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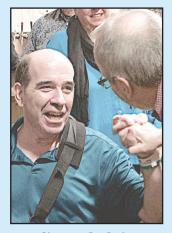
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The New High School Building **Committee votes on PDP**



The New Somerville High School Building project met last week and voted to approve the submission of the Preliminary Design Plans proposal to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. — Photo by Sal Ghamo

By Sal Ghamo

For those of you who may have been out of the loop these past couple weeks, perhaps hiding from the snow, you should know that plans are thawing for The New Somerville High School Building project.

On February 10, the project committee passed a vote approving submission of the Preliminary Design Plans (PDP) proposal to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). This will be the first big submission since the MSBA board approved the schematic design, and the PDP acceptance process that concerns the feasibility of the project.

The PDP will be submitted on approximately March 1. Currently, there are nine building design options on the table for review by the MSBA. In June, the building committee will have the first shot at sending the MSBA a preferred option for the New Continued on page 4

Mardi Gras at the Jeanne Jugan Residence

By Louise Carpenter

What's purple, green, gold and smiles all over? On Tuesday, February 9, the Jeanne Jugan Residence and Little Sisters of the Poor, in preparation for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season, celebrated Mardi Gras in full regalia with its residents, staff and Sisters all getting involved in the celebration.

It was quite the party and parade as residents from every floor came down "Bourbon Street" in costumes and floats that had been prepared in their free time in the weeks leading up to the big event. The Art Department had the residents busily creating hats and accessories for participants to don.

A King, Paul Caponigro, aged 102, and Queen, Genevieve Zarzecki, aged 100, were crowned and made a grand entrance into the room. Corsages for the royal couple were donated by Bostonian Florist.

The theme of the parade was "Things I Love" which ended up including boating, ice cream, and parties. The staff at Jeanne Jugan Residence got involved too with their Continued on page 13



The Jeanne Jugan Residence and Little Sisters of the Poor celebrated Mardi Gras in style last week as the residents and staff donned costumes and participated in games and other festive activities.

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Happy Birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: A big happy birthday – actually last week – to lifelong resident Irving "Elmer" Johansen of Winter Hill, who is 93 years old this past week. What a nice guy who is sharp as a tack and is sort of a history buff himself on Somerville. We wish him the very best. Also celebrating this week, happy birthday to Lou Ferrara, a lifelong Villen here in the city. We hope he has a great day for himself. Happy birthday to a great lady and friend of the paper, Cheryl Snow. We hope she's treated to a great day for herself by her large family. Happy Birthday to Patricia Latham, who is also celebrating this week. Happy Birthday to another lifelong Villen, Brian Barton, a great electrician and union guy. We wish him the very best as well. Also, happy birthday to Robert Lomanno, who is celebrating as well. And finally, to a great guy, Scott Gamble, a retired Somerville Police Officer. We often see him around the city. We wish him a happy birthday as well.

Join the Norton Group Real Estate this coming Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. for a Free Home Buyers seminar. Present will be a local attorney who is well-versed in Real Estate matters, Attorney Edwin Smith, along with a representative of the Medford Rockland Savings bank and a "credit repair" specialist.

There's a new website in town. Check it

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville has four lawsuits pending against the Wynn casino project – here's why

Charlie says:

Wynn has committed to running shuttle buses from Wellington and Sullivan stations for patrons and employees. They are planning to run a water shuttle to downtown Boston. And they are paying to completely rebuild Broadway in Everett between Route 16 and Sullivan Square, as well as doing some modifications to Sullivan Square itself. They are also building an extension of the Northern Strand Trail from just north of Route 16 through the Wynn property, connecting it to the existing trails along the river. They are charging for parking for patrons who park at the casino. They are having employees park at remote lots and busing them in. I would hardly call that nothing in terms of traffic mitigation.

Ron Newman says:

The best way to mitigate the traffic impact of the Wynn casino is to build a pedestrian bridge across the Mystic River, linking it directly to that new Assembly Orange Line station. With this connection, people can take public transit to the casino instead of driving there.

Please drop the city's doomed lawsuits and instead support this infrastructure improvement, which will greatly benefit people and businesses on both sides of the river.

Freebie says:

Keep the pressure on those scumbags until Wynn goes out of business. Check out WYNN stock in the last year: 160 to 60 ha ha!

Who are these people that think they can pollute everyone around them with their exhaust?

You're kidding me says:

I'll just leave this here...: People should know when they are conquered.

A Moore says:

It's a done deal. Get over it.

Villenous says:

I still say Wynn's going to recognize one of these days that Everett is never going to be a destination resort town and scrap this project. No way is he going to be able to keep that hotel packed or attract the whales who can go to Monte Carlo and Macau. He might already realize it and his plan is to get deep enough into the project to come back with a dramatically scaled down version. Half a loaf of is better than no loaf, right?

Slowing his roll and making double sure he's playing by the rules might screw up his timeline enough for him to pull out of the project. The more promises he makes are that many more promises he's got to break down the road. Good on the city for pushing on this house of cards.

Billy Walters says:

Isn't there a lawsuit against you? at least one?

steve says:

i can see steve wynn with a smile on his face waiting for me at the door!!!

they havent even broken ground yet? and that unfinished fenced off strip mall whatever it is does that have to to with wynn? and will there be a free shuttle from sullivan station? im just giddy about a new casino here!!!!!

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Medical marijuana making inroads in Somerville

By Haley ED Houseman

With medical marijuana now legal in Massachusetts, Somerville is examining its city ordinances to permit a possible site in the downtown area. While state ordinances call for a dispensary to be 500 ft. from facilities that serve children, in Somerville this would relegate the facilities to the to the fringe of commercial areas.

The goal of the city is to have such a facility integrated into the community, and to serve this end, the Board of Aldermen are hoping to draft an ordinance that accommodates all concerns. Aldermen and their constituents would like to see a facility in a business district, easily accessible to those who need it. Alderman Mark Niedergang is quick to point out that this is as medical facility, it's necessary to those who are hoping for treatment, and should be viewed as such.

Aldermen have constructed a map of overlying concerns over the course of several meetings of the Committee on Land Use, which will take up the matter again on February 23 to iron out a few minor points that were raised at the last meeting on Feb

9. There have been several iterations of the ordinance as the city takes its time to figure out the best approach for Somerville, one that takes into account all the districts in the map, including locating any facility at least 200 feet from schools.

"It is important that we put in place a clear, rational, common-sense framework for the siting of medical marijuana facilities as soon as possible

The goal of the Board is to assure a perception of the dispensary not as something illicit, but as fully integrated into the medical and commercial services in the area, no different from a clinic and more regulated than a pharmacy. "It is important that we put in place a clear, rational, common-sense framework for the siting of medical marijuana facilities as soon as possible. I am pleased with the approach taken by city planners to propose an overlay map that includes business centers and locations that are close to pub-



Exactly where and in what form a medical marijuana dispensary in Somerville will be realized is still largely undetermined, but headway is being made as city planners and administrators embrace the challenge of making the proposed facility a reality.

lic transit, rather than out-ofthe-way industrial areas," says Alderman Lance Davis.

Massachusetts' medical marijuana legislation was signed into law in 2013, but communities have been slow to open dispensaries as the necessary regulation has been put into place. But, according to Alderman Niedergang, over the course of

the six months the ordinance has been in development, there has been a high level of interest in this project, and nearly no objection. "The Planning Department has had somewhere between 6 and 12 inquiries into opening dispensaries in the area," he explains, "There's been substantial interest in Somerville." Other dispensaries near-

by include one in Brookline, and other in Salem.

Niedergang also noted that a number of constituents have contacted him in support of a future dispensary in the city. In moving forward, the cities joins communities across the state and nation making plans to accommodate newly-legal medical marijuana in their states.



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By Jim Clark

One driver with a very poor aim

Police officers were dispatched to the vicinity of Osgood St. Sunday night in response to reports of a motorist's car striking several parked cars in the area.

While en route to the scene, the officers heard from dispatch that a number of witnesses at the area in question were blocking the alleged reckless driver from leaving the vicinity.

Upon arrival, the officers locat-

ed the witnesses and motor vehicle in question. A quick survey of the scene by the officers confirmed damage to several vehicles along Osgood St.

In all, at least six vehicles reportedly appeared to have sustained significant damage ranging from minor scrapes and scratches to dislodged bumpers.

Police asked for the driver re-

sponsible for the damage to come forward for questioning. A man identifying himself as Leandro Leite approached the officers and said that he was the driver of the vehicle which had caused the damage.

According to reports, Leite immediately turned his back to the officers with his hands behind him and said, "Go ahead."

The officers advised Leite

that at that point they only wanted to establish what had happened and why. The officers noted in their report that they detected a slight odor of alcohol on Leite's breath, but they did not believe that he was significantly impaired.

Leite reportedly admitted that he had no license or identification on his person. When asked why he had not stopped after striking the parked vehicles with his car he told police that he was "trying to get home," according to reports.

Leite was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with leaving the scene of property damage, malicious wanton defacement of property, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

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Arrests:

Kenneth Alston, of 2065 Columbus Ave., Roxbury, February 9, 5:39 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on a charge of receiving stolen property under \$250 and on warrant charges of larceny over \$250, disorderly conduct, assault and battery, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, shoplifting by asportation, receiving stolen property over \$250,

and shoplifting over \$100 by asportation.

Tyrone Burgo, of 15 Aldrich, February 9, 6:54 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of assault and battery and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

St., February 10, 1:00 a.m., arrested at Cross St. on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug and assault and battery.

Michael Riccio, of 26 Derby St., February 10, 12:09 p.m.,

arrested at Assembly Row on charges of larceny over \$250, removal of theft detection device, and receiving stolen property under \$250.

