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Mayor renews commitment to Somerville Sanctuary City status



Mayor Curtatone made it clear during a press conference last week that the City of Somerville will remain committed to its Sanctuary City commitment.

By Joe Ruvido

Mayor Joe Curtatone doubled-down on his promise to keep Somerville's Sanctuary City status in the face of threats from President Donald Trump to revoke federal funding from such cities.

Trump issued an executive order last week that calls for the building of wall along the US-Mexico border, an increase in the number of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Troops, and an end to federal funding for Sanctuary Cities. Somerville began its Sanctuary City status in 1987 under mayor Eugene

So-called Sanctuary Cities do not require local law enforcement to question immigration status of citizens, and do not fund the enforcement of immigration laws. For example, on a normal traffic stop, a Somerville police

SYRC's online auction fundraiser is on

By Ariana Colozzo

The Somerville Youth and Recreation Center (SYRC) is holding its annual action starting on Wednesday, February 1.

Many great prizes are up for grabs, including free nights to Boston's finest hotels, as well as gift certificates for restaurants, spas and clothing stores to complete your weekend away. And don't forgot about the events; there will also be tickets to shows and sports games, so you could score some great seats to see the Bruins, Patriots, Celtics or Red Sox. Make sure to check out what the auction has to offer before bidding closes on February 28.

The auction, which is the SRYC's only fundraiser, funds all of its programs throughout the year. The Foundation was founded over ten years ago to support the young residents of Somerville by providing educational and extra-curricular activities.

Today, the SRYC offers something for every student. There are reading and language programs, educational trips to zoos, aquariums and museums, sports teams, Continued on page 9



SYRC's one-and-only fundraiser for the year is currently underway, and everyone is invited to join in and help support this organization that is dedicated to bringing sports activity opportunities to our youth.

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The **Zoning Board of Appeals** hearing on **21 Cherry Street** and the hearing on the **Murdock & Cedar** development is being held tonight at City Hall. We're sure **Chairperson Susan Fontana** will do another admiral job in handling the crowd, as she always does. Don't mess with a well-versed East Somerville lady who grew up here.

A lot attention is being paid this week to the **Super Bowl**. Let's hope that we all get the pleasure of watching **Goodell** present the trophy to the **Patriots**. It would be nice to watch him present it to **Tom Brady**. The revenge tour finally ends on Sunday. Our prediction is just a win – we don't care how many points – just a win for NE.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday first of all to a Maria "Nella" Nunes, a local lady who is always smiling and a true Somerville girl from a large family here on Winter Hill. Nella, as many refer to her, is a nice person, with a great personality and you can mostly find her on the job at McCarthy Storage on Harvard St., Medford. Drop in and rent a storage space and say "Hi." Happy birthday as well to Sheila Howe of the famous Howe family. We hope she has a great birthday. We also hear that her husband John also had a birthday recently in January. May both have a great day/weekend. Happy birthday too to an old friend, Louise Lounsberry. We hope she has a great day for herself.

We see that Mayor Joe Curtatone has made national news on the recent goings-on about the city's Sanctuary City stance. He got some pretty good press out it. He has done a great job here in Somerville. Maybe he should run

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The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville Mayor Curtatone on Defunding Sanctuary Cities

JAMES says:

so great to be a sanctuary city, to have illegal aliens live in are city not knowing who they are.so sick of hearing it. You should come tell my wife how great it is. To be attack at 8.30 in the morning going to work in front of Louie's Ice Cream by an illegal alien living in the city

LongTimeRes says:

Not all Somerville residents agree with the Mayor. The Mayor is acting like a criminal if he continues to disobey laws. You can't just ignore laws because you don't like them. That's what criminals do. Save our City!

tailwind_turner says:

Like it or not Mr. Mayor, there people are ILLEGAL — meaning they are here ILLEGALLY hence they are BREAKING THE LAW... and so are YOU.

Oliver Seppo says:

Well said Mayor Curtatone!

A. Moore says:

The president is only after those who are criminals such as drug dealers, murders and so forth. Not those who believe in US principles(not sure of his exact words). So he is actually is supporting illegals who are not criminals by is own words. Only the mayors are saying this and scaring people who are not documented. We are only a sanctuary city because of one person, not by the people.

Steve keenan says:

"THe law is the law and he has to abide by it." Mayor Curtatone said that about STeve Wynn regarding the proposed casino in Everett.

Can the Mayor explain why HE does not have to abide by the law concerning immigration?

Mitza says:

Curtatone was accompanied by a sign which read, "hate has no home here."

This has never been about 'hate'. It's always been about abiding by the immigration laws of the land.

Oliver Seppo says:

Hear hear, the little creepers coming out of their holes...

Jake says:

How soon we forget about the Somerville Soccer players sodomized just a few years ago by the illegals living and going to school in the sanctuary city. Perhaps they can stay with the Mayor since he has offered to provide them lodging.

Response to: Blossoming plans for the Somerville Growing Center

Alicia Collins says:

I'm very grateful that the Growing Center has been thriving and is now getting a boost from the CPA. This is a much needed thing in our city and I hope it continues indefinitely.

Benedict Mercadante says:

So glad to see the continuation and further development of this project, something that could be done in all our communities. Lisa has been a guiding light with a life long effort fomenting these metrics, regarding this positive ideology. Best wishes on this new phase, and all the success to everyone involved.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



Marijuana 'baked goods' no joke

By Aaron Smith

Shortly before the Winter Break, two Somerville High School students were transported to the hospital, displaying signs of disorientation and fatigue. School officials determined that the students had consumed baked goods that contained marijuana.

The parents of the students affected were notified immediately and were invited to meet with school administrators. A Somerville High School student was identified as the provider of the baked goods, and disciplinary action has been taken.

Somerville High School was quick to act, immediately implementing a plan to educate both students and parents on the dangers and consequences of marijuana consumption or distribution on school grounds.

The Somerville Public Schools continue to enforce a zero tolerance policy with regards to drug use. Along with the "Somerville Cares About Prevention" program and the Somerville Health and Human Services Depart-

ment, Somerville Public Schools have hosted in-school and after-school education sessions in preparation for the legalization of marijuana in Massachusetts.

Over the course of the past week, public schools in Somerville have hosted a series of assemblies for students. These assemblies covered the description of the new statute on marijuana law, the Somerville Public Schools discipline policy, and substance abuse prevention and education. The presenters included Chief Fallon of the SPD, SHS Headmaster John Oteri, and Director of the Office of Prevention Cory Mashburn.

Additionally, SHS hosted a parent/guardian informational meeting, How You Can Support Your Child within the New Marijuana Law. This took place Wednesday, January 25 at the Somerville High Library and was open to the public.

The Somerville Public Schools continue to actively educate students on the dangers and consequences of marijuana consumption and distribution.

Late night fire forces residents to jump from windows

By Jim Clark

A three alarm fire that broke out at 8-10 Appleton St. three-family home at approximately 2:00 a.m. on Friday, January 27, forced several residents to jump from second floor windows to escape from the blaze.

According to reports, four individuals were taken to the hospital for various injuries related to their jumping from the building. A number of nearby residences were temporarily evacuated while firefighters fought the blaze.

Although not yet confirmed, several neighbors have indicated that they believed a portion of the building was being used for Airbnb rentals.

The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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By Jim Clark

'\$600 or stay in America'

Somerville Police received a call last week from a man who reportedly told them that his girlfriend's stolen cell phone and passport were being held for ransom and that he was in the process of negotiating their return.

According to reports, the woman's cell phone and passport had been stolen at a nightclub in Boston known as Sissy K's on January 22, and the incident was reported to Boston Police.

At the time, the victim's boyfriend immediately began communicating with the person in possession of the stolen phone via text messages, desperately trying to recover the victim's passport.

During their conversation, he reportedly agreed to give the

unidentified individual six hundred dollars to return the passport. According to the victim's boyfriend, the response was, "I won't give them back if you don't have \$600 or if you bring the police. She will have to stay in the U.S."

The victim's boyfriend reportedly said that he was told that a meeting would be arranged to exchange the cash for the stolen items.

After several days of texted negotiations, all parties agreed to meet at the McDonald's at 14 McGrath Highway in Somerville. A photo of the passport was texted to the victim for affirmation. Somerville Police was notified prior to the meeting, as indicated earlier.

Police detectives were sta-

tioned at strategic locations around the McDonald's and waited for the suspect to arrive. The victim's boyfriend received instructions on his cell phone to exit the McDonald's and meet the suspect outside.

The victim's boyfriend met a female, later identified as Yolanda Barros, of Brockton, in front of the Gold's Gym three stores down from the McDonald's.

He gave her six one hundred bills and she reportedly handed him the stolen passport. Detectives observed Barros as she exited a nearby vehicle. After the exchange, the driver of the vehicle, later identified as Dante Gomes, of Roxbury, quickly exited its parking spot and attempted to leave the area.

Detectives stopped the vehi-

cle and detained Barros. She reportedly said that she didn't do anything wrong and that she was "returning a passport for her friend."

Barros was handcuffed and police retrieved the six hundred dollars from her hands and confiscated it as evidence.

Police approached Gomes in the driver's seat of the vehicle and, prior to being spoken to, he questioned officers as to why he was being stopped. He reportedly told police, "I'm just here to return a passport to someone."

A third passenger was also seated in the rear passenger side of the car.

The officers noted that Gomes had two cell phones on the front passenger seat of the vehicle, one of which had a photo of a Brazilian passport displayed on the lit screen. The phone in question was an iPhone 5.

Gomes was promptly given an order to exit the vehicle and he was placed into custody.

The vehicle was towed away, and the backseat passenger, who claimed no involvement, was sent on his way.

Both defendants were transported to Somerville Police headquarters and charged with the conspiracy and receiving stolen property over \$250.

