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Safety concerns as snow piles on



Most of us just wish it would stop, but the snow is expected to keep falling through the rest of the week. It's smart to stop and consider some of the ways we can best get through it.

By Jim Clark

As the record-breaking snowfall continues, area residents are contending with unprecedented accumulations of snow and ice. The current levels have far exceeded those seen as far back as the blizzard of 1978 and beyond.

City work crews are operating at optimum capacity while school and transit closures have become commonplace in the face of current conditions.

With the prospect of further snowfall continuing through the week, certain safety measures should be taken into account as we head into the days ahead.

The City of Somerville has issued a series of advisories aimed at helping residents to cope with the snow emergency in a safe and secure fashion. The winter storm safety tips include:

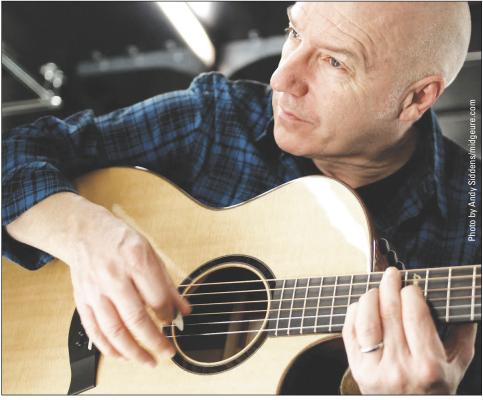
- · Clearing exterior exhaust vents, including vehicle tail pipes, to prevent carbon monoxide
- Safely clearing snow and ice buildups on
- + Being careful when shoveling snow. Over-exertion can lead to extreme injury or accidents. Residents are encouraged to find out how to get shoveling assistance.
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Midge Ure: From Glasgow to London to 'Vienna' to Somerville

By Blake Maddux

Midge Ure was born James Ure in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1953. He joined the Scottish pop band Salvation—later famous under the new name Slik—in the early 1970s. When that group disbanded in 1977, he joined the punk band The Rich Kids, having already turned down an offer to be the lead singer of an inchoate group called The Sex Pistols, of which Rich Kid Glen Matlock had been a member. After cutting the one and only album in the Rich Kids discography, he formed the new wave band Visage, then became a mid-tour replacement guitarist for the Irish hard rock band Thin Lizzy before taking over on lead vocals another new wave band called Ultravox.

The pinnacle of Ultravox's fine run of artistic and commercial success in Great Britain was probably the 1980 album Vienna, the title track of which occupied the #2 spot on the U.K. single chart for four



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The Somerville Chamber of Commerce monthly business afterhours get together is set for this week (due to snow last week) on the 12th at the famous Daddy Jones on Medford St. in Magoun Square from 5-7 p.m. It's a great place to meet and a great monthly business networking event. If you're not a member check it out by contacting the President, Steve Mackey at 617 776-4100.

The Zoning Code Public Hearing has been rescheduled due to the winter weather emergency. For anyone planning on attending the joint public hearing on the new Somerville Zoning Ordinance, the hearing has been rescheduled for March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. Although the hearing has been rescheduled, there is still an opportunity to provide them with your comments. Public feedback will be accepted through their OpenComment and Map Feedback tools through February 27. Visit the city zoning website at www.somervillema.gov/zoning and feel free to email at zoning@somervillema.gov. Log in to their new OpenComment tool to provide comments and discuss ideas for the new ordinance with your neighbors. Comments will be accepted through February 27.)

Due to all the snow this week, Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti has cancelled her kickoff event this past Monday night, rescheduled now to Monday March 2. It will be at the new sports bar at Assembly Row, Tony C's from 6-8 p.m. We are going to be there. She has become very popular as an Alderman, and this is also her first term in office.

On the political side, we told you a couple of weeks ago that Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gerwitz was not seeking re-election. We also mentioned that Ward 3 School Board member Adam Sweeting was also not seeking re-election. Well, we also heard that Ward 4 School Committee member Christine Rafael will also not be seeking re-election this year. That's three so far we heard about who are not running for re-election. Additionally, we heard that Paul Bockleman is considering running for Alderman Ward 6. That would leave his school board seat open. It's then possible to have four school board seats open for candidates to Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Making room for progress

JB says:

Let me guess this straight. A perfectly fine old building, a mix of residential and retail, was torn down to make way for some type of new building, which will be a mix of residential and retail.

Can someone from the Historical Commission explain why this was not a designated historical building?

Walt says:

I never considered the old building an eyesore. The plan for the new building looks like a suburban monster. It's too bad we're putting up ugly luxury condos everywhere. Who benefits?

Barbara says:

It depends on how you define progress. This building will result in less green space, fewer locally owned businesses because they can't afford the higher rents, and a building full of transient condo owners.

philb says:

Wow finally someone investing in Winter Hill.

A. Moore says:

These old building had so much character. You just know the new one won't look half as nice. I would rather have used the shell as a template and build the new building after it. Plus if they are going to have the first floor as retail it is too much for the area. Common sense says that. Businesses are starving there.

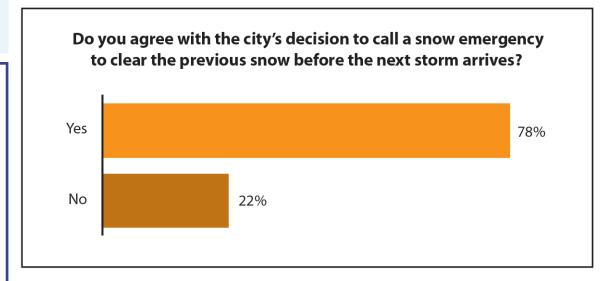
Uncle Rocco says:

A few of the volunteers on the Historic Preservation Commission who aren't real estate brokers speak up for these buildings, but then the Planning Department just ignores them and tears them down anyway. That's how it works. This building (which was not 'an eyesore'), Cota Funeral home, the Homans Building, it's the same deal in every case. They should just abolish the Historic Preservation Commission and save the stationery, they don't actually preserve anything if there's any potential developer \$\$\$ in the picture.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you agree with the city's decision to call a snow emergency to clear the previous snow before the next storm arrives. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto The-SomervilleTimes.com.





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Tufts men's basketball game raises autism awareness

By Jason Andrew Park

The Tufts Jumbos men's basketball team went head-to-head against Williams College on Saturday, falling to the Ephs in an 80-75 nail-biting loss. But Saturday's game against Williams was unlike any previous game this season – it was also an opportunity to raise awareness on autism as part of a nationwide campaign.

Autism Speaks Awareness Weekend in college basketball, which ran from February 6 to 8 this year, aims to raise awareness and advocates for the needs of families and individuals affected by autism.

"We wanted to raise awareness for the autism research done at [Tufts] medical school and support the athletics team," said Sarah Mahoney, a current junior and the co-leader of Fan the Fire, a group that aims to bring students together to rally around various causes and the teams that support them.

Fan the Fire, Tufts University School of Medicine (TUSM), and Theta Delta Chi, a fraternity at Tufts, jointly organized the autism awareness in college basketball event.

According to Mahoney, more than 200 people attended Saturday's game, including current students, representatives from TUSM, as well as the university president. Among



Autism Speaks Awareness Weekend was hosted at Tufts this weekend as the men's basketball team took on visiting Williams College. — Photos by Jason Andrew Park

attendees was Pat Skerry, a Tufts alumnus, who started the national campaign in 2014 to highlight autism awareness in NCAA basketball.

"When we learned that our alumnus, Pat Skerry, had started this national program, Tufts wanted to get behind it and show our support. It made perfect sense since we have robust autism research program right here," said Roxanne Beal, the director of development for Biomedical Science at TUSM. "It made perfect sense to combine this sports event and Pat's work with what we are doing," she added.

During an interview, Beal adds that she hopes the event will ultimately highlight the current autism research happening at TUSM. "This is where we are going to find the answers to what is happening in autism and hoping to improve the lives of people who are on the spectrum," she said.

For Philip Haydon, the Annetta & Gustav Grisard Professor & Chair of the Department of Neuroscience at TUSM, Saturday's event was a success as it involved the collaboration between researchers, Tufts University, and members of the local community.

"The sum is greater than the individual," Haydon said, adding that he believes such a strong collaboration between the university and the community is another step towards reaching the goal of understanding autism and improving the lives of those affected by the condition.





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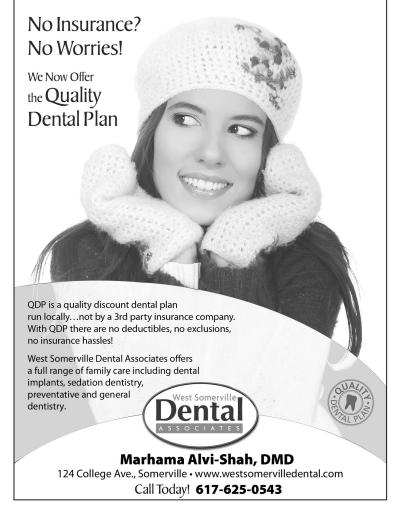
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By Jim Clark

Police not lovin' it

Police officers on patrol last Friday morning took notice of a passing vehicle with an expired inspection sticker and followed it along Washington St.

After making a RMV query, it was learned that the vehicle had never undergone an inspection and that the registered owner had active warrants for various traffic violations.

The officers activated their emergency equipment and pulled the vehicle over.

The driver, Deanna Garceau, of Everett, furnished an identification card, but was not in possession of a valid drivers license.

As police ran her information via radio, officers reportedly noted that she was rifling through her purse as she waited in the vehicle.

After confirming Garceau warrants, she was removed from the vehicle and handcuffed.