Douglas Leger, of 2 Cas-Eric Ringland, of 84 Flint co St., Billerica, February 11, 12:16 a.m., arrested at Alston St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and no inspection sticker.

Jeramie Croft, of 7 Hamlet St., Boston, February 11, 2:35 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a charge of larceny over

Pedro Herrera, of 18 Everett St., February 13, 4:02 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering, and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influ-

ence of liquor second offense, trespassing, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and disorderly conduct.

Leandro Leite, of 85 Linden St., February 14, 10:04 p.m., arrested at Osgood St. on charges of leaving the scene of property damage, malicious wanton defacement of property, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

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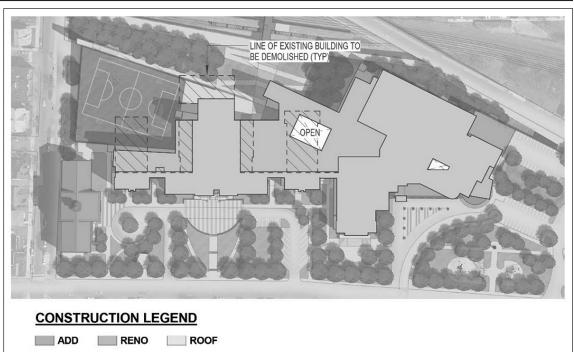
created the following website: http://www.somervillema.gov/ highschool/. All building committee actions and documents will be posted on this website.

The committee is working with the information department at City Hall so brochures with information about the project can be made available in a variety of places in Somerville. The brochure can also be found on the website.

The project's budget will not be established until the schematic design phase of the new high school is complete, which is currently anticipated for

April of 2017. Funding for the project is the responsibility of the City of Somerville, with a funding grant from MSBA. The maximum reimbursement rate, for reimbursable expenses, for any school district funded through the MSBA is 80%, and the base reimbursement rate for this project, established by the MSBA, is 71.79 %.

A feasibility study is currently in the works and results are expected in July of 2016. Design and documentation of the project will begin around the same time and continue up until August of 2018 when construction for the project is expected to begin.



One of six alternative possibilities for a new high school rebuild or renovation project.

Retiring Somerville firefighter James Nolan honored by city

By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville Board of Aldermen issued a citation of commendation to retiring Somerville firefighter James Nolan during their regular meeting of February 11, 2016.

The citation reads as follows: "Be it hereby known to all that the Somerville Board of Aldermen and Mayor offer their sincerest commendations to James Nolan on the auspicious occasion of his retirement from the Somerville Fire Department after 36 years of distinguished service, first at Engine Seven, and then, since 1989, as a Lieutenant at Ladder Three. The Aldermen and the Mayor extend their best wishes for good health and a fulfilling retirement. Offered this 30th day of January, 2016."

The citation was sponsored and approved by the entire Board, as well as Mayor Curtatone.



Retiring SFD Lieutenant James Nolan.

Better Block follow up discussion

Mayor Joe Curtatone and Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente invite all Somerville residents, business owners, and all other stakeholders are invited to evaluate, debrief, and discuss next steps related to the Winter Hill Better Block festival on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Winter Hill Community School cafeteria (115 Sycamore St.).

The Festival, held on Dec. 12 and 13, 2015, tested shortterm ideas for activating and celebrating Winter Hill, and sought opportunities for similar events in the future. At the upcoming meeting, event organizers will present a brief summary as well as survey results from the event



and invite community members to provide feedback, opinions, and strategies for potential similar activities in the future.

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The Somerville Times **Historical Fact of the Week**



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Hobby Horses

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Who first invented the wheel and why? No one knows for sure; but through the ages, it has been known as the world's number one invention that advanced machinery and transportation. The Mesopotamian Wheel, the world's oldest known, has been here for 5,500 years.



The year 2017 will mark two centuries since the German inventor, Baron Karl von Drais, pioneered what was to become today's bicycle. He set in line two wheels and bridged them together with a seat in between. He powered it by his own running and called it the Hobby-Horse or Running Machine. Early riders claimed that its independence made them feel like low-flying birds.

Two hundred years later, these modernized running machines are rolling all around Somerville and the rest of the world in various shapes, sizes, and models. Somerville is a bicycle-friendly city. During the 1970's and 1980's, Union Square was center for specialty-built, lightweight bicycles. The city has provided and encouraged bike



paths, lanes, routes, racks, shops, clubs and safety classes. Somerville likes bikes.

A parade would not be a parade without music and marchers. In Somerville and metropolitan Boston, a parade would not be a parade without the Cycling Murrays. This Cambridge family of performing cyclists has entertained Somerville viewers for almost thirty years, keeping the art of multi-cycling alive.

William Nickerson, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology-trained metallurgist was The Gillette Safety Razor's first Vice-President, engineer, and Boston University Trustee. Nickerson Field at Boston University is named after him. One of the first of his many projects was the building of Somerville's first bicycle, or velocipede, as it was called. While riding it, he startled many neighbors near his home on Winter Hill with its oddity and speed. Continued on page 6

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Somerville's 2015 Happiness report findings

By Charles Lane

The results are in, and Somerville residents are, on average, still happy! In fact, according to the city's most recent Happiness Survey, Somerville residents are happier on average than the happiest country in the world, Switzerland.

City officials released the analysis from the 2015 Happiness Report, a survey that has been distributed to a random sample of Somerville residents every other year since 2011. The self-reported happiness of residents is increasingly considered to be a valued measure of the quality of municipal services and a goal of public policy. The 2015 data suggests that Somerville residents are overall quite happy, and satisfied with city services and policies, with the average response on a scale of 1 to 10 being 7.8, which

is an increase from previous years when the averages responses were 7.5 and 7.7.

Overall, when asked to rate a selection of specific city services on a scale of 1 to 5, Somerville residents reported slightly decreased levels of satisfaction with the "cost of housing" (score 2.6) "the overall quality of public schools" (3.3), and "trust in the local police" (3.75), but increased levels of satisfaction with the availability of social community events (4.2). The "availability of information about City services," which was added to the survey for the first time this year, received a score of 4.2.

"For Somerville, it's no surprise that a Happiness Index is rapidly becoming a useful tool for measuring progress, both social and economic, for municipalities," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "If your residents,

businesses, and other stakeholders are not satisfied with city services or the quality of their neighborhoods, the community overall will suffer. It's important that we understand what affects our residents' quality of life, and use that data to inform how we manage our services and enact policies. Overall, we are happy to see steadily increasing happiness scores, but we know we have work left to do, and these results will help guide that."

The survey was conducted in the three most spoken languages in the city (English, Spanish, and Portuguese), using the scientific survey methodology known as random sampling. Surveys were sent to a random sample of 500 residences in Somerville, with a 35 percent response rate.

Analysis of the 2015 data, in conjunction with data from previous surveys, will be used



to guide future policymaking in Somerville such as community policing models, affordable housing, support and resources for low-income individuals and families, and investment in parks and open space.

Argenziano Takes 'Best City Model' in Future City Engineering NE Competition

A group of 7th and 8th grade students in Mr. Coughlin's science classes at the Argenziano School competed in the Future City Engineering New England Regional Competition last month, finishing 6th overall, and claiming the top prize for the "Best City Model" in the entire competition. The theme of this year's contest was Waste Not Want Not. Students were asked to tackle solid waste management and the 4R's: reduce, reuse, recycle, and rot.

The Argenziano team named their city Atervinning Mastare, which is Swedish for Recycling Champions. They chose Sweden as the location of their Waste Not Want Not project city because of Sweden's impressive recycling capabilities currently in place. The team tackled the problem of solid waste management through research and engineering design. They built a model of the city and presented their solution to judges.





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Historical Fact

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The first American velocipede manufacturer was Civil War Colonel, Albert Pope, of Boston. The velocipede was of English design, and he named his product the Columbia Bicycle. Pope was a founding member of the first bicycle club in America, The Boston Bicycle Club. For many years, a three-story brick building on Somerville's Perkins Street draped itself in an early Columbia Bicycle advertisement. One of Pope's ads boasted "an ever-saddled horse which eats nothing."

How popular is bicycling across the world becoming? Bicycling is



more popular in Europe than here, although not nearly as popular as it is in China. China rightfully calls itself the bicycle kingdom and is home to nearly one billion two-wheelers. Presently, an automobile-free city of 80,000 (the same population as

popular as it is in China. China rightfully calls itself the bicycle kingdom and is home to nearly one billion two-wheelers. Presently, an automobile-free city of 80,000 (the same population as Somerville) is being built there. Deep-thinking lovers of bicycles such as Albert Einstein and Mark Twain would perhaps be pleased. Certainly Baron von Drais and his Hobby-Horse would be!

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How to support the local foods economy in a city

By Margaux Maxwell

When Daniella Jean Pierre, 32, goes to the Somerville Winter Farmers Market, she is greeted by the sight of lights strung up on the light violet ceilings, the sound of acoustic guitar played on a small stage, the smell of freshly cut flowers, and the excitement of hands extending outwards filled with vegetables and crafted goods for her to navigate through.

"I was tired of the dispassion and the long check out lines of the supermarket," says Pierre, a resident of Back Bay.

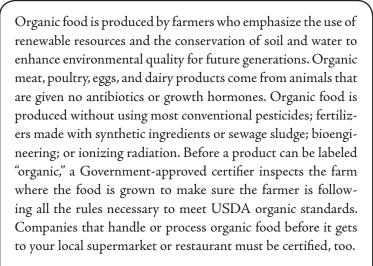
Although Somerville may make Massachusetts seem like a haven for local foods, in a city where every convenience can appear to support an increasingly globalizing agricultural economy, for many Boston residents it is often difficult to find options that support the local farmer. For many, navigating those options may present an even larger challenge.

"I'm still learning how to talk to farmers to get what I need," says Daniel Tom, 32, of Cambridge.

