





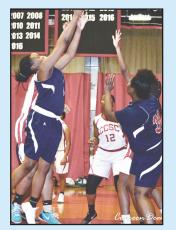


A new name in the running page 5



Intolerance and arson

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The City of Somerville is looking at ways to improve the chances of local residents and immigrant workers to land jobs in construction and other key sectors through various workforce jobs initiatives.

By Jim Clark

At last week's rescheduled regular meeting of the Board of Alderman on February 14, the report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development's meeting on February 6, included details regarding development of and funding for the local hiring and workforce development First Source program, and report on the outcome of FRIT's recent job fairs for Assembly Square, including Somervillians getting jobs.

An agenda item requesting that the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and the Director of Economic Development report to the Board on plans for the future development of and funding for the local hiring and workforce development First Source program, and report on the outcome of Federal Realty Continued on page 4

Somerville Rotary taking the plunge to end polio

By Rebecca Danvers

To raise awareness and critically needed funds to fight polio, Rod Laurenz from the Rotary Club of Somerville joined over 250 volunteers and Rotarians who plunged into the icy waters off of Gloucester as part of the Rotary District 7930's 7th Annual Polar Plunge on February 4. The effort benefited The Rotary Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a public-private partnership that also includes the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



The Lady Wizards winning season page 14

This year's effort raised over \$55,000 thus far and will again be matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. At just 60 cents per vaccine, the effort will pay for over a quarter of a million polio vaccines for children worldwide. This year's event added to the over \$510k raised Continued on page 19 by local Rotary clubs since

Local Rotarian Rod Laurenz took the Polar Plunge with some 250 brave volunteers in an effort to raise funding and awareness for polio eradication research.





So far were correct on the re-election rally for Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti on February 28 at Orleans Restaurant in Davis Square across from the parking lot on 65 Holland Street, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Alderman-Lady Mary Jo works very hard for the city, she is always thinking of us the residents. She's running for re-election and is one of many of the present alderman that is dedicated and listens to the residents here in Somerville.

Don't forget Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang will be holding his re-election fundraiser on Wednesday, March 8. He will be having his re-election fundraiser from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Olde Magoun Salon, 518 Medford Street, in Magoun Square. Plenty of parking in the lot next door. Come celebrate Ward 5 and Somerville's progress and challenges, and contribute to our future. Guest speaker: State Representative Christine Barber. MC: Alex the Jester. Complimentary food, cash bar. Suggested Donation: \$500, \$250, \$100, \$75. Please come and give what you can. Make checks payable to: Committee to Elect Mark Niedergang, 29 Conwell Street, Somerville, MA 02143.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday this week to a great local lady who is always in good spirits, Donna Albrandi, together with her husband Tony making a wonderful, positive couple. We hope she has a great birthday celebration. Happy birthday to one of our favorite ladies here in the city, Celia Taylor, who is probably the most positive person in the city. Always with kind words and thoughts towards others. Happy birthday to another of Somerville's finest and a great lady, Denise Racicot Kallis, an old friend with a funny story every time you see her. She is such a nice and generous person and has a lot of family and friends here in the city. Happy birthday to local real estate agent with The Norton Group and a popular lady as well, Sammy Alves. We hope she has a great birthday. Happy birthday to another lady, originally from Union Square, Roberta Reid-Powers. We hope she has a great day for herself as well. Happy birthday to an old time great guy, **Sam Natale**, who Continued on page 11



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TheSomervilleTimes.com **Comments of the Week**

Response to: Union Square Land Disposition Agreement submitted to SRA

CAP says:

So this is the official Eminent Domain roadmap. Read the fine print, every private property owner around Union Square is going to be forced to sell their land to the US2 developer. If for whatever reason they don't want to, then the developer goes to the City, files a request form, and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority takes the guys land by Eminent Domain. Bing badda bing! This is organized crime. Only with more paperwork than the Mob used.

JJN says:

Someone needs to check their facts! The city isn't giving anyone free reign in Union Square. 50% of the land that is covered by the City's Urban renewal plan is already owned by the city. The other land is well identified and is land used mostly for parking, automotive repair. No one has a license to take whatever land they like. Stop trying to insight fear by spreading misinformation.