Upon inspection of the vehicle, officers reportedly found several plastic straws that were cut into short pieces, as well as two knotted up plastic bags.

When asked whether she had any illegal drugs in her posses-

sion Garceau reportedly said that she did not.

Garceau then requested that police go into her handbag and get out her debit card so she could arrange for bail.

While looking for the card, police reportedly found a folded up receipt from McDonalds that had traces of a powdery substance on it.

When questioned about it, Garceau reportedly admitted that the substance was probably either cocaine or heroin.

She was subsequently charged with possession of a class A drug and also booked on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Raphael Caminero, of 111 Locust St., Woburn, February 4, 1:18 a.m., arrested at Medford St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jose Fuentes, of 20 Otis St., February 4, 1:18 a.m., arrested at Medford St. on a charge of drug possession to distribute.

Deanna Garceau, of 10 Hampshire St., Everett, February 6, 9:41 a.m., arrested at 84 Washington St. on a charge of possession of a class A drug and on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Jake Silveira, of 107 Bow St., Arlington, February 7, 7:08 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of annoying telephone calls.

Edward Mahoney, of 29

8:07 p.m., arrested at 75 Cross St. on charges of open alcohol container, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and disorderly conduct.

Minnesota Ave., February 7,

Incidents:

Theft:

February 2, 6:05 a.m., police reported a theft at Bonair St.

February 2, 12:42 p.m., police reported a theft at 622 Somerville Ave.

February 2, 2:28 p.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.

February 3, 4:43 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Union Sq.

February 4, 3:24 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

February 4, 4:58 p.m., police reported a theft at Myrtle St.

February 5, 3:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Webster

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February 5, 5:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Summer St. February 5, 6:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Quincy St.

February 6, 7:26 p.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.

Robbery:

February 2, 8:20 p.m., police reported a robbery at Kidder Ave.

February 6, 10:35 p.m., police reported a robbery at Lowden Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

February 5, 4:23 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Hudson St.

February 6, 8:49 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Walnut St.

February 8, 2:17 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

Vehicle Theft:

February 3, 8:08 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Linden Ave.

February 8, 8:23 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Grand Union Blvd.

Assault:

February 3, 3:58 p.m., police reported an assault at Maxwells Green.

February 3, 9:46 p.m., police reported an assault at Boston St.

reported an assault at 6 Main St. February 5, 1:11 p.m., police

February 4, 1:55 p.m., police

reported an assault at Pearl St. February 5, 7:15 p.m., police reported an assault at Gilman

February 7, 1:41 a.m., police reported an assault at Wisconsin Ave.

Destruction of Property:

February 2, 7:16 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Powder House Blvd.

February 4, 8:22 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Pennsylvania Ave.

February 4, 9:58 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Edgar Ave.

February 8, 3:58 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 105 Middlesex Ave.

Liquor Law Violation:

February 7, 7:31 p.m., police reported a liquor law violation at Cross St.

Drug Violation:

February 4, 1:18 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Medford St.

February 6, 9:41 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Washington St.

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Sean Collier honored with memorial plaque

By Tom Bannister

The presentation of a memorial plaque in honor of Somerville Police Officer Sean Collier took place at the Somerville Police Department on Saturday, January 31.

The event was organized by retired Somerville Police Officer John O'Connor and Deputy Chief Stephen Carrabino.

Officer Collier was murdered by the Boston Marathon bombers in April 2013.

B.A. Event Promotions was able to donate the funds necessary for the dedication plaque, with tremendous support of their events in Worcester, Hyannis, Harwich, Cambridge & Somerville.

Collier worked many charity road races put on by several or-

ganizations in Somerville as an officer with the Somerville Auxiliary Police Department as well as his distinguished service as a police officer with the MIT Police Department.

Attendees noted that it was a sad but good day to be able to dedicate the plaque at the Somerville Police Department to a wonderful person committed to community service.

In attendance was the Collier Family, Somerville Mayor Curtatone, Somerville Alderman Jack Connolly, Somerville Police Deputy Chief Stephen Carrabino, Somerville Police Officer John O'Connor, Somerville Auxiliary Police Chief Jerry Carvahlo, Somerville Police Department Honor Guard and numerous other police personnel.



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Snow farming in Somerville





Everyone knows where all this snow comes from - above us, of course. But where does it oo to when we can manage to get it out of our way? So-called "snow farms" have been established in various locations throughout the city to serve as snow dumping sites where cleanup crews move the white stuff off the streets and other areas. The I-93 overpass (pictured above) and the Transfer Station at Brickbottom (below) are two such places that are seeing a lot of action with all the recent snowfall. It's good to know that we have such out-of-the-way places too move the snow to. We know we've had enough of it on our streets, sidewalks, etc. — Photos by Donald Norton and Bobbie Toner

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aware of children playing the streets or on/around snow piles. Additionally, residents are urged to:

- Stock emergency kits with supplies to last three to five days, including a first aid kit, essential medications, non-perishable foods, a manual can opener, water, flashlights and extra batteries, baby-care or pet supplies, blankets and sleeping bags.
- Fully charge portable electronic devices, and conserve battery use for emergencies in case of power outages.
- Check outside fuel exhaust vents, making sure that they are not obstructed by snow or ice.
- Ensure that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have batteries and are working.
- · Consider having extra cash

on hand.

• Identify fire hydrants before they are covered in snow so you can help dig them out later.

During storms it is important to:

- Stay indoors unless absolutely necessary, and remain off the roads (Governor Baker has declared a travel ban).
- Never use cooking equipment intended for outside use indoors as a heat source or cooking device.
- Check in on friends, family, and neighbors, particularly elderly residents and/or persons with disabilities.
- If you must let your pet(s) outdoors, supervise them and do not allow them to remain outside.
- ${\mbox{\tiny +}}\mbox{ REMEMBER:}$ salt and other

ice-removal products can harm your pet's paws. Wipe their paws after returning indoors.

In the event of major and/ or sustained power outages, the city will make plans to open a shelter within the city. Updates will be sent via the city's mass notification system, police bulletins, and, if necessary, door-todoor visits.

After a storm it is important to:

- Help dig out fire hydrants and storm drains in your neighborhood.
- Report downed wires to 911 and do not touch them.
- Be aware of children playing in the streets, climbing on or running out from behind large snow piles.
- Safely reduce the amount of

snow and ice on roofs.

• Check on elderly neighbors or those with disabilities, assist with shoveling or other necessary precautions.

The city has also issued warnings concerning carbon monoxide contamination risks associated with the winter storm conditions. These include:

Automobiles, heaters, cooking appliances, and other everyday items produce carbon monoxide when they run. This gas is normally vented out of buildings and cars long before it poses any health risk, but this cannot happen if exterior vents are blocked by snow, ice, or debris. Carbon monoxide is deadly in high quantities. Because the gas cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted, it is ex-

tremely important that all exterior home heating vents and vehicle tail pipes be cleared completely, and that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are tested to ensure they have batteries and are working.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include: dull headache, weakness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, shortness of breath, confusion, blurred vision, and loss of consciousness.

If you notice signs of carbon monoxide poisoning or your detector goes off, get into fresh air immediately and dial 911.

By following these tips and paying attention to hazardous conditions that may arise, we can all get through the current situation safely and effectively.



The snows came tumbling down – again and again.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner





Dorothy's Corner



Desperately Seeking Spring

Oh no, there it is again, a weather forecast of another snowstorm hitting the northeast over the weekend and affecting the Monday morning commute. I know, I know, I live in New England, but when the estimate of snowfall is in feet, not inches, spring can't get here fast enough. And, under the circumstances, there's only one thing to do, go grocery shopping of course. After all, I must get the bread and milk!

As I made my way to the meat section of the grocery store, I came across about 25 racks of St. Louis style ribs. I immediately thought, I can't wait to smoke some ribs. Spring must be around the corner.

Those ribs had me reminiscing of sitting in the backyard, soaking up the sun and drinking an ice cold Slumbrew Flagraiser IPA, with the wonderful aroma of hickory smoke wafting through the air. In case you're thinking, sure, I'd like to give smoking a try, you're probably wondering where to begin. I would recommend going to www.grandpas-backyard-fun.com (click on Backyard Barbeque under the Cooking section) for more information on the different types of smokers available.

Once you decide which smoker will meet your needs, there is one more piece of equipment that I highly recommend, it's called a two in one oven and roasting digital thermometer and timer. The good news about this thermometer is it can be used not just in your smoker, but your grill and indoor oven too. The probe is inserted into the meat and registers the temperature within the meat and the surrounding air temperature. The plus side is you don't have to open the smoker, grill or oven, which result in loss of valuable heat. This will keep the heat source constant.

Finally, the most important part of cooking, handling food, barbecuing or smoking anything is food safety. The most important numbers to remember are the range of 40-140 degrees; this is referred to as the danger zone. Please read the information at www. fsis.usda.gov (under search, type in "food safety temperatures" this will give you a bunch of information including easy to follow charts about food safety.

I must also mention, smoking your own meats takes time and planning. Search online for recipes or pickup a cookbook for beginners. Some recipes call for dry rubbing the meat and letting it sit in the refrigerator overnight. If you decide to smoke your own bacon it will take at least a week to cure plus cooking time. But I can assure you, once you figure out what works best for you, it's well worth the time you put into it. Happy smoking.

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Taking a bite out of Valentine's Day

By Rebecca Danvers

The opening reception for the Nave Gallery's latest exhibition, Bite: Food as Art, will be taking place on Saturday – Valentine's Day – February 14, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

According to the gallery, food is a visual, sensory and social experience, like art. Flavors and textures, aromas and taste are all elements that can be explored through artwork. Culture, memories and health are just some themes that can be viewed through the lens of food. Bite is an exploration of art made with food and about food.