They were later booked by the Officer in Command. According to the charges, they had possession of the stolen passport and cell phone and deliberately attempted to deprive the victim of money for items they knew were stolen.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Janielson Desouza, of 70 Cottage Ave., Everett, January 25, 7:20 a.m., arrested at Franklin St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, motor vehicle lights violation, criminal uninsured motor

vehicle, and speeding.

Yolanda Barros, of 253 Grove St., Brockton, January 25, 7:46 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of receiving stolen property and conspiracy.

Dante Gomes, of 26 Juniper St., Roxbury, January 25, 7:46 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of receiving stolen property and conspiracy.

Antonio Rodrigues-Deo-

liveira, of 49 White Ave., Watertown, January 27, 10:04 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second offense, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Stephen McDermott, of 82 Crescent St., Quincy, January 29, 3:06 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Aaron Ravanales-Lopez, January 29, 5:45 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of misdemeanor breaking and entering and trespassing.

Abner Bernadeau, of 112 Crescent St., Waltham, January 30, 12:20 a.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, speeding, drug possession to distribute, and failure to signal.

Michael Puckerin, January 30, 1:00 a.m., arrested at Lower Campus Rd. on a charge of trespassing and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, larceny over \$250, and speeding.

Mayor renews commitment to Somerville Sanctuary City status

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officer cannot inquire about a subject's immigration status, nor will they report that status to ICE (unless in the case of a violent crime or felony).

Many critics argue that Sanctuary Cities aid in harboring criminals and fugitives from the law, a claim that Curtatone strongly refutes. "We collaborate with state and federal law enforcement. We always remove dangerous people from our communities."

Somerville goes further than its hands-off approach to immigration enforcement, actively encouraging diversity and inclusiveness in the community. Groups like The Welcome Project and Somer Viva assist immigrants and non-native speakers with job placement, translation, and community organizing. Volunteer ESL groups meet nightly to teach English-lan-

guage grammar and promote inter-cultural exchange.

Curtatone's personal story helped frame his views on immigration and Somerville's Sanctuary City status. His parents immigrated from Italy and Italian was his first language.

"I'm the son of working-class Italian immigrants," boasted a proud Curtatone, recalling the hard work he saw in his parents growing up. Many of his neighbors were also first-generation immigrants from the periphery of Europe. "My neighbors were from countries like Portugal, Ireland, Spain and Italy. Everyone made incredible contributions to Somerville and this country."

In the early decades of the 20th century, America received upwards of 20million immigrants from Central, Southern and Eastern Europe. Of those about 4 million were Italian immigrants. Others were Eastern European Jews escaping persecution, Irish escaping famine and Central Europeans displaced by World War I.

"My neighbors were from countries like Portugal, Ireland, Spain and Italy.

Everyone made incredible contributions to Somerville and this country"

Trump's threat to revoke federal funding from Sanctuary Cities could affect Somerville to the tune of \$5-6 million dollars. Programs in the city backed by

federal funds help students, veterans, and public safety officials alike. When asked what the city will do if faced with the cuts, Mayor Curtatone was adamant that the programs will remain in place. "We'll find the money," said the mayor, "these people are our most vulnerable, the people that Trump promised to protect in his campaign."

It is unclear at this time when the funding cuts might take effect. Some funding streams can be cut by the Department of Homeland Security, others may require congress to pass legislation to reduce funding.

Curtatone's tough and defiant rhetoric was shared by fellow Sanctuary City Mayors Marty Walsh (Boston), Bill DiBlasio (NYC) and Rahm Emmanuel (Chicago) who face the same threat of losing federal funds under Trump's Executive Order. When asked if he's worried about speaking out so strongly against the new President, Curtatone stayed on message. "I'm not going to run away from who I am or what Somerville stands for. We are proud of who we are."

Supporters of the Sanctuary City movement in Somerville are invited to join The Welcome Project, City of Somerville, and your neighbors on the Somerville High School concourse, 81 Highland Ave., on Saturday, February 4, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for the We are One Somerville rally.

2017 is the 30th anniversary of Somerville becoming a Sanctuary City and all members of our community are invited. The rally will feature a short speaking program and musical performances. In case of inclement weather, the rally will be held in the Somerville High School Auditorium.

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COMMENTARY

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'Villens United by Jenna Pflieger

Why we women marched



When my husband found out I was attending the Boston Women's March for America he immediately asked me to write an article about my experience for this column, and to his surprise I immediately said yes.

Anyone who knows me well would tell you that I am more of an introvert and not someone who would voice my political opinions so publicly, but this is a whole new world we are living in today.

I may have "shared" an article here and there that I felt real-

ly strongly about on my Facebook page previous to this past election season. Every day that passed, there was more to react to and more information to share with others. I could no longer remain quiet, at least in the world of social media.

I believed in the slogan that love would trump hate, so along with a majority of Americans I was blindsided on Election Day. My immediate reaction was, "What can I do? How can I make a difference in the next four years?" When the Boston Women's March for America was announced, I saw it as a chance to step outside the security of my computer screen.

I had my first glimpse of the magnitude of the day when, at 10:00 a.m. on a Saturday, I stepped onto a 5:00 p.m. rush hour style packed train car at



Assembly Row.

Strangers were actually talking to one another, trading information about where they are from and chattering about other marches planned across the United States and across the globe. The woman who I was going with even had a sister who was marching in Paris that same day.

We waded through a sea of handmade pink hats and thoughtfully written protest signs to the Boston Common. To be surrounded by peace, love and solidarity was energizing. The crowd grew so large that most of the day had turned into a rally while people were waiting to march. Helicopters flew overhead recording the crowd size that those of us on the ground wouldn't know about until we arrived home later in the day, because cell towers were so overloaded that it was hard to get any live streaming information.

"Do these women even know what they are marching for? They are all carrying so many different signs. Aren't they all there for different reasons?" These are the kinds of comments that immediately started circulating the internet. For anyone at the many marches across the world, the answer would be a loud and

proud, "Yes!" We were marching because women's rights are human rights, love is love, black lives matter, immigrants make America great, science and climate change are real, equal pay, factual news reporting matters, Muslim ban, etc., etc.

Perhaps each person had their own sign emblazoned with the issue they were most passionate about, but the key to everything is that we were all there to support each other and every issue brought forth.

The majority of the record numbers of over 100,000 people marching in Boston were drawn into the city in direct response to the degrading comments Donald Trump has made towards many different women; especially his bragging of being able to walk up to any woman he wants and grab her by the genitals simply because he's famous (No, you can't. No one can. That's sexual assault). It was a hot topic of conversation between many women packing into the city through public transportation. Many simply marched to stand up to the condoning of Trump's behavior and his degrading unnecessary comments and behavior towards them, and to set a better example for what young men think to be acceptable sexual behavior towards women.

While thousands here in Boston marched, there were literally millions of other women marching in other countries in every continent on earth. Yes, even from Antarctica all the way up to Alaska.

This march was just the beginning, the spark that ignited the flame, the call to go home and do more for your country. There are already online guides and posts daily informing you on how to reach out to your representatives, which organizations to donate to that will help fight for the causes you believe in, and even a call to get more involved by running for offices big and small as the local school board or state representative's seat.

Many have now even taken to boycotting, protesting, and sending messages to the current president by contacting his businesses. Each of these things may seem small, but added up together they are the strength that is needed sustain a movement. We may be uncertain as to what will happen in the coming days and years, but one thing history will tell us is that when women come together to march we can make a difference.

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A personal note from Publisher Bob Katzen:

This week's column is dedicated to Helen Woodman Harrington who died at the age of 74 on January 23.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Helen was the former owner of the well-respected State House News Service from 1979 until she sold it in 1996. She was one of a kind and one of the nicest people I've known during my 42 years in the Statehouse reporting business. She and I go way back to the 1970s and she was always helpful and kind to me. She will be missed by so many.

> The State House News Service's Michael Norton and the Political Almanac's Craig Sandler both worked with her for years. "Her low-key demeanor, patience and gentle humor caused everyone who worked with her to think a little more about what they were doing and enjoy it more as well," said the pair in a joint story they wrote upon her passing. "It made her universally respected and often loved by the politicians, staffers and journalists with whom she dealt, and there were thousands. She believed in giving every side of a story a fair chance, every person a fair shake, and every issue thoughtful treatment."

> Norton and Sandler continued, "She did not like bullies or blowhards or public officials who were in it only for themselves. On the other hand, she did not at all care for the simple-minded assumption on the part of too many journalists that all politicians were crooked, or more tellingly, that their less savory aspects were their only aspects. As the business grew increasingly dumbed-down and hasty to assume the worst, she counseled her reporters to understand the complexity of everyone's character, and she was unashamed at seeking to find the good in people."

> The pair notes that Helen had a tremendous sense of humor and never stopped her staffers from having a good time, and they in turn matched her endless capacity for long hours and hard work. Her passions were uncomplicated and robust: she adored her White Mountains home, Poolside and following its natural rhythms season to season. She loved having her nieces and nephews and their kids there. She loved golfing at the North Conway Country Club."

> They noted that Helen's late husband Bill Harrington, the love of her life, himself an accomplished reporter for WCVB-TV, were the kind of people who carried cards with his preferred Manhattan mixing procedure.

> "She left an indelible mark on the journalism of her time and beyond," Norton and Sandler concluded.

> Visiting hours followed by a short memorial service will be held Thursday, Feb. 9 from 4-7 p.m. at the Beals-Geake-Magliozzi Funeral Home in Medford.

R.I.P. Helen. We miss you already.



Helen Woodman Harrington with her godson Scott Condon, son of former State House News Service reporter Lisa Capone.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on three roll calls and local senators on one roll call from the week of January 23-27, 2017.

\$18 MILLION IN PAY HIKES (S 16)

House approved 116-44, Senate approved 31-9 and Gov. Charlie Baker vetoed an \$18 million pay raise package including hiking the salaries of the two leaders who filed the bill, House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) and Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst), by \$45,000 from \$97,547 to \$142,547. The measure also hikes the pay of the Legislature's two Republican leaders, Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) and Rep. Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) by \$37,500 from \$85,047 to \$122,547. Another provision hikes the salaries of the state's judges by \$25,000 and of court clerks over an 18-month period.