Response to: The future of public transportation in Massachusetts

ritepride says:

"Tunnel connecting North & South Stations". "Commuter rail along Rte 95 (128)". Yes in my youth (Yute) I went to a lot of meetings on public issues. During the "Big Dig", et tu brute! The Grand Ripoff Of Taxpayers. Big Dig Plans included the construction of said tunnels between North & South Stations but as usual No one involved with the project sent the final plans to the feds in D.C. for final funding approval. About two years ago with the fanfare for the GLX someone from DOT or "T" hit the feds in D.C. to fund said tunnel project. After much rolling on the floor laughing, the boys in D.C. reminded the boys in Boston that the funding was available during the feeding frenzy at the trough in the Big Dig error but no one here submitted the paperwork and said goodbye to the Boon gang. During the Red Line Phase there was talk of a second Red Line phase bringing the Red Line from Alewife along either Rte 2 to 128 or the nearby Fresh Pond"T" commuter tracks to 128, then down to run up along the Pike to Framingham.

That plan seemed to fade, most likely as the "T" already has linkage on the Amtrak line that already runs thu Framingham. Meanwhile we all wait for the GLX extension of which the deadline has been extended several times, now said to be done in 2021 provided enough funding exists. The Legislators just placed a budget busting 18 million to give themselves raises, the mayor/BOA just got hefty raises + the Curtatone Plan of taking taxpayers money to pay for "T" money expenses (\$50 million/GLX) & private developers expenses Assembly Row (\$25 million +/infrastructure). "T" officials stating new rapid transit cars + new trolley cars & track/signals are Priority One. Then GLX funding will be addressed. You can bet that if the people in Newton & Wellesley can stand in the open on platforms waiting for the trains, the Somerville Strong crowd will be doing he same and those expensive glass structures have been erased off he GLX plans.

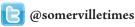
Response to: Our View of the Times – February 15

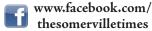
LindaS says:

I was one of those folks who had issues with snow removal, but after contacting my local alderman, I got some help from the DPW who sent out a plow to clear the snow from the street out in front of my driveway.

Don't be afraid to contact your aldermen about this issue, many times you will find they are able to help.

Response to: *Funny money couldn't buy a burger*





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Oliver Seppo says:

Ronnie is a dumb individual. He probably could have gotten way with it by saying he did not know it was counterfeit... Good riddance.

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By Charles Lane

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health released preliminary 2016 fourth quarter data for opioid-related deaths among Massachusetts residents last week.

The report shows death rates involving heroin continue to decline, however, those deaths have decreased at approximately the same rate that fentanyl-related deaths have increased. The report also shows a 15 percent decrease in 2016 in the number of prescriptions for schedule II and III opioids compared with 2015.

Unintentional opioid overdose deaths that occurred to residents of Somerville between 2012 and 2015 amounted to 5 in 2012; 8 in 2013; 14 in 2014; and 19 in 2015.

"The opioid epidemic continues to threaten individuals and families all across Massachusetts and the country," said Governor Baker. "Our administration will continue our intense focus on fighting this epidemic by further increasing treatment options and expanding support for law enforcement and their efforts to arrest and convict drug traffickers who prey on vulnerable people, selling them more and more deadly and addictive substances."

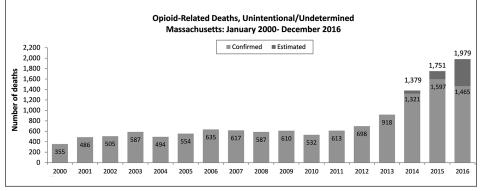
Since coming into office in 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has made

responding to the opioid crisis its top public health priority. Spending on addiction services has been increased by 50 percent, from \$120 million to \$180 million. Hundreds of additional treatment beds and voluntary programs have come online. Family and peer support groups have doubled and been funded across the state and thousands of naloxone overdose rescue kits have been distributed to first responders and family members.

"We are committed to ending the opioid epidemic and will continue our effortno matter how long it takes"

The Governor's FY18 budget also includes increased funds for law enforcement efforts around drug trafficking and repurposes MCI-Plymouth into the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center (MASAC) at Plymouth, allowing men who have been civilly committed to the soon to be decommissioned MASAC center at Bridgewater to be transferred to the new facility, and provides an increase of \$1.75 million in funding for an additional 45 treatment beds.