Curated by Tori Costa and Sandy Mc-Donald, the exhibition will run from February 14 to March 14 and will feature works by Alice Abrams, Jim Baab, Zeren Badar, Freedom Baird, Heather Balchunas, Rob Bellinger, Nadine Boughton, Sage Brousseau, Cuisine+Colour, Mira Dayal, Joseph DeMonaco, Russell Du-Pont, Stan Eichner, Stephan Groß, Elisa H. Hamilton, Rebecca Henriksen,

Charlotte Ellen Kaplan, Judith Klausner, Susie Kos, David Lancaster, Cameron MacMartin, Amy McGregor-Radin, Dan Meade, Leah Netsky, Marjorie Nichols, Robin Radin, Michele Ridgeway, Amy Rindskopf, Brittany Severance, Melissa Shaak, Margot Stage

Julia Tenney, Mara Trachtenberg, and Maureen Vezina.

The exhibition will also serve as a food drive in support of the Somerville Homeless Coalition's Project Soup. A full list of their needs can be found here:

https://www.somervillehomelesscoalition.org/how-you-can-help/in-kind-donations/.

A special Coffee Mandala Making Workshop will take place on Sunday, March 1

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., followed by an Artist Talk at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Nave Gallery (Teele Square), 155 Powder House Blvd, Somerville, MA.

Gallery hours: Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.







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This is the positive experience and such an amazing act of kindness that my Mom and I received from the Team at Chipotle in Davis Square. Chris Gruber (Chipotle Team Leader), and Denise Rodriguez (Chipotle Restauranteur) and the entire Chipotle Davis Square Family of Somerville, MA deserved to be recognized.

My brother at the age of 33, who was an employee of Chipotle/Davis Square, passed away on January 15, 2015 of a sudden death, yet undetermined. My brother was employed by Chipotle for only 7 months, but the support that my family and I received from Chipotle leadership and his peers, has been like no other.

At often times, there is a misconception of how" fast food" restaurants/chains treat their employees. The misconception is, low pay, long hours, no benefits and that everyone is treated and reminded that they are easily replaceable. I would like to highlight a company that truly embodies the "you are only as good as your

team" approach by treating their employees exceptionally and like family.

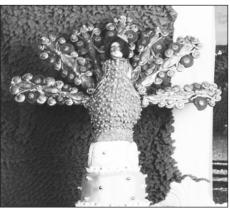
I knew that Chipotle was a great company because my brother often ranted and raved about how well they treated their employees and how he looked forward to going to work. He mentioned that if you showed them determination and potential to succeed that they would do everything on their end to help shape and mold a bright future with Chipotle. Chipotle took my brother under their wing and was preparing him for a bright future with them. Although my brother's future with Chipotle was short lived, what will live on is the overwhelming support that my Mom and I have received from Chris, Denise and the Chipotle Davis Square

A few things that must be noted are that on the day of the funeral, the Davis Square location sacrificed earnings and closed so that "all" of my brothers co-workers could attend and pay their respects. Additionally, Chipotle graciously offered and catered the food for the family gathering after the funeral. They didn't just stop at just showing up the wake/burial, they also made sure that they went to the location of the family gathering to ensure that the food that was delivered met their standards and that there was plenty, and there was.

Additionally, the entire Chipotle Davis Square Family presented me with a generous contribution that they gathered amongst themselves to assist with the financial burden that comes along at an unexpected time like this. I was and still am at a loss for words at all the forms of generous, meaningful and thoughtful support provided by Chipotle.

My family and I will always show love and support to the Chipotle brand for truly valuing and doing the best for their employees, or in my case, for one that is now in heaven.

— Elizabeth Myers



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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for 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 representatives' votes on roll calls from prior sessions on the debate on House operating rules for 2015-2016. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

24 HOURS TO READ LEGISLATION (H 2015)

House 38-115, rejected a rule that would require 24hour notice, not including weekends and holidays, between the release of a bill from an executive session and its consideration on the House floor. The 24-hour rule could be suspended for an emergency if waived by a twothirds vote.

Supporters said this would prevent bills from being rushed onto the House floor and voted upon without legislators having time to read them. They cited the uproar a few years ago in the U.S. Congress when members were not given time to read the 1,000-page health care bill.

Opponents said the amendment goes too far and that requiring a two-thirds vote would make it very difficult for the rule to be suspended even during an emergency. They argued members usually are given sufficient time to read bills.

(A "Yes" vote is for the 24-hour notice. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

PUT AUDIT ONLINE (H 2015)

House 38-115, rejected a rule that would require the House Clerk to post copies of the annual audit of the Legislature online. The current rule only requires that copies of the audit be "made available to the members and the general public upon request."

Supporters said the audit of the Legislature's finances should be made available on the state's website. They argued this new rule would foster transparency.

Amendment opponents said individual legislators can request a copy and place it on their own website. They argued that posting by the clerk would make the clerk liable for the posting.

(A"Yes" vote is for requiring online posting. A"No" vote is against it.)

> Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

ALLOW 48 HOURS TO READ BUDGET **AMENDMENTS (H 2015)**

House 34-121, rejected a rule increasing from 30 minutes to 48 hours the period given to legislators to read any proposed consolidated amendment to the House budget prior to debate and a vote on it. Representatives file dozens of amendments on the same general subject matter. Legislators who are interested in that subject are invited to a meeting during budget debate to pitch their amendment. A consolidated amendment that includes some of the individual amendments, is eventually drafted by the House leadership and brought to the floor for debate and a vote.

Supporters said these amendments are often 30 or more pages long and legislators are asked to vote on them while the paper is still warm from the printer or copying machine. They said that this system is anti-democratic and results in members voting blindly on something that they have not even read.

Opponents said the current 30-minute rule has worked

(A "Yes" vote is for the 48 hours. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

ACTION ON LOCAL HOME RULE BILLS (H 2015)

House 34-116, rejected a rule requiring all late-filed home rule bills to be reported out of committee for action by the full Legislature within 120 days of appearing on the House agenda. Home rule petitions are proposed laws that have already been approved by a local city or town but also require legislative approval prior to taking effect.

Supporters of the rule said home rule bills are very important to cities and towns and should not be delayed. They argued they have already been approved by the local community and should not be held up.

Opponents said all proposed bills are important and that making an exception for home rule petitions would set a bad precedent. They noted that sometimes there are problems with local bills and the House needs more time to review and act upon them.

(A "Yes" vote is for the 120-day rule. A "No" vote is

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CLOSE \$768 MILLION STATE BUDGET DEFI-

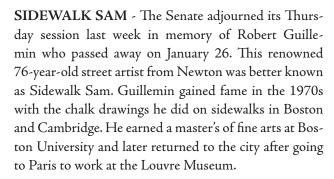
CIT - Gov. Charlie Baker proposed legislation and unilateral executive cuts to what he estimates is a \$768 million deficit in the state's fiscal budget that keeps the state operating until June 30. The package offers a two-month corporate tax amnesty program in which participating businesses would be exempt from financial penalties if they pay their outstanding taxes. The Baker Administration estimates the program, which first has to be approved by the Legislature, will generate about \$18 mil-

The package also includes \$150 million in executive branch spending cuts that the governor is allowed to make without legislative approval. These include \$5 million in kindergarten grants, \$10 million for various mental health services and more than \$5 million for the state police.

Other provisions which require legislative approval include the diversion to the General Fund of \$131 million in capital gains taxes scheduled to go to the state's Rainy Day Fund; \$40 million in transportation cuts including \$14 million from the MBTA; \$168 million from various administrative changes at MassHealth, the state's Medicaid program that provides health insurance for nearly 1 million low-income and disabled persons; \$53 million in cuts to the Judiciary, Executive and Legislative budgets; \$22 million from a hiring freeze; and \$108 million in unspent money for programs that have not yet started.

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In 1984, Guillemin was named the state's official screever – an artist who draws pictures on sidewalks. In 1994, he was paralyzed from the neck down in a fall while working on his roof. Being confined to a wheelchair did not deter him, and he was soon back on the streets doing his job.

REGULATE UBER AND LYFT - The Baker Administration announced it is working on drafting legislation to regulate controversial transportation services like Uber and Lyft that use a smartphone application to receive ride requests. Temporary Registry of Motor Vehicle regulations on these services took effect on January 16. They require the companies to be licensed by the state and permit drivers who work with licensed companies to use private vehicles to drive paying passengers for six months.

Baker said that Uber and Lyft present an opportunity for the state's transportation system to more efficiently serve residents and visitors to the state. "We also have a responsibility to step up to ensure consumer choice and public safety prevail and that Massachusetts continues to develop as a global destination for business and tourism," said Baker.

Opponents, led by the taxi industry, say this new service should be treated the same as taxis. The Boston Taxi Owners Association is suing the city of Boston and has requested an emergency injunction that would block the temporary new state regulations that took effect January 16.

STORAGE UNITS (S 2297) - A law making changes in the laws governing storage units took effect on January 15. This law allows owners of storage facilities to send notices about overdue rent and other matters through electronic mail if the consumer agrees. Other provisions set a maximum on the charge for late fees, allow an auc-

tion for a unit to be advertised online in addition to the current option of a newspaper ad and create a process by which self-storage operators must confirm property in fact is abandoned.

Supporters, noting there are more than 700 storage facilities in Massachusetts, said the law will improve consumer protection and at the same time lower the cost of doing business for the facility owners.

