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City examines its successes and shortcomings in dealing with storms



The city turned its attention to what has been going right and what may be in need of improvement as it examines the role it is playing in the massive dig-out of 2015.

By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville Board of Aldermen addressed several winter storm related issues at its regular meeting last Thursday, going through an assessment of what has been handled well over the past few weeks and what areas may be in need of improvement.

On the whole, there was a general consensus that the city's response to the extreme snow events were handled skillfully and professionally. The Board formally commended Mayor Curtatone and his administration, especially the Department of Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for their professionalism, dedication to duty and responsibility in dealing with the unprecedented snow fall, (nearly 6 feet of snow within a two week period), while maintaining the public safety throughout the city. The Board offered its most sincere gratitude for a job well done.

Remarking on the matter, Alderman at Large Jack Connolly said, "I spoke to many people travelling in from other communities, from Medford, from Arlington, people coming off Route 2, and how they Continued on page 3

Slaying mountains of snow with our very own dragon

By Rebecca Danvers

The sight has become commonplace: piles of snow shoved aside and piled so high one cannot see over them. We've seen so much of the stuff lately it is gradually becoming unimaginable that there will ever come a day when it won't be there.

And we may ask ourselves, how long will it take for all of it to melt away? Weeks? Months? Well, the City of Somerville has taken steps to assure us all that it won't take as long as many have feared it would.

Thanks to the newly acquired Snow Dragon SND900 melter, tons of snow will be melted away quickly and efficiently throughout the remainder of the cleaning up period that lies ahead.

Capable of melting as much as 30 tons of snow per hour – that's 100-300 cubic yards per hour - the melter turns mounds of fluffy or hardpacked snow into warm



Continued on page 3 The Snow Dragon SND900, in all its glory.

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Many events and meetings were canceled this week due to the amount of snow. The committee meeting at City Hall to discuss the Snow Ordinance is now set for Wednesday, February 25 at 6 p.m. Also rescheduled is the proposed zoning ordinance, now set for March 5. The fundraiser and kickoff campaign for Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti is reset for Monday, March 2 at Tony's C's in Assembly Row, beginning at 6 p.m.

Monday night, the 23rd, Dave's Fresh Pasta at 81 Holland Street will be hosting a Wine Event/Fundraiser for the Somerville Homeless Coalition, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$80 per person. Please join in for this fun and delicious annual event to benefit an outstanding non-profit organization and their mission. They will be pouring 9 excellent wines and serving a variety of tasty pairings from the kitchen. Three of their favorite importers will be there to talk about their wines. Also, learn about all of the good deeds this organization accomplishes everyday from Somerville Homeless Coalition's Executive Director Mark Alston-Follansbee and his staff. Raffle prizes will be a fun addition to the evening. All kinds of terrific donated prizes from friends and neighbors in the Somerville community will be raffled off. All proceeds to benefit SHC. They are very excited about this event. The Somerville Homeless Coalition is a wonderful organization doing good work, and Dave's Fresh Pasta is proud to support them. Last year's fundraiser was a huge success, raising over \$7000. Their wine tastings are always fun, very tasty, and a terrific buying opportunity. This event has the added bonus that you are helping to support this very important organization in our community. Like all of their events, you will have the opportunity to shop the entire store with a 10% discount after the event. A percentage of those sales will also be donated toward supporting the good work of the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

The city purchased a snow melter called the Snow Dragon 900. Maybe we need a few of them. There is so much snow and it is so cold out, this snow will be with us until April and when it starts to melt it's going straight into basements around the city. But again, with all the hard work our DPW crew – headed by Commissioner Stan

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Snow FAQ

Jo says:

I would like to speak about space saving. It is very unfair that the person who spends all there time and brake there backs to shovel out there car should be able to claim that spot and put something there to save it. It is only fair. Why should someone else come along after not doing a dam thing and take that clean spot. I think it is bullshit that people can not save there spots.

MarketMan says:

Jo: I understand your position, and I don't totally disagree. But the street parking spots are a shared commodity. There aren't enough spots on the street for everyone to have a reserved spot. So if someone is looking for parking and there happens to be an open spot, they should be able to use it. Maybe they will leave before its needed by the person who shoveled it out. Maybe they won't.

On a related note... It's not exactly the same thing but I have a corner lot. I clear the entire sidewalk around the house, even though I *rarely* use it. We use the back door that drops us into our driveway and we generally walk the other way. We rarely walk around the front of the house. So why should I spend the effort for other people?

huh? says:

I have a four-wheel drive jeep. Next storm, I will not bother shoveling out the spot. I will clear snow off the car, and drive over what is on the ground, thereby making the spot unusable by anyone else. Heck, if I can get out of the spot without shoveling it, and someone else will come along and park there if I shovel it, why wouldn't I? MarketMan it is great that you shovel all of the city's sidewalk. I do as well, including the snow that the plows pile up on the city's street (a.k.a. the end of my driveway). The plows leave snow at all the corners so no one can cross the street, and bury the hydrants. And they are worried about me leaving something in my spot?

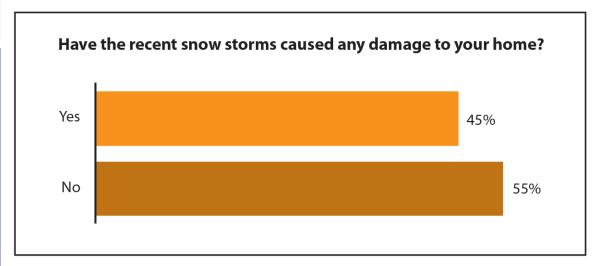
Oliver Seppo says:

I just tried my flame thrower idea on Belmont Circle. It kinda works, some snow disappeared immediately. The problem though is that the PVC on the neighbor's siding got a slightly melted spot now. Also, somebody down the street kept yelling at me. Weidos!:)

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not the recent snow storms have caused any damage to your home. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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remarked, almost to a person, how extraordinary it was to come into the city and find all the roadways down to the pavement, virtually every side street at least open and available."

Connolly specifically commended the mayor and 311 services. "I've seen a lot through the years," said Connolly, "This was a well-organized and well-maintained effort to do the one thing that we're here to do, to preserve the public safety."

Shifting its attention to some areas that they felt may be in need of improvement, the Board next took up various issues brought forward by city officials and residents.

Ward Five Alderman Mark Niedergang brought forward an order for the Commissioner of Public Works to report to this Board why, after the first big storm on Wednesday, January 28, snow plows inundated sidewalks on the even side of the street with snow and large ice boulders, causing residents to have to shovel out their sidewalks several times, and what measures are being taken so that this does not happen again.

"I got probably 50 calls and emails from outraged residents whose sidewalks had been plowed in," said Niedergang. "I think hopefully there's been some learning. I think there was a little bit of exuberance and overexertion by some of the folks who were plowing, which caused higher speeds than necessary causing snow to arc up over snow banks onto sidewalks. Several people had to shovel two



Alderman at Large Jack Connolly had high praise for the job that the mayor and his administration has done in dealing with the extraordinarily severe winter storms.

or three times."

Niedergang reported that he had spoken with the appropriate parties and that he was confident these problems would not be repeated.

On a similar matter, Niedergang put forward an order for the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (ISD) to report to the Board on the process for issuing citations during snowstorms to private plowing and shoveling contractors who are plowing snow into the street or onto neighbors' sidewalks.

"I heard quite a few complaints from residents and I went out on a plow as well, and the plow driver complained about private contractors who are hired by residents, not by the city, who basically do not obey the rules," Niedergang explained. "Obviously, these people need to be caught and punished so that they will stop doing that."

Niedergang said that he put forward the order to bring it to the attention of ISD in the hopes that the situation would become better regulated.

Mayor Curtatone addressed the Board and provided an overview of how he felt the cleanup and public safety programs were progressing.

"As you know, we've received over six feet of snow in the last two and a half weeks," the mayor said. "I want to thank the public for their patience, flexibility and understanding and apologize for all the inconvenience. I know it's hard on them."

The mayor emphasized that all decisions have been made with the public's health and safety being of the utmost priority.

The mayor continued, "I'm proud of the work we do in this city. I proclaim we have the best snow removal operations in the region. And I also think we can do better. It's going to take a collective effort to move forward."

Slaying mountains of snow with our very own dragon

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flowing water, which runs off into existing storm drainage systems.

At a cost of \$229,000, the Snow Dragon represents a substantial investment by the city, but most would agree that considering the extreme conditions of this year's winter storms it is money well spent. Not only will the current snow accumulation be whittled away quickly and efficiently, the machine will be

standing by to go into service for many years to come.

The unit is fully portable and able to go into action at almost any location. Don't be surprised if you come across it while doing its duty over the course of the weeks to come.

So, when you step outside and instinctively wonder where on earth all that snow will be going to, wonder no more. There is one mightily hungry dragon nearby waiting to be fed.