"Given the current fiscal outlook for the state, now is not the time to expend additional funds on elected officials' salaries," Baker said. "This bill is the result of a hasty process that included little substantive debate or time for public comment."

Legislative leaders are confident they have the votes to override a veto as evidenced by the 116-44 and 31-9 vote which are more than two-thirds needed. Opponents would have to switch ten Democratic votes in the House and five in the Senate to sustain the governor's veto.

The measure raises the governor's salary by \$33,200, from \$151,800 to \$185,000; the lieutenant governor by \$30,068, from \$134,932 to \$165,000; secretary of state by \$34,738 from \$130,262 to \$165,000; treasurer by \$47,083 from \$127,917 to \$175,000; auditor by \$30,048 from \$134,952 to \$165,000; and the attorney general by \$44,418 from \$130,582 to \$175,000. It also bans these six constitutional officers and the House speaker and Senate president from earning outside income, other than passive income from investments.

Supporters say that only \$1.4 million is for the legislative pay raises while the remainder is for hikes for constitutional officers, judges and court clerks.

The pay raise package made it through the Legislature at lightning speed. It was only Thursday, January 18, when the temporary Joint Committee on Ways and Means held a brief one-hour hearing on a two-year-old report of the Special Advisory Commission on the Compensation of Public Officials. DeLeo and Rosenberg have not yet appointed members of any committees so a temporary Ways and Means Committee was hastily appointed and assembled for the hearing. The hearing was convened with less than 72-hours-notice to the public. Then just a week later on January 25, a pay raise package is approved.

Rosenberg defended the bill. "We followed overall the recommendations of the independent commission that was appointed two years ago," he said. "They came back and said that the constitutional officers' salaries are out of line with national salaries and ought to be increased ... Fair minded people will consider the fact that the stipends for the presiding officers have not changed for 33 years. Who works for the same amount 33 years later?"

"The Beacon Hill power brokers robbed the taxpayers," said Rep. Jim Lyons (R-Andover). "They voted to increase their salaries by over 50 percent. The Republican caucus voted unanimously against this thievery and

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abuse of power. We must end one party rule on Beacon Hill."

"This wasn't myself just thinking during the Christmas holiday that this would be a good thing to do," said De-Leo. "This is something which I've been hearing about for years. From Constitutional officers. I've been hearing from House members and Senate members and an awful lot of folks."

Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, said, "These cynical actions demonstrate that when the leadership and enough beholden members in the Legislature want something badly enough—they just take it. Disguising it as something at all legitimate required a whole two days." Ford continued, "There was little if any trickery and manipulation that didn't go into this shameless effort on behalf of legislative leadership and others with much to gain."

"Strange, no one's talking about the effect these raises will have on bringing out more candidates against incumbents," said Sen. Michael Barrett (D-Lexington) who supported the raises. "It's going to happen. These are the first salary adjustments in recent memory big enough to draw the interest of potential competitors employed in the private sector today."

Paul Craney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance said, "The move sends the worst type of message. Good work should be rewarded but there's no good in this. Salaries and pensions will go up for these lawmakers and they'll be quick to call for more tax hikes."

"These are serious jobs," said Sen. Will Brownsberger (D-Belmont). "And you want people to compete for these jobs and you don't want these guys under financial strain. You're talking about the legislative leaders, you don't want them under financial strain any more than you want a police officer walking the beat under financial strain."

"I don't think anyone that works in the Legislature as a representative or senator is struggling to put food on their table or get health care for their families," responded Rep. Shauna O'Connell (R-Taunton). "And we have people in Massachusetts that are struggling. We have a budget deficit right now. And the first thing that we go in and do, the very first session we have, is to vote on a substantial pay raise."

In 1998, voters approved by a two-to-one margin a constitutional amendment requiring governors to calculate and announce an increase or decrease in legislative salaries every two years. The specific language requires legislative salaries to be "increased or decreased at the same rate as increases or decreases in the median household income for the commonwealth for the preceding two-year period, as ascertained by the governor."

Under that formula, legislators' salaries were increased by \$2,515 for the 2017-2018 legislative session. The current base pay for legislators is now \$62,547. That hike came on the heels of a salary freeze for the 2015-2016 legislative session, a \$1,100 pay cut for the 2013-2014 session and a \$306 pay cut for the 2011-2012 session. Prior to 2011, legislators' salaries had been raised every two years since the \$46,410 base pay was first raised under the constitutional amendment in 2001.

The new \$62,547 salary means legislative salaries have been raised \$16,137, or 34.8 percent, since the mandated salary adjustment became part of the state constitution.

Currently, 101 or more than half of the state's 200 legis-

lators receive a stipend. Thirty-eight of the 40 senators and 63 of the 160 representatives receive bonus pay for their service in Democratic or Republican leadership positions, as committee chairs or vice chairs and as the ranking Republican on some committees. Currently, annual stipends for these positions range from \$7,500 to \$35,000 above their annual base salary. The bill would increase many of those stipends and the new range would be from \$15,000 to \$65,000.

The bill requires that every two years the salaries of the governor, the other five constitutional statewide officers and the House speaker and Senate president be increased or decreased based on data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) that measures the quarterly change in salaries and wages. It also requires that the same formula be used every two years to increase or decrease the stipends that 99 other legislators receive for their service in Democratic or Republican leadership positions, as committee chairs or vice chairs and as the ranking Republican on some committees.

The measure puts an end to legislative per diems which are travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the legislators. These reimbursements are given to legislators above and beyond their regular salaries.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a legislator resides and its distance from the Statehouse. In 2016, 103 or more than one-half of the state's 200 legislators were paid per diems totaling \$278,601.

Another provision increases the annual general expense allowance for each legislator from \$7,200 to \$15,000 for members whose districts are within a 50-mile radius of the Statehouse and to \$20,000 for districts located outside of that radius. The most recent increase in the general expense allowance was a hike from \$3,600 to \$7,200 in 2000.

This allowance is used at the discretion of individual legislators to support a variety of costs including the renting of a district office, contributions to local civic groups and the printing and mailing of newsletters. Legislators are issued a 1099 from the state and are required to report the allowance as income but are not required to submit an accounting of how they spend it.

Under current federal law, which the bill does not affect, these same legislators who live more than 50 miles from the Statehouse are eligible for a special federal tax break. A 1981 federal law allows them to write off a daily expense allowance when filing their federal income tax return. The complicated system determines a daily amount, ostensibly for meals, lodging and other expenses incurred in the course of their jobs, which can be deducted for every "legislative day."

Under the Massachusetts Legislature's system and schedule, every day of the year qualifies as a legislative day. The Legislature does not formally "prorogue" (end an annual session) until the next annual session begins. This allows these legislators to take the deduction for all 365 days regardless of whether the Legislature is meeting or not. Legislators do not even have to travel to the Statehouse to qualify for the daily deduction.

The amount of the deduction is based on the federal per diem for Massachusetts. It varies from year to year. The daily per diem for legislators for 2016 varies in different parts of the state and is seasonal. It ranges from \$162 per day to \$366 per day or between \$59,130 and \$133,590 annually. It is estimated that more than one-third of the state's 200 legislators qualify for this deduction and are

eligible to pay little or no federal income tax on their legislative salaries.

Other provisions of the pay hike package give a \$65,000 housing allowance for the governor. Massachusetts is one of only six states that supplies neither a governor's residence nor a housing allowance, even as Boston has the among the most expensive housing market of any of the state capitals.

The package also has an emergency preamble attached to it. That means it goes into effect immediately instead of in the usual 90 days. The preamble says, "Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make certain changes in law for compensation of public officials, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

Voters are not allowed to collect signatures to put a question repealing the pay raises on the November 2018 ballot because the package includes judicial pay hikes which under the Massachusetts Constitution cannot be the subject of a repeal on the ballot.

"The judges were included because judges haven't had a pay raise in a couple of years and we're below the national average [in pay]," said Rosenberg. "We are having trouble recruiting people to apply for judgeships."

Ford responded, "With such careful thought and consideration given to the mechanics of this legislation, this certainly cannot be unintentional. It is to ensure that this pay grab is referendum-proof, preventing any kind of citizen input whatsoever, every step along the way, and beyond."

Here's how local legislators voted on the pay raise.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost No Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

MAKE HIKES EFFECTIVE IN 2019 (S 16)

House 120-40, rejected an amendment that would delay all the hikes in pay and increased allowances and make them effective in January 2019.

Amendment supporters said that this would ensure that there is an election in between the approval of the pay hikes and their implementation. They argued that legislators knew what they would be earning when they ran for office in November 2016. They said that the state should not increase salaries while there is an estimated \$500 million deficit lurking.

Amendment opponents said the raises are fair and noted that the funds for the legislative hikes will come from the existing budget. They argued that legislators' stipends have not been increased in 23 years and the expense allowance has not been hiked in 17 years.

(A "Yes" vote is for the delaying the raises until 2019. A "No" vote is against the delay.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Denise Provost No

LIMIT STIPEND INCREASES TO 4 PERCENT (\$ 16)

House 36-124, rejected an amendment that would limit the increase in stipends for legislators to 4 percent above the current amount.

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Teachers with great ideas on how to teach children math in Somerville win grants

By Erica Voolich

Many teachers have great ideas on how to make their class-rooms a better place for their students to learn math. The teachers' ideas frequently outrun the budget schools have for supplies and their own ability to subsidize their classroom.

The Somerville Mathematics Fund tries to fill this need through the generosity of their donors. The Apple Tree Fund, CliffordLarsonAllen Foundation, Jay and Jasper, William Kuhlman, Winter Hill Bank, and Rebecca Wood-Spagnoli each sponsored a teacher's grant.

The rest of the grants were funded thanks to the combined generosity of everyone who contributed to the Math Fund's annual fundraiser. The following teachers won grants to encourage and support mathematics achievement in the classrooms of Somerville.