COACHES MUST LEARN CPR (S 1918) - A law requiring all school coaches to complete a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross or other state-approved agency by August 2015 took effect on January 28. The measure exempts coaches with a physical disability and prohibits local cities and towns from being responsible for the costs.

Supporters said there are creative ways to pay for the training or to get the fee waived. They argued that this invaluable training costs about \$50 per person and could save many lives.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Prior tax amnesties offered to individual taxpayers have proven to be highly successful, and there is no reason to believe that a corporate tax amnesty won't be just as popular." — House Republican Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) on Gov. Baker's proposed program that offers a two-month corporate tax amnesty in which participating businesses would be exempt from financial penalties if they pay their outstanding taxes.

"We have had disproportionate cuts over time that we've not recovered from. [Without restoring the cuts], we won't clean up brownfields to revitalize urban areas and we won't have clean parks for working class families that can't jet away." — Environmental League of Massachusetts President George Bachrach urging that the funding for environmental programs be returned to the higher 2009 levels.

"Gov. Baker is only one month into his administration and yet again he's broken another promise to voters ... he's already showing disregard for the people behind every line item he cuts." — *Democratic Party Executive*

Director Matt Fenlon on Baker's budget cuts.

"Massachusetts finds itself in a \$768 million sea of red ink precisely because of the broken promises and out-of-control spending by Democrats on Beacon Hill. For them now to complain about the tough decisions Gov. Baker is having to make to clean up their mess, especially as we learn today of the lavish pay hikes doled out to top Democratic staff by Speaker DeLeo, strains credulity."

— Kirsten Hughes, chair of the state Republican Party.

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 February 2-6, the House met for a total of 11 minutes and the Senate met for a total of seven minutes.

Mon. February 2 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:03 a.m.

Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.

Tues. February 3 No House session

No Senate session

Wed. February 4 No House session

No Senate session

Thurs. February 5 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.

Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.

Fri. February 6 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.

No Senate session

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Monday February 16

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

Tuesday February 17

Honkytonk Masquerade 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday February 18Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

Thursday February 19

Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m. **Friday February 20**

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m.

Trick Wallace presents litehouse, Didn't Planet,

Trick Wallace Trio \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday February 21

Jim Coyle Band 6 p.m. One Thin Dime 9:30 p.m.

Sunday February 22

Natalie Flanagan, Randy Black & the Heathcroppers, Trusty Sidekick 8 p.m.



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COMMENTARY

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Snow FAQ



By Joseph A. Curtatone

From the mayor's office:

With the historic snowfall that we've seen - the most in a seven day period since the National Weather Service began recording snowfall 143 years ago - residents have had many questions directed to the city through Facebook, Twitter and 311 about snow operations, parking rules, and more. With more

than 60 inches of snow so far, the amount that has fallen presents unique challenges, and the city is aware of and concerned about the difficulties residents are facing.

Like every city in the area right now, the challenges are far greater than even close to normal. Crews have been out in maximum force, with approximately 150 pieces of equipment deployed to plow, move, haul and melt snow. Customer services reps at 311 are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer questions and take reports. Communication Department members have been updating the city's Facebook and Twitter page and answering questions 15 hours each day, and updating the City Cable channel and website with the most up-to-date information. Here are some questions that the city has received from residents:

What is the city's snow budget? The FY15 budget includes \$936,000 for snow removal, \$900,000 of which is specifically for snow removal operations and \$36,000 for police details needed during those operations. That's a 44 percent increase over what was budgeted in FY14, as the city ramps up its snow removal budget each year to more accurately reflect what it must spend on snow operations. In FY13 and FY14, city snow spending exceeded the planned budgets. Snow removal budgets are the only budget item allowed by state law to run a deficit. The city spent \$1.49 million in FY13 on snow removal. In FY14, through May 1, the city spent \$2.05 million on snow removal. This year, the city is also spending far more than the budgeted amount for snow removal and response to ensure all available resources are applied to this cleanup, so the \$936,000 budget will not reflect the final investment in snow operations this year. Additional capital funds are also invested each year in new snow removal equipment. This year, we purchased our first giant snow blower (the snow chomper), which we are using to chop snow and blow it into dump trucks for hauling. The city plans to purchase more

chompers for next year.

When snow is hauled away, where is it taken?

Current "snow farms" in Somerville include the former waste transfer station in Brickbottom, the former Chuckie Harris Park on East Cross Street, and under I-93 by Ten Hills. Starting this week, some snow is also being melted by the Snow Dragon, which feeds the melted water into the sewer.

Is space saving allowed in Somerville?

No. Section 12-18 of the City Code of Ordinances prohibits placing objects in the street to reserve parking spaces. Space saving is a safety concern as the objects are not always easily seen by drivers

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New zoning will bring major changes



By William C. Shelton

Since the Supreme Court's Euclid v. Ambler decision in 1926, jurisdictions have had police power to regulate the shape, use and construction of private property. That was the same year that Ford built an assembly plant in what would subsequently be called Assembly Square. And it was the year that Somerville fully implemented a zoning map

that is, in large measure, the one that we still use.

Now our city's planners have drafted a top-to-bottom rewrite of the zoning ordinance. With its adoption, Somerville would join a growing number of municipalities who use "form-based zoning."

The form of the built environment can encourage or discourage interaction and community. It can promote security or criminal activity. It can make traveling across a city a simple enjoyable task or a frustrating ordeal. It can influence who can afford to live in that city. And it can determine whether a place is one that we enjoy just being in, or one that

we want to leave expeditiously.

Traditional zoning was less focused on form than on separating incompatible uses, for example keeping a lard-rendering plant at a distance from your home. It divided up a city into districts in which only certain uses were allowed. It regulated form through requirements like the ratio of total building square feet to lot size, or setback widths, or building heights.

That still left a lot of uncertainty regarding what could be built, which was resolved through negotiation between developers and regulatory authorities in the approval of special permits and planned unit developments. A substantial

development project that does not require a special permit is the exception in Somerville.

This creates uncertainty for would-be developers as well as for neighbors of the intended development. Over the last fifteen years, Somerville's Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals have tended to resolve uncertainty by exercising their discretion in favor of developers who want to force out-sized and out-of-character projects onto resistant residential neighbors.

Form-based zoning can reduce much of this uncertainty and need for negotiation. It begins with a map that designates where different building forms will be allowed, rather than

where different uses are allowed. In the proposed new zoning, districts are fine-grained, with some only a fraction of a block.

For each district, zoning regulations specify standards for the types, sizes, configurations, and features of the buildings that can be built within it. The regulations define each building type and present diagrams to illustrate its standards and allowable lot placement.

In conventional zoning, streets don't have a zone. But form-based zoning includes standards for streets, sidewalks, parking and other public-realm elements. Building and public-realm standards are quite specific and prescriptive.

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Life in the William by Jimmy Del Ponte

Snow dazed



My Dad used to say that my parochial elementary school would cancel classes "every time The Pope sneezed!" Well, after

the recent wave of snowstorms and school cancellations, it looks like The Pope did more than just sneeze.

Back then a school snow day meant sledding at Powder House Park, having snowball fights, building snow forts and shoveling your neighbors' sidewalks for money. I remember "going shoveling" and then using our earnings to buy a stack of pancakes at The Waldorf Restaurant in Davis Square.

The photo here is of my mother, Ger-

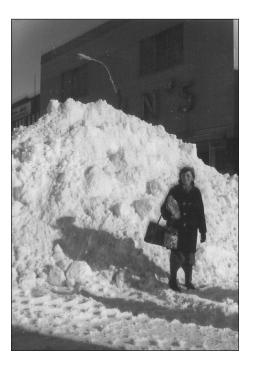
ry Del Ponte, taken during the Blizzard of '78 (notice Gorins?). She was a social worker at The Department of Social Services building that was where the CVS is now in Davis Square. Nothing stopped my mom from trudging through the snow to get to her job (I guess she would have done anything to get away from her three wild teenagers at home!). I remember she even walked home for lunch after that storm because we lived between the Square and Powder House (probably to catch us doing something wrong!).

Recently, as we kept getting more and more snow dumped on us, it began to take a toll. We have far surpassed snow amounts from 1978. Our backs and arms are sore from shoveling and our feet are

cold from walking in the snow and ice. If you have to walk you may have to do a balancing act just to get on and off curbs and crossing streets.

God knows we have tried to keep up with the onslaught of snow but enough is enough. Who do we complain to? Just to each other, that's who. We moan to one another in the check out line at Star and Stop 'n Shop and say clever things like, "Is it ever going to stop snowing?" and, "Where the hell are we going to put more snow?" We bond with our neighbors who are all in the same boat. Parking spaces are few and far between, which adds to the anxiety of repeated snowstorms. No matter how much they plow, the fact is that the streets are

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times

OK, show of hands...who's tired of snow?



Enough is enough. But have we seen the end of it yet? Only time will tell, but we surely must be near the end of our tethers when it comes to putting up with the endless digging out and warming up.

As if clearing our sidewalks and driveways isn't hard enough, we have additional mountains of snow cresting our roadsides, peaking endlessly along like the Himalayan mountain range. Those of us who are fortunate enough to find safe and secure parking places one day can never quite sure if they can expect the same on the next.

Sore lower backs, calloused hands, and weary minds are slowly taking their toll, not only on our morale but also on our very abilities to cope with the physical challenges we have yet to face.

Those of us who are nearly drained of energy should not hesitate to ask a neighbor or nearby friend to help out if and when such help is needed. Likewise, if you have a little time and energy to spare, go out and check on your neighbors and make sure they are not going under due to the stress and strain of this extraordi-

nary situation.

Make no mistake, these are emergency conditions. If we pull together and help one another as well as we possibly can, we will get through it and live to tell the tales.