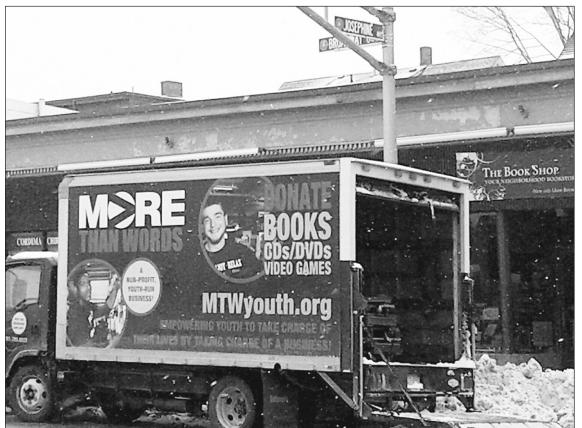


The Snow Dragon is fully portable and relatively easy to operate.

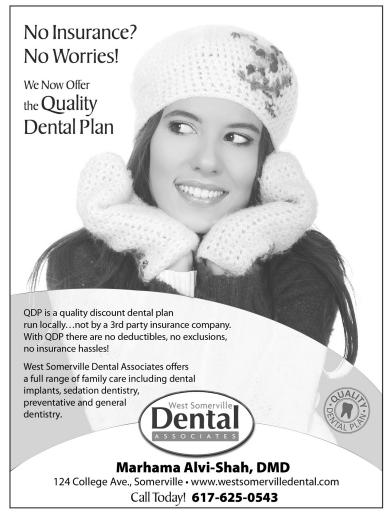
- Photo by Donald Norton



Goodbye, Book Shop



The Book Shop is moving out of Ball Square. A truck was spotted outside, preparing to take all the books away. — Photo by Donald Norton



EWEEKIN CRI By Jim Clark

Vehicular assailant 'knows her laws'

A reported case of vehicular assault brought police to Bonair St. on Sunday.

Officers arrived at the scene but reportedly saw no signs of a disturbance at first. They approached a parked vehicle that two women were sitting in and asked if they had reported any incident, to which they replied that they had not, but they pointed to a group of individuals standing in a nearby driveway and said that they had done so.

Police then asked the driver of the vehicle, Elva Martinez, what had happened and she reportedly told the officers that while she was attempting to park her vehicle on the street another woman approached and said that the spot was hers. Martinez further stated that the other woman placed an object in the parking spot and stood there in an attempt to keep Martinez from parking.

Martinez reportedly told police that she informed the other woman that she was going to park there and proceeded to do so.

Police then questioned the reporting party as to what had happened. She reportedly told police that she had just returned home from work and was waiting for her boyfriend to assist her with parallel parking her car into the parking spot that she and her boyfriend had shoveled out.

The reporting party also said that she had pulled her vehicle up past the parking spot in front of the driveway so her boy friend could park the car, police said. She further reportedly said that was when Martinez stopped at the parking spot, as if preparing to park there.

The reporting party then said she went over to the vehicle and told Martinez that she had shoveled out that parking spot and was about to park there, but then both Martinez and the passenger began to yell and swear at her.

The reporting party said she stepped into the parking spot in an attempt to prevent Martinez from parking, but said Martinez continued to back into the spot driving straight at her striking her in the right leg and driving over her right foot with the rear tire as she stepped out of the way.

Martinez also hit the vehicle that was parked in front of the parking spot in question, according to the reporting party's statement to police.

A neighbor of the reporting party reportedly said that he had witnessed the incident while he was outside shoveling and observed Martinez back her vehicle into the parking spot and strike both the vehicle in front of hers and also hit the reporting party, who was standing in the parking spot.

The officers reportedly observed fresh damage to the left front bumper of Martinez's vehicle, as well as fresh damage to the rear right bumper of the vehicle consistent to the statements given by both the reporting party and the neighbor.

Police asked Martinez if she had struck to vehicle in front of her and she responded by yelling, "I didn't hit her." Officers then attempted to explain to Martinez their observations of the damage to both her vehicle and the vehicle in front of hers, but she reportedly continued yelling, "I didn't hit her." Officers again tried to explain to Martinez that they were talking about the car in front of hers, but she did not acknowledge what they were saying and kept yelling, "I didn't hit her," according to police.

Martinez was asked by police to produce her driver's license and the vehicle's registration. Martinez reportedly opened a small wallet that contained multiple cards and said, "Yeah, I have my license, it's right here." She was asked to hand it over and she reportedly refused saying, "Why do you need my id?"

She was again asked to provide the vehicle's registration, whereupon she reportedly pulled out a document holder, held it up and said, "It's right here, find it yourself." It was explained to Martinez that if she did not provide the requested documents she would be subject to arrest. Holding the wallet and document holder in her hands, she again said, "Get it yourself," according to reports. It was again explained to her that she was subject to arrest if she did not provide the requested documents. She then reportedly put the wallet on her lap and the document holder on the dashboard and said, "I know my laws, you can't arrest me."

Martinez was then advised that she was being placed under arrest and ordered out of the vehicle. She reportedly refused to exit the vehicle, at which time the officers opened the driver's side door and again ordered out, and she reportedly refused once again. Police took hold of Martinez's left arm, removed her from the vehicle and placed her in handcuffs while she kept yelling, and attempting to pull away.

Martinez was charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and motor vehicle operator refusal to identify self.

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Arrests:

Special Butler, of 19 Oak St., Wakefield, February 12, 10:05 a.m., arrested at 126 Broadway on warrant charges of possession of a class A drug, sexual conduct for a fee, and assault and battery on a police officer.

Stephen Culbertson, of 67 Prospect St., February 13, 3:01 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation, larceny under \$250, larceny of a motor vehicle, shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Catherine Higgins, of 4 Eleanor Rd., Walpole, February 14, 1:32 p.m., arrested at 341 Artisan Way on warrant charges of larceny over \$250, shoplifting by asportation, receiving stolen property, and shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchan-

Manuel Leal, of 199 Pearl St., February 14, 5:34 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery on a family or household member.

Elva Martinez, of 1 Dartmouth St., February 15, 12:34 a.m., arrested at 68 Bonair St. on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and motor vehicle operator refusal to identify self.

Joseph Costa, of 52 Dickinson St., February 15, 11:56 a.m., arrested at Dickinson St. on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and destruction of property over \$250.

James Flynn, of 51 Dudley St., Cambridge, February 15, 8:10 p.m., arrested at 80 Webster Ave. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Mario Lopes, of 17 Plymouth St., Apt. 3, Cambridge, February 15, 8:10 p.m., arrested at 80 Webster Ave. on charges of open alcohol container, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and leaving the scene of property damage.

Incidents:

Theft:

February 10, 2:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

February 10, 5:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Hawthorne

February 11, 2:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington

February 11, 4:09 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

February 12, 10:44 a.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.

February 12, 12:00 p.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.

February 16, 5:06 p.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.

February 16, 5:34 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath

Breaking & Entering:

February 13, 6:36 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 688 Broadway.

February 16, 8:16 p.m., police

reported a breaking & entering at Medford St.

Vehicle Theft:

February 10, 3:00 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Crescent St.

February 10, 6:31 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Pearl

February 11, 2:35 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Broadway.

Assault:

February 10, 4:50 p.m., police reported an assault at Bailey

February 11, 9:02 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

February 13, 1:27 a.m., police reported an assault at Medford

February 14, 5:34 p.m., police reported an assault at Pearl St.

February 15, 12:34 a.m., police reported an assault at Bonair St.

February 16, 6:08 p.m., police reported an assault at Gov Winthrop Rd.

February 16, 9:11 p.m., police

reported an assault at Broad-

Destruction of Property:

February 12, 9:34 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Hillside Ave.

February 12, 5:30 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Cambridge St.

February 13, 10:28 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Bonair St.

February 14, 9:50 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Somerville Ave.

February 14, 11:46 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Fairmount Ave.

February 15, 11:56 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Dickinson St.

February 16, 9:08 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Arlington St.

February 16, 5:50 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Walnut St.

Liquor Law Violation:

February 15, 8:10 p.m., police reported a liquor law violation at Webster Ave.

Casualty of the recent storms



A sadly abandoned car's front bumper rests atop a pile of snow on Highland Ave, while somewhere a resident's vehicle is today

Snow shovel vs. plow: shovel loses

By Jim Clark

Police were dispatched to a Dickinson St. location Sunday morning on reports that a man had assaulted a contracted snowplow driver with a snow shovel.

Upon arrival, officers spoke to the alleged victim, a snowplow truck driver contracted by the City of Somerville, who claimed he was attacked and struck by a local resident with a snow shovel.

According to the victim, the alleged assailant, Joseph Costa, was upset because the plow

had pushed snow onto the driveway of his residence on Dickinson St.

Costa reportedly attempted to halt the progress of the snowplow by jumping in front of it, and then he approached the driver's side and argued with the driver about the plowing. Costa accused the driver of trying to run him over, according to reports.

The dispute escalated to the point where Costa reportedly struck the driver with a snow shovel, leaving marks on his face

The victim reportedly man-

aged to grab hold of the shovel, preventing further injury to himself, and another man arrived and attempted to hold Costa back.

According to reports, Costa eventually freed himself and his shovel and struck the vehicle as he walked away, cracking its rain visor.

