration required.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday January 28

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Whist (H)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads Hanscom AFB

Thursday|January 29

10:00 Current Events Group (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday|January 30

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday|February 2

9:30 Veterans Group (H) 11:30 Lunch (H)

Tuesday|February 3

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

6:00 Caregivers Support Group (H)

Wednesday|February 4

10:00 English Conversation (C)

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

1.2:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Whist (H)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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me, to take off to Florida in the car he helped me restore. Some best friend! But Charlie got over it and even did me the honor of becoming my oldest son's Godfather. We had many other good times since my Florida excursion back in 1979.

Charlie stayed single, bought a two family house and kept working and obviously saving money. He often spoke about retiring and moving to Florida some day and someday came last month. It's funny how two kids from Somerville who started

out doing the same things at the same time ended up with such different lives.

I actually moved to Florida in 1986 and lived there for a year. Charlie came to visit me for a few days so I am someday hopefully going to visit him in Florida too, so he can return the favor!

But it may be a while because as Charlie is tooling around Florida on his Harley in the sunshine, I will be dropping my youngest son of at high school and shoveling snow. As he is teeing off on the golf course that his condo complex is on, I will be getting teed off as I open more college bills!

But the happy ending is that we are still both healthy and we will always have tons of great memories of growing up in the 60s and 70s in Somerville.

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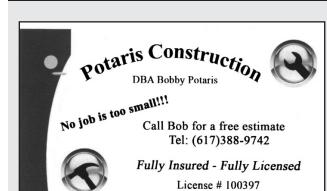
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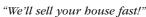
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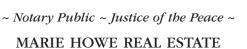
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The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech T	9:00am	Evangelico	1:00pm	Tails of the City	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group	7:00am	
Bay State Biking Nev	10:00am	MAPS Health Connector	1:30pm	Health is Wealth	6:30pm	Life Matters	7:30am	
Pearls of Irregular Shap	11:00am	Henry Parker Presents	2:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	7:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	
The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech T	12:00pm	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Active Aging	7:30pm	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	9:00am	
Somerville Film Grou	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	4:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	8:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	
Exercise with Robyn and Ma	2:00pm	Culture Club	4:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	9:30pm	Art at SCATV	10:30am	
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Senior Circuit

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EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15 Wednesday, January 28

9:00am: Capuano Kindergarten Winter Concert 10:00am: Highlander Forum - College Readiness 10:30am: National Computer Science Week @ ESCS 11:00am: Connecting Communities - Recreation 11:30am: Somerville Recreation Kickoff 2015 12:00pm:Kennedy School Grades 4-8 Winter Concert 1:00pm: SHS Hockey v Gloucester - 1/19 2:30pm: SHS Boys Basketball v Everett - 1/23 4:00pm: Capuano Kindergarten Winter Concert 5:00pm: Highlander Forum - College Readiness 5:30pm: National Computer Science Week @ ESCS 6:00pm: Connecting Communities - Recreation 7:00pm: Kennedy School Grades 4-8 Winter Concert 8:00pm: SHS Hockey v Gloucester - 1/19 SHS Boys Basketball v Everett - 1/23 9:30pm:

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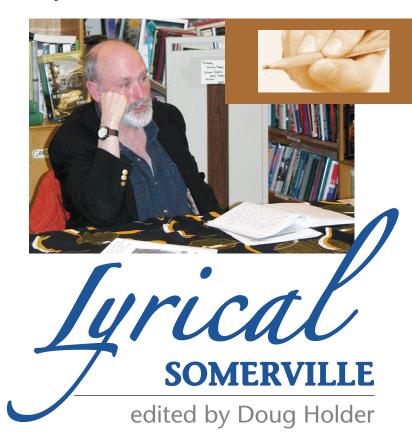
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Robin Stratton is the founder of Big Table Publishing, and the Boston Literary Magazine. I am glad she has shared a poem with the LYRICAL.



Doing Something

It was the holiday season and as Elaine watched It's a Wonderful Life she pondered her own circumstances: decent, well-paying job ex-husband who paid child support on time and of course her two precious sons. She had a good life. She had a very good life.

Maybe it was time to do something for others. Give back to a world that had given her so much.

When the movie ended and the news came on they did a story about homeless people and to Elaine, it felt like a message from God: she could donate money to a shelter. Maybe even volunteer some time like an angel who served steaming hot meals in a soup kitchen Yes, that's what she would do!

She got on line and started looking for one that was local. To her shock, she discovered that some shelters wouldn't allow families with teenaged boys. She was outraged! She had two teenaged boys! What if she were homeless,

what would the shelter do, separate her from her children?