These Teacher Grants were funded by the many generous donors who together contributed enough in our annual fundraiser to support all of them. There is power in donations of many sizes coming together to support the larger whole.

- Julia Allen, East Somerville
 Community School Unidos
 (1st), 1st grade team math night
- + Christopher Ames, Kennedy School & West Somerville Neighborhood School (Math Instructional Coach), 2nd-5th

Problem Solving Program

- Allie Bahn, Argenziano School (4th), Math Games and Materials
- Charlene Buckley, West
 Somerville Neighborhood
 School (4th), Math Closet Materials for 3rd & 4th
- Caroline Martha Burkard, East Somerville Community School (4th), math games and materials
- Maureen Cronin, Winter Hill Community Innovation School (2nd), Time & Money
- Donna Driscoll, Argenziano School and East Somerville Community School (Math Coach), Math Center Materials
- Michael Fitzpatrick, St.
 Catherine School, (1st), STEM
 problems solving activities
- + Julie Gallardo, Argenziano School (3rd), Think Tank Measurement & Geometry
- Diana Garity, Argenziano School (4th), TouchMath
- Cathy Hughes, Kennedy School (1st), Reckenreks
- Debra Hurley, Kennedy School (2nd), Bee Bots
- Erin McGovern, Argenziano School (3rd), Think Tank Number Sense & Mental Math
- Holly McMahon, Winter
 Hill Community Innovation
 School (1st), Math Materials
- Andrea Palmer, Winter Hill
 Community Innovation School
 Healey School (Math Coach
 K-5), Math Manipulatives
- Hannah de Souza Rodrigues, Argenziano School (3rd), Think

Tank Problem Solving

• Roxanne Scrima & Sharon Cuddy, Kennedy School (K), Reckenreks

The Math Fund wants to thank the Apple Tree Fund for generously underwriting the following teacher grants:

- Samantha Song, Kennedy School (1st), Math Manipulatives & Containers
- Barbara Strell, Healey School (K - 2nd Resource Room Teacher), Math Manipulatives
- Emily Voigt, Brown School (1st), Blocks

The Math Fund wants to thank CliffordLarson Allen Foundation for generously underwriting the following teacher grants:

- Erik Roberts, East Somerville Community School (6th-8th Self-contained ELA & Math), Math Centers
- Angela Rodriguez, Argenziano School (1st), Math Centers

The Math Fund wants to thank Jay and Jasper for generously underwriting the following teacher grants:

- Danielle Shulman, West
 Somerville Neighborhood
 School (4th), 3 Chrome Books
- Gina Yarmel, Argenziano School (3rd), 3 Chrome Books

The Math Fund wants to thank each of the following for generously underwriting a teacher grant:

William Kuhlman:

+ Leah Jaenicke, Argenziano School (4th Integrated - SEI), Math Games & Materials Rebecca Wood-Spagnoli:

+ Brittany Sullivan, Winter Hill Community Innovation School (5th, SEI), Math Manipulatives

The Winter Hill Bank:

+ Julie Jones & Lauren Mc-Glashing, Capuano School (K), Math Take Home Bags

The Somerville Mathematics Fund was chartered in 2000 to celebrate and encourage achievement in mathematics in the city of Somerville, Massachusetts. Over seventeen years, the Somerville Math Fund has awarded \$104,060 in teacher grants in the city of Somerville.

In early April, the fund will be seeking applications from outstanding math and science students who reside in Somerville for college mathematics scholarships. The Somerville Math Fund scholarships are \$1,000/ year for up to 4 years for students who lived in Somerville while in high school. Links to the scholarship application form is available at www.somervillemathematicsfund.org. more information, to volunteer or to make a tax-deductible contribution, please contact Erica Voolich (617-666-0666 or mathfund@gmail.com).



Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO

Carrot Salad

This salad is great all year round. It's refreshing and light and goes perfectly with chicken or fish. It has great texture, a hint of sweetness with a hint of heat and a touch of tartness. These flavors are a true treat that will surely have you going in for seconds.

For the Salad
5 Cups Shredded Carrots
1/2 Cup Raisins
1/2 Cup Slivered Toasted Almonds
1/2 Cup Combined, Minced Parsley,
Mint & Cilantro
1/4 Teaspoon Salt
Pinch of Black Pepper

For the Dressing
Zest of 1 Lemon
Juice of 1 Lemon
1/2 Cup Olive Oil

Pinch of Salt & Pepper 1 Tablespoon Honey 1/2 Teaspoon Aleppo Pepper

Shred the carrots using a food processor. If you don't have one, you can purchase pre-shredded at your local supermarket. In a large bowl, combine the shredded carrots, raisins, almonds, herbs, salt and pepper. In a small bowl, add the zest and juice of the lemon, while whisking, add the olive oil, honey, salt and pepper and the Aleppo pepper.

Taste the dressing, if it's too acidic, add a little more olive oil. Pour the dressing into the salad mix, toss to coat. Place in the refrigerator for about 1/2 hour prior to serving. The Aleppo pepper spice can be found at Penzeys Spice if you're unable to find it at the local supermarket. The Aleppo Pepper has a slight heat and a mild



sweetness, making it a perfect pairing with this salad.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief.

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Middlesex DA seeking public's help with Shawn Clark's murder

By Tom Bannister

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and law enforcement authorities are requesting assistance from the public on the anniversary date of the murder of a store owner in Malden on January 29, 2013.

It has been four years since the shooting death of Shawn Clark at Patriot Skateboards at 804 Main Street in Malden. Since the incident occurred, Malden Police and Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office have devoted many resources and hours to investigating the circumstances of Clark's death. Authorities have made some progress, but no one has been charged in connection with the crime.

"Today is especially difficult for the family and loved ones of

Shawn Clark," said District Attorney Ryan. "Exactly four years ago, Shawn Clark was murdered. Anyone who feels they may have information pertinent to the investigation, or who may recognize one of the suspects from the video, is encouraged to contact the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office or the Malden Police Department."

Today, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office is once again releasing video surveillance from the store from the day the murder occurred in an effort to identify two suspects who were involved in the incident. The video can be viewed here. Please note in particular the facial and bodily appearances of the suspects and the clothing that they are wearing.

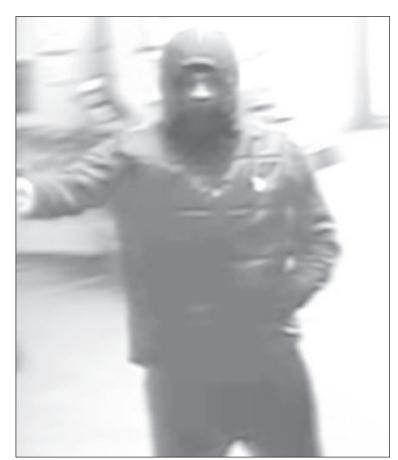
Based on the video surveillance

inside the store and witness interviews, it is believed that two males entered the store shortly after 12:30 p.m., on January 29, 2013 and a confrontation ensued with Shawn Clark, the proprietor. Clark was shot multiple times by one of the two males. Both males then fled the scene.

The Massachusetts State Police and Malden Police Department are actively investigating the case and pursuing leads.

Members of the public with information that they believe may be helpful to the investigation may contact Massachusetts State Police at (781) 897-6600 or Malden Police at (781) 397-7171.

The prosecutor assigned to this case is Assistant District Attorney Chris Tarrant. The Victim Witness Advocate is Danielle DeMeo.



Suspect in Shawn Clark murder.

Tufts University Department of Music Presents Terence Blanchard Featuring the E-Collective

The Tufts University Department of Music presents Terence Blanchard Featuring the E-Collective, in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Saturday, February 25th, 2017 at 8 p.m. Terence Blanchard's sound represents a singular place in contemporary culture, extending beyond jazz's reach. His E-Collective is a groovebased quintet, teeming with funk, rock, and R&B. This revolutionary ensemble delivers a mixture of Blanchard's genius and the innovations of his band mates. It's the natural next dimension for a master trumpeter who has helped shape the contours of modern jazz.



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trips to the Bruins, New England Revolution and other professional sports games, as well as summer camp.

also specializes in educational and recreational programs for children with learning difficulties, emotional or behavioral problems and physical disabilities. They offer special education programs, the Best Buddies program, low impact exercising, socializing, and arts and crafts.

Each year, the SRYC also awards the Richard "Dick" Knibbs scholarship to a graduating Somerville high student, so the Foundation can continue to help Somerville's Youth even as they grow into adults. Dick's dedication to the city and its children was shown through his fifty years of service, helping kids needing adoption, direction, financial aid, and much more.

The money for each donated for each auction item is tax In its mission to serve all of deductible and goes a long way Somerville's youth, the SRYC to help Somerville's youth. Go to the SRYC's website, www. SomervilleYouthRecF.com for more information on the programs the Foundation offers or to try your luck and cast a bid on the auction.



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Your history is our history – celebrating Somerville stories for our 175th birthday



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Somerville celebrates its 175th birthday this year, and we'll be looking back at our past as part of the year-round festivities - including into any personal memories and stories community members want to share. There are of course plenty of historical City facts to delve into - like the fact that we used to be a part of Charlestown until we split off to become Somerville in 1842. But the history of Somerville is so much more than what is written in history books or found in the archives. It's also the personal stories and memories of the people who have and continue to live and work here. We're kicking off a storytelling series today to honor and celebrate those anecdotes that tell the true story of Somerville the story of its people.

The first event in the storytelling series takes place on Thursday, February 2, at the main branch of the Somerville Public Library and will feature a discussion from Dara Baker, Head Archivist of the Naval Historical Collection at the U.S. Naval War College. She'll speak about history research with traditional sources, and the benefits and limits of those records. Our City Archivist Nadia Dixson will explain how historians came to use oral histories to capture what traditional sources don't tell us and the importance of keeping those stories alive.