This is how and when we can be at our best. So let's seize that opportunity as we grabbed for those shovels. One more time. With feeling.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

consider running for. We hope that's at least more than one in each ward, so we can hear why they are running.

Happy Birthday this week to a couple of our fans: Joe Hart is celebrating this week. He was raised here in Winter Hill. Harry Vaughan is celebrating this week. We wish him the very best of birthdays.

Congratulations to Nancy Moccia-Fucile and her new husband Jason Fucile who were married last week. Nancy is of the famed Victors Deli & Ball Square Café family. We wish them both much happiness and many years of bliss. Next time you're in the Deli, congratulate Nancy and Jason. They both work there and are very friendly, always with a smile. It runs in the Moccia family – we know those big hellos and smiles).

East Somerville Main Streets is excited to announce Teresa Vazquez-Dodero as its new executive director. The selection was made after an extensive regional search. Vazquez-Dodero brings a wealth of local knowledge and experience from her previous position as the Community Liaison for the East Somerville Community School. Vazquez-Dodero will begin her new

position at East Somerville Main Streets on February 17. "On behalf of the board of East Somerville Main Streets, I am truly excited to welcome Teresa as our new executive director," said Board Chair Renee Polcaro. Read more at www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org.

You're invited to Wine Tasting Monday, February 23 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Dave's Fresh Pasta, 81 Holland Street, Davis Square. Cost is \$80 per person. All proceeds to benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

The deadline for applications to serve on the Union Square Civic Advisory Committee (CAC) has been extended to Friday, Feb. 20. The city put a call out for new members in January due to recent openings made available and a desire to expand and broaden the committee. Attributes and skills desired by the city and the CAC might include understanding of local population diversity; green, blue, and open space advocacy; emerging economic sectors expertise; fiscal analytics; or other applicable experiences. Community members interested in serving on the CAC should submit a short letter of intent detailing their interest, applicable skills or knowledge, and resume by email to amaher@somervillema.gov, or by mail to Amanda Maher, Senior Economic Development Specialist, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02145. Please include contact information, with your phone number and e-mail address.

They are still taking applications for Somerville High Adult evening school. Registration is this week and next week on Tuesday and Thursday nights, beginning at 6 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. At SHS Adult evening class it's only \$175 – less than half. Learn to take the test and become a real estate agent here in Massachusetts.

We have to say that DPW Commissioner Stan Koty and his DPW crew has done a great job considering the major snow recently. Our streets overall are in great condition. For any doubters, just travel over to Medford/Arlington and Cambridge (Boston is in its own category) and see for yourself.

Due to concerns about the winter

storm weather, the Green Line Extension project GLX Working Group meeting scheduled for February 10 was cancelled. The meeting was scheduled to take place at the Center for the Arts at the Armory in Somerville from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Look for an update soon announcing when this meeting will be rescheduled.

The Tufts University Department of Music presents Genres of Middle Eastern Clarinet: Music of Armenia, Turkey, Greece, and the Middle East, a concert on Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 3 p.m. in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center. Performance faculty clarinetist Malcolm Barsamian will demonstrate the art of playing his instrument in a variety of Middle Eastern musical styles, featuring works by composers from the region. This concert is presented as part of the Sunday at Tufts - Community Concert Series. The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit as.tufts. edu/music/musiccenter or call the Granoff Music Center Box Office at 617.627.3679.

New Loan Center to Serve the **Community**

Winter Hill Bank recently celebrated the opening of its new Loan Center at 337 Broadway, Somerville. The event was attended by city officials, business and civic group leaders, local developers, and residents. According to Sandra L. McGoldrick, President/CEO of Winter Hill Bank, the wide range of well-wishers represents the bank's strong and across-the-board ties with Somerville.

"A critical part of the success of any community is the commitment of its local banks. Since our founding in 1906, Winter Hill Bank has accepted its responsibility to people from all walks of life in Somerville. Today, as we celebrate our new Loan Center, we usher in a modern era of community banking with a new sense of purpose and opportunity for our customers and to the community itself."

Compared to just a decade ago, there have been dramatic changes in Somerville as the city is no longer just a neighbor of Boston and Cambridge. Somerville has carved out its own identity with increasing construction and development of business, shopping, and entertainment; as well as accessibility to healthcare, and the recent opening of the Assembly Orange Line subway. Vibrant people have moved to Somerville to be part of this resurgence while at the same time the families that

have lived here for generations remain at the core of Somerville's heritage.

Ms. McGoldrick continued, "That's the challenge Somerville now faces; to continue the dramatic growth while at the same time focusing on making Somerville remain a viable place to live for families who helped create the legacy that is Somerville. That's where a strong local financial institution like Winter Hill Bank has to fill in the gaps, and our mission is to continue leading the way."

Pauline M. D'Aurora, Executive Vice President/CLO of Winter Hill Bank added, "We have become the local go-to bank for loans to real estate investors and developers, especially conversions of two and three family houses into condominiums. We help residents realize their dream of homeownership, and we are very proud of our relationship with local charitable and civic groups, and of course city government itself."

The new Loan Center is located at 337 Broadway, Somerville directly across the street from the bank's corporate office. Lending officers and staff are available for both commercial and residential loan services and advice Monday through Friday, 8:30am until 4:00pm. No appointment is necessary. Loan representatives are also available by appointment during non-business hours.



























SPORTS

Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5Km registration is on

By Rebecca Danvers

The "Luck of the Irish" 13th Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5Km "The Race of Ireland & U.S.A." has an auld saying: "It doesn't snow inside the pubs" – so don't worry about yer favorite Ras pub being snowed in this year!

Join in the fun as locals and visiting running enthusiasts take to the streets in colorful costumes, in celebration of the St. Patrick's Day holiday while participating in one of the area's most popular running events.

Harpoon Brewery is back as the post race refreshment sponsor for the 13th year of this highly regarded 5Km run.

The post race hosts are the best of the best pubs, bars and restaurants in Somerville and Cambridge, and they can't wait to serve you on March 15th after the race.

Participating establishments include: The Sligo - Davis Square, The Burren - Davis Square, The Joshua Tree -Davis Square, Orleans Bar & Restaurant - Davis Square, Redbones - Davis Square, 5 Horse Tavern - Davis Square, The Foundry - Davis Square, PJ Ryans - Teele Square, The Pub - Ball Square, Olde Magoun Saloon - Magoun Square, On The Hill Tavern - Magoun Square, Daddy Jones - Magoun Square, Sally O'Brien's - Union Square, The Precinct - Union Square, BRASS - Union Square, Bull McCabes - Union Square, The Druid -Inman Square, and Joe Sent Me - North Cambridge.

Registration is at 76% filled as of February 9. Please see http://baevents.com/rasnaheireann/ for more information and to register.





Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- #461
- 2. What automobile magazine enjoys the highest circulation in America?

1. What is the favorite

food of the giant panda?

- 3. What are the young of bats called?
- 4. In Bewitched, what was the name of Samantha's identical cousin?
- 5. In what state can you find 10 casinos in the town of Tunica?
- 6. What brand of apple was used as the symbol for the Beatles' record label, Apple Records?

- 7. What is a beaver's home called?
- 8. Who is the godfather of the Springfield mafia in The Simpsons?
- 9. What gold-plated 33 rpm record did the Apollo astronauts leave behind on the moon?
- 10. What is the size of the standard credit card?
- 11. What is Shakespeare's only play to have an English place name in its
- 12. In 1933, what was the first film to have a sequel?

Answers on page 23





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Olde Magoun Saloon 'Frio 5Km' results

The Olde Magoun Saloon "Frio 5Km" run was held on February 4. The results are as follows:

- 1. Matt Coble 20:13 KBFR
- 3. Kevin Rose 3:21
- 5. Matt Gagnon 26:36
- 7. Sam Rosen 32:17

- 2. Tommy Boland 20:17 KBFR
- 4. Kate Coble 23:28 KBFR
- 6. John Singleton 31:11 SSAC

SSAC = Somerville Striders A.C.

KBFR = Kier Byrnes Freedom Runners

Fucile/Moccia nuptuals





Jason Fucile and Nancy Moccia were married this past weekend at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel. Their families and close friends were in attendance at the wedding reception at the Hotel. Nancy is the daughter of Victor and Rosa Moccia of the famed Victors Deli of Ball Square in Somerville.

SHS Future Chefs Event



On Saturday, January 24, five Somerville High School (SHS) Culinary Arts students competed at the Future Chefs Career Exploration Day at Quincy High School. The SHS team, under the guidance of Chef Instructor Jeffrey S. Stuart, competed against teams from Quincy, Everett, and Boston. Students were required to prep, prepare and plate three different courses. The theme was "healthy alternative/fast food." The SHS team had an outstanding showing, earning three awards: Best Oral Presentation, Truest to the Theme, and Leadership.

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Somerville Neighborhood News has a lot of good headlines for you in this latest newscast.



Go to a public meeting about Boston's bid for the 2024 Olympics and hear what Somerville people have to say about the possibility, meet Somerville's first poet laureate, get the latest stats on the city's snow, hear an update on the movement to get the City's pension fund divested from the big fossil fuel companies and check out a basketball game between Teen Empowerment and Somerville's finest!