She found a total of seven shelters who adhered to this policy and decided to write an angry e mail to each of them. It took over an hour.

Elaine wasn't stupid or naïve. She knew her e mails would not fix the problem. But it was better than doing nothing. Feeling satisfied, she shut off her computer and went to bed.

— Robin Stratton

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Winter in China:

An American Life by Bert Stern This is a new book from writer/poet/scholar Bert

Winter in China by Bert Stern

Reviewed by Lawrence Kessenich

The biography of a well-known historical figure has its appeal — it gives us (we hope) insight into a person we're more or less well acquainted with. Bert Stern, on the other hand, lifts a fascinating and barely known historical figure, Robert Winter, out of obscurity, illuminating the life and his times of a man who, without Stern's diligence, few of us would ever even have known existed. And we're all the richer for his effort.

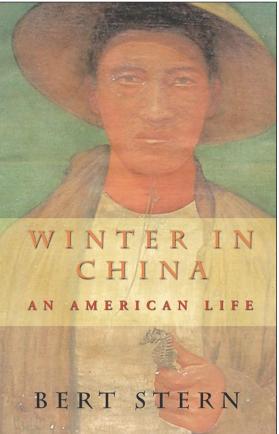
Stern of Union Square, Somerville. It is reviewed by Somerville Bagel Bard, Lawrence Kessenich.

Winter was born in Crawfordsville, a small town in Indiana, where, when he heard tales of relatives killing Indians, he found himself sympathizing with their Native American victims. This was a harbinger of Winter's discomfort with his own culture, which ultimately led to him to forsake it altogether and live for most of the last 67 years of his life (he lived to be 100) in China, during the tumultuous last three-quarters of the 20 th century. This period included the Japanese subjugation of China, World War II, the rise of ruthless dictator Chiang Ki-shek — supported, to Winter's consternation, by the US —the Communist victory of Mao and the Cultural Revolution.

Educated at Wabash College in Crawfordsville (where author Stern later taught, himself), Winter went on to advanced studies in the US, Paris and Naples, eventually teaching college-level literature in Chicago. It was here he first met Chinese scholars and was fascinated and charmed by the Chinese culture they represented. They, in turn, appreciated his interest in their culture, which ultimately led to an invitation to teach at Tsinghua College in Peking. Winter was a professor in China for the rest of his life.

Stern uses his knowledge of Chinese culture (he taught for a year in Peking, himself) and his personal knowledge of Winter (he interviewed Winter several times — and was even at his 100 th birthday party) to paint a vivid picture of a complex man in a complex time and place. The reader lives through a great deal with Winter over the course of this book, and I challenge any reader not to care about the man and his fate.

What Stern explores, with a fascination that the reader can't help but share, is what led Winter to adopt China as his home, and to retain his allegiance to his adopted country through an almost unbelievable amount of deprivation and danger. He found ways to help his fellow Chinese — especially his beloved students, who often suffered most — oppose first the Japanese and then the brutal Chiang and his Guomindang party. Winter was always willing to suffer along with them and to use his privileged position as a foreigner to do dangerous things they could not do — even, for example, putting his own life on the line by intervening when he saw someone being brutalized on the



street by soldiers.

What Winter attempted to do with his teaching — and his life — was to find the place where Eastern and Western cultures could meet and learn from each other. He taught Western literature and invited students to his home for evenings of listening to classical Western music — in fact, this last was another way he brought Western culture to China, by relating to his students in a personal manner, something Chinese professors rarely did. He also learned and grew from being exposed to the Chinese.

One thing that fascinated Winter about Chinese culture was the way a certain delicacy and profound sense of community was able to survive brutality — and there was plenty of that during Winter's tenure in China: wholesale slaughter by soldiers, artillery and bombs during the Japanese invasion; casual rape by American soldiers as World War II wound down; murder of peaceful demonstrators by the Guomindang after the war; widespread death by starvation as the world war and then the civil war between the Communists and Guomindang destroyed the economy. Winter often went hungry himself for months at a time, when his meager means of support by the university and by the Rockefeller Foundation was reduced or delayed.

Through all this, Winter maintained his dignity, his honor and his commitment to his adopted people. It's not overstating it to call this man a hero, though it was the modest kind of heroics that doesn't often make it into the history books. Thanks to the diligent research and thoughtful interviews that Stern conducted in order to write this book, and thanks to his skill at translating that material into a vivid narrative, this modest hero now belongs to the ages.

Winter in China is available in hardcover, paperback or as an e-book at http://bookstore.xlibris. com/AdvancedSearch/Default.aspx?SearchTerm=winter+in+china

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