Throughout the year we will be asking you – residents past and present – to share stories and memories to commemorate the City's birthday, and later this year we will feature the submissions we receive in a "Storytelling Gallery."

As a lifelong resident of Somerville, I have so many stories and memories too. When most people look at Prospect Hill Tower, they see a symbol of American pride. They see a monument honoring the troops of the American Revolution and the Civil War. I also see the place I broke my arm. It was entirely my own fault. When I was a kid, my friends and I got the bright idea to climb up the tower - for fun. So for me, Prospect Hill brings back all the hijinks we got into back then and the strong

Public Library and will feature sense of community we had – as a discussion from Dara Baker, well that broken bone.

One great story we've gathered is from longtime City employee and lifelong Somerville resident Anna Ciccariello Sherwood. She recalls that one of her favorite memories came in an unexpected place at an unexpected time. She says, "I was working in Concord, and one

"When most
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American pride"

day I overheard a few coworkers saying some negative things about Somerville, unaware that I was a proud Somerville resident. I quickly came to my city's defense and was asked why I cared. I answered, 'I live in Somerville and have all my life.' With a look of shock on their faces one of them responded, 'You're too nice to come from Somerville.' I was thankful to have been in that place at that moment doing my small part to help change the perception of the city I love. And, I love to think that some of these same folks would love to be living in Somerville today."

Over the years, we've heard so many stories. Some are from folks who fondly recall how their big families were jammed into every floor of a triple-decker, the streets were filled with kids at all hours, and everyone was into everyone else's business. One gentleman mused how when he grew up here decades ago that the meeting spot for the neighborhood kids was known as "the tree" because it was in fact the only tree on the street. Others remember shopping at Gorin's, or getting ice cream at the Deluxe Candy Shop. Still more have reports of Obama sightings from back when he was a student living here. Some have told me of the hardship and heartache that led them to immigrate here and the American dream they were able to grab hold of eventually once here. One elderly woman years back shared how exciting it was to go the Somerville Theatre as a little girl to see all the dancers in glittering costumes performing at the shows.

Now we want to hear from you. We know the historical facts that our population was only 1,013 back in 1842 when we were founded and that it's now over 80,000. But it's the sto-

ries of the people behind those numbers that help us best understand who we are.

What are your fondest memories? What are some of the places you and your family or friends visited frequently? Does a particular event, parade, or festival stick out to you for some reason? What makes Somerville so special to you? Where were you in Somerville when world or national news broke? How have things changed? Whether you've lived here for only one year of if you have had family roots here for all 175 years, your stories, your memories, and your history are a part of Somerville's history. We want to honor, celebrate, and share that.

We kicked off the 175th birth-day festivities last month at the State of the City address with a historical exhibit and a game of two truths and a lie for some of our former mayors. We have celebratory activities, events, exhibits, and more planned throughout the year. Stay tuned for updates, and let us know if you have any ideas that you think should be incorporated into the celebrations. For more information, visit www.somervillema. gov/somerville175.

To submit your stories, please email Somerville175@somervillema.gov.

Neighborhood Council needs to be open to everyone



By Courtney K. O'Keefe

We all have those words in our vocabulary that upon being spoken or heard ignites a level of anxiety that makes our bodies shutter and our hearts race. Mine is "appoint." For those of you that may not know why, feel

free to Google my name.

Since 2014, I have participated in the dialogue surrounding Union Square, representing Somerville Local First on the Civic Advisory Committee (2015) and becoming a Strategy Leader during the LOCUS process. After hours of meetings, we are now in the process of establishing bylaws for a Neighborhood Council. My major concern with the current proposal, is the allowance of specific Somerville organizations to appoint people to a council that will have a powerful voice and strong arm in the redevelopment of Union Square. I believe we can do better.

I, admittedly, have a sincere distrust in a particular activ-

"... we should ensure that the full community is represented..."

ist group in Union Square and have positioned myself to take a stance that encourages deeper outreach to residents and businesses especially those that are unable to attend the numerous nightly meetings that are required to have these important conversations. When it comes to inclusion on a Neighbora community benefits agreement, leaving the participants up to the choice of organizations that require membership for representation or have unclear financial interests is not fair to the hard-working residents that equally deserve a square that they can be proud of. Ideally, I would like the collective minds involved with this project to separate themselves from their

admitted affiliations and aim at creating a unbiased Neighborhood Council.

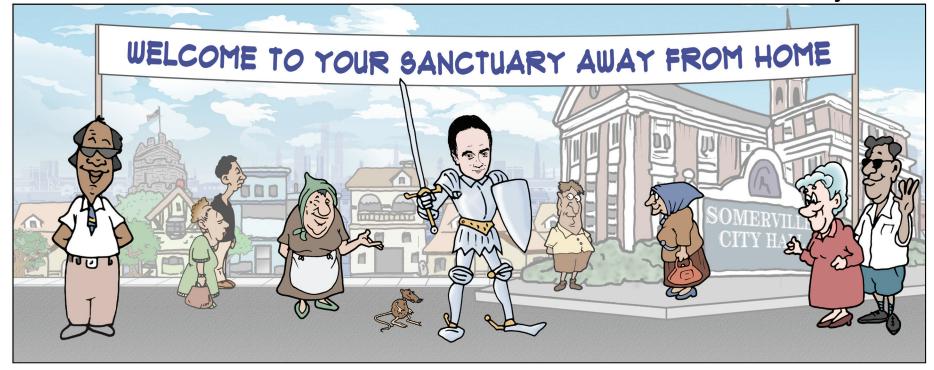
The first articulated goal in SomerVision is to "engage community members in civic life and decision-making, seeking diverse representation and participation." If our goal is to make Somerville a thriving innovation hub with an eclectic array of local businesses for all residents, we should ensure that the full community is represented on a Neighborhood Council and throughout the negotiation of any community benefits agreement.

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Our View Of The Times

Agree or disagree, one has to acknowledge the mayor's resolve.



For some it's a clear-cut case of following the law or breaking the law. For others, human compassion overrides these concerns and there seems to be no other way than to aid and protect those who are in the most need of help.

The Sanctuary City issue has come to a head with the federal government's new policy of cutting off funding to cities that participate in this practice.

Accordingly, debate about its merits or drawbacks are bubbling up among the citizenry of the affected communities.

It's not as if we hadn't had enough divisive rhetoric thrust upon us during last year's political campaigns. Now it seems as though the divisions just keep widening as issues such as this one keep tensions and suspicions at never before seen levels of intensity.

Plausible fears exist among those who would prefer not taking the risks that go along with letting undocumented immigrants settle in the community. Most of us want to live peaceful and secure lives without need of looking over our shoulders or wondering who among those we pass on the street may or may not be worthy of our trust.

On the other hand, a case can be made

for having faith and putting ourselves on the line for the sake of humanitarian generosity and kindness. After all, America has always been a refuge for those seeking safety and a chance at prosperity.

How do we best deal with the many thousands who knock on our door seeking a safe haven from whatever horrors may have befallen them in the past? God grant us the wisdom to deal wisely.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

for governor against the fake republican Charlie Baker?

Congratulations to **Denise Provost** for being the lone Somerville legislator to vote NO on the recent rush to give everyone a pay raise for all leadership roles in the house and senate as well as judges. Funny how they started this right after election for their offices last November. **Senator Pat Jehlen** voted to grant the raises, along with state representative **Christine Barber** who voted YES. Sometimes bills take a year or so to pass the legislatures, but suggest a pay raise and – wow – you'd get whiplash watching it pass.

Glad to hear that **Charlene Harris** is finally home after her surgery. She has been in the hospital a long time, going back to the beginning of November. We send our regards and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We hear that four people might be running now for Alderman At Large against the four incumbents. One more will make it a primary. It looks like every one of the aldermen will be on their toes this election year. In the ward fights we still

hear a name in Ward 1, now we hear someone in Ward 4, Ward 7 and possibility of Ward 6. So far, Wards 2, 3 and 5 are being left alone for now. The fundraisers will be held in earnest now. It will be interesting to see who is supported by whom. We still hear that Mayor Joe is possibly supporting two of the candidates for Alderman At Large – just a rumor floating around. If anyone thinking of running for office this year let us know so we can mention it!

Pat Reardon, a local Somerville lady, retired Somerset Bank manager and Past President of Somerville Rotary has been ill and we send our warmest regards for a fast get-back-on-your-feet and back-to-normal. Pat is a great lady, loved by many here in the city. She and her husband Joe live in the Magoun Square area and are known all across the city.

Charlie Chisholm is still over at MGH, undergoing major surgery with more being planned. Our thoughts are with him for a full recovery. He's been in MGH since before Christmas. Not a great place to spend extended time, so we hope he gets better soon.

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in Newstalk. We guess it's because we like them.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the

club to find out about certification.

It's 2017 and **Demet's Donuts** over on Mystic Avenue is the best. We're noticing more and more Somerville residents over there getting their coffee and donuts to start the day. The ladies working there are fantastic and always smiling. If you're in the mood for a huge, great tasting donut drop over early since they disappear as the day gets on.

Nancy and Jason over at Victor's Deli are back from their vacation down in the Caribbean. It was only a week, but they are back and Victor's looks a little different now. New tiled floor and refrigerators, but the food is as good as ever. So if you missed them these last few weeks, stop over and let them know.

Join Somerville Local First and over 40 local vendors at Arts at the Armory on February 12 for a day of local Valentine's Day shopping. Their Makers Marketplace features a wide variety of handcrafted goods, jewelry, accessories, confections, home decor, textiles, art, apparel and gifts for everyone you love. Swing by and support designers, artists and makers in the

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A winter walk at Assembly Row

















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SPORTS

Prospect Hill Academy Wizards still undefeated

By Ashley Richardson

The Lady Wizards of Prospect Hill Academy enter the second halfway of the 2016-2017 basketball season in Division I of the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO) with no setbacks and in first place with a record of 8-0. Not a bad way to start after completing last year's campaign as undefeated league champions at 19-0.