Rebecca Davidson, Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Coordinator at the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resource, makes some suggestions with her top 10 ways Boston residents can support MA agriculture:

- 1. Visit the MassGrown and Fresher portal to your browser to have easy access to agricultural events and activities happening across the state as well as lists of restaurants who buy from local farms.
- 2. Visit a farmers' market once a week or once a month.
- 3. Invest in a local farm by becoming a member of a CSA.
- 4. Use your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at a participating farmers' market near you (some markets will double your SNAP dollars).
- 5. Sign the petition to sponsor the MA Agriculture Sponsor License Plate and support beginning farmers.
- 6. Spend the night at a Farm Bed and Breakfast. Learn more at: http://www.mass.gov/agr/massgrown/agritourism_farms.htm
- 7. Visit a Pick Your Own Farm. Find one nearby: http:// www.mass.gov/agr/massgrown/map.htm
- 8. Drink local wine, beer, liquor and hard cider.
- 9. Eat at a Farm to Table restaurant. Link to restaurants that buy local: http://www. farmfresh.org/?zip=02120
- 10. Ask your grocery store if they have local produce available - then enjoy it

"Getting to know local farmers and learning about which vegetables are in season can be fun," said Davidson.



The term sustainable agriculture means an integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application that will, over the long term:

- Satisfy human food and fiber needs;
- Enhance environmental quality and the natural resource base upon which the agricultural economy depends;
- Make the most efficient use of nonrenewable resources and on-farm resources and integrate, where appropriate, natural biological cycles and controls;
- · Sustain the economic viability of farm operations; and
- Enhance the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole. Sourced from www.USDA.gov



Taza Chocolate is a local favorite, featured at many Farmer's Markets throughout the city and beyond.

- Photo by Margaux Maxwell

Davidson also suggested the Boston Public Market as an alternative to your supermarket, located conveniently above the Haymarket MBTA station on the Orange Line and currently offering a delivery option by bike.

To learn about delivery to your home from the Boston Public Market, visit: www.evergreendelivery.bike.

The Market has over forty-five vendors and claims to have the strictest local sourcing requirements in the country.

Newly opened in July 2015 after nineteen years in the making, the Market offers locally made baked goods, beverages, dairy, meat, seafood, produce, prepared foods, and specialty items.

But vendors at the Market voiced that navigating the local foods economy is further consumers' confusion about buzzwords such as local, organic and sustainable.

"We sell honey here and consumers often ask if our honey is organic," says Evan Reseska, 22, who works on a family bee farm with apiaries throughout Massachusetts, New York, and Georgia.

"When our bees get sick, we doctor them with formic acid, a naturally occurring substance in ants. Technically this means our honey is not organic, so when customers hear that they automatically think that our honey is somehow less valuable or somehow bad for them, when we are actually using really good practices," Reseska says.

There is no consensus on a definition of "local" or "local food systems" in terms of the geographic distance between

Hear from your local vendors: Why is local agriculture important to support?

- + Local farming stimulates the local economy. Many farms in Massachusetts are the oldest farms in the country, so supporting them means supporting old family businesses and participating in your culture. - Nick Pepper, Red Apple Farm, Phillipston MA
- Local business keeps the profit of the sale in your region, eventually bettering that region. - Taza Chocolate, Somerville MA
- Transportation modes that only operate locally minimize fossil fuel use otherwise spent on shipping costs. - Taza Chocolate, Somerville MA
- Nurturing a relationship with between you and your local farmers creates a connection within your community. - Erin Wright, Harlow's Vermont Farmstand, Westminster VT
- There is a freshness factor that cannot be bought at most supermarkets, where food is not picked at its peak ripeness. -Soluna Garden Farm, Winchester MA
- + Your local farmer can give you a chance to know where your food comes from and who makes it. - Katie Park, Jasper Hill Farm, Greensboro, VT
- · Buy from an individual, not a corporation. Katie Park, Jasper Hill Farm, Greensboro, VT

production and consumption. But defining "local" based on marketing arrangements, such as farmers selling directly to consumers at regional farmers' markets or to schools, is well recognized. Katie Park, 34, of Jasper Hill

Farm in Greensboro, VT, says, "when the cows get sick, we doctor them, in other words we don't let them die and this makes our products nonorganic. I think it's better to have a mix of organic and nonorganic practices."

Harlow's Vermont Farmstand is the only certified organic farm at Boston Public Market, yet she echoes that this does not mean that her growing practices are somehow better.

"Organic certification is really expensive...so some farm operations can't invest in the certification," says Erin Wright, 30, assistant manager at Harlow's.

Still many say your local farmer is there to help you make your next soup, or understand how your food got from the ground to your plate.

"Everyone is really friendly here and has been happy to explain everything, they have been involved in every stage of production," says Daniel Tom, holding a bag of sweet potatoes, prepared to go home and make some sweet potato muffins to share.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for ILLEGAL HUNTING (S 2069) Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on roll calls from the week of February 8-12. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

Senate 35-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would increase penalties for illegal hunting, also known as poaching. Provisions include increasing the fine for hunting bears or bobcats with the aid of a dog or bait from \$300-\$1,000 to \$1,000-\$5,000; raising the prison sentence from up to six months in prison to a year in prison; and increasing penalties for serial poachers who repeatedly break the law.

The measure also makes the Bay State a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, a reciprocal agreement among 45 other states that allows state law enforcement agencies to share information with those of other states. It recognizes suspension of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses in all states that are members of the compact. Any person whose license is suspended in a member state would also have his or her license suspended in all other member states in which that conviction would be a violation resulting in suspension.

Supporters said the illegal harming or killing of wildlife is a very serious problem that should not be tolerated. They noted the bill would update current state laws created more than 80 years ago, and would increase penalties which currently are so low that they no longer serve as a deterrent. They argued that the increase in penalties would also reduce the black market for bear gall bladders and other animal organs sold for a profit.

(A"Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

INCREASE JAYWALKING FINES (S 1813) - The

Transportation Committee held a hearing on legislation to increase the fine for jaywalking, currently \$1 for the first three violations and \$2 for fourth and subsequent ones. The bill would increase the fine to \$25 for a first offense, \$50 for a second offense and \$75 for subsequent offenses.

Pedestrians are legally permitted to cross streets only in designated areas such as crosswalks. Crossing streets outside of these areas or against "don't walk" signals is defined as jaywalking.

Supporters said citations which would result in the low fines currently in force are rarely issued by police officers and are not an effective deterrent. They said jaywalking has caused many accidents and deaths.

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM (S 1889) - The Transportation Committee's agenda also included a bill that would create the Yellow Dot Program to assist first responders at the scene of a car accident. The voluntary program would allow seniors 62 years of age and older and individuals with a chronic disease to affix a decal with a yellow dot to the rear window on the driver's side of the motor vehicle. The dot would alert first responders to look in the glove compartment and locate a yellow dot folder compiled by the participant which would include his or her medical information.

Supporters said the program would help save lives by ensuring that first responders have a list of the victim's health records including all prescription drugs that he or she uses. They said that accident victims are often injured or unconscious and thus unable to communicate information verbally to a first responder.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION-RELATED BILLS

- The Transportation Committee's hearing also included legislation that would require that all vehicles in a funeral procession to turn on their emergency flashers (H 3082); mandate that rental car companies allow renters the option to return a vehicle anytime on a Saturday or Sunday to any rental company branch office where vehicle returns are accepted during regular business hours, even if the location is closed (H 3065); require the formation of a special commission to study the cost and feasibility of implementing a ferry service that goes from Boston Harbor to Long Island. (H 3311); and require that all vehicles have their headlights on at all times (H 3090). Current law requires headlights to be turned on during the period of onehalf hour after sunset to one half-hour before sunrise, when visibility is reduced to less than 500 feet or when the windshield wipers are being used.

WHOOPING COUGH (S 1993) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a proposal that would require hospitals to provide parents of newborns with educational information on whooping cough and the availability of a vaccine to protect against it.

Supporters said that a re-education effort for parents of newborns about the disease is needed because whooping cough has re-emerged in recent years and the number of cases in the United States has risen from 2,000 per year in the 1970s to 32,000 in 2014.

CONDO RECORDS (S 713) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill requiring condo associations to reimburse legal fees incurred by any unit owner in his or her efforts to obtain records or documents required by law to be provided by the association to its owners. Under current law, established in 1974, if an association refuses to provide such records, the only recourse available to owners is to hire an attorney.

Supporters said it is unfair to have the owner of a unit pay his or her attorney's fees if a court rules that the owner is entitled to the documents and the association did not provide them in a timely way. They noted that documents are usually requested by an owner who wants to sell or refinance his or her unit.

\$15 PER HOUR MINIMUM WAGE FOR AIR-PORT WORKERS (H 3923) - The Committee on Labor and Workforce Development held a hearing on a measure that would raise the minimum wage from \$10 per hour to \$15 per hour over three years for baggage handlers, janitors, non-TSA security and screening personnel, airplane cleaners, wheelchair assistants, skycaps, ticket agents and certain other employees at Logan Airport. The wage would be hiked to \$12 this year, \$13.50 next year and \$15 in 2018.

REWARD FOR WHISTLE-BLOWERS (H 3943) -

The Committee on Labor and Workforce Development's agenda also included a measure that would reward any person who reports that an individual is participating in the state's "underground economy." The whistle-blower would receive 10 percent of any tax revenue recovered.

The underground economy is a term commonly understood to include people working "under the table" for cash that is not reported to the IRS and Massachusetts Department of Revenue. It also includes many other illegal activities including concealment or misrepresentation by individuals or businesses of the actual number of their employees to avoid payroll taxes, insurance, licensing, safety or other regulatory requirements.