Police questioned witnesses who corroborated the driver's

Costa was placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and destruction of property

Hit and runner didn't get far

By Jim Clark

Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident in the vicinity of 80 Webster Ave. Sunday evening.

While en route the responding officers were informed that a fight had broken out between the involved parties.

When the officers arrived on at the scene of the incident they were met by the driver and a passenger of one of the cars involved in the incident. The driver reportedly told police that she had been travelling south on Webster Ave. and stopped to allow a snowplow to pass her. Due to the amount of snow that had fallen the street was relatively narrow for vehicular traffic.

The driver also stated that as she waited for the snowplow to pass she felt an impact at the rear of her vehicle. She reportedly exited her vehicle and confronted the driver of the car behind her, later identified as Mario Lopes, of Cambridge.

The driver said that Lopes spoke incoherently and eventually drove away.

It was brought to the responding officers' attention that Lopes had already been stopped elsewhere, in Cambridge.

A search of Lopes' vehicle turned up a partially emptied bottle of vodka on the floor of the vehicle's backseat area.

Police issued citations for the vehicular accident and administered a breathalyzer test to Lopes, which registered a blood alcohol concentration of 0.23%.

Lopes was placed under arrest and charged with open alcohol container, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and leaving the scene of property damage.

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



Eagle Feathers #72

The Pipes, The Pipes Are Calling

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Patrick J. Sullivan, Jr. was laid to rest two weeks ago on February 4, 2015. He dedicated thirty-eight years of his life to the people of Somerville, Massachusetts. He was a decorated firefighter due to the many rescues he attempted and/or completed during his long career.

Like many firefighters, he often put his own life at risk in exchange for the safety of others. This spirit of devotion to people existed not only in his professional career, but bridged into his personal life as well.



Some say, "Time is money," and the inference is don't waste it unless you are financially compensated. This was foreign to Patty, who volunteered thousands of hours to the needy, mostly in helping the Little Sisters of the Poor on Highland Avenue. He followed in his father's footsteps in becoming an accomplished bagpiper, volunteering his services from parties and parades, to inaugurations, retirements, and fire department functions. On Sunday afternoons, in the spring and summer, he would practice playing the pipes at the Winter Hill Fire Station, which entertained many listeners at Foss Park.

While on the fire department, his history encapsulated operating ladder trucks, pumps, hose wagons, and virtually all other aspects of firefighting. For many years he served as President of the Somerville Firefighter's Union.

Patty was a people person. Never put off by appearances, he would help the sick, the injured or the homeless with complete abandon to his own safety. He had a knack for finding something good in everyone and would show his Irish by referring to them as "Good Ole Sorts." To Pat, if you were in need, then you were in need; and the stories about him helping the needy



are endless. The new Harris Park on Cross Street East is named after a young boy who fell through the ice near a Route #93 construction site. Patty, while at that incident, and dove continuously until he retrieved the boy, which sadly, was too late.

Pat had a full career. He experienced

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Mark the Spot: Underground Railroad in Medford

Our new series on historical markers on campus begins with one commemorating abolitionist George Luther Stearns. Reprinted with permission from Tufts Now, © Tufts University, 2015

By Marjorie Howard

Scattered around Tufts' three campuses are historical markers that often go unnoticed, hidden among the pathways that many of us travel regularly or in the buildings where we study and work. In this new series, "Mark the Spot," Tufts Now explores the stories behind these snippets of university history.

Every day as they walk along College Avenue to get to the Tisch Sports and Fitness Center from the Hill, hundreds of people pass a large stone with a green copper plaque in front of Cousens Gym.

It marks the site of the Stearns Estate, a way station on the Underground Railroad—a network of safe houses and secret routes that slaves used to escape to free states in the North and Canada between 1850 and 1860. George Luther Stearns (1809–1867), a wealthy Medford merchant, was an ardent abolitionist who provided financial support to a variety of causes to end slavery. After the Civil War, he became involved in efforts to aid freed slaves.

Before the Civil War, Stearns helped finance the New England Emigrant Aid Co., a transportation company based in Boston that would send people to what was then the Kansas Territory. The goal was to tilt the Kansas population so that more people living there were

opponents of slavery, meaning that Kansas could enter the United States as a free state. In 1859, Stearns was one of the Secret Six, a group that aided John Brown in his failed raid at Harpers Ferry seeking to spark a slave insurrection.

Stearns recruited thousands of freed slaves to fight in the Union Army, helped establish schools for their children and found work for their families while they served. After the war, he helped establish the Freedman's Bureau, which provided health care, employment and education to former slaves.

Ralph Waldo Emerson delivered the eulogy at Stearns' funeral. He ended his tribute by saying, "Be not too proud in your grief when you remember that there is not a town in the remote State of Kansas that will not weep with you as at the loss of its founder; not a Southern State in which the freedmen will not learn today from their preachers that one of their most efficient benefactors has departed and will cover his memory with benedictions; and that, after all his efforts to serve men without appearing to do so, there is hardly a man in this country worth knowing who does not hold his name in exceptional honor."

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George Luther Stearns recruited thousands of freed slaves to fight in the Union Army, helped establish schools for their children and found work for their families while they served. Photos: Kelvin Ma



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The Tufts University Department of Music presents Stäudlin as Vogl, featuring performance faculty saxophonist Philipp Stäudlin and pianist Yoko Hagino, in Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 3 p.m. as part of the Sunday at Tufts – Community Concert Series. Stäudlin and Hagino will perform a variety of works including pieces by Marti Epstein, Florent Schmitt, Mischa Salkind-Pearl, Beau Kenyon, and Tufts' own John McDonald.

The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus. Admission is free and open to the public and no tickets are required. For more information, please visit as.tufts.edu/music/musiccenter or call the Granoff Music Center Box Office at 617.627.3679.

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Get caught in 'The Mousetrap'

Theatre@First presents Agatha Christie's classic murder mystery

By Tom Bannister

Theatre@First opens its eleventh season with Agatha Christie's masterpiece The Mousetrap, at Unity Somerville, February 27 – March 7, 2015. Mike Haddad directs his first Theatre@First production with this classic "whodunit," the longest running show ever to hit the London stage.

It could have been a regular night in 1952 at Monkswell Manor, as newlywed owners Mollie and Giles Ralston (Sarah Brinks and Seth Hatfield) prepare to welcome their first overnight guests. Instead, the radio warns of a murderer on the loose as a cast of real characters arrives one by one. With snow piling up and a police officer on the way, there's reason to suspect anyone and everyone so whodunit? Is it the young and awkward Christopher Wren (Emma Joyce)? The unpleasant Mrs. Boyle (Renee Johnson), always quick to complain? Could it have been the middle-aged, genial Major Metcalf (Tom Russell) or the strangely masculine Miss Casewell (Marty Seeger Mason) who arrives with more details of the shocking murder? Should the unexpected guest, Mr. Paravicini (Rob Noyes), be on the radar of detective Sergeant Trotter (Andrew Lebrun)?

With a stellar cast of Theatre@First newcomers and veterans, Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap promises to keep the audience guessing until the final reveal. When Agatha Christie's seminal work

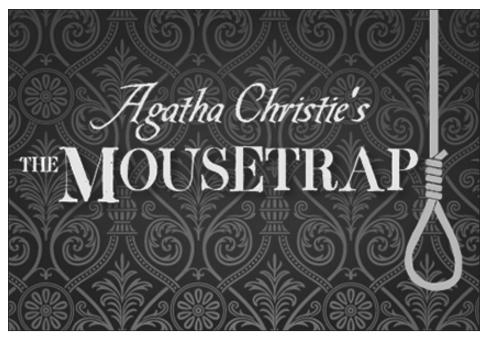
PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

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Police officers learn skills for safe response involving persons with mental illness

By Tom Bannister

Officers from the Somerville Police Department are attending a new mental health training course as now required by the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. The curriculum for this training was developed by the Massachusetts National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Mass), the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC). All municipal police officers in the state will receive updated mental health training by the end of 2015.

"This is a major step forward in providing all law enforcement officers better tools for the safe and responsive management of incidents involving people experiencing mental health crises," said June S. Binney, director of the NAMI Mass Criminal Justice Project.

"The intent of this vitally important training is creating better outcomes during encounters with those who suffer mental illness and other populations. We are grateful to NAMI Mass and the Department of Mental Health for collaborating with the Municipal Police Training Committee to develop this crucial, best-practices training for new and existing police officers," said Dan Zivkovich, MPTC executive director.

The intensive, interactive curriculum is taught by specially trained police officers from across the state and includes: an overview of the symptoms of mental illness; learning verbal and non-verbal communication skills to safely de-esca-



Somerville police officers are getting specialized training for dealing with those who may have mental

late potentially dangerous situations; and recognizing trauma and PTSD.

Nearly 60 million Americans experience a mental health disorder every year. One in 17 lives with a serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder. And one in 10 children and adolescents suffers from serious emotional and mental disorders that cause significant functional impairment in their day-to-day lives.

According to Binney, improved police training increases safety for all involved and ideally may allow for a person with mental illness to find appropriate treatment without having to experience the stress of arrest and incarceration.