To date, the closest challenge was a 36-26 victory over perennial nemesis, KIPP Academy of Lynn. PHA was up by only 2 points with six minutes to play; but went on a 12-2 run to close the game. Overall during the 8-game stretch, the Lady Wizards have averaged 53 points and held opponents to 21 points per game. However, this Fri-

day at 7:30 p.m. on February 3, something has got to give when PHA squares off against MCSOA Division II power, Community Charter School of Cambridge at MIT's Zesiger Sports Center in Cambridge. Currently, the CCSC Cougars lead Division II with a record of 16-0—scoring 51 points and holding their competition to 20 points per game.

Prospect Hill Academy relies on leadership on and off the court from their Senior playing trio of combo guard Agar Felix, power forward Tracy Beauvois and small forward/guard Marley Durham and Senior managers Ashley Richardson and Claire Joseph. All players on the team understand that "on court playing time" is a result of committing to "Defense First". However,



The Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards are currently enjoying an 8-0 record going into the second half of the season.

— Photos by Correen Demers

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- 1. Are trotters associated with flats or harness racing?
- What is the official drink of the Kentucky Derby?
- 3. What is a Brannock Device?
- 4. How tall is Shaquille O'Neal?
- 5. Which U.S. state has the lowest population?
- 6. What is the dot over the letter "i" called?
- 7. Who was the 2012
 American Idol winner?

- 8. On the Apple logo, is the bite taken out of the right or left side of the apple?
- 9. Do dogs have more bones than humans?
- 10. Who was the first female to receive a medical degree in the United States?
- 11. What was the name of the millionaire on TV's Gilligan's Island?
- 12. On Sesame Street, who is America's Favorite Game Show Host?

Answers on page 17



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offensively, the current scoring leaders are returning league all-stars—Felix (10.8 points per game), Sophomore guard Ashley Cadet (10.5 ppg) and Sophomore power forward and center Kaleesha Joseph (12.6 ppg).

In addition to those named above, the Lady Wizard roster is filled out with Juniors Sarah Merina, Fabiana Paul, Semhar Habtom, Fatima Benmimoun, Imani Dottin, Thais Velasquez, Carla Minoche and Katelynne Quinones and Sophomores Samaya Belizaire and Ashley Fortune. The Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards varsity coaching staff continues to be headed by Brian Harris with strong support from John Collins and Correen Demers, all from Somerville.

Somerville celebrations in honor of 175th birthday kick off Feb 2

In 2017, the City of Somerville is celebrating its 175th birthday, 175 years since we separated from Charlestown, and we're celebrating all year long. But we need your help! While the City has plenty of celebratory events up its sleeve, we want to hear from residents, businesses, and visitors, past and present, about your memories of Somerville. All year long, we'll collect stories, memories, photos, and anything else you want to share, and will display as many of them as we can during a year-end gala and "Storytelling Gallery." Throughout the year, we'll share your stories as well as some of our own via our website, social media, and more. Help us keep Somerville's history alive through storytelling!

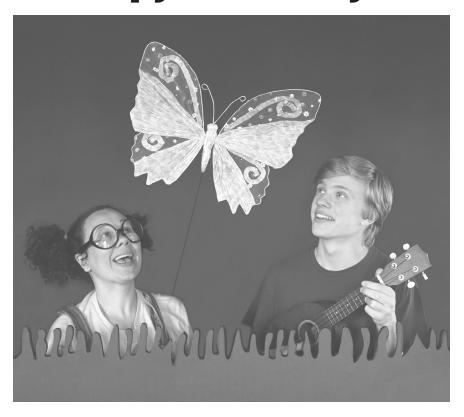
A Storytelling Series kickoff will be held on Thurs., Feb. 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the main branch of the Somerville Public Library, 79 Highland Ave. The kickoff event will include a presentation on how historians collect and use oral histories in contrast with traditional sources like letters and diaries, as well as serve as the beginning of Somerville's 175th Birthday Storytelling Series. Throughout the year, we will ask community members to share stories and memories from Somerville's past.

At the Feb. 1, kickoff, Dara Baker, Head Archivist of the Naval Historical Collection at the U.S. Naval War College, and historian of American political and Congressional History, will discuss history researched with traditional sources, and the limits of those records. Nadia Dixson, City of Somerville Archivist, will discuss how historians came to use oral histories to capture what traditional sources don't tell us.

The City is also seeking input and ideas for events, exhibits, presentations, and other fun and interesting ways to celebrate our milestone birthday. Whether you're a local business owner with an idea for collaboration, a resident interested in more visual history displays, or a former resident looking to reconnect with friends and classmates, send us ideas or questions and we'll work to incorporate them into our events! Photos, stories, and upcoming events will be posted at www.somervillema.gov/somerville175, so stay tuned for updates.

For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov/175, or email Somerville175@somervillema.gov

'I Spy Butterfly!'



How does a nature-loving explorer kid become a bug's best friend? Find out in this delightful eco-story about the ways we all grow and change. When Trudy's caterpillar friend Harold suddenly transforms into a chrysalis, she's determined to do the same. Just when she is about to give up hope, she learns that her tiny friend needs her now more than ever. Live music, colorful critters, and oodles of audience interaction make this show a fun ecological romp in the wild!

This month, Puppet Showplace Theater presents its annual New Year! New Shows! Series featuring a World Premiere of "I Spy Butterfly" by local artist Faye Dupras with music by Max Weigert. Final shows are this weekend, February 4 and 5, 1:00 p.m and 3:00 p.m at Puppet Showplace Theatre, 32 Station Street, Brookline, MA. Got to www.puppetshowplace.org for tickets and information.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

At the time of writing this, it has been 357 days since I woke up lying in the middle of Beacon Street, unable to move my body and afraid to do anything more than wiggle my toes. I was crossing out of Calvin Street on a Wednesday night that just happened to be a little darker and a little rainier than most winter nights. A speeding driver coming down Beacon Street did not see me in the middle of the road. He did not see the white painted lines of the crosswalk being reflected by his headlights. He did not see the sign on the side of the road intended to alert drivers to the presence of a crosswalk. Instead, what he saw was my head as it cracked his windshield, as he drove through the crosswalk (and me) without slowing down. I am writing to request that you repaint the crosswalk, which has since been partially paved over.

The past year has been a tumultuous one filled with surgeries, physical therapy, scars, and a lot of tears as I recovered from what happened to me that night. I have joined organizations such as Walk Boston and Livable Streets, that fight for safety on our roadways, for all of us who use them. Beacon Street is known for being wildly unsafe for bikers and walkers alike, hence the multi-million dollar construction project that is hap-

pening as I write this. So, you can imagine my dismay a few weeks ago, when I drove over to Beacon Street to find that nearly all of the crosswalk at 93 Beacon Street had been paved over. Now, I don't want you to mistake this for a well-thought-out decision to remove the crosswalk from this stretch of Beacon Street. This was pavement poured because of work done on the road. I thought to myself, 'they know this is dangerous, it will be repainted soon.' That was a month ago. Every time I drive to spin class in Kendall Square or to my boyfriend's apartment, I drive through that crosswalk that has yet to be repainted. Every time I drive there, I imagine the hundreds, if not thousands, of people that use that crosswalk every day and I say a little prayer that none of them end up like I did that night, lying in the middle of the road soaking wet, in pain, and frightened for my life. You are not helping them by allowing that crosswalk to be hidden with pavement.

The safety of our community members relies on the quick and appropriate response of those who manage our roadways. Over the past year, I have seen reflector cones go up in the middle of that Beacon Street crosswalk, only to be removed or run over within a few days. Every time, it takes weeks to get a new one out there. This is not to say that that

cone would have saved me, and clearly the paint that night was not enough, but it is your job to do everything in your power to ensure the safety of the community members who use the road and this includes making sure that the crosswalks are kept up with. The traffic and parking website notes "T&P coordinates with various city departments, as well as state and local entities, on matters related to traffic and parking, as well as pedestrian and bicycle safety mea-

sures." It also clearly states that painting crosswalks and bike lanes is under their authority and their responsibility. Re-painting this crosswalk at 93 Beacon Street is a critical safety measure. My life was not lost that night, but life as I knew it was. I respectfully implore you to repaint this crosswalk in a timely fashion. It could save a life.

Sincerely, Jennifer Mazzola Somerville resident

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JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

1 Howe Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-88) Applicant and Owner, Joanna Koustomiris, seeks a Variance under SZO §5.5 and §8.6.5.c to approve a 6 foot fence constructed along the corner property lines. RC Zone. Ward 4.

110 Josephine Ave: (Case #ZBA 2016-149) Applicant, Genevieve Walsh, and Owners, Glen Nuckolls & Genevieve Walsh, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the FAR by finishing the basement and Article 9 for parking relief. RA zone. Ward 5.

500 Medford Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-147) Applicant/Owner, Himgiri Realty Trust, seeks a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.a to establish a fast order food establishment, a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish four residential dwelling units, and a Variance under SZO §5.5 and Article 9 for off-street parking spaces.

14 Ashland Street: (Case #ZBA 2017-07) Applicant, William Yoston, Yoston Construction, and Owners, Matthew Grygorcewicz and Sara Ellison, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a second story addition in the rear of the structure within the required right

Applications are not posted online. Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 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. Reports, plans and decisions, when completed, are posted online 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 a meeting. 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.

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

side yard of a nonconforming structure. RB zone. Ward 5.

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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

Docket No. MI 17P0042EA

Estate of :
Anna L.
First Name Middle Name

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Also Known As: _____

Date of Death: December 13, 2016

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

Petitioner Paul A. Mishkin of Newtonville MA
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

[x] Paul A. Mishkin of Newtonville 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 Position.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday February 13, 2017** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at <u>6:00PM</u> on the application of Lucky Strike Somerville, L.L.C. d/b/a Lucky Strike for an All Forms Alcohol Restaurant License — Assembly Row, a Common Victualler License, an Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and Devices License and an Extension of Premises (Outdoor Patio) for 340 Canal St., Somerville, MA.