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



No Senate session

CHILD'S TERMINAL ILLNESS (H 84) - The Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities held a hearing on legislation that would create a pilot program to provide a one-time \$10,000 low-interest loan to 30 individuals to assist them in paying the expenses directly resulting from terminal illnesses suffered by their children.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"[The marijuana proponents] tried to make it appear as though if marijuana were legal, a lot of our alcohol problems would go away because people would choose marijuana rather than alcohol. We have seen no evidence of that." - Jim Gerhart, vice president of the Colorado Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association, warning Bay State officials about the many problems the legalization of recreational marijuana has caused in Colorado.

"Getting perspective on marijuana prohibition from these career prohibitionists is like getting perspective on veganism from cattle ranchers." — Jim Borghesani, Communications Director of the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana like Alcohol.

"You are a group of five unelected appointees, relatively unknown to the public, being given sole voting power on a tax increase." — Caroline Casey, a T Riders Union organizer, to the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board which is considering fare hikes on the T.

"I know she's ready for her TV to go back to looking normal." — Gov. Charlie Baker, noting that his wife Lauren has seen commercials for presidential candidates many times in the days before the New Hampshire primary.

"It's important for us to learn more about what state government can do to promote policies that help engage millennials. Together, we can make progress on specific issues that most directly impact my generation." — Thirty-year-old Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow), the Senate's youngest member, on the "Millennial Engagement Initiative" designed to create a dialogue with millennials across Massachusetts about the issues that matter most to them, including student debt and social media privacy.

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 8-12, the House met for a total of 28 minutes and the Senate met for a total of one hour and 15 minutes.

Mon. February 8 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:03 a.m. No Senate session.

Tues. February 9 No House session Senate 11:12 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.

Wed. February 10 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. February 11 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:26 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 12:09 p.m.

Fri. February 12 No House session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
60 Trull St	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Cottage	11	\$359,900	\$415,000	
36 Sewall St	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	51	\$489,900	\$429,000	
10 Emerson Street	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Cottage	75	\$499,900	\$550,000	
29 Highland Rd	9 room, 5 bed, 1f 1h bath Victorian	8	\$849,900	\$920,000	
26 Fairmount Ave	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 2h bath Colonial	60	\$1,389,900	\$1,350,000	

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
26 Pinckney St U:1	2 room, 0 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	2	\$144,900	\$151,000	
326 Broadway U:21	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	19	\$289,000	\$284,000	
17 rose st U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	1	\$295,000	\$300,000	
111 Woodstock U:6	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	75	\$299,900	\$285,000	
39 Franklin Street U:1	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	77	\$340,000	\$330,000	
14 Kenneson Rd U:A	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Townhouse	15	\$449,900	\$480,000	
34 Skehan Street U:34	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Townhouse	36	\$495,000	\$487,500	
37 Dimick Street U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	16	\$538,000	\$545,000	
47 Glen St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath Townhouse	70	\$557,999	\$548,000	
11 Powder HouseTerrace U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	5	\$560,000	\$609,300	
82 Highland Ave U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	95	\$609,000	\$600,000	
1188 Broadway U:204	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	21	\$639,000	\$668,000	
82 Highland Ave. U:Unit 4	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	53	\$649,000	\$640,000	

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
18 Webster St	2 unit, 10 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	14	\$624,900	\$631,000	
951 Broadway Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	30	\$775,000	\$815,000	
293 Alewife Brook Parkway	2 unit, 17 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	96	\$829,000	\$825,000	
39 Oliver Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	69	\$850,000	\$800,000	
40 Atherton St	2 unit, 9 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	66	\$889,000	\$875,000	
41 Columbus Ave	2 unit, 17 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	51	\$1,099,000	\$1,000,000	
29-31 Magnus Ave	3 unit, 16 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	83	\$1,191,000	\$1,100,000	
103 Marion Street	3 unit, 19 total room, 12 total bedroom 3 Family	83	\$1,249,900	\$1,050,000	
102 Morrison Ave	3 unit, 18 total room, 10 total bedroom 3 Family	10	\$1,400,000	\$1,425,000	

COMMENTARY

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A new Somerville High School



By Joseph A. Curtatone

They say to be true to your school, but Somerville High School is still essentially the same building complex it was when I was a student there more than 30 years ago. With the main section of the high school having been built in the late 1800s, and no major renovations since the 1920s (though some of

the "new" portions of the building date back to the 1950s), it is certainly no secret that our beloved high school needs some serious attention. Even the newest section, the Eugene C. Brune Field House, is coming up on its 30th anniversary. Simply put, the high school campus long ago saw its best days and we can't go very far into the future with these buildings as they're currently constructed.

The maintenance costs are exorbitant. The antiquated steam heating system can't regulate classroom temperatures. Some classes feel like you're in boiler room, others feel like an icebox. The building lacks proper insulation and pretty much all the windows need to be replaced with energy-efficient models. The exterior continues to crumble and the interior systems are a collection of patchwork and jury-rigging that require constant maintenance.

Most of all, we've been put on notice by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges that if we don't make significant progress to reconstruction or major renovations, our accreditation could be at stake. During the past 12 years we have increased our school spending 35%, by more than \$16 million, turning Somerville into one of the great educational stories in the Commonwealth and no way are we going to fritter away that progress due to a dilapidated high school complex. The college prospects and employment opportunities for our students depend on that accreditation and we cannot fail them in this regard.

What this means is we need to take action. First, we need to come together as a community and develop a plan for a high school that can take us through the rest of the 21st century, but then we need to act, and we need to act quickly. I want to stress that the choice here isn't whether we tackle this issue, it's exactly how we do it. The options are either a massive renovation, or a replacement. We have an education plan for the high school that details our size and space needs. The plan lays out the role the high school building needs to play in the educational experience of our students. Now we have to marry the pragmatic building issues with that educational vision.

By June, we need to submit our preferred option to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. As I just mentioned, the renovation options will be extensive, involving foundational and structural overhauls along with full facility systems upgrades. We also could renovate portions of the current campus and build new additions to go Continued on page 17

From bad to worse



By William C. Shelton

For eighteen years, Somerville citizens and their elected officials have advocated extensive commercial development as a means of curing the city's fiscal ills. Now City planning staff have found another way to rebuff them. Planning Director George Proakis and Senior Planner Dan Bartman rolled it out at a February 4 public forum on Union Square/Boynton Yards redevelopment.

Somerville citizens, the mayoral-appointed Civic Advisory Committee, and the Board of Aldermen had all stated that committing only 60% of new development in the district to commercial uses would be insufficient to meet the city's considerable fiscal needs. Mr. Proakis and Mr. Bartman now say that we should build substantially less than 60%.

A tiny commercial tax base is why our city must rely on state welfare to meet a quarter of its budget. It is why we can do so little for our middle- and lower-income residents.

Conversely, a thriving com-

mercial tax base is why Cambridge homeowners pay taxes at only 55% the rate that Somerville homeowners pay. It's why Cambridge schools can spend 56% more per pupil than our schools spend.

And while we struggle to make fiscal ends meet, we anticipate major new financial obligations. We need a new high school. We need new police and fire stations. We need a new library. And we're getting by on luck and prayer with a half-centuryout-of-date sewer system whose nine-figure replacement costs go up every year.

We need to increase city revenues without further burdening homeowners. Many long-time

'Villens who by now have low or no mortgage payments are still being forced from their homes by tax increases.

Mr. Proakis acknowledges that commercial property generates three times the net tax revenue that residential property of the same value does. But he and Mr. Bartman say that we need even less of it than the already inadequate amounts specified by the Draft Neighborhood Plan that their consultants released in November.

Their rationale begins with SomerVision, the 2012 comprehensive plan that was intended to guide development policy across the city. It set goals of creating 6,000 new housing units and 30,000 new jobs by 2030. For the Union Square/ Boynton Yards neighborhood it set goals of 900,000 square feet of new residential space that would house 850 new units, and 1.5 million square feet of commercial space that would host 4,300 new jobs.

But at the February 8 meeting, we were told that Somer Vision's steering committee members and planners got it wrong. First, they did not use the correct sizes of developable parcels, roads and public ways. So instead of the redevelopment area having 48 developable acres, it has 38.5.

Then, Inner Belt and Brickbottom—two of the "transform districts" Continued on page 17

'Villens United by Chris Haskell

Anti_intallectualism rocks the vo



The term "anti-intellectualism" is a description of the growing dismissal of facts, science, and logic by many Americans in favor of personal belief, opinion, and misinformation. Man has traveled to the moon and back yet there are still people to this day that truly believe that the earth is flat. No joke. They call themselves The Flat Earth Society and they believe that "round earth theory" is an elaborate hoax perpetrated upon humanity.

Popular rapper B.O.B. shares and promotes this "flat earth theory" in his music, and has recently exchanged verbal blows with famed astrophysicist Neil DeGrasse Tyson over the subject. While DeGrasse Tyson went out of his way to shame the rapper for promoting such nonsense, he has also warned the public of what harm the spreading anti-intellectualism and misinformation by the influential and powerful could have on our society.

Notions of a flat earth aren't the only staple of this anti-intellectual movement; the debate over climate change still remains at the forefront.

It amazes me that in today's Digital Information Age there are still those who dismiss climate change science and can't be bothered to learn about it. The science explaining how pollution affects our climate and atmosphere is currently being taught to grade school children. It's a factual science that even the Pope has embraced.

It should come as no surprise that many of the politicians who avidly deny climate change also receive campaign contributions from companies benefitting from the American petrochemical industry. Despite scientists warning the public of the dangers of carbon emissions and urging cleaner and cheaper renewable alternative energy, some still choose to believe the politicians and lawmakers who oppose the science.