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raising awareness and building a community of hope for all of those in need. From its inception in 1979, NAMI has been dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. Financial contributions allow NAMI to offer an array of programs, initiatives and activities in support of the NAMI mission.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for CLOSE THE \$768 MILLION BUDGET DEFICIT (A"Yes" vote is for the rule.) 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 the votes of local representatives on one roll call and local senators on four from the week of February 9-13.

(H52)

House 155-1, Senate on a voice vote without a roll call, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a package aimed at helping to close the state's \$768 million budget deficit. The plan is very similar to the one originally proposed by the governor. It offers a two-month corporate tax amnesty program in which participating businesses would be exempt from financial penalties if they pay their outstanding taxes. The Baker Administration estimates the program will generate about \$18 million in revenue. Other provisions include the diversion to the General Fund of \$131 million in capital gains taxes scheduled to go to the state's Rainy Day Fund and \$40 million in transportation cuts including \$14 million in cuts to the MBTA.

Supporters said this is a fiscally responsible package that will allow the state to pay its bills and balance the budget. They noted that the package does not cut local aid or raise taxes.

The lone opponent said the package includes many deplorable cuts in higher education and mental health and a \$14 million unjustified cut to the MBTA. She said she would have preferred to stop January's automatic .05 percent cut in the income tax, which results in the loss of \$70 million while saving middle class taxpayers only an average of \$20.

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

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

JOINT RULES FOR 2015-2016 SESSION (S 7)

Senate 36-0, approved a set of rules under which the House and Senate jointly will operate during the 2015-2016 session. Changes from the 2013-2014 session include requiring joint committee votes to be posted on the Legislature's website within 48 hours; allowing senators to report Senate bills out of joint committees to the full Senate without consent of their House counterparts; requiring that at least one member of a conference committee is a member of the minority party; allowing all committee members the opportunity to issue a dissenting minority report on any bills acted upon by the committee; and giving the Legislature until June 30, 2016 to override any vetoes made by the governor in 2015. Current rules only give the Legislature until De-

Supporters said these changes will make the Legislature and its operations more transparent and efficient.

(A "Yes" vote is for the rules package.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

GET BILLS OUT OF COMMITTEE (S 7)

Senate 37-0, approved a rule that would allow bills filed by senators that are heard by joint committees to be reported on and sent to the Senate for a vote if the Senate members of the committee vote to do so. The same rule would apply to bills filed by House members. Current rules require a vote of both House and Senate members of the entire joint committee.

Supporters of the rule said it would help make the operation of committees more efficient and help stop bills from being tied up in committee.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

LOCAL AID GUARANTEE BY MARCH 15 (S 7)

Senate 7-29, rejected a rule requiring the House and Senate to annually adopt by March 15 resolutions stating the minimum amount of local aid that the Legislature will give to cities and towns for that year.

Supporters said most communities craft their local budgets in March and can better prepare if they know by March 15 how much local aid they will receive. They noted it is unfair to make communities wait until July, which is when the Legislature often makes its decision.

Opponents said the Senate Ways and Means Committee has not even drafted a budget proposal by March 15 so it would be irresponsible to make promises that might not be able to be kept. They said that being forced to set dollar figures for local aid too early can also result in conservative estimates that are lower than what communities will actually receive.

(A "Yes" vote is for the March 15 deadline. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

COST EFFECTIVENESS OF LAWS (S 7)

Senate 6-30, rejected a proposed rule to amend a current rule that requires each legislative committee to determine whether laws, regulations and programs under the jurisdiction of that committee are being implemented in accordance with the intent of the Legislature and whether they should be continued, curtailed or eliminated. The proposed rule would require the committees to also consider their cost-effectiveness.

Supporters of the proposed rule said it makes sense for the committee involved to determine whether something is cost-effective or not. They argued this would increase accountability.

Opponents of the proposed rule said these committees already have broad authority to determine cost-effectiveness. They also noted that the proposed rule is duplicative because many bills go to the Ways and Means Committee, which already considers cost-effectiveness.

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

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SPEAKER SAYS "NO TAX HIKES" - In an address to the House last week, Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) promised there would be no new taxes or fees in the House budget expected to be proposed in the spring. DeLeo said that many families' budgets are stressed to the limit. "We will not add to that burden," he said.

DeLeo presided over a \$500 million-plus tax hike in the summer of 2013, including a 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's current 21-cent-per-gallon gas tax with automatic future hikes indexed to inflation. The indexing was repealed by voters on the 2014 ballot. Other provisions included a \$1 hike in the current \$2.51-per-package cigarette tax, an increase in the tax on cigars and smokeless

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tobacco and the reinstatement of tolls at exits 1 through 6 on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Western Massachusetts. The legislation also imposed a new 6.25 percent sales tax on computer system design services as well as services to modify prewritten software. The Legislature later repealed that new tax.

POSSIBLE 2016 BALLOT QUESTIONS - Rep. Geoff Diehl and Republican activists Marty Lamb and Holly Robichaud announced that they are considering an effort to get three ballot questions on the 2016 ballot. They include reducing the 6.25 tax to 5 percent; reinstating the 8-year term limit on the Speaker of the House; and prohibiting illegal immigrant students from being allowed to pay the in-state state college tuition rate which is lower than the rate for out-of-state students. The sales tax was hiked from 5 percent to 6.25 percent in 2009. The lower tuition rate for some illegal immigrants is currently allowed under an executive order issued by former Gov. Patrick as long as they obtain work permits through a special program ordered by President Obama. The repeal of term limits on the speaker was approved at the end of January.

Other possible questions include legalizing, licensing, regulating and taxing marijuana and allowing adults over 21 to grow it for their personal use and the use by others over 21. This campaign is being led by Richard Evans, a Northampton lawyer and chair of the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol in Massachusetts. In 2014, voters in 56 Massachusetts cities and towns approved local non-binding ballot questions asking if they favor making recreational marijuana legal.

Another possible question would essentially kill the potential Boson 2024 Olympic Games by stopping the state from providing any taxpayer funds toward the games. The effort is being spearheaded by former 2014 gubernatorial candidate Evan Falchuck and his United Independent Party.

Sponsors of possible 2016 ballot questions have until August 5, 2015 to file their proposals with Attorney General Maura Healey. That is the first step in the long process to get their proposed laws on the ballot. Ultimately sponsors must gather 68,911 voter signatures by

November 2015. The measures would then be sent to the Legislature and if not approved by the House and Senate by May 3, 2016, proponents must gather another 11,485 signatures by July 6, 2016 in order for the question to appear on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

CLIMATOLOGIST - Gov. Baker dealt the final blow to any chance of funding the newly created Office of the State Climatologist that was approved by the Legislature and signed by former Gov. Deval Patrick last July.

A climatologist attempts to discover and explain the impacts of climate over a long period of time.

The office was originally funded at \$200,000 but faced with a \$768 million budget deficit, Patrick cut it by \$125,000 in November while Gov. Baker cut the remaining \$75,000 a few days ago. The position was to have been a new initiative for this year and no one had yet been appointed to it.

Governors have unilateral authority to reduce or eliminate funding for executive branch agencies.

Supporters of the office say that 47 states have climatologists and it is time for the Bay State to join their ranks and benefit from this important knowledge.

QUOTABLE QUOTES: Special MBTA Edition

MBTA General Manager Beverly Scott resigned last week in the wake of widespread service problems on the T during and after recent snowstorms.

"No. I did not." — Gov. Charlie Baker on whether he forced Scott out of her job.

"The failures of the public transportation service are unacceptable and can't be allowed to continue. We must all commit to making the changes that will bring forth a cost-effective system that riders can rely on. — Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).

"[Dr. Beverly Scott] has shown leadership and courage during the challenges we are facing, and I wish her the best of luck in the future. I look forward to working with

the governor to improve our public transportation system to better serve our residents who rely on it everyday."

— Boston Mayor Marty Walsh.

"The MBTA is broke and broken. It is structurally insolvent ... it is time for emergency legislation to fix the MBTA." — Statement from the Pioneer Institute.

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 9-13, the House met for a total of nine hours and 31 minutes and the Senate met for a total of six hours and 10 minutes.

Mon. February 9 No House session No Senate session

Tues. February 10 House 1:00 p.m. to 1:01 p.m. No Senate session

Wed. February 11 House 11:23 a.m. to 2:56 p.m.

Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:42 a.m.

Thurs. February 12 House 11:04 a.m. to 5:01 p.m.

Senate 1:03 p.m. to 6:37 p.m.

Fri. February 13 No House session
No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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New zoning falls short on city's open space goals



By Rob Buchanan

It comes as no surprise to Somerville residents that our city is ranked last in open space per person among Massachusetts' municipalities. In a city with New England's highest population density, we don't need someone to explain the term "open space," because we experience so little of it every day.

Playing fields become dust bowls from overuse. Community garden waiting lists are years long. Quiet moments to enjoy a shaded summer walk with a child or canine friend are often a car ride away. Because so much surface area is paved, flash flooding and basement back-ups are recurring events. And as we know too well this week, we struggle just to find space to put snow.