All these stories and more on Somerville Neighborhood News #33. You can watch it on Channel 3 if you have cable TV, or online at http://www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

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Docket No. MI 15P0345EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:

Antonia C. Diogo

Date of Death: <u>03/28/2014</u>

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Paul Diogo of Somerville

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy

and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

Paul Diogo of

Somerville

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on 03/03/2015

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

This estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: February 03, 2015

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Av-

290 Highland Ave ZBA #2015-01: Applicant & Owner, 290 Highland Ave LLC, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure, a Special Permit with Site Review to establish 7 units and Variances for dimensional requirements such as lot area per dwelling unit, building story height, and setbacks. A Variance is required for parking relief. RC 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

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Nature and scope of work: The City of Somerville is seeking to procure Merchant Services and Payment Gateway services for the City's Treasury Department.

The RFP will be available form 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, Fridays, at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 starting Monday, February 09, 2015.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 until February 25, 2015 at 11:00 a.m..

Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3400, or email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

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New zoning will bring major changes **CONT. FROM PG 10**

Regulation of land use remains an important planning objective, but form-based zoning doesn't micromanage it. Use categories in the new zoning are blessedly simplified.

Instead of dominating zoning, land-use regulation is subordinated to matching streets, blocks, building shapes, sizes, and placement to create specific and predictable district-by district urban forms. That begs the question of the forms' purposes.

Architect Louis Sullivan wrote in 1896 that "form follows function," and the function of form-based zoning is to implement a plan. For the new draft ordinance, the plan is Somer Vision, and the goal is to achieve a hundred of SomerVision's stated objectives.

The new ordinance also seeks to make zoning more user friendly for Somerville residents, business owners and developers. It is vastly easier to navigate and understand than the current ordinance. Its specificity produces greater clarity and more predictable outcomes for developers and neighbors. Its administrative provisions can streamline the permitting process and, with some noteworthy exceptions, reduce the domain of negotiated

While greater simplicity is a goal of the zoning overhaul, it is a complex and challenging endeavor. With all enterprises this large and complex, there will initially and inevitably be errors, omissions and unintended consequences, not to mention differing interests. Getting it right requires decision makers' taking the time to understand all implications, and all interested parties' identifying those implications.

Future columns in this space will sift through the draft zoning's strengths and weaknesses. What follows are examples of the latter.

+ Somer Vision calls for the creation of 30,000 new jobs. And the city will have to resolve its structural fiscal deficit if it is to realize any long-term ambitions. But there are insufficient incentives and requirements in the new zoning to achieve the level

of commercial development that would do either or both.

- + Somerville has the Commonwealth's least amount of usable open space per resident. So SomerVision calls for the creation of 125 additional acres. The mayor has realistically observed that we must rely on developers to build it since we cannot afford to. But if all of the new zoning's open space requirements were fully implemented in every possible project where they could apply, we would reach only a fraction of the 125-acre goal.
- There is nothing on "Open Space" in the zoning's Definitions section. But in the only two districts where it's defined, it is "increased sidewalk width, a mid-block passage, civic space, publicly-accessible courtyard with no less than thirty percent (30%) landscaped, or outdoor recreation facilities." That's not what most 'Villens or SomerVision Steering Committee members think of as "Open Space."
- A number of the neighborhoods that will host "Mixed-Use" districts are already densely

populated. But the "Mixed-Use" regulations substantially increase the number of housing units allowed on lots and create an incentive for small units that can't accommodate families. The only mix allowed in so called "Mixed Use," is residential units over one (ground) floor of commercial use.

- The special permit process produces uncertainty that has too often been resolved in favor of well-connected developers and against the legitimate concerns of neighbors. But in residential neighborhoods, which have suffered most from it and comprise 80% of city lots, special permitting will continue for certain projects.
- + The new zoning reduces parking requirements in transit-oriented areas by about 60%. This is unrealistic in the near-to-mid term and requires transition tactics. Among them are off-site parking and parking
- The only benefit listed in the description of community benefits that could be negotiat-

ed with large-scale developers is affordable housing. There are other potential benefits, not the least of which is preferential hiring and training of Somerville residents.

+ There will be an inevitable tension between prescriptive building standards that are specific enough to be predictable, and so specific that they constrain architectural creativity to the point of producing a landscape of bland mediocrity. The tension will probably have to be adjusted by road testing the ordinance.

City officials want and welcome community input on the draft zoning ordinance. Anyone can read and post comments on it at somervillema.gov/zoning/. The Board of Alderman will conduct a public hearing on it at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5.

The new zoning will affect everyone who lives, works, and builds in Somerville for years to come, and everyone can shape it. The price of admission is participation.

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consecutive weeks. It was held off from the top by the recently murdered John Lennon's (Just Like) Starting Over and Joe Dolce's novelty single Shaddup You Face. (Ure is quoted in the book Mad World, an oral history of new wave co-authored by Lori Majewski and Jonathan Bernstein, as explaining that the title Vienna was inspired by an inebriated dinner companion's mishearing of the lyric from Rhiannon by Fleetwood Mac.)

While still a member of Ultravox, Ure released a solo version of the Tom Rush composition *No Regrets* in 1982, co-wrote *Do They Know It's Christmas?* with Bob Geldof for the all-star charity project Band Aid in 1984, and released his first solo album *The Gift* – which included the U.K. #1 single *If I Was*, which was also the title of his 2004 memoir – in 1985. After recording its last album in 1986, Ultravox disbanded in 1987.

Since then, Ure has released numerous albums under his own name, reunited Band Aid in five and 10-year intervals, and recorded one more album with Ultravox. In 2014, Ure unveiled *Fragile*, his second solo release since 2005, the year that Queen Elizabeth II named him an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE).

Midge Ure's current U.S. tour in support of *Fragile* includes a February 21 stop at Johnny D's. *The Somerville Times* recently spoke to him by phone in advance of the show.

P.S.: "Midge" is the phonetic pronunciation of Jim, the short-ened version of his birth name, spelled backward. He acquired this moniker as a member of Salvation so as to distinguish him from one of the original members of the band who was also named Jim.

The Somerville Times: Was it challenging early in your career to play with so many different-sounding groups?

Midge Ure: Well, I think when you look at it on paper, and you just see a list of bands, it seems like I'm all over the place. But the reality is that I either helped instigate some of the bandwagons that other people jumped on rather than me jumping on the bandwagons that were someone else's. Slik, my first band, was kind of a teeny-bop band. When that died, I should have disappeared at that point. That's historically what happens. Very few artists that start with a pop career have moved on to do anything other than that. So when I moved to London to join The Rich Kids, it may have seemed a massive musical jump, but it wasn't really. To me it was really interesting. I introduced the synthesizer to The Rich Kids in 1978 with a view to incorporating it into the band, and half the band hated it and half the band loved it. But the half of the band who loved it went off and formed Visage with members of [British post-punk band] Magazine and Billy Currie from Ultravox. So through working on Visage I joined Ultravox, so there's a path that ran all the way through this stuff.

ST: The late Ian McLagan, who played at Johnny D's last October, recorded with The Rich Kids, right?

"There's still a need to jab people with a big stick and say like, 'Come on!"

MU: Yes. He actually toured with The Rich Kids as well. He did one tour. I'm a massive Small Faces fan. Part of the reason I'm doing this is because of The Small Faces: young, small, cool guys playing big guitars. It was fantastic.

ST: Bands like Roxy Music, The Jam, and Ultravox were always reliable hit-makers in the U.K. without ever really penetrating the U.S. market. What do you think accounts for the difference in taste between the two countries?

MU: When I first came to America, I was doing a tour with Thin Lizzy, who were opening up as a special guest for Journey. America at the time, in the late 70s, had kind of ignored the punk thing that was happening. A majority of America was still listening to Styx and Boston and Foreigner and all of that. It was corporate rock. So it was a very, very different animal from what the small U.K. had. In the small U.K. in 1972, we had David Bowie doing Ziggy Stardust, we had Roxy Music come out with Virginia Plain, we had Cockney Rebel coming out with Mr. Soft. We had all this radical stuff going on. In fact, the American imports at the time that were doing some really cool things were only doing it in the U.K. Sparks, coming out with *This Town Ain't Big Enough for the Both of Us* (1974) were massive in the U.K., it was great. Going the other direction, I can see why America didn't get Roxy [Music] or The Jam, or Ultravox. The coasts got us, college radio got us, but the big stuff in the middle ... no.

Midge Ure: From Glasgow to London to 'Vienna' to Somerville

I remember doing an interview in America with Ultravox in the very early years when I came over, 1980 or something, to tour with them. The interviewer said, "You guys speak really good English." He had us mixed up with [German electro-pop band] Kraftwerk! It was so bizarre. We realized that it was never going to happen for us here.

ST: On a list of the greatest singles ever recorded, where do you think Vienna would rank vis-à-vis (Just Like) Starting Over and Shuddup You Face?

MU: I think that public taste is something that is curious to us all. I mean, who knows why someone would buy Shuddup You Face instead of Vienna? It's just a weird, wonderful world we inhabit. Vienna is a groundbreaking piece of music. I think it's probably up there [i.e., high on the list]. It's quite interesting that the BBC ran a massive competition last year in which the people of the U.K. could vote for records that didn't get to number one but should have. Vienna came in at the top of the list. Vienna was given an honorary #1 because people were still outraged that it didn't get to number one!

ST: Progressive rock and new wave are pretty dissimilar genres. What inspired you to cover Jethro Tull's *Living in the Past* on your first solo album?

MU: I loved the original. When I was making the first solo album, it was just a collection of songs. I didn't really have an album inside me, as it were. I wanted to do something that was simplified compared to what Ultravox was doing at the time. I had just built my first studio and instead of taking six months lying on a beach somewhere, which I think the rest of the guys [in Ultravox] did, I took a busman's holiday. I went into the studio and started recording If I Was and some instrumental tunes and Living in the Past was just such a great song that, without having listened again to the original, I played and recorded it how I remembered it being. I remember as a 15 or 16-year-old kid seeing Jethro Tull on television and thinking, "Wow, it's



Midge Ure (second from the left) with former Ultravox band mates.