Would you go to the butcher to get your cavities filled? Of course not. So why would you choose the word of a pundit or politician over the world's leading scientific expert on whether or not we are doing irreversible damage to our planet? Are you

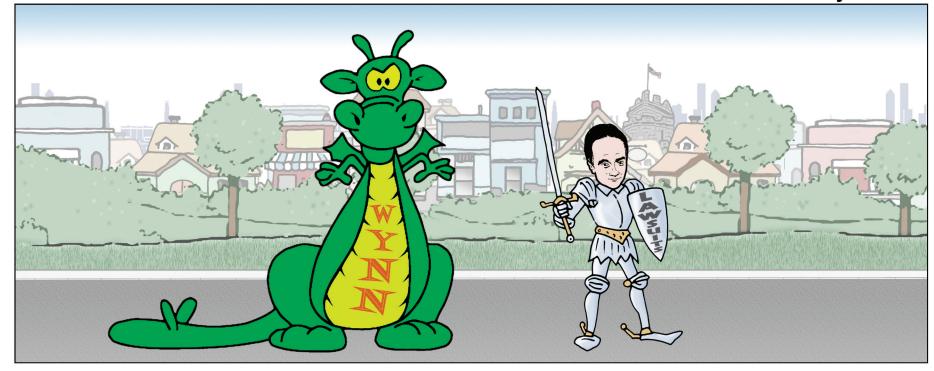
more qualified than a doctor to know whether it's best for your child to be vaccinated or not? Are you smarter than 5th grader? Society today seems more apt to listen to the loudest voice than the wisest words.

Without a doubt, the ever-evolving media is responsible for the birth of the anti-intellectual cancer that is strangling this country. With shortening attention spans and more news outlets competing for our attention, many news organizations have turned to sensationalism and fear mongering for ratings and relevance. Journalistic Integrity seems all Continued on page 17

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Wynn or lose - it's going to be an interesting fight.



Call it David vs. Goliath, or perhaps Don Quixote vs. a windmill. Any way you look at it, the City of Somerville has bitten off a bug chunk to chew on as it takes on the juggernaut might of Wynn Resorts and its plan for development of a casino-resort in Everett.

While the City of Boston settled its litigation issues with the Wynn organization, Somerville is still pressing ahead with the four lawsuits that have been brought before the legal system in an attempt to halt the development.

The city cites probable environmental and economic concerns as a consequence of the casino's eventual placement at the proposed location.

The city contends that the initial licens-

ing process was flawed, and that matters of traffic control, environmental protection, and the effects of such a complex on local neighboring economies were never adequately addressed.

The city seeks to have all of these points examined and fully evaluated by the justice system in order to assure that due diligence has been met for all concerned.

Many local residents are in favor of seeing the Wynn resort completed and become operational, while others share the same concerns expressed in the pending lawsuits that have been filed against the development.

As the battle proceeds and plays itself out, let's all hope that the best interests of our city are well served in the long term.

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out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com.

Those who might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They offer an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@ earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course.

The East Somerville Reunion is being

planned for this coming June 25 at the Somerville City Club, across from Holiday Inn. They have a Facebook page set up to take reservations: East Somerville Reunion 2016. The first reunion was very successful, with well over a 100 people attending, and lots of old friendships were restarted. If you grew up in East Somerville in the 60's, 70's and 80's you should set aside the date and make your plans to attend. You won't be disappointed.

We heard that the Mayor was in Mexico this past week or so. Is Bill White, the President of the Board of Aldermen, in charge? We hope so!

David Gregory, television journalist, author, and former moderator of NBC News' Sunday morning talk show "Meet the Press," will speak at Tufts University on February 18 as part of the Tisch College Distinguished Speaker Series. The series brings leaders from a range of fields and perspectives to campus to discuss pressing public issues. The free public lecture, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session, will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Room of Ballou Hall on Tufts' Medford/ Somerville campus. The event is presented by Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, with support from Tufts Hillel and the Film & Media Studies Program. Online registration for the event is available at activecitizen.tufts.edu/speakers<http://activecitizen.tufts.edu/ speakers>. Members of the news media who would like to attend should contact Katie Cinnamond Benoit at 617-627-4703 or Patrick Collins at 617-627-4173 for a reserved seat.

Somerville High School students are showcasing their artwork through the end of February in a gallery display at the Somerville Public Library's central branch on Highland Avenue. The gallery exhibit, AMP 2016, features the artwork of students who completed Art Major Portfolio, one of the new Art Major courses at SHS. In this course, students create a series of artwork based on themes or concepts that are uniquely personal to each artist, working in the art medium of their choice. Students not only created stunning artwork for display, but also worked as a team to prepare the space for the February exhibit. The artwork will come down the first of March. Students who participated in this project were: Alexi Delcid-Rodriguez, Paul-Anthony Hart, Miguel Aguilar, Samira Teixeira, Anthony Araujo-Amaral, Pierrelens Rene, Kelly Cachimuel, Fabriny Souza, and Mohamed Rayhan.

In collaboration with the Mystic Learning Center (MLC) and the PEP grant program, Cooking Matters is offering a 6-week cooking and nutrition program for families at the center. One parent and one child from 8 families can participate in the 2-hour program being

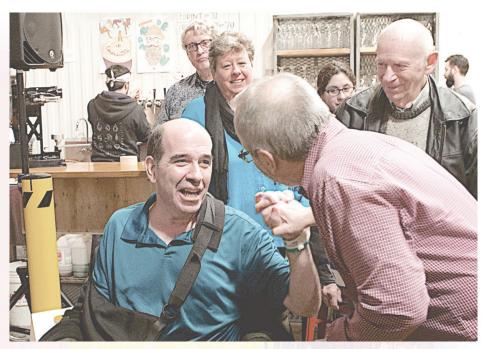
offered weekly at the MLC. Share Our Strength Cooking Matters teaches families the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to prepare healthy, affordable meals. The program is supported by volunteer culinary and nutrition experts from the community. Families participating in the program learn how to select nutritious, low-cost ingredients and prepare them in ways that provide the best nourishment possible. The program started last week and will run through the middle of March. On the first night of the program, families talked about the food groups and eating colorful foods from each food group. They then prepared brightly colored whole wheat veggie pizzas and a delicious apple salad for dessert, and enjoyed the meal as a group.

The Somerville Public Library and the Office of Somerville Commissions invite your participation in newly-created book discussion series on Race & Racism. The Somerville Library Book Series on Race and Racism is a program that features three separate books and discussions, plus a panel discussion co-sponsored by the Office of Somerville Commissions from January to April on every third Thursday evening at the Main Branch Library, 79 Highland Ave., Continued on page 17

Warren Goldstein-Gelb fundraiser

Beloved Welcome Project Director Warren Goldstein-Gelb suffered a disabling stroke in September. Last week hundreds of 'Villens gathered at the Aeronaut Brewery for a benefit to support his family and his extensive rehabilitation expenses. Contributions may be made at http://www.plumfund.com/medical-fund/warren-aid.











Photos by Van Hardy





Mardi Gras at the Jeanne Jugan Residence

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own floats and themes including a Bouquet of Flowers, Vacations, Baking, Cooking, and Families.

A good time was had by all as a local DJ rocked the room. It was hard to believe that anyone in the room was considered "elderly," as this parade seemed to bring out the kid in everyone. Kudos to Activities Director Gina Curley for organizing this great event.















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Photos courtesy of the Jeanne Jugan Residence



SPORTS

SHS Girls Track impresses at State Meet

By Louise Carpenter

The Somerville High Girls Track Team competed in the MIAA Division 2 State Meet on Wednesday, February 10 at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Leading the way for the Highlanders was Senior Gabrielle Etienne who won the Shot Put with a throw of 39' .25". This is the second State Championship for Gabrielle as she won the Division 1 Outdoor Shot Put last spring. Her winning throw last spring was 38'0". Gabrielle will represent Somerville High School at the State Finals on Saturday, February 20 at the Reggie Lewis Center. The meet will start at 9:30 a.m.

Also scoring for SHS was Sophomore Youdine Felix who placed 4th in the 55m Dash running a time of 7.62. Youdine had set a career best time of 7.60 in the trials. Youdine also competed in the Long Jump. The Girls Track team placed 10th overall in Division 2 with a total of 15 points.

Also competing for the Highlanders were Lourdes Jean-Louis in the 55m Dash and Melissa Sanon and Jackie Eloi in the 55m Hurdles. Sanon and Eloi also competed in the High jump and Eloi got a personal best in the Shot Put with a throw 31' 4.5".



#666, Youdine Felix, who finished 4th place in the Dash.

Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

Stevie Ray Vanghan o

- 1. Dr Teeth was the leader of the band Electric Mayhem on what TV show?
- 2. Who worked at Otto's Auto Orphanage on a popular TV show?
- 3. Women do what twice as often as men?
- 4. Charles Osborne had what for 69 years?
- 5. Which clouds only occur above 10,000 meters?
- 6. ow many witches are brewing a potion at the beginning of Shake-speare's Macbeth?
- 7. What was the name

- Stevie Ray Vaughan gave to his guitar, a Fender Stratocaster?
- 8. Which band started their career as The New Yardbirds?
- 9. Where was the first skyscraper built in the United States?
- 10. A lobster's teeth are located in which part of its body?
- 11. In the TV series *Friends*, what type of monkey does Ross have as a pet?
- 12. The horn of a rhinoceros is made of which material?

Answers on page 23

The 4x200m relay team ran a season best time of 1:52. 51 and finished 14th. Running on the 4x200m relay was Katia Mathews, Lourdes Jean-Louis, Melissa Sanon and Youdine

The 4x400m relay also ran their season best time of 4:36:63 and finished 19th. Running on that squad was Leighann Nguyen, Jennifer

Bermudez, Fiona Borondy-Jenkins and Katia Mathews.

The 4x800m relay just missed their fastest time of the season with a quick time of 10:49.02 which earned them 15th place overall. Competing on the 4x800m relay was Fiona Borondy-Jenkins, Isabella Ferarri, Maureen McNabb and Alice Egar.