We accept all this because Somerville is our much-loved home. In a city rich with local characters, community events, and tight-knit social groups, we know the pluses far outweigh the minuses.

But our lack of green space in which to live, work, play and raise a family was never a foregone conclusion. And it need not remain as it is.

Somerville is rewriting its zoning ordinance. As we consider this once-in-a-century opportunity to channel real estate development pressures into meaningful open-space investments, we need not speculate as to how this might go awry for ourselves and future generations. We need only look back in time.

Somerville separated from Charlestown in 1842 as new railroad lines fostered industrial development. Despite this growth, the town's agricultural roots remained visible throughout the nineteenth century. Its seven hills were home to orchards and grazing pastures. Residents and real estate developers extoled green Somerville's clean air and expansive vistas.

Following the Civil War, industrialization and housing demand exploded. Town leaders, many of whom were involved in land sales and home building, were eager to keep taxes and city spending to a minimum. They opposed setting aside profitably developable land for parks. Somerville became a city of tightly packed multi-family homes on small lots.

Fortunately, not all of Somerville was carved up for development. City government, needing a high school, offices, and a library, bought 38 acres on Central Hill in 1870. And what is now Foss Park opened in 1876. Not being centrally located or available for land speculators, it was the subject of intense controversy and resulted in Mayor George Brastow's defeat in the next election.

Despite other modest park creation successes, largely spearheaded by civic and social groups, the sentiment expressed by an 1888 editorialist admonishes us as we consider new zoning: "Had it been possible to foresee how great growth of the city would be and to make a general plan by which its growth might be regulated to the best advantage, Somerville today would be a much more attractive city than it is...."

This legacy of rapid urbanization and weak political will has left us with precious little open space. Whereas neighboring communities have public commons, walking paths, trails, playing fields, community gardens, and waterfront recreation, our heavily used urban parks are under continuous strain. More recent investments have upgraded existing open spaces, and the Assembly Square project made improvements to the shore of the Mystic River. However, substantial commitments of new open space remain mostly elusive.

With market demand for walkable urban neighborhoods skyrocketing, developers are once again avid to build here. But this time, city leaders had the foresight to facilitate a comprehensive development plan. SomerVision calls for creating 125 acres of new open space by 2030, increasing the inventory from less than 7 percent to more than 11 percent of our 4.1 square miles.

The strategy involves a combination of public investment and obligations placed on private developers. The latter is essential, since a residential-heavy tax base has left Somerville with a structural fiscal deficit, and new tax revenues from hoped-for commercial development are years away. So it's critical that the new zoning ordinance include substantial requirements of private developers to increase open space.

But only two of the ten proposed zoning districts contain specific provisions for public open space. Specifically, buildings in the 7- and 10-story Mixed Use districts must set aside at least 15 percent of total land area for open space. And in the small area comprising these districts, "open space" is defined Continued on page 20

Life in the William by Jimmy Del Ponte

I know that a lot of you read my column because I talk about the old days. So let's talk about the old days ... of last sum-

mer when we were wearing shorts and sandals and cut off t- shirts. Let's reminisce about the days that we sat out in our yards on our lounge chairs while burgers cooked on the grill.

Ah, the good old days! The days before we had to dress in layers, wear wool socks and long johns and our Patriot's hats with the pompoms. Lets recall those fabulous July 2014 days when we wiped our sweaty foreheads because it was hot out and not because we were perspiring from shoveling snow. Remember when we didn't have to toss so many shovelfuls of snow that it was actually painful to remove our sweaters? Yes, those were the days my friend.

It's not fun anymore. The snow, that is. It makes us wonder why we live in this region. A few weeks ago I wrote about the Super Bowl winning Patriots and I thanked my grandparents for settling in Boston. Well, I've changed my mind.

It's 9 a.m. on Monday, February 16. I got back from taking my dog to Powder House Park to TCB (take care of business) an hour or so ago. I found a spot

The good old days

that I fit my truck into and had to walk in the street to get the dog to where he was "comfortable." Oh, did I mention that the temperature was ZERO? My feet are still freezing. I know how Eskimos must feel.

We had to walk in the street from around the beginning of lower Liberty Ave., near Broadway, to Powder House Terrace where we could access his com-

On the way back, after successful completion of his duties, there was a car coming down Liberty Ave so I pull the dog over to the side trying to get out of harms way (the sidewalk was obliterated). I was getting nervous as the car was coming down Liberty Ave. toward us at a significant clip. I was trying desperately to hold onto the dog's leash and keep him out of the street so the car could go by (there was very little street and less space to stand as a vehicle passed).

Just as I thought the car was going to pass us, it takes a wild swerving right down Mallet Street. No blinker. Of course, I had a few choice words to toss at the driver! That's what this constant barrage of freezing white nonsense does to us. We have just about had it.

Nerves are frayed because we are sick of the snow. We are sick of shoveling out our cars time and time again. We are frus-



trated when the guy digging his car out gets snow all over our clean sidewalk and leaves it there. We are sick of worrying about the snow on our roofs. My snow blower (bless its 10-year-old 8 horsepower motor) can only throw the snow so high. Sunday the wind was blowing the snow right back in my face and that was pretty painful. I was almost ready to start sobbing when I noticed that the snow pile I was making developed cracks! A real avalanche right in my yard! I got a kick out of that as I was probably getting delirious from the snow blower fumes again. Still, it got a smile out of me.

It's going to take an extra amount of patience out there as we wait for this crazy winter to go away. We will get more snow without any significant melting so it will continue to pile up. We will wrap our scarves around our necks and faces, wear our hats that Continued on page 15

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



A grateful city thanks its hard working emergency service employees.

The View Of The Times



Sure, we're tired of shoveling it, trudging through it, and even thinking about it anymore. What can often be a "winter wonderland" for most of us has turned into an apocalyptic nightmare for almost everyone these past few weeks.

Well, if it's been tough for us just imagine how it must be going for all the professionals out there who are tasked with keeping our streets and homes safe and secure. They have been at it incessantly for all this time and continue to serve the community and its citizens in a tireless fashion.

Our city officials have been on their toes coordinating cleanup efforts and informing the public on how to stay safe and what to expect as this unseasonable series of storms passes through.

Emergency responders such as fire and police personnel have likewise given fully of themselves and deserve due recognition for their efforts to keep things under control as normally as possible.

City employees and contracted backup

personnel have also done their best to bring as much normalcy to the populace as is humanly possible.

Still have a walk to shovel? A driveway to clear? We feel for you. But these people have a much bigger chore to tend to: keeping a whole city going. And we thank you for that.

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Koty - has done a magnificent job considering the amount of snow everywhere. Driving down the east/west streets here in the city you can see marked improvement. They are doing a great job. There will be some who disagree, but only a minority. Overall, the City of Somerville has done a good job, considering it's less than 4 square miles with over 60,000 registered cars, and a population of about 75K. We salute and congratulate Mayor Joe Curtatone and DPW Commissioner Stan Koty for a great job well done.

By the way, we need to help our local restaurants right here in Somerville. Local small businesses have struggled these past few weeks. We are fortunate in that most of us can walk out our doors - and not that far - and hit a local restaurant. We support local restaurants and hope everyone here in the city does as well.

We would like to send a special happy birthday wish to Danielle LeBlanc, who celebrated her 29th Birthday. She is the daughter of the our good friend Paula LeBlanc of O'Donovan Law office. They are both special ladies! We wish Danielle a great year.

Happy Birthday this week to some of

our fans here and all are Villens at heart. Big time old friend and popular lady from Somerville, Denise Racicot-Kallis is celebrating this week. We wish her the very best and a happy birthday. Retired Somerville Police Officer Scott Gamble is celebrating his birthday this week. A great guy who works over at Bostonian Florist on Highland Avenue, Robert Lamanno is celebrating as well. Local guy and well known Dennis Leary of Leary Electrical, we wish him the very best of birthdays. A local electrical union guy who is very popular here in the city, Brian Barton is celebrating as well. Finally, we wish the very best of birthdays to Cheryle Snow of the very popular Snow family. She and her husband Wayne are the best CPA's in the business, now located on Main Street in Charlestown. *******

Best wishes to our good friend Ed Smith, who is one of Somerville's best attorneys, sharing his space now with another one of Somerville's great attorneys, Mr. Neil J. Berman. Their office is located on 403 Highland Ave. here in Davis Square.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development invite all interested community members to the first Lincoln Park DESIGN community meeting with our team of landscape architects who will introduce their staff, provide an analysis of the park's existing conditions, and explain their plans for the design process ahead. The meeting will be held at the Argenziano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St., on Tues., Feb. 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend and share the ideas. Spanish and Portuguese interpreters will be available. For more information, please contact Arn Franzen at 617-625-6600 ext. 2545, or AFranzen@somervillema.gov.

The GLX Working Group meeting that was cancelled this week due to the weather has been rescheduled for 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23. The meeting will still take place at the Center for the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue in Somerville.