Fagin with a flute."

ST: What does having been awarded the OBE mean to you?

MU: When I was given this, I asked other recipients what we do with it. It was [British film director and screenwriter] Richard Curtis who said, "You show it to your mum and then you never use it again. You don't put it after your name, it doesn't mean much. You put it in a drawer, and you think, 'well, that's something."

It's like being put in a certain class at school, and the head-master gives you and accommodation or something. It's a pat on the back from the Queen, which is lovely.

ST: Were you pleased with the success of Band Aid 30's recording of Do They Know It's Christmas?

MU: You know what? It's difficult to try and judge that because I think the song is so ingrained in people's consciousness. Young people growing up would hear that song since they were born just about. Every Christmas they would hear that song. So it's in the psyche. It might be more of a challenge coming up with a new song for that cause.

But there's still a need for that stuff. There's still a need to jab people with a big stick and say like, "Come on!" I thought it was magnificent they way people rallied to the cause again. Of course, the difference this time was that record sales are way, way, way down if still in existence at all. So the amount of money is very different from how it was 30 years ago. The interesting thing for us was trying to figure out how to monetize something like streaming.

I thought it was great that the record did exactly what it did. The French did their own version, the Germans did their own version, all for Ebola. I know there has been talk over here in American of doing a version or a similar-type thing. So yes, the world needs it, and I think it's quite satisfying to see that the world can still stand up and be counted. That's people power. It's people standing up and say-

ing, "Enough is enough."

ST: I understand that Bono had his bicycle accident the day after he recorded his vocals for the song. Have you been in touch with him since?

MU: He did, yeah. I haven't. We don't text each other every day! (laughs) He never calls, he never writes. (laughs) He thinks he's saving the world, but don't we all?

ST: Do you think that your latest album *Fragile* is a good place for new fans to hear you for the first time?

MU: Honestly, I don't know. I have to say it's the most selfish album that I've ever done in the respect that I did exactly what I thought was interesting. I didn't have record company to try and, you know, guide me one way or another. So there was no real thought put into trying to make it commercially palatable. I just made what I thought was interesting and weirdly, I've had the best response ever for any record that I've ever done. The response has been phenomenal. For someone out there who had no idea of anything I've ever done, it's not a bad place to start. What I do is me. It sounds like me. It sounds honest in a way. I think I went through a very strange phase when I was writing and recording it and what's come out is something that's really hearton-your sleeve honest.

ST: Do you have a preference as to how people listen to your music, whether it is a CD, MP3, or LP?

MU: I don't think it really matters. The vinyl looks fabulous [when people bring it to me to sign]. There's something about the artwork, and picking it up and holding it, and the weight of it. In that respect, I am very pleased to see people with vinyl. I can't hear the difference between vinyl and digital, I have to say. I never have been able to hear it. Some people swear by it, and that's fine, but you know, it doesn't matter to me.

Midge Ure. Saturday, February 21 at Johnny D's. Doors 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$20.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | February 11

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|February 12

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Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

Friday February 13

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

Tuesday | February 17

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

Tammy McKanan

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

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

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

Wednesday | February 18

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Wednesday | February 11

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Thursday|February 12

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Leon Russell

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Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays | 7:30

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The Burren

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Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.

Back Room Scattershot

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Bull McCabe's**

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Somerville Theatre

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8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Arts at the Armory Marina Evans for FOLK New England 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

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8 p.m.|255 Elm Street Friday | February 13

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Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters |6 p.m.

Presents Pineapple Jam, Masingo, Public Air \$10 cover 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Love is a Many-Splintered Thing 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Boston Music Collaborators Open Mic

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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Saturday February 14

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Valentine's Day with Heart Breaker Glen David Andrews PLUS Po Boyz and The Party Band

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Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Nowhere Lights and guests \$5

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Tyler James of the Silks|10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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173 Broadway|617- 625-5195 Arts at the Armory

The Two Ricks 10:30 a.m. | Café David Johnston

1 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre**

Bumps Upon A Grind... 8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Sunday | February 15 Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

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Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

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Monday February 16

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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Front Room

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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 17

Johnny D's Squeezebox Stompers Fat Tuesday

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Honkytonk Masquerade

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Back Room

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers 8:30 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**

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10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-Arts at the Armory

Youth Arts Arise: Visual Language of 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine

First and Last Word Poetry Series 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday February 18

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Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Visual Language of

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday February 11

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

Thursday February 12

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.

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).

Friday February 13 **Central Library**

Vicki Wairi-617.625.6600 x 2588 10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.| 79 Highland

Arts at the Armory Somerville Winter Farmers' Market

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

Holland St

Sunday | February 15 Unity Church of God Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

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.

Arts at the Armory Prenatal Yoga

7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio

with Nadira Jamal

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

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

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Level 3|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

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40 College Avenue

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Avenue Saturday February 14

Affordable Housing Opportunity

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Family Groups

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

ment. **Third Life Studio**

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

Monday|February 16

Tuesday|February 17

Avenue

115 Broadway

Central Library

Third Life Studio

Wednesday February 18 Belly Dance performance preparation

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

NOTE:

The recent record snowstorms have resulted in many changes to our calendar. We apologize for the inconvenience. Many of our events have been cancelled. Many have already been rescheduled. Other will be rescheduled soon. Please watch for more information and always feel free to call us if you need clarification.

— The Staff at the Somerville Council on Aging

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

The luncheon scheduled on Tuesday, March 10 at the Highlander Café at SHS has been CANCELLED.

The Valentine's Day Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Monday, February 9 has been cancelled – stay tuned for more information!

The luncheon at the Highlander Café (SHS) scheduled for Tuesday, February 3 (previously Tuesday, January 27th) is once again RESCHEDULED for Tuesday, March 3rd.

Super Bingo scheduled for Friday, February 13 is SOLD OUT.

Please note that all centers are closed on Monday, February 16th due to the President's Day Holiday.

The monthly dance at the Holiday Inn scheduled for

Monday, February 23 has been RESCHEDULED to Tuesday, February 24.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Thursday, March 19th is SOLD OUT.

March Madness Super Bingo scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at the Ralph & Jenny Center is SOLD OUT.

The trip scheduled to Wildwood, NJ on May 11 - 15 is SOLD OUT. But we have added a second bus and it is filling up fast. Only 13 seats left! Please call Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your seat.

We have added two day trips, one to Mohegan Sun on Monday, March 30 and one to Twin Rivers on Monday, April 27. More details to follow.

IMPORTANT NEWS

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

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)

Mondavs:

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 | February 11

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Fiore Trip

Thursday|February 12

9:00 Yoga (H)

10:00 Current Events Group (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:30 Songbirds of the Northeast – Free slide slow and talk (H)

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

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday|February 13

St. Valentine's Day Super Bingo (H)

Monday February 16

All Centers Closed

President's Day

Tuesday|February 17

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 (by appointment only) (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

6:00 Caregivers Support Group (H)

Wednesday|February 18

10:00 Grandparents Day at Cross Street (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

12.43 Billy0 (KJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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Snow dazed CONT. FROM PG 10

very narrow requiring more attention from us drivers.

I'm in the "church zone" off College Ave. and Sunday some poor guy and his wife thought they could make a space out of the snow bank in front of my house. He was sticking way too far out into the street. Not only would it be impossible for the plow to get by him, but I couldn't even get by to get my Tahoe in the driveway. I told him he could pull his Jeep into my driveway for a couple of hours while he was in church. I figured I could get a few brownie points with the big guy upstairs!

But other drivers weren't so lucky. It's wearing very thin on people. It's hard to

keep your temper in check when snowstorm after snowstorm is making your life extremely difficult. I have been trying to use one-way streets as much as possible while tooling around the city because it's prett y hairy when two cars are trying to go opposite ways on a two way street.

The city is doing an awesome job keeping up and I know the devoted DPW workers are exhausted. We really appreciate all their hard work. We can help by trying to have patience and by using a little courtesy, especially on the roads. Please clear a fire hydrant if you can. Firemen and dogs will thank you!

Some drivers go way too fast under

these adverse conditions. They drive like nut cases when they should be using even more caution than usual. Some kids on a side street were sledding down their driveway and ending up in the street. Hey mom and dad, do you know where your kids are? As they say - OMG! (Oh My God). Here are a couple more OMG's from the snow-encrusted streets of Somerville: Joggers running TO-WARDS TRAFFIC, and at night too! Are you kidding me? I saw a car covered in snow with just a small area cleared off on the windshield so they could see out. That's being lazy AND dangerous. I saw a weirdo wearing headphones speeding in a tiny car swerving down Broadway. Hey

pal, take the headphones off so you can hear the cop's siren pulling you over! He should get fined double. Some guy was actually riding a bike between me and the car behind me on Saturday night and the bike had no lights or reflectors...in the snow! We need to use a little common sense in these unbelievably snowy times to be safe.

If I find my nerves getting pushed to the limit, I think I'll go out in the yard and build a cool snow fort. It will be easy because the snow piles in my yard are almost to the second floor! And if a snowball fight breaks out remember ... no throwing snowballs in the face!! HANG IN THERE.



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Snow FAQ

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or snow removal teams, they impede and slow snow removal, and they reduce total parking availability. Objects used to save parking spaces may be collected and disposed of. Crews may first focus on snow removal before picking up illegal space savers, but space savers will be taken away by DPW. Space saving can be reported to 311.

Will the city institute a switch between even and odd side-only parking?