The Girls Team was led this

season by Captains Leighann Nguyen, Maureen McNabb and Melissa Sanon. Sanon was the team's high scorer went undefeated in the GBL in both the Hurdles and High Jump. The team finished the dual meet season with a 4-1 record, losing only to Malden by two points. The team came back to win the GBL Championship meet for the third year in a row.

SHS Boys Track undefeated

By Charles Lane

Felix.

It's been a great season for the Boys Indoor Track Team. Undefeated (5-0) during the regular season, the 2016 Indoor GBL Champions also won the Greater Boston League Meet with SHS champions crowned 10 of 13 events.

On Wednesday night, February 10, the boys had a successful night scoring medals in 6 separate events, while placing 7th as a Team (26 points) in the field of the 40 high schools from across the state qualified to compete.

Senior (Quad-Captain) Ben Pierre started things off with a strong push for an individual championship, placing 3rd in the Final of the 55m dash (6.61) just .01 of a second from the top spot (the winner had to be determined by the photo at the finish line).

Sophomore Phillips Magre followed that up with a 3rd place medal finish in the 600m race (1:24.11) and later

in the meet placed 3rd in the High Jump (6'2") with both efforts being personal best performances.

Senior (Quad-Captain) Travis Dolcine, coming back from recent injury, worked hard for a 7th place medal (2 points) in the 1000 meter race (2.39.45), while Junior -CJ Felix made it to the Finals of the Long Jump with the #3 jump, before winning a 5th place medal (4 points).

The Mile Relay Team of Imler Ozit (55 seconds), Marcus Thomas (54), Travis Dolcine (53.8) & Phillips Magre (51.7/3:36) won 7th place medals in the last event of the day.

Also qualifying and performing well at the D2 State Championship Meet were: the 10th place, 800 meter relay squad of Andre James (24.6), Demar Chapman (24.4), Elijah Jeffreys (23.4/personal best!) & Malcom Ducasse (23.9/1:36.32); Carlo Gerton (11th place/ Shot Put-42'1"); CJ Felix (8.42) & Senior (Quad Captain)- Demar Chapman



3rd place medalist Phillips Magre.

(8.51) in the 55mHH; Malcolm Ducasse (38.58/300 meters); Kalin Toussaint (2:15.7), Jeff Zou (2:23), Henry Sprick (2:16.7/personal best!) & Josh Gauyo (2:14/9:08) in the 2-Mile Relay.

Ben Pierre (55m dash), Phillips Magre (600m & High Jump) & CJ Felix (Long Jump) have all qualified to compete in the MIAA All-State championship meet next Saturday (2/20).

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SHS Girls Varsity Basketball Tournament





Somerville Varsity played Lawrence at Lawrence High School on Monday, Feb 15 in the MVC and GBL Tournament. Lawrence won 54 - 47. The next Tournament game is today, Wednesday Feb. 17, against Lowell, at Lawrence High School.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff.



The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents.



In episode #58 of *Somerville Neighborhood News* we explore: the many affordable housing proposals on the table, find out more about the middle school health survey results and more.



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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, March 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

191 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2015-79) Applicant Well Built Construction Company Inc. and Owner Clayton & Jean Peabody, are seeking a Special Permit to substantially modify a nonconforming structure, by replacing an existing garage with three residential units and a small commercial space. RB Zone, Ward 2.

31 Dane Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-91) Applicant Anthony Fava, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to substantially alter a non-conforming structure on an undersized lot. The applicant also seeks relief for two parking spaces under SZO §9.1.3. RB Zone. Ward 2.

14 Tyler St. (Case #ZBA 2015-117) Applicant, TBD Brewing LLC, and Owner, JWF, LLC, seek a Special Permit to establish an approx. 4,400 sf Drinking Establishment under SZO §7.11.10.6.b, a Special Permit for parking on a separate lot per §9.13.d and shared parking under §9.13.e. IA zone. Ward 2.

15 Warwick St: (Case #ZBA 2016-03) Applicant CRM Property Management Corp. and Owner Chupacabra LLC are seeking Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by substantially renovating a 2-family structure. RB Zone, Ward 5.

116-118 Holland St: (Case #ZBA 2016-05) Applicant and Owner, Silva Realty 2 LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to substantially modify a nonconforming structure by adding 4 additional units. RC Zone, Ward 7.

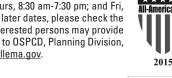
285 Washington St & 17 Hawkins St: (Case #ZBA 2016-06) Applicant & Owner RPI Washington Hawkins LLC seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure in 2 phases to add an approximately 1,000 sf addition and make other exterior alterations and under §4.5.1 to change nonconforming uses to non-medical office under §7.11.7.1.c. NB/RC zones. Ward 2.

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

CCOMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Superior Court No. 2015-6507

To: Davis Square, LLC, of parts unknown

Whereas a complaint has been brought against you in our Superior Court within and for The County of Middlesex, wherein the plaintiff, Canback & Company, LLC, a limited liability corporation with a principal place of business in Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, whereas the plaintiff, Canback & Company, LLC, requests the Court to determine that judgement enter for the plaintiff against the defendant Davis Square, LLC, as set forth in the Complaint filed in said court on November 23. 2015.

Upon the foregoing Complaint, it is ordered by the Court that the plaintiff notify the said Defendant, that on May 9, 2016 or within twenty (20) days from the said day cause their written appearance and written answer of other lawful pleadings to be served upon Eric Weibust, Esquire Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Two Seaport Lane, Seaport East, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02210, and defend against said complaint according to law, if said corporation intends to make a defense, otherwise the said complaint may be adjudged and orders and Judgements may be entered therein in its absence by publication of an attested copy hereof in the Somerville Times, newspaper circulating in Somerville, Middlesex County Massachusetts, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be two months at least before the said May 9, 2016.

By the court, (Gordon, J.)

Deputy Assistant Clerk

Entered: February 4, 2016

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday February 22, 2016 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Narae Holdings, LLC d/b/a Buk Kyung, for an Entertainment License by Devices at 9A Union Sq., Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro Executive Secretary

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TO PLACE LEGAL ADVERTISMENTS IN THE SOMERVILLE TIMES, CONTACT US **BY 12 PM MONDAY** PH: 617.666.4010 • FAX: 617.628.0422 A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday February 22, 2016 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Toto Ramen, for an All Forms Alcohol Restaurant License, a Common Victualler License and an Entertainment License by Devices at 465 Artisan Way, Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro

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> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday February 22, 2016 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Earl's Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Earl's Kitchen & Bar, for a 2AM Closing License at 698 Assembly Row, Store # 102, Somerville, MA

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> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro **Executive Secretary**

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

181 Washington Street: (Case #PB 2016-03) Applicant & Owner Somerville Community Corporation seeks a Special Permit to establish an approx. 2,400 sf office on the ground floor of the building per SZO §7.13.A. CCD55 zone. Ward 3.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 2/17/16 & 2/24/16.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 16P0739EA

MA

Estate of:

Rosemary MacKinnon

Date of Death: <u>08/20/2015</u>

To all interested persons:

Mary Jane Nottonson

A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:

Cambridge

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for

such other relief as requested in the Petition

The Petitioner requests that:

Michael Couture, Esq. of

Somerville MA

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

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:

10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/07/2016.

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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHU-**SETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Tara E. De Cristofaro **Register of Probate**

Date: February 11, 2016 2/17/16 The Somerville Times

A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday February 22, 2016 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Winter Hill Brewing Company for a Farmer Series Pouring Permit - Farmer Brewery and an Entertainment License by Devices at 328 Broadway, Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

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A new or renewed Somerville High School CONT. FROM PG 10

along with it. The replacement options involve using the current site, and finding a new one. There are some innovative ideas on the table, but there is no small-scale project option here. We have a massive undertaking in front of us no matter how we plan it.

I know we have a lot going on in the city on the development front, but our high school sits at the top of the priority list. We have to construct a modern, efficient facility that meets the educational needs of our students, and the needs of a 21st century education. The children of our community deserve no less and

we are on the clock in term of getting a plan in place.

I encourage people to go to http://www.somervillema. gov/highschool/ to review the various building alternatives

and give your input on what you think are the best alternatives. This is a legacy we will leave to future generations and we want the best possible project we can design.

From bad to worse CONT. FROM PG 10

where SomerVision allocated new jobs and housing units—will take longer to develop than the time remaining in the SomerVision plan. So we need to cram more jobs and housing units into Union Square/Boynton Yards if we are going to meet SomerVision's goals on time.

But, they say, offices require a lot less space per worker now than they once did. And we can reduce the average amount of built space per housing unit from 1,100 square feet to 900, which translates into about 720 square feet of living space. Then, we can build a lot less commercial space and a lot more residential space.

So we can lower the commercial space goal from 60%, which those who are paying attention have long said is too little, down to 44%, while the residential space goal would increase from 40% to 56%. The housing-units goal would go from 850 to 3,350, and jobs, from 4,300 to 8,200.

This rationale begs some compelling questions:

• While we need to correct Somerville's extreme jobs-to-workers imbalance, we have a more constraining need to pay our bills and to enable people already living here to remain. So if we have less acreage to work with than we thought, and commercial space generates three times as much tax revenue as residential space, why wouldn't we want more space committed to office and R&D uses, not less?

- · A brief visit to the Inner Belt district makes clear that its limitations won't just prevent it from meeting SomerVision's timetable. They will prevent it from ever having the employer-attractive infrastructure and amenities that Union Square/ Boynton Yards will enjoy. So wouldn't we want to ensure that an even larger proportion of Union Square/Boynton Yards is preserved for commercial development, while increasing Inner Belt's proportion of residential development?
- The scenario in which Union Square/Boynton Yards could

achieve its highest value development, contributing the most tax revenue to benefit us all, is as a "safety valve" for Kendall Square. But biotech companies' space allocations are not less than SomerVision's 350-square-feet-per-worker assumption. They are more. So why should we assume that we'll be recruiting companies that deliver us less value?