Somerville's Union Square staple, The Independent, has reopened its doors after undergoing some minor cosmetic improvements. Established in 2001 by restaurateur Ken Kelly, The Independent also has updated their menu of gastropub cuisine with the support of Consulting Chef Patrick Gilmartin (Executive Chef of the Indo's sister restaurant, River Bar; formerly of Staff Meal food truck & Rialto).

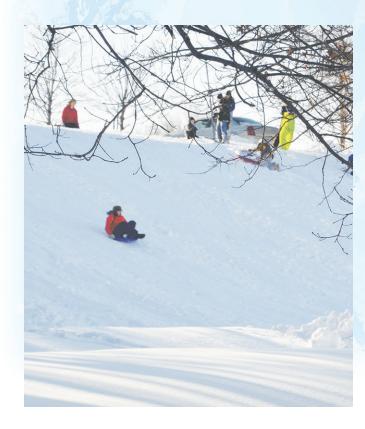
Two restaurants from Somerville are participating in the Friends of Dana-Farber's 17th annual Chefs Cooking for Hope on Thursday, March 5, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Enjoy a night on the town with friends as you sip award-winning wine and sample delicious food from Boston's top chefs at this culinary extravaganza features signature specialties from Boston's most popular restaurants, including more than 30 restaurants, caterers, and wineries. Restaurants from Somerville participating include: Bergamot, 118 Beacon St. and Posto, 187 Elm St. Tickets are \$125 and all proceeds benefit adult and pediatric cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 617-632-3909 or visit www.dana-farber.org/friends. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is world-renowned for its leadership in adult and pediatric cancer treatment and research. Designated as a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), it is one of the largest recipients among independent hospitals of NCI and National Institutes of Health grant funding.

More snow... We know!

Even more snow this week meant more work digging out, mixed with a little fun and games



























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SPORTS

2015 Summer Camp & Activities Fair

By Tom Bannister

With all this snow and frigid air it may be hard to believe but summer is just around the corner! And many programs fill up fast.

Somerville Public Schools invites you to save the date for their upcoming Summer Camp & Activities Fair, scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Arthur D. Healey School, 5 Meacham Street, Somerville, MA.

Summer camp and youth program options for toddlers through high school will be made available in Somerville and surrounding communities.

30+ summer camp and youth program providers will be on hand to provide

information and answer questions about their programs at the 2015 Somerville Summer Camp and Activities Fair. Program offerings will include a wide range of summer camp and program options including the arts (general, music, dams, circus arts, etc.), sports (softball, Pop Warner, swimming, boating, rock climbing, etc.), technology, recreation, overnight camps, youth job opportunities, and more.

This event is free and open to the public, and is geared toward families with toddler-aged kids through high school.



The 2015 Summer Camp & Activities Fair has something fun to offer everyone in the family.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. Which American president was the only one elected after running unopposed?
- 2. Tony Bellea became famous, but was better known as who?
- 3. Dewitt Wallace founded what magazine?
- 4. Abraham Lincoln's father was among the "what" in the country?
- 5. When did Abraham Lincoln serve as president of the U.S.?
- 6. What color is an ocelot?

- symbol of liberty in Ancient Rome?
- 8. Who was Big Bird of Sesame Street's best friend for many years?
- 9. In 1960 where did France test its first atomic bomb?
- 10. Which American band leader wrote One O'Clock Jump and Jumpin' At The Woodside?
- 11. Harper Lee published what novel in 1960?
- 12. What musical features the song Too Darn Hot?
- 7. What animal was the Answers on page 23

The Kennedy Pool is open this week!

Feb 17-20 is Somerville School Vacation week. Please note our change in normal operating hours below on our calendar.

Special

Family Swim Tuesday through Friday 1-3:30pm and normal hours Tuesday through Thursday 6:15-7:30pm

and

Lap Swimming Tuesday-Thursday 1-5pm and Friday 1-3:40pm and Tuesday-Thursday 6:15-7:40pm and normal lap swim on Wednesday am only 6:15am-7:45am



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Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

first hand the heart-wrenching losses at fires and emergencies and also sustained injuries throughout the years. He was symbolic of many firefighters who would not give an inch in a political or philosophical fight but would not think twice to risk his life to save a fellow citizen. The City of Somerville recognized his volunteerism on a memorial totem at Somerville Avenue's Conway Park.

We are sure he would have approved the dozen bagpipers who



performed at his funeral. To honor him, one would best use his own words, which he applied

to almost everyone. Patty, you will always be remembered as a "Good Ole Sort!"

City warns of roof collapse risk

By Rebecca Danvers

According to reports issued by the City of Somerville, heavy snow buildup on roofs can cause serious damage or a total collapse. Even if your roof has endured hard winters in the past, the very sudden and heavy snowfall of the past few weeks could put your home at risk.

Several collapses in the state have recently been reported. It is important that all property owners pay close attention to the amount of snow on their roofs and take steps to prevent a collapse.

Safe roof snow removal is an important measure for homeowners to take to prevent, roof damage or collapse, structural damage to your home and ice dams, which cause leaks that damage walls and cause mold.

If your roof needs to be cleared of snow and ice, you are urged to contact a roofing company or other snow removal professional. Removing snow improperly is a safety hazard and can cause harm to your roof.

If you do attempt to remove snow

from your roof using a snow rake, use good sense and take caution. Snow must be pulled down the slope of the roofline and not across it. Doing so can damage shingles.

Snow rakes must be kept away from all power lines to prevent electrical shock.

Keep your feet on the ground - do not use ladders - and stand clear of falling snow and ice.

Warning signs that your roof is overloaded with snow may include: sagging ceiling tiles or boards, ceiling boards falling out of the ceiling grid, and/or sagging sprinkler lines and sprinkler heads; sprinkler heads deflecting below suspended ceilings; popping, cracking, and creaking noises; sagging roof members, including metal decking or plywood sheathing; bowing truss bottom chords or web members; doors and/or windows that can no longer be opened or closed; cracked or split wood members; and cracks in walls

If you feel that your roof is showing signs of collapse, get outside immediately and call 911.



'Bite' opening rescheduled for this coming weekend

By Rebecca Danvers

Due to yet another onslaught of snow, and in anticipation of a snow emergency for last weekend, the opening reception for the Nave Gallery's latest exhibition, Bite: Food as Art, has been rescheduled from Feb. 14 to the following weekend, Saturday, February 21, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The good old days **CONT. FROM PG 10**

mess up our hair when we take them off, and warm the car up before driving off. And when you do drive off, remember that people are walking in the streets and coming from behind snow banks so lets all practice safety. Slow way the heck down!

We WILL make it through this wacky winter even though it seems like it will never end. But until then, lets not forget those good old days of the summer of '14 when we were young, and crazy, and scantily clad, chowing on burgers, and above all, snow-free and warm.

What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

Somerville Neighborhood News has a lot of good headlines for you in this latest newscast. Here is one headline entitled: Fossil fuel divestment appears stalled

Despite a petition signed by over 500 people, a unanimous resolution from the Board of Aldermen, and the support of Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, it does not appear that the Somerville Retirement Board (SRB) will be moving divest the city's pension fund from fossil fuel companies

The Board, made up of five people, two of whom are elected by city employees, manages the city employee pension money. The funds are invested in securities valued at almost \$230 million as of last summer, according to Michael Pasquariello, executive director of the board.



The SRB's website does have information on the request to divest from the biggest 200 publicly traded fossil fuel companies, but Pasquariello said in a recent email that "the Board has not created an in-stone timeline." Despite numerous requests, Pasquariello was not available for an update or for any comment whatsoever.

But that's not stopping the Fossil Free Somerville advocacy group, which launched the petition

On Jan. 30, the group sponsored an informational luncheon for city employees and other members of the fund at the Somerville Public Library.

Members of the group explained to the audience that selling off fossil fuel stocks can be a good

"Actually, the fossil fuel companies, it turns out that sometimes you do better than if you didn't divest," Evan Seitz said.

Only a handful of current or former city employees attended the lunch.

Among them was former Deputy Fire Chief Peter St. Clair, who tried to convince those who might be on the fence.

Read the story and watch the video here at: www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org or watch SNN Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on SCATV Ch.3.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Housing

sive Plan.

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

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

Calls attention to the thriving arts & creative economy of Somerville and permits these activities to thrive across the city.

- Requires new buildings in certain districts to set aside floor area as leasable arts and creative use spaces. Creates a new districts zoned specifically for artisan production, exhibition, sales, service, education, shared workspaces, and similar uses by
- the arts and creative economy.

Transformational Redevelopment

- Harnesses the demand for residential housing to redevelop underutilized areas of the city as new neighborhoods. Implements standards for new, developer-built infrastructure in transformational areas.

Coordinates zoning with the community-driven neighborhood planning of Somerville by Design.

Requires a commercial/residential development mix in certain special districts as called for by the SomerVision Comprehen-· Establishes transit-oriented parking standards across the entire city.



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

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

MIDDLESEX Division

Estate of:

Docket No. MI 14P5113 EA

Sanford Mary <u>Jeanne</u> Also Known As: Date of Death: 08/04/2009

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

Petitioner Brian J. Merrick of Somerville MA
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State) [x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Brian J. Merrick of Somerville MA

First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State) has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the

estate to serve

[] with [x] without surety on the bond.