For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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The City of Somerville, acting by and through its Department of Information Technology (IT Dept.), is considering making available excess capacity in two (2) four (4) inch Cityowned underground conduit beginning at Line Street and ending at Innerbelt Road in Somerville for use in expanding fiber optic availability in Somerville, MA, in accordance with all applicable laws.

Letters of interest describing proposed use of the conduit may be submitted to: Department of Information Technology, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or bdesmond@somervillema.gov by February 15, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. EST. A description of the excess conduit route is available online at the following website: http://wwww.Somervillema.gov/conduitor at the City's IT Dept. The City may determine not to make excess capacity available at this time, or to make capacity available for use to one or more parties. Any use is subject to all governmental approvals and agreements as required by the City or applicable law.

Bruce Desmond IT Director 617-625-6600

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DOUGLAS KRESS HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Board of Health on **Thursday, February 16, 2017** at 5:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Health Alliance Medical Building, First (1st) Floor Conference Room, 236 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA to review and hear comments relative to the proposed Regulations on Fats, Oils, and Grease Pretreatment Guidelines for Restaurants.

A copy of the proposed regulation is available at the City Clerk, Health, and ISD offices and online at www.somervillema.gov/FOG. Interested persons may provide comments to the Board of Health at the hearing or by contacting the Health Dept. at (617-625-6600 ext. 4300 or email dkress@somervillema.gov

Attest: Kathy Henkle, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 2/1/17 & 2/8/17

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67 Broadway: (Case #: PB 2017-01) Applicant, CAS Foundation, and Owner, 67 Broadway Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.15 to establish a Medical Marijuana Facility in the existing structure. CCD 55 Zone and Medical Marijuana Overlay District. Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Weston Manor Development Site Improvements Project for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by GCG Associates, Inc.

The Project consists of site improvements which include, site paving repairs, sidewalk removal and replacement, concrete repair, land-scaping within the Weston Manor Development at 10 Weston Avenue.

The work is estimated to cost \$35,000

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 § 39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

General Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 16, 2017 and publicly opened online forthwith. All Bids will be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the bid amount, and made payable to the SOMER-VILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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

There is a plan deposit of \$50 per set (maximum of 2 sets) <u>payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc.</u>

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

Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for **\$ 40.00** per set for UPS Ground (or \$65 per set for UPS overnight), <u>payable to BidDocs ONLINE</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, to cover mail handling costs.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 15 Weston Avenue, Somerville, on February 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. $\,$

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

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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Amendment supporters said that a low 4 percent increase would be more reasonable than the up to 100 percent hikes in the bill.

Amendment opponents said that legislators' stipends have not been increased since 1994 and the expense allowance has not been hiked since 2000. They argued the hikes are reasonable.

(A "Yes" vote is for limiting the hikes to 4 percent. A "No" vote is against the limit.)

> Rep. Christine Barber No No Rep. Denise Provost

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BILLS FILED FOR 2017-2018 SESSION - Legislators have so far filed 5,729 bills for consideration in the 2017-2018 session. Representatives filed 3,706 bills and senators filed 2,023, according to the House and Senate clerks.

GOV. BAKER SIGNS MORE BILLS INTO LAW

- Gov. Charlie Baker recently signed several bills into law including:

ALLOW MASSAGE THERAPY ON SUNDAYS $({
m H\,169})$ - Allows massage therapists to operate on Sundays and holidays.

Supporters say it is time to abolish one of the remaining blue laws that is not necessary.

ALLOW CITIES AND TOWNS TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH EMPLOYEES (H 1832) -

Authorizes a city or town to sign an agreement with its assessor, treasurer and collector. The agreement would include the salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment. Prior law only allowed cities and towns to sign an agreement for the town manager, town administrator, executive secretary, administrative assistant to the board of selectmen, town accountant, city auditor and city manager.

Supporters say the bill simply adds these three new positions to an already existing law. They argued this is no reason to treat these three positions differently.

ALLOW DONATION OF LIQUOR AND BEER Fri. January 27 TO NON-PROFITS (H 248) - Allows individuals and businesses to donate liquor and beer to non-profits to serve or sell at an auction. Prior law only allowed the donation of wine.

Some charities and donators used to have to work around the law by having the charity pay for the spirits The business or individual then returns the money by donating to the charity an amount equal to the one the charity paid for it.

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Supporters say this archaic law hurts charities by increasing their expenses. They note that it also is foolish to have a law that prevents individuals and businesses from making a charitable contribution.

SEIZE ANIMALS (H 1220) - Makes a few, mostly technical changes to a law that passed in 2002 to address a problem that occurs when animals must be seized as the result of animal cruelty prosecutions. "I am very optimistic about the positive impact this legislation will have to expedite animal cruelty cases, promote better treatment of animals, and remove a financial and administrative burden on cities and towns," said chief sponsor Linda Campbell (D-Methuen).

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of January 23-27, the House met for a total of 13 hours and 44 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 12 hours and 15 minutes.

Mon. January 23 House 11:04 a.m. to 5:54 p.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 5:52 p.m

Tues. January 24 House 6:26 p.m. to 7:57 p.m.

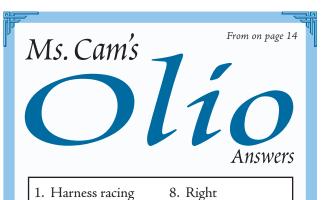
Senate 6:27 p.m. to 7:58 p.m. Wed. January 25 House 11:01 a.m. to 2:53 p.m.

No Senate session Thurs. January 26 House 2:57 p.m. to 4:28 p.m.

Senate 11:37 a.m. to 4:34 p.m.

No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com



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- 2. Mint Julep
- The standard foot measuring tool invented by Charles Brannock
- 10. Elizabeth Black-

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- 7. Phillip Phillips

12. Guy Smiley

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday February 1

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library Teen Game Day

2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Central Library Cinema at Central

6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Thursday February 2

Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

East Branch Library Lego Club

3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|115 Broadway West Branch Library

Lego Club

3:15 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Lego Club

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

Central Library

Somerville 175: Oral History Kick-Off

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday February 3

Central Library

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

East Branch Library The Music Man

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Saturday February 4

Central Library

Origami with Arline Young 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday February 6 **Central Library**

Sing Along

11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library**

SHS teen group

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library**

Creative Drama Workshop 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday February 7

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday February 8 **East Branch Library**

Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library

Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC ARTS Wednesday | February 1

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

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

The Burren Front Room

Exile on Elm Back Room Backroom Series: Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.

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

Hawthorn Duo The Parking Lot Gulls Nora Asher

Josef Nocera 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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Thunder Road

1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Steve`n`Seagulls

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

HUSH: Silent Film-Live Music, Ella Cinders (1926) 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

7 p.m. Cafe 191 Highland Ave

Thursday|February 2

Sally O'Brien's

BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti grassy Thursdays|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm

Backroom Series: Silver Arrow Band Scattershots | 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Jone's Landing Dancehall Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern Live DJ Music 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

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

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

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Somerville Theatre

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

Thunder Road

1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. West End Blend (Funk/ Soul)

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

The Pillow Men 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Pub Sing At the Armory Cafe 7 p.m.| Café Storytime At the Ape's Nest 7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Friday February 3

Sally O'Brien's

Busted Jug Band |6 p.m. Wet Guests, Silver Mirrors, Land of Enchantment \$5 cover | 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series: Sam Jones & Melissa Weikart Caroline Kuhn 7 Jimmy's Down|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Hoonah Smith The Grebes **Shy Sprinkles** Whistle Jacket Pure Prophet 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's

Joshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton

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

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. Sugar Ray and the Bluetones (Blues) 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Barnstar!

Lula Wiles

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Cross Cultural Currents - An Evening with Gapi plus a special opening set by Mayer/Mesa duo 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday | February 4

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin & The Moonshiners |6

HearNowLive presents Jodie Road, Lady Malory Band, Blue Manic \$10 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room:

Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session 9:30 p.m. **Back Room**

The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Octavia & Hankus Netsky|7 p.m. Red Square 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St On the Hill Tavern

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road Kids' Union Dance Party!|3 p.m. Thunder Road's Annual Bob Marley Birthday Bash featuring The Duppy Conquerors – A Tribute To Bob Mar-

ley8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Somerville Songwriter Sessions

8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Cheer on the Pats with us at

Sunday|February 5 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Super Bowl Sunday at Sal's! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m.

John Gannon & Friends Irish Session 3

8am - 2:30pm

Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

Palaver Strings | 3 p.m. Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 The Burren Lantern Sessions 8 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **PA'S Lounge** 345 Somerville Ave

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

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Thunder Road Pop Icon PINK Brunch!|10 a.m. Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

10 a.m.| Performance Hall|191 High-

Monday February 6

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.

The Burren

Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room: Science by the Pint|6:30

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

P.A.'s Lounge

Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

On The Hill Tavern

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Thunder Road** 1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. Ninet Tayeb (Israeli Rock

7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom New Music Night with DJ Bad

Squirrel 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave The Rockwell Smoke & Shadows

8 p.m.|255 Elm St Arts at the Armory Queer Tango Boston

6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Tuesday | February 7

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Spider John Koerner 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room: So We Are 6:30 p.m.