"I cannot afford right now to spend another six months debating assumptions."

Throughout the planning process, 'Villens have advocated for more commercial development than the amounts specified in SomerVision. The Board of Aldermen weighed in on their side in March. And residents made their preferences clear in Somerville-by-Design forums conducted by consultants hired

to draft a neighborhood plan.

In response, the consultants issued a city-staff-approved draft plan that rejected these expressed preferences, while increasing the housing unit target by 365%. Planning staff solicited comments on the draft. Those comments that spoke to the commercial/residential mix mostly advocated for more commercial development. But on February 4, the city administration doubled down by drastically tilting the mix further in the wrong direction.

Despite his repeatedly rejecting residents' and aldermen's expressed preferences, Mr. Proakis told outraged attendees that he had "put up numbers ... based on what people are telling us to do." He went on to say, "I cannot afford right now to spend another six months debating assumptions."

Yes, administration officials are now suggesting that if those advocating wise development policy don't shut up and accept a self-defeating neighbor-

hood plan, Commonwealth and MBTA officials may kill the Green Line. I would appreciate seeing any solid evidence that might support such a claim.

GLX Interim Manager Jack Wright stated at a February 5 meeting here that the extension could not be built without the Union Square spur. Congressman Capuano, who facilitated the \$1 billion federal commitment to the project, expects it to be built. Indeed, violation of the court order that mandated the GLX could threaten *all* of Massachusetts' federal transportation funding.

Somerville citizens have invested many thousands of hours in learning the issues, considering the alternatives, participating in committees, giving testimony, and submitting comments. If they are to be ignored, city officials can save us a lot of time and effort by acknowledging that these activities are just window dressing, mobilized to project an illusion of public participation in policy making.

Anti-intellectualism rocks the vote CONT. FROM PG 10

but a thing of the past these days as every news outlet has an agenda they are trying to push.

One cable news network spent a few years worth of their programming comparing our president to Hitler, constantly questioning his citizenship and whether or not he was a Muslim, yet they have the audacity to claim to be "Fair and Balanced."

FOX News is not alone in putting their spin on the news, but they are by far the worst culprit. It's no coincidence that Stephen Colbert, Jon Stewart, and many on Saturday Night Live have all made successful careers poking fun at how often the network lies to their viewers and manipulates and distorts the factual news. Many of their viewers are quite

aware of the joke, yet because FOX News is the leading conservative news network they keep tuning in to be misinformed.

The greatest threat anti-intellectualism poses is how it can be used to manipulate voters. Whether liberal or conservative, Republican or Democrat, it is of the utmost importance to our nation that we go the polls with the

correct information on current issues. Many politicians want to keep you misinformed on certain issues in order to manipulate your vote, but with the majority of us having instant Internet access at our fingertips there is no excuse to not educate ourselves.

The website politifact.org is devoted solely to making sure the public is informed of just how true or false the everyday statements of pundits, politicians, and news networks really are. I strongly urge you to check the website out for yourself.

We Americans need to stop treating our elections as some political American Idol season finale; or we may end up saluting president Sanjaya.

Later Villens, keep it real.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The books are nationally acclaimed and include a lawyer's analysis of the United States' mass incarceration system, a first person's perspective of growing up and living, as a black woman in South Carolina and New York, and the advice about race and racism from a black father to his teenage son. Each month one of the three books will be discussed by the evening's participants, with a final event in April consisting of a panel presentation along with question/answer portion for the audience. Book discussions and book titles are as follows: February 18 - Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson; March 17: - The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander (winner of multiple awards, including an NAACP Image

Award for Outstanding Nonfiction, 2011); April 21 – panel discussion. The panelists for the final discussion are: Joyce Angela Jellison, J.D., Urban College of Boston; Guerlince ("Lince") Semerzier, Executive Director, Haitian Coalition of Somerville; Sassiane Estany, Program Coordinator, Center for Teen Empowerment Somerville; Victor Nascimento, Massachusetts Municipal Association. For a full description of each of the three books, visit www.somervillepubliclibrary.org. Main Branch Library, 7:00 p.m.

Jim Carter, who plays Carson, the Butler on *Downton Abbey*, will be in the Boston and Portsmouth areas February 17 – 21, hosting entertaining fundraising events for victims of the devastating earth-

quakes of 2015. There is still much work to be done to help the Nepalese people rebuild their lives, and very little media coverage, causing the world to forget the tragedy. These evenings will feature live music, magic, and stories from Downton Abbey by Jim Carter, and the opportunity for audience members to ask questions. Inspirational humanitarian aid worker Linda Crusewill give an update on her foundation's work in Nepal. Lesley Smith, renowned ventriloquist, entertainer and singer/songwriter will perform and MC the evening. Carter is passionate about making a difference and has collaborated with Linda Cruse to start WandAid, whose proceeds go to The Linda Cruse Foundation. WandAid uses magic, music and entrepreneurs to bring joy and recovery to the 'forgotten

people' at home and abroad. It aims to empower challenged communities impacted by natural disaster, political crisis and disadvantage so that children and families can rebuild their lives and livelihoods. Carter will also be making charity appearances at the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

It's always the right time to learn something new. Register for a Somerville Adult Evening class at http://register.asapconnected.com/?org=3830, or stop by the Somerville High School main office, 81 Highland Avenue, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Contact Sophia Carafotes at (617) 628-2594 with questions regarding Somerville evening classes.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday February 17

East Branch Library Preschool: Storytime

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

Central Library

Teen Empowerment 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|February 18

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

West Branch Library Lego Club

3:30 p.m.-4:30p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library

The Beautiful Stuff Project 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday | February 19

Central Library

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

East Branch Library

Read to Bead Winter Reading Club Stringing Party 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday Febraury 20

Central Library

Mr. Vinny's Li'l Puppet Puppet Show! 3 p.m.-4:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday February 22

Central Library

Sing Along with Matt Heaton 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library

Middle School Writers' Den 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday | February 23

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

Tammy McKanan-617-591-0216 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland

Wednesday | February 24

East Branch Library Preschool: Storytime

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

Central Library

Teen Empowerment 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday Febraury 17

Iohnny D's

Rhett Miller (of Old 97's) + Salim

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes!

6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren Front Room

Exile on Elm

Back Room Back Room Series Ten Strings and A Goatskin|7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night With Steve Mcone | 10

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Big Ghost **Treading Water** Jades

345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

Thunder Road

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

Arts at the Armory

The Ladles, with Jeff Butcher and Hannah Rose Baker 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|February 18

Johnny D's

Bar & Restaurant Closed. Box Office Open 4-7pm 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. Backroom Series: 7 p.m. L80's night with Scattershot|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Bemba Stereo Audioplane

Dioniso (Headliner) 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern Live DJ Music

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

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Somerville Theatre

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

Thunder Road

Rock The Vote, Food, Live Music, Guest Speakers – This is a Non Partisan Event|3 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory

Castle of Comedy 8:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Roast Battle Boston|7:30 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Friday February 19

Johnny D's

Courage Brothers – Reunion Show Eddie Japan + Jenee Halstead 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 Populace, Seismic Gaps \$5 cover|9

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series |7 p.m. Young Love & The Thrills 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

Taxicab Cowboy The Galvanics The Brigands Phil Yates & The Affiliates

345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DI starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

Live music 9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

SYM (Rock n' Roll)|8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory

Richard Cambridge's Poets' Theatre 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Shit-Faced Shakespeare 7 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Saturday | February 20 Johnny D's

Iazz Brunch Tribute to The Band featuring The THE BAND Band **Chuck Reunion Show** 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Roy Sludge Trio |6 p.m. One Thin Dime 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Backroom Series | 7 p.m.

Jimmys Down 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

Ghosts & Shadows Parasoma New Pope

345 Somerville Ave **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke

65 Holland St On the Hill Tavern

Live DI Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree

DI El Sid! 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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Live Band & DI

608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177

Casey's Entertainment every Saturday

173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

The Hornitz (Dance/Party Funk) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory Us and Them: Boston 6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Paintnite|2 p.m. Atlas Lab Album release show|6:30

Shit-Faced Shakespeare 10 p.m.

255 Elm Street Sunday | February 21

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch Close at 3pm for Staff Field Trip to Nashville!

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 6 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session 3

Back Room

Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 Burren Acoustic Music Series 8 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country &

Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DI

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 **Thunder Road**

Blindspot (Indie/Rock)

379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre La Zombiata:2:30 p.m A Shakespearean Burlesque|9 p.m.

255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Con Sabor Colombiano - Exploring the Music of Colombia with Nicolas Castañeda Lozano

6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday February 22

Johnny D's

Closed for Staff Field Trip to Nashville! - No Box Office 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy

Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Back Room

Front Room Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary &

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

Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.

Americana Mondays 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub** Stump! Team Trivia

On The Hill Tavern

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets

Monday Night Residency 379 Somerville Ave Tuesday|February 23

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335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

PA's Lounge Open Mic Night

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes)

499 Broadway 617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub

The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen**

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling

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

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Grille

PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz

Bee Night

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200 Thunder Road

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Boston Blues Society Showcase Featuring Roberto Morbioli Trio|7:30 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory Pub Sing at the Armory Cafe 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Davis Square Theatre

To Keep Us Warm

Johnny D's

- No Box Office

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm

Back Room Back Room Series |7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Joel Thetford Calen Perkins

The Wednesdays Mark Lipman

Alec Hudson

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Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez – Funk & Soul

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Samba Bar & Grille

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9910 **Thunder Road**

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night

Thursday February 18 **East Branch Library**

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway **Central Library**

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

West Branch Library

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

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

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

program for people with problems

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Central Library Working Parents Play/Support Group

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

Holland St

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

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

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Monday Febraury 22

East Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

Tuesday | February 23

Central Library

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Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Grateful Dead Residency

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Big Ryan's Tall Tales

Book Discussion Group on Race and Racism

40 College Avenue

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

First Church Somerville

Saturday|Febraury 20

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmers' Market

Sunday Febraury 21

Unity Church of God

Central Library

T.E.L.L. Library Leader Interviews 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Learn English at the Library!