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

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for Elevator Maintenance and Repairs at Various Developments, SHA Job No. P-ELV-042015 in accordance with the specifications prepared by the SHA Purchasing Department.

The work consists of a three (3) year "full service" monthly preventative maintenance contract as well as all other necessary repairs. Contractor must be able to provide twenty four (24) hour service 7 days a week.

General Bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Planning and Operation in the following category of work: Elevator Constructor.

The work is estimated to cost \$275,000.00 per three (3) year term. Bids are subject to M.G.L.c. 149§44A J, and to the minimum wage rates required by M.G.L.c. 149§26 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M., Thursday, March 5, 2015 and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245. Bids may be mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received before

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick up at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. There will be no charge for these documents.

A site visit is scheduled for February 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. All interested parties will meet at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Prior notification that you are interested in attending the site visit is requested. Please notify Anthony Crespo at 617-625-1152 extension 336 or email Tonyc@ saha-web.org if you are attending.

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A PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, SUBMITTED BY 13 REGISTERED VOTERS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN FINDING BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS BEFORE **GRANTING SPECIAL PERMITS.**

A PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, SUBMITTED BY 13 REGISTERED VOTERS, TO LIMIT THE GROSS FLOOR AREA IN-CREASE TO 15% FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLING CONVER-SIONS REQUIRING A SPECIAL PERMIT

Copies of the ordinance 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.

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

9 Montgomery Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-119) Applicant and Owner, The Montgomery Avenue Trust, seeks a Special Permit to construct a dormer/cross gable. RB Zone. Ward 1.

29 Warwick St: (Case #ZBA 015-05) Applicant and Owner, April Dovholuk, seeks a Special Permit to change a cottage into a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ story structure with dormers/cross gables. RB Zone. Ward 1.

10 Landers St: (Case #ZBA 2015-08) Applicant and Owner, Elaine and Chris Kakambouras, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to enclose a portion of a rear porch. RB zone/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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The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites proposals for qualifications and fee for:

Consulting Services in support of the "Somerville by Design" Neighborhood Planning Process, on an As-Needed Basis

The City of Somerville is seeking to procure consultants to provide on-call services for the 'Somerville by Design' neighborhood planning program managed by the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development.

Proposal packages for may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on Thursday, February 19th, 2015.

Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 11:00 A.M. Tuesday March 10th, 2015.

Please contact Michael Richards, Procurement Analyst, 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

> Angela M. Allen **Purchasing Director** 617-625-6600 x 3400

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

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 7:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Petition for a Mobile Food Vendor License for Pennypackers Fine Food Inc. dba Pennypackers, which seeks to operate at Aeronaut Brewery, 14 Tyler Street, at various times

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 7:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Petition for a Mobile Food Vendor License for Rhythm 'N Wraps LLC dba Rhythm 'N Wraps, which seeks to operate at Aeronaut Brewery, 14 Tyler Street, at various times.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Legislative Matters on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at 7 PM, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Mary Jo Rossetti, Chairman of the Committee, for public input related to the city's snow removal ordinance (Ordinance 2014-12, found at Chapter 12 Section 8).

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

(617) 666-5223

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: IF THE CITY CALLS A SNOW EMERGENCY AND THE

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED THE SCOA WILL ALSO BE CLOSED AND ALL PROGRAMS, GROUPS, **EXERCISE CLASSES & EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THAT** DAY WILL BE CANCELLED.

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

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

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

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

The monthly dance at the Holiday Inn scheduled for Monday, February 23 has been RESCHEDULED to Tuesday, February 24.

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

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

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

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

Back by popular demand are the Holiday Inn Dances. Lunch and dance to music provided by Hank our resident DJ. All dances are on Mondays and from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. February 24, March 23, April 13, May 18, June 29. A \$15.00 fee is required along with a RSVP so please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS:

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

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

Please note in the "Upcoming Schedule" section several changes in the times that our Cross Street Center and our Ralph & Jenny Center are open over the next couple of weeks.

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)

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

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

Thursdays:

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

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

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

Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M.

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

Upcoming Schedule

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C) Wednesday|February 18

10:00 Grandparents Day at Cross Street (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Thursday February 19

9:00 Yoga (H)

10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H, RJ)

10:00 Current Events Group (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday February 20

10:30 Brain Games 11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday February 23

9:30 Veterans Group (H) 10:30 Moonlighters (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

Tuesday February 24

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Holiday Inn Dance (Previously scheduled for the 23rd)

Wednesday | February 25

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H)

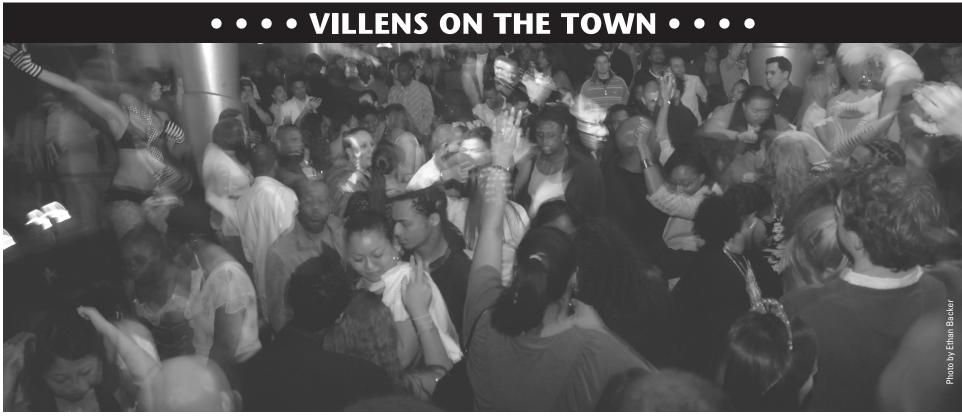
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads Hanscom Air Force Base

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We have a Facebook page. Check us out at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

You can receive our monthly newsletter that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | February 18

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

Central Library

Reptiles! A Museum of Science Program Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000

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

Central Library

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

Thursday February 19

Central Library

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

East Branch Library

Lego Club Meghan Forsell 617-623-5000 x2970 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

Central Library

Lego Club Cathy Piantigini/617-623-5000

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

Friday February 20

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year

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

East Branch Library

Fun Friday with The Music Man! Meghan Forsell 617-623-5000 x2970 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

East Branch Library

Read to Bead Stringing Party Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Sunday | February 22

Central Library

Art Cards with Rob Logan Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland

Monday February 23

Central Library

Sing-along with Fred Griffeth 11 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Book Club for Kids Ages 9-12 Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000

7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland

Tuesday|February 24

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 11-13 Tammy McKanan 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West Branch Library

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

Wednesday February 25

East Branch Library

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

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

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Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia

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

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

3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine AniMAtic Boston

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|February 19

Johnny D's

Tom Maxwell & The Minor Drag (Former Squirrel Nut Zippers Leader Tom Maxwell) Plus Rhythm Future Quartet Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars plus Joe Driscoll & Sekou Kouyate and DJ Afro-Marc - Afropop Night / Ebola Relief Benefit 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Joshua Tree

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

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

8:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Friday February 20

Johnny D's

Boston Comedy Festival Presents Jim McCue Joey Carroll & Jack

Peter Prince & the Trama Unit With special quests Spotted Tiger - all star evening of rock&roll featuring members of Boston finest bands including Dub Apocalypse, Moon Boot Lover, Ryan Montbleau

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Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m. Trick Wallace presents litehouse,

Didn't Planet, Trick Wallace Trio \$5 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

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

DJ

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern

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DI starting at 10 p.m.

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Jugghead Band | 10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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Arts at the Armory Richard Cambridge's Poetry

Theatre

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday | February 21

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch Midge Ure (from Ultravox, Visage, Thin Lizzy, Band Aid/Live Aid)

Vinal with Cosmic Dust Bunnies and Scroll

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Sally O'Brien's

Jim Coyle Band |6 p.m. Northbound Train \$5 cover |9

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Back Room Spike the Punch

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65 Holland St

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Arts at the Armory

The Two Ricks 10:30 a.m.|Café David Johnston 1 p.m.|Café An Evening with the Yaeko Miranda Elmaleh Quartet

8 p.m.|191 Highland Ave Sunday February 22

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band

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Sally O'Brien's Bar

Twenty-Eight Strings, Natalie Flanagan & the F-Bombs, Trusty Sidekick |8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

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

Sally O'Brien's

On The Hill Tavern

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Samba Bar & Grille

Arts at the Armory Castle of Comedy

Strange Behavior

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Dave Westner and Dan Keller 7 p.m.