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m. . 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

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

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

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200 **Thunder Road** Thunder & Lightening Sessions

7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** Simpsons Trivia 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Wednesday | Febraury 8

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

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Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

Backroom Series: Comedy Night With Jordan Han-

P.A.'s Lounge Tristan Bouchard Mary Casiello Renegade Cartel

On The Hill Tavern

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Been Out Here Teen Open Mic 6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday February 1

6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Central Library Somerville 175: Oral History Kick-Off

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

East Branch Library Drop in Knitting at the East Branch

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

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

Somerville Winters Farmer Market

For more info call: 781-762-6629

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

Sunday February 5

Monday February 6 **Central Library** Chess Night

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

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave **Tuesday**|**February 7**

Central Library
Learn English at the Library

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

dren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Art School Girls 345 Somerville Ave

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Rockwell

255 Elm Street

Central Library Cinema at Central

Thursday February 2

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **West Branch Library**

(Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. 40 College Ave

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems

Saturday February 4

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

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

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

7 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library

115 Broadway West Branch Library Drop in Knitting at West Branch

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

Join the SCOA's email group – The email group is for Somerville Council on Aging Seniors and/or Caregivers who are interested in the latest information on resources, events, programming, etc., in and around the Somerville area. Use the link https://groups.google.com/group/somerville-council-on-aging - If you have any questions or need help joining please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

Ageless Grace – Ageless Grace, the Council on Aging's new Fitness class for the body and mind. Held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Holland St. Center, the Ageless Grace program is an innovative wellness and fitness program done seated in a chair to upbeat music. Classes are playful, imaginative and different every time. All the movements are designed to focus on the healthy longevity of the body and the brain. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Yoga - Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A 5-week Yoga series is a low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program that lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Silver Alert Program – The Somerville Council on Aging with the Somerville Police Department have implemented a program to take a proactive approach towards protecting some of Somerville's most vulnerable citizens who suffer with serious cognitive impairments that put them at risk for wandering and getting lost. The Silver Alert Program is designed to collect specific information about a potential missing person, along with photo identification. This confidential information will be kept on file for immediate use in the event a loved one is reported missing. Please contact the SCOA at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 to request an application. Don't delay calling. This program is on a first come / first serve basis and will be ending December 31, 2016. This is a Federally funded grant.

Free Groceries Every Month? - You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags on food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Powers Music School – Thursday, February 2 at our Holland Street Center at 10:30 a.m. "Benny and Beyond" with jazz duo, Todd Brunel on clarinet and Joe Reid on paino. RSVP by calling 617-625-6600.

Monthly Breakfast – Monday, February 6 at Culinary Arts located at Somerville High School – 9:30 a.m. - \$2 per person – Senior Medicare Patrol Program – Must RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Meet the Assessor – Wednesday, February 8 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center – Question & Answer Session with City Assessor Marc Levy – a light lunch will be served – RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

St. Valentine's Day Celebration – Monday, February 13 - at the WHYC – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - \$10 fee – Limited seating and transportation – contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot

Grandparent's Day – Wednesday, February 22 at our Holland Street Center. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – lunch, art project and movie. You do not need grandchildren to come and enjoy the day. All are welcome. RSVP by calling Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Dying Well Prepared: A discussion with Author Alan Bingham – Wednesday, March 1st - at the Central Library Auditorium located at 79 Highland Avenue from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by the SCOA and the SPL - Please contact the SPL at 617-623-5000 or visit www.somervillepubliclibrary.org for additional information

Death Café – Wednesday, March 15 - Gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death at the Somerville Public Library located at 79 Highland Avenue starting at 7:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by the SCOA and the SPL - Please contact the SPL at 617-623-5000 or visit www. somervillepubliclibrary.org for additional information.

Kentucky Derby – Thursday, May 4 to Tuesday, May 9th - \$1,154 per person / double only – 6 days & 5 nights – Package includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, 5 nights accommodation, general admission to Kentucky Derby, Louisville Slugger Factory and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. The trip to the Kentucky Derby is sold out. There is a waiting list if you would like your name placed on the waiting list please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext.

The Cupid Super Bingo at Ralph & Jenny is sold out.
The luncheon at Culinary Arts scheduled for 1-31-17 is SOLD OUT.

The Sleigh Ride trip scheduled for 2-8-17 is SOLD OUT. The Pothole Restaurant luncheon is SOLD OUT.

The No Name Restaurant luncheon is SOLD OUT.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

2017 Advisory Dates 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Holland St. March 13, July 10, October 16.

2017 Event Dates

April 27 – Health Fair @ Holland St. Center 4:30-6 p.m. June 2 – Dance @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or dhiggins@ somervillema.gov

*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics*** 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

Wednesday, February 1

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 10:00 – 3:00 Wacky Wednesday (RJ)

Thursday, February 2

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)
11:30 Lunch (H,RJ,C)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ) 1:00 Arts & Crafts (C) Powers Music School

Friday, February 3

10:00 Painting with Linda (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo(H)

Monday, February 6

9:30 Monthly Breakfast at Highlander Café 10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C)

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 10:00 – 3:00 Wacky Wednesday (RJ) Tax Abatement Options Seminar with Mark Levy

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6:30am	Exercise with Robyn	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Somerville Line	1:00pm	Infinite Momentum
7:00am	Poet to Poet	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	1:00pm	Start Up TV	1:30pm	Legacies
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Mass Climate Action Network	2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	2:00pm	The Literati Scene
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	2:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
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Wednesday, February 8

12:00am

SHS Boys Basketball v Everett

In these times a poem like this can be a much needed balm:

Krystal LaPorta is 31 years old and from Somerville, Ma. She was born in Boston, Ma. LaPorta is the author of a poetry book *Beauty and Thorns*, published through the Books of Hope organization. Her book can be found in the Somerville Public Library in



the teens section. She currently resides in Somerville with her three boys, and enjoys the scenic views and art in and around the city.

Be Gentle

We are delicate humans

Our hearts weigh heavy

This world only blackens our hearts

We turn cold from all this hate

People taunting kills

another spirit breaking their dreams

They wither away into a frail crisp flower

They say plant another seed. Like it's that easy..

Grow, be kind, gentle, loving

let your soft petals bloom in your life.

Shine! But your hurt becomes their hurt cycling through to each home.

Learned hate through poverty, greed, jealousy, and discrimination.

It's a storm that covers this earth like a dark shadow

and yet we still seek hope,

Light in every corner,

Love with every chance,

Grow another seed and

Love everyday, and cherish our family

because time is ticking,

and we have to live in today,

so be kind

and make it beautiful.

— Krystal LaPorta

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'Twentieth Century Women'

A film review by William Falcetano

Longtime Somerville resident, former philosophy professor, Bagel Bard, and occasional movie reviewer William Falcteano chimes in:

Twentieth-Century Women is a coming-of-age period piece set in Santa Barbara, California in 1979. The story is not just about the central character Dorothea, played with uncanny appeal by the incomparable Annette Bening, but also about a small circle of women who are a part of Dorothea's life at this confusing, transitional moment in American history. The confusion is mainly over gender roles and love-expectations but it applies to the much larger question of life itself and how it should be, could be, or might be lived.

We find Dorothea facing her beloved Ford Galaxy as it decides to combust spontaneously into flames, a searing metaphor for the decade that brought us disco and punk rock, Watergate and impeachment, oil shortages and shag haircuts.

Her son, Jamie, played with dark-eyed good looks by Lucas Jade Zumann, is a sensitive kid who, like his mother, is struggling to find his way in a confusing world. He and his mother dance a pas de deux around each other with many missteps. It's not a pretty picture; but it's full of real moments and nuggets of wisdom. When Jamie, an avid skate boarder, decides to play a stupid, dangerous game and almost dies, the audience is pulled into his mother's world in a way that seals our interest in this little family. They inhabit one of those large ramshackle houses that were laying around everywhere in 1979 just waiting to be scooped up and renovated in the next decade by armies of young urban professionals, the loathed "yuppies" of the 1980s. This house, full of badly painted cabinets and chipping mill work, is the mise en scène for an ensemble of quirky yet believable characters - think Armisted Maupin or The Royal Tennenbaums.

Abbie, played by Greta Gerwig, lives in the house; she's that art school punk rocker we all fell in love with in the 70s and 80s. Another border in the big house is an ex-hippie named William, played with craggy sex appeal by Bill Crudup. He's always trying to fix things - "that's what men do." Dorothea says to her teenage son, "But they just need to be there, which seems so hard for them." Then there's Julie, played by Elle Fanning – she's Jamie's childhood friend, who sneaks into his bedroom window at night to talk things out with him but she doesn't allow him to have sex with her. "It would change things," she says, ever so correctly. But childhood is giving way to adulthood and hormones are raging. In fact, everybody's hormones are busy at work leading them to dates, to bed, and to more missteps as each character tries to sort out love and attachment in a world full of miscues, wrong choices, and "inappropriate men".

The central question – Can you raise a boy to be a man without a father? – is answered by



Dorothea with an unequivocal "yes" as she enlists Julie and Abbie to help her connect with her wan, sulky son. This leads to more comic situations which the director, Mike Mills, milks for all they're worth, as the film quotes the feminist literature of the day in a flood of nostalgia for an era before computer screens stole our minds, when people made cassette tapes of their favorite bands for their best friends, earnestly read philosophical books, struggling to think about life in new ways by asking the ever disruptive question: Why? The film is an homage to that era, before Reagan arrived and everything changed, when President Carter lectured the country about spiritual values, the loss of collective purpose, and warned against the dead-end of runaway materialism. How times have changed!

Change is one of the key themes of this very interesting and deeply moving film, which reaches back in snippets to the 1920s when Dorothea was born into the Jazz Age, and keeps us listening to Louis Armstrong and the old song book of her era, while it mixes that soundtrack with the new wave sound of the "Art Fags" who dance in crazy movements and jerky steps to the fast tunes of the Ramones and Talking Heads.

It would have been clear to anyone who had attended the March for Women's Rights in Boston recently that these fabulous 20th century women raised a lot of terrific 20th century boys who grew up to be 21st century men, and who, somehow, know the difference between standing up to a bully and being one. Funny how a generation of art fags learned how to become real men while the *Mad Men* generation of the 1950s, recycled in the brassy, tabloid, *Bonfire of the Vanities* 1980s, seemed to have come back from the dead and marched like zombies straight into the highest echelons of power!

What's happening now in 21st Century America has made this movie about 20th Century women not only more interesting but also more relevant than ever. See it and you'll wonder how the life of our country should, could, and might still be, different – and better – than it is.

— William Falcteano

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