The city is working on a plan for alternating the sides that have a parking ban during snow emergencies, most likely by season. It won't happen this winter season, but those plans are in the works for coming winters. Currently we are reviewing best practices by cities that already do this.

How come sometimes the city declares a snow emergency and the School Department cancels school at different times? Somerville Public Schools make their call to cancel school independently from the city. The city has to call a snow emergency early enough to start snow and road preparations, which usually begin well before snow begins. But most schools, in Somerville and elsewhere, wait as long as possible to be absolutely sure of the forecast. This is standard for most districts and prudent. Unless conditions require it for safety purposes, it is always safest to have kids in school where they are supervised.

Who is responsible for shoveling ramps where the crosswalks meet sidewalks?

Property owners are required to shovel all the way to the corner including the ramp unless they are near a bus stop. Near bus stops, the city does it. The city is also responsible for the crosswalks themselves in the street.

I am a senior or disabled person, or my family member is. How can I get assistance with shoveling?

The city has a shoveling assistance program. Teens who sign

up will receive a payment for each house they shovel out. Interested youth need to sign up with the Office of Commissions and be available when there's a snowstorm. Seniors and individuals with disabilities need to sign up through the Council on Aging and complete a CORI check (criminal record). Call the Council on Aging for shoveling assistance for senior citizens and persons with disabilities at 617-625-6600 (x2300). Youths interested in shoveling should call The Office of Somerville Commissions at 617-625-6600 (x2406). If you are not a high school student, you can still volunteer to help people shovel out.

Those in need of shoveling assistance or wanting to provide shoveling services can also check out www.helparoundtown.com, which the city partnered with for its Pocket Change program and includes a local online job board where both persons offering shoveling services for hire and those seeking paid shoveling services can post and find information. Finally, shoveling assistance and volunteering can be done www.snowcrew.org through (note that this is not a city-run site and the city is not responsible or liable for any actions arrange via the site or in connection with the site).

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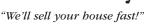
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| 8:00am | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) | 7:00pm | Taking Back your Health (Live call-in) | 2:00pm | Henry Parker Presents | 11:00am | Pearls of Irregular Shape | |
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| 2:00pm | Physician Focus | 6:00pm | Somerville Film Group | 7:30pm | Fluff Festival | 5:30pm | Literati Scene | |
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| 7:00am | Creating Cooperative Kids | 9:00pm | Energy Theater | 1:30pm | Somerville Times & Journal Reading | 2:00pm | Art at SCATV | |
| 8:00am | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) | 9:30pm | The Steve Katsos Show | 2:30pm | Life Matters | 2:30pm | Jeff Jam Sing Song Show | |
| 9:00am | Cancer Explained! TV show | 10:00pm | The Somerville Line | 3:00pm | Rompendo em Fe | 3:00pm | Tele Galxie | |
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| 11:00am | Greater Somerville | Saturday | y, February 14 | 6:00pm | Abugida TV | 5:30pm | The Literati Scene | |
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Voices of Somerville

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Connecting Communities - Recreation

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Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults

2015 Organizational Meeting of BOA

State of the City/Mid Term Addresses

Somerville By Design: Winter Hill

Green Line Extension Agreement

Zoning Reform Workshop

SomerViva em Portugues

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| 2:00pm: | Somerville By Design: Union Sq. |
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| 2:10pm: | MLK Day Celebration |
| 6:30pm: | Aldermen at Work – Bob McWatters |
| 7:00pm | Somerville By Design: Union Sq. |
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| 8:30pm: V | oices of Somerville |
| 9:00pm: | BOA Meeting Agenda for 2.12.15 Meeting |
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| 3:00am: | Congressional Update |
| 9:00am: | Somerville By Design: Union Sq. Visioning |
| | – em PORTUGUES |
| 12:00pm: | Senior Circuit |
| 12:30pm: | Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults |
| 1:00pm: | Somerville By Design: WinterHill |
| 2:00pm: | State of the City/Mid Term Address |
| 3:15pm: | SomerViva em Portugues |
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Wednesday, February 11

9:00am: Our Schools, Our City - Performing Arts 10:00am: SHS Hockey v Latin Academy - 1/24 SHS Hockey v Gloucester - 1/19 11:30am: SHS Hockey v Medford - 1/10 1:00pm: 2:30pm: National Computer Science Week @ ESCS Argenziano School MLK Concert 3:00pm: 4:00pm: Connecting Communities - Recreation 4:30pm: Somerville Recreation Kickoff 2015 5:00pm: Our Schools, Our City - Performing Arts SHS Boys Basketball v Malden 7:00pm: SHS Boys Basketball v Malden 10:00pm: Thursday, February 12

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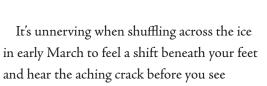
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This poem from Somerville Poet Ed Meek about ice will suffice.

Spy Pond: Arlington, Massachusetts - In the 19th Century Spy Pond was a source for ice cut into huge blocks...



the crooked rift that cuts a seam between your legs.

You might have known it wasn't safe. You saw the melting at the edge before you ventured out. You know about the shifting seasons: shorter winter, early spring, summer months

of record heat and drought. Just to be safe you best drop down onto your hands and knees, pray all the way to the shore. Though now it's hard to tell if you'll make it back... Who's knows exactly what's in store?

- Ed Meek

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Ms. Cam's From on page 14

- 1. Bamboo shoots
 - 8. Don Vittorio
- 2. Car and Driver
- 9. Camelot, a favorite of President John F. Kennedy

10. 3-3/8 by 2-1/8 inches

11. The Merry Wives of

Windsor

- 3. Pups
- 4. Serena
- 5. Mississippi
- 6. Granny Smith

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The Book Shop in Ball Square Hits A Last Stop

Ball Square's Gil Barbosa 'The Book Shop' owner was a survivor

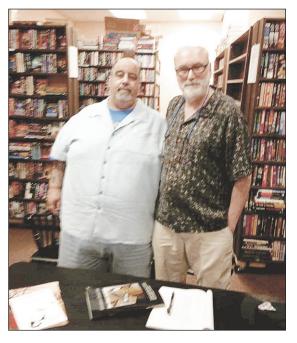
Gil Barbosa was a survivor. The owner of "The Book Shop" in Ball Square in Somerville kept his store alive during a time when many similar used bookstores had a rise and inevitable fall. Barbosa told me, "It is hard to believe that three and a half years have gone by and we are still here, and I am glad to have a very good landlord who understands and is sympathetic to small businesses." But unfortunately the vagaries of the biz has caused the shop to close. Barbosa told me he had to work 7 days a week to keep it afloat, and even then times were hard - not to mention it compromised his health.

Barbosa's shop was a small one, but it still carried a wide range of used and even new books covering the Classics, Science Fiction, Murder Mysteries, Children's Literature, and my favorite Poetry. In the Internet age one would think there would be less of an interest in the physical book, but Barbosa would disagree. "There is still a demand for the physical book. People want to support a bookstore especially in this area with academics, young professionals and students. Although younger folks gravitate to e-Books, they still want to have a paperback in their hands," he said.

In order to increase traffic to his store, and the subsequent sales, Barbosa started several book clubs. They included a Science Fiction Book Club, a Mystery and Crime Club (Local mystery writer Bert Robbens helped with this one), and a new book club that will would have taken the stage Jan. 27 —the Books to Movies Club. Barbosa said of these clubs, "We usually got about 20 people for these groups. The age range was wide, anywhere from the 20s to the 60s. People who attended these groups were from all walks of life – students, authors, high tech folks, artists - you name it." Barbosa continued, "These groups were not only good for the store but I got a great deal of personal enrichment from them."

Over the years Barbosa has had well-known authors appear at his store, including mystery writers Hallie Ephron, Dennis Lehane, Dr. Michael Palmer and Linda Barnes.

The store also supported a number of local artists. Tom Prince, a local picture framer, had a popular selection of greeting cards in the store. Chie Yasuba, another local artist, had a line of cards that



caught my fancy. One card had a snippet of text that I will quote:

> "Live slow Live Slow Enjoy life."

Words to live by-not exactly Hallmark, now is it? Also Aaron Kovalcik had a card line titled Monkey Chow. Let's just say they are a bit funny, and ghoulish.

As part of the Green Line subway expansion that just got approved for federal financing, a train will stop at a newly constructed station at Ball Square. Barbosa feels this may happen in 2018 or before. Barbosa opined, "It's a double-edged sword. It will certainly bring more people to the square. That is good for business. But of course rents will skyrocket and people will be displaced." And indeed Barbosa saw the writing on the wall.

Since I last spoke to Barbosa, he said his taste in reading has changed. Originally he was a True Crime fan, but now he said, "I like the Russians - you know, Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, not to mention Charles Dickens, John Steinbeck, and I have even dabbled in Shakespeare.

Barbosa smiled, "Hey, life is too short to read bad books - know what I'm saying?" I certainly do and that's the way it is – here – in the Paris of New

Capuano students' winter studies

Students at the Capuano were busy exploring the wonders of winter in the warmth of their classrooms last month. Ms. Mayer's class studied winter animals and weather, learning about animals that thrive in the cold winter weather. Students talked about penguins and different types of bears, and experimented with real and fake snow. They stayed warm and active by going on indoor shape hunts, burrowing through tunnels like rabbits, and learning how to use hula hoops and stilts. They also made snowmen in snow globes, decorated their own snowman, and wrote stories about their snowman's magical nighttime adventures. Mrs. Jones' class had fun making snowmen indoors using real snow! Students donned gloves to keep their hands warm, and crafted their snowmen at their classroom water table. They used buttons, Popsicle sticks, carrots, ribbons and a hat to decorate their frosty creation.





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