Back Room **Burren Acoustic Music Series** 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Avel617-625-1131

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Live Band & DI 608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177

Arts at the Armory

Ballet with Molly's Vacation Dance Program 11:30 a.m.|Performance Hall Georgia Bowder-Newton 1 p.m.|Café

Cafe Rags 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday February 23

Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase **Presents: Interesting Points** Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room

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

On The Hill Tavern

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Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Tuesday|February 24

Johnny D's

Open Mic Night w/ Dr. Grant (Free)

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Sally O'Brien's Bar

Thaddeus Merritt Trio with Riki Rocksteady 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m. **Back Room** Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan

On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Arts at the Armory

Youth Arts Arise: Visual Language of Film

3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Pub Sing at the Armory Cafe 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday | February 25

Johnny D's

Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys PLUS The Green Mountain **Playboys**

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

Arts at the Armory

Youth Arts Arise: Visual Language of Film

3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | February 18

Third Life Studio

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

Thursday | February 19

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

(Session 1)6 .m.-7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 40 College Avenue

First Church Somerville

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

Saturday | February 21

Central Library

Protecting Your Online Privacy 11 a.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmers' Market

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

Bagel Bards

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

Sunday | February 22

Unity Church of God

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

Third Life Studio

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

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

Monday | February 23

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Tuesday February 24

Central Library

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

Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga

7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland

Third Life Studio

The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.

7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

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New zoning falls short on city's open space goals CONT. FROM PG 10

as "either increased sidewalk width, a mid-block passage, civic space, public-ly-accessible courtyard with no less than thirty percent (30%) landscaped, or outdoor recreation facilities." This definition begs the question of whether an ordinary person would even recognize it as "open space" if they were standing in the middle of it.

The proposed ordinance also designates Brickbottom, Inner Belt, Assembly Square, and Grand Junction as "Special Districts," designed to encourage large commercial developments. It requires de-

velopers to set aside 12.5 percent of the land in large projects within these districts as "publicly accessible civic space," which could include parks, playgrounds, plazas, dog parks, and playing fields.

The proposed ordinance does not now contemplate new open space in Union Square and Boynton Yards. Its authors state that this will come later, after a year-long neighborhood planning process.

But the point is clear: Even if 12.5 percent of every bit of the 365 acres of SomerVision's transformational ar-

eas were committed to open space, it would still amount to only 45 additional acres, falling short of SomerVision's goal by 80 acres.

It is conceivable that development in the Special Districts would be of such size and scale as to produce tax revenues sufficient to meet open-space objectives through purchase. But that would require that development be almost exclusively limited to high-density commercial property. And it would be so far in the future that land available and affordable for open space would be rare to none.

Residents and aldermen now performing due diligence on the new zoning would be well advised to consider our city's legacy of development run amok. Our transformational areas offer the last best hope for making the substantial and enduring open-space investments needed to improve health and quality of life for those who call Somerville home. Let's get it right this time.

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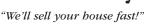
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7:00am	Somerville Film Group	6:00pm	Tails of the City	1:00pm	Evangelico	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech T
7:30am	Life Matters	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector	10:00am	Bay State Biking Ne
3:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Pearls of Irregular Sha
9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	7:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Telemagazine	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech T
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Somerville Film Grou
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1:30am:	SHS Hockey v Latin Academy - 1/24
3:00am:	SHS Girls Basketball v Norwood
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12:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester
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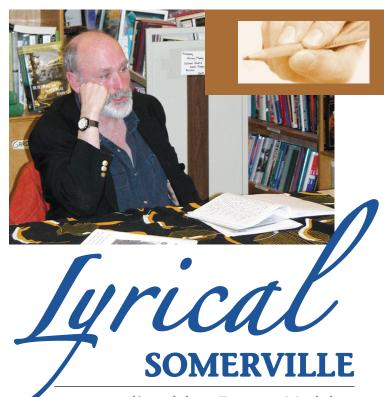
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Poet Michael Todd Steffen's spiral notebook is open "like a clean carp." And in its finite space upon the page is the poet's pathway to the infinite.



Notebook

Spined with a spiral wire: is it by a figuration of the infinite that you are bound, held together by the ever-unfolding, lying

open like a cleaned carp staring at the ceiling, listlessly editing my lines hot off the ballpoint,

damp sticks to the spark?

When it comes down to jamming a slice, eating a page, the wind leaves the arbor in a helpless stillness,

the prince reading words.

Yet there you keep them as the earth its secrets for the dog's restless digging

another day that yields a bone.

— Michael Todd Steffen

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'Misery Islands'

By January Gill O'Neil



Somerville Bagel Bard Dennis Daly, a noted critic, reviews January O'Neil's latest poetry collection "Misery Island." O'Neil is a member of the Bagel Bards and Executive Director of the Mass. Poetry Festival.

"Misery Islands" by January Gill O'Neil CavanKerry Press, Fort Lee, NJ www.cavankerrypress.org ISBN: 978-1-933880-46-4 78 Pages - \$16.00 Review by Dennis Daly

Some islands bask under an equatorial sun, massaged by gentle trade winds and tickled by turquoise water. Others offer stony, unforgiving shores, dangerous channels, and wreckage of grander days, with only the icy winds of desperate hope and final survival to mitigate the landscape.

It's these "other" islands and their human iterations that January O'Neil dwells on in her dolorous but passionate new book of poetry, Misery Islands.

Opening the collection O'Neil audaciously fleshes her persona out in Whitmanesque fashion as everyman and, even more emphatically, everywoman. She identifies with those left behind and challenged by difficult circumstances, those storm tossed isles navigating daily life. Her persona drops words onto the page from a whirlwind of transitory motion. The poet says,

I am every mill town and boarded-up factory, the assembly line disassembled, the layoffs, layaways, and laid to rest.

I put the depressed into depression

I am America reconstructed; I am a force at work.

I dig a ditch, I fill a ditch. My collar is white, my collar is blue.

I am missing 23 cents out of every dollar a woman is supposed to earn but doesn't.

I am every God damn it and Lord have mercy.

O'Neil's poem Rent To Own follows the routine of an older guy with bad knees as he cleans used furniture, removing the unsightly detritus from the bottom strata of human life. Her bigger theme that we are all just passing through in this life bolts up, volcano-like, through the messy details. Here's a pretty telling section,

You'd be surprised how many people pick their noses and leave the evidence under the arm of an armchair, he tells me. Roaches, bed bugs, pet hair, danderyou name it, it's there, in the fibers, the polyester pillows and dense cushions. Steam vapor removes almost anything, even tar from a chaise owned by a guy who works at an asphalt company, working his ass off in 10-hour shifts to afford his slice of America.

Tension between the roles of mother and child settles into an intimate and singular series of motions. The business-like care giver unfurls not only a washcloth but a sense of profound gratitude and love. O'Neil conveys the scene with affecting sentiment and dignity. Individuals, islanders, in other words, do make a difference. I really like the piece. The poet concludes this way,

She reaches around for the cloth with slow and deliberate movements as if not to admit pain, not to convey need-

the caregiver needing care, the care taker not taking as she usually does. Not today. I want to tell her I love her

but I don't. I cover her with a towel and some small talk, try not to notice what's missing.

No words, yet I listen like a stethoscope

for her to say something.

Putting into words the carnage of a marriage breakup confounds many of the best writers, most especially over sensitized poets. I can think of a recent Pulitzer Prize winner for instance. O'Neil handles this subject with just the right touch as her warmed up words chill and disappear into a midwinter's frigid air. Her sentiments court despair with humor and astonish with tight artistic control. The poet aches out her feelings in an touching conclusion,

I can't compete with the failing light from your voracious heart burning us both into nothing.

Something has left us. Every droplet of joy evaporates to sky. When will melt come?

How could anyone blame you for wanting to escape the coldest month of the year?

Like Homer's Penelope, O'Neil weaves heartbreak and metaphor into one composition. Her title poem, Misery Islands, opens with a narrative description of two wondrous and tenuously connected islands off the coast of Salem Massachusetts—Great Misery, and Little Misery. Both are now uninhabited. Each island has its own personality and its own geologic traits. The poet also splices in other historical, tidal, and climate particulars of the islands which strangely magnify the emotional discomfort of the interwoven and parallel marital distress narrative. Consider the following juxtaposition. First the historical, set on Great Misery in the "roaring twenties,"

Imagine a pier, a club house, a swimming pool filled with salt water, guest cottages to the horizon line, a tennis court and tournaments, a nine-hole golf course with caddies dressed in pressed white linens.

So elegant, so glamorous a setting, You can almost see a couple Looking out over a balcony, Hands entwined, the moon Hanging over them By the thin thread of midnight.

Now the equally compelling glory days before the marriage collapse,

I loved. You loved. We loved with our whole selves lips first, then the tumble of skin pulling each other down, caught in the tangle and swirl, closer to terror, closer to ourselves the way we became something else as soon as we were in it the way our bodies displaced truth through the depths of anger, the way it changed us and we were changed by it. We were poor swimmers Too far in the rip to be saved.

Late in the collection, another favorite of mine, the poem A Mother's Tale appears. The poem whispers easily a harsh truth—life's ephemeral nature. The poet's persona speaks to her son and offers an interesting antidote to the human condition and its concomitant isolation. She says,

I tell my son that the best poems are written in the sand and washed away with the tide. I say the moon controls the waves, uses the wind to rake the shore. It is an open invitation to fill The world with words...

O'Neil clearly follows her persona's sage advice. She fills the world with her extraordinary poetic words, and we get

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