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m

Wednesday | February 24

Closed for Staff Field Trip to Nashville!

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

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

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

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

Grandparents Day 2016 – Wednesday, February 17 – Noon to 3:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. It's school vacation week – so bring the grandchildren! Bring your friends! This year's theme is "The Roots of Fun." There will be activities for little kids, teenagers and older adults with a special viewing of Disney's Pixar's Inside Out. You don't need grandchildren to attend... everyone is welcome! RSVP is a must – kid friendly lunch and other goodies are included in this free event. Please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to reserve your spot.

YOGA is BACK – 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and running 5 weeks ending on Thursday, March 10th – There is a \$20 fee for the 5 weeks – It's a great way to start your day, easy to follow program lets you stretch and relax, low-impact moves and easy to follow pace. Please contact Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

Senior Health Insurance 101 – Starts on Monday, February 29 and will meet the last Monday of each month until June 27th – 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – Are you covered? Are you looking for affordable insurance? Come and learn about Medicare, Medicaid and much more. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for additional info and to sign up.

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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted. St. Patrick's Day Super Bingo scheduled for Thursday, March 17 at our Ralph & Jenny Center is SOLD OUT.

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

Please note that all centers are closed on Monday, February 15 in honor of President's Day.

The Supper & Bingo originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th has been RESCHEDULED to Wednesday, February 24th.

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

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

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

STAY ACTIVE:

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

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H) 8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) 12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday | February 17

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads Grandparent's Day (H) 5:00 Supper & Bingo (H)

Our Cross Street Center and our Ralph & Jenny Center will be closed today so that everyone can join the activities at our Grandparent's Day

Thursday|February 18

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Current Events (H) 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H) 10:00 Knitting for Babies (RJ) 10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday|February 19

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

Monday|February 22

9:30 Veterans Group (H)
10:00 Lecture Series Glover's Marblehead Regiment (RJ)

1:00 Bereavement Group (H)

10:30 Moonlighters (H)

7:00 Berklee College of Music (Harp)

Tuesday|February 23

10:00 Poetry Workshop (C) 10:00 Housing 101 (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Knitting for Babies (RJ)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Ristorante Fiore

Wednesday|February 24

10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Film Screening of "This is East" (C)
11:30 Social Worker (C)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

DID YOU KNOW?

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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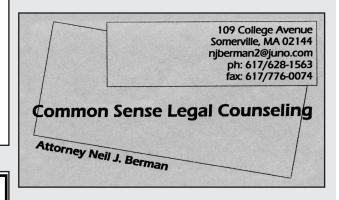
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7:00am	The Struggle	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live Call-in)	2:30pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	2:30pm	Hollywood Makeover Show
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12:30am	Connecting Communities	7:36pm	SomerViva em Português	2:00pm	SomerViva en Espanol	1:39am	Union Sq. Neighborhood Plan Update
1:00am	MLK Day Celebration 2016	8:07pm	Voices of Somerville	2:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis	9:00am	SomerViva en Espanol
8:00am	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program #3	8:37pm	The Mayor's Report	3:00pm	Union Sq. Neighborhood Plan Update	9:30am	Voices of Somerville
9:00am	Union Sq. Neighborhood Plan Update	8:50pm	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis	6:30pm	Connecting Communities	12:00pm	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16
12:00pm	The Mayor's Report	9:20pm	Connecting Communities	7:00pm	Voices of Somerville	1:08pm	Raising Families
12:13pm	SomerViva em Português	9:49pm	Raising Families	7:30pm	Somerville: Past & Present	1:35pm	The Mayor's Report
12:44pm	George Dilboy	Friday, Fe	bruary 19	8:23pm	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16	1:48pm	Connecting Communities
1:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis	12:00am	SomerViva em Português	9:31pm	Talking Business	2:17pm	SomerViva em Português
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7:00pm	SomerViva em Português	3:16am	The Mayor's Report	12:00am	The Mayor's Report	7:00pm	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
7:31pm	Union Sq. Neighborhood Plan Update	9:00am	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis	12:13am	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16	10:00pm	Raising Families
9:51pm	Ames Historic Project - Family Interview	9:30am	Talking Business	1:21am	Raising Families	Tuesday, F	ebruary 23
10:23pm	The Mayor's Report	12:00pm	SomerViva en Espanol	1:48am	MLK Day Celebration 2016	12:00am	MLK Day Celebration 2016
10:37pm	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast	12:30pm	George Dilboy	9:00am	Raising Families	1:30am	Connecting Communities
Thursday.	February 18	1:12pm	MLK Day Celebration 2016	9:30am	The Mayor's Report	2:00am	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16
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3:03am	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast	6:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol	4:00pm	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program #4	9:00am	Voices of Somerville
8:00am	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program #3	7:00pm	Ames Historic Exhibit Opening Reception	6:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis	9:30am	Raising Families
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	8:03pm	George Dilboy	7:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
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11:00am	SHS Hockey v Winthrop
12:30pm	Student of the Quarter - WHCS
1:00pm	Argenziano School MLK Concert
2:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Whittier
4:00pm	Capuano Kindergarten Winter Concert
5:00pm	Student of the Qtr Argenziano School
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9:00pm	SHS Girls' Basketball v Whittier
10:30pm	SHS Boys' Basketball v Malden
Thursday,	February 18
12:00am	SHS Boys' Basketball v S. Boston
2:00am	SHS Girls' Basketball v Saugus
9:00am	SHS Hockey v Methuen

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6:00pm

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SHS Girls' Basketball v Whittier

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SHS Boys' Basketball v Peabody SHS Football 2015 Bill Harney lives in Beverly and teaches in the English Department of Endicott College. A former resident of Somerville, he keeps in touch by reading *The Somerville Times*.



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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Resa Blatman:

A Somerville Artist and Arctic Explorer



Resa Blatman is an adventurous person. Recently this longtime Somerville resident took a trip to the Arctic with other artists on an antique sailing boat. I talked with Blatman about this, the gentrification of Somerville and its impact on artists, and other projects she is involved in. Blatman joined me at my usual seat at the Bloc11 cafe in Union Square.

Doug Holder: Tell me about your Somerville connection?

Resa Blatman: My husband and I have lived in Somerville since 1998. We own a home and live near the Vernon Street Studios where I have a studio. I also founded and was president of a non-profit "Short Space." Our mission was to find and create as many art spaces as possible in the city of Somerville. And it really didn't bear fruit. Real estate in these parts is just so valuable. I dropped out of the organization. I am still trying to find artist spaces that are affordable.

DH: So what is your take on the gentrification of Somerville?

RB: I don't like it. I think of moving all the time. I have a great life here. If the Green Line ever gets here there will be very little room for artists. I am sure Vernon Street will eventually decide to sell. And where will the 100 artists go? So I am thinking ahead. I am not sure where to go. I want to go to a place where artists can buy a building to work in. I think 10 years down the line Somerville will be a city for the rich. What you need is a mayor who really puts his foot down with developers.

DH: What have you been working on since we last spoke two years ago?

RB: My work has focused on issues that affect climate change. I am painting images like songbirds in the Arctic – where they shouldn't be – flowers blooming in places they shouldn't be. I am still doing work like that but I am doing installations that use layers and layers of painting material. This is my Gaia Series. Gaea is the goddess of Mother Earth. Gaia speaks to the fact that earth is a self-regulator and it can sustain itself and change. The planet will survive – it is humans who are in danger. The earth will go on for a long time after we are gone. In terms of my projects I have pro-

duced installations of water. A sort of a wall of ocean. I think it is stunning. It is 3 dimensional and painted. I haven't shown it yet but I am working on it. I am also in a lot of exhibits around the country related to climate change. One exhibit is here locally at the Nave Gallery.

DH: Tell me about the boat trip you took to the Arctic with other artists.

RB: I was involved in that last summer. It was beautiful. The landscape of the Arctic is dessert-like. Nothing grows there but tiny flowers. We were on an antique sailing vessel - we were packed in there. It was called the Arctic Circle Residency. There were artists, poets and writers on the vessel. There was very little room to do artwork on the boat. On land as well. We made land twice-a-day. We were on the boat trip for 15 days. Personally, I am used to a lot of solitude. There was none of that on the boat. You were cheek to jowl with other people. The sun was at 12-noon for 24 hours. It messed with you and kept you awake. It confused the body. There was a lot of drinking on board. It was a fairly good group of people but you were surrounded by strangers. And when we went on land we were guarded by three gorgeous Scandinavian women with rifles because of polar bears. I brought a long piece of Mylar, a plastic film and wrote and pained on it. I made a visual diary of things that I observed. They were slightly abstract. All in all it was fascinating to be there. I am very glad I went. While there I collected fishing line that washed up on the shore. I brought back a huge net - scrap fishing line, to use in projects. I made drawings based on the fishing lines.

DH: More and more art is viewed as a commodity, as an investment. Your take?

RB: Yes. Sometimes this makes it hard to know what to do. I remember my work was in this local gallery, and I remember the owner walking into my studio and saying about a few pieces, "You know I can't sell that!" I mean you have to make something pretty — something someone would be inclined to put in their home. But I am more selective now. I make challenging work, and more people are willing to buy it.

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