Opioid-related deaths, unintentional/undetermined January 2000 – December 2016.

"We are committed to ending the opioid epidemic and will continue our efforts no matter how long it takes. Governor Baker's FY18 budget sustains \$145 million in funding for DPH programming for preventing and treating substance use disorders, with millions more for the women's addictions treatment program at Taunton State Hospital," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders. "In addition, the recently approved MassHealth waiver will support expansion of residential treatment throughout Massachusetts."

Selected findings & observations from the Q4 report:

The number of confirmed cases of unintentional opioid overdose deaths for 2016 is 1,465, with an estimated 469-562 suspected opioid-related deaths that may be added to the total when the review of cases is complete.

The 2015 confirmed cases of unintentional opioid overdose deaths have been updated to 1,579 and the 2014 confirmed cases of unintentional opioid overdose deaths have been updated to 1,321.

Deaths are still increasing year to year, but an overall decline in the rate of increase in deaths has been observed since 2014:

2012 to 2013 saw a 31 percent increase in deaths

2013 to 2014 saw a 44 percent increase in deaths

2014 to 2015 saw a 21 percent increase in deaths

2015 to 2016 an estimated 13 to 24 percent increase in deaths

Death rates involving heroin continue

to decline, however, those deaths have decreased at approximately the same rate that fentanyl-related deaths have increased. The number of fentanyl-related deaths continues to increase with 75 percent of 2016 deaths that had a toxicology screen showing a positive result for fentanyl.

There was a 47 percent increase in the total number of EMS incidents involving the overdose rescue drug naloxone in the first three quarters of 2016 compared with the same time period in 2015.

In 2015, the last full year available, naloxone was administered more than 12,000 times during EMS opioid-related incidents.

EMS opioid-related transports were reported in 280 of 351 cities and towns, or 80 percent of communities in Massachusetts.

"Today's data release underscores the need to continue our daily fight to bring this epidemic to an end," said DPH Commissioner Monica Bharel, MD, MPH. "Our sustained efforts are building a strong foundation to fight substance misuse, rooted in the public health framework of prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery."

Baker-Polito Administration's Actions to Respond to the Opioid Epidemic **Prevention:**

Implementing a first-in-the-nation 7-day limit of opioid prescriptions to limit first time exposure to opioids in March 2016.

Launching first-in-the-nation core competencies for safe prescribing of opioids to medical schools, *Continued on page 15*

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He was in charge all the way to jail

Police officers were dispatched to a Flint St. location early Saturday morning on reports of a fight in progress.

Upon arrival, the officers observed a female reclining backwards in the driver's seat of a car. As the officers approached the vehicle, she sat up straight and put the vehicle in drive. She was ordered to place the vehicle in park and then asked if she heard of or was involved in a fight, to which she stated "No."

After initially refusing to produce her license, she finally did so and she was identified as Kiara Gomes, of Cambridge.

Gomes was asked why she was on Flint St. in Somerville when she lives in Cambridge. She stated that her boyfriend resides on Flint St., but that he was not at home. Gomes then made a phone call to her boyfriend and asked him to come get her.

According to reports, once her boyfriend was on scene, he was extremely loud. He was told many times to quiet down. He was asked for his license but refused to comply. It was explained that he would be driving Gomes home and the officers needed to make sure he had an active license. He reportedly stated, "My name is Schneider, look it up." He went on to say that he hates the police and that he does not know who we think we are. He also stated, "I am in charge."

He reportedly continued to yell, and many area residents began to look out their windows. Vital Schneider was asked to go in his house and calm down two times, but refused to do so. He was then placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct.

Gomes became unruly and was also placed under arrest for disorderly conduct as well as resisting arrest after putting up a struggle with the officers.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

James Neville, of 380 Somerville Ave., February 13, 1:42 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Jasmine Noiles, of 8 Pasadena Rd., Dorchester, February 13, 5:50 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of removal of theft prevention device and larceny over \$250.

Gregory Maitre, February 13, 7:20 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of trespassing, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, armed robbery, conspiracy, assault and battery, possession of a class B drug, larceny over \$250, and kidnapping.

Richard Guerrier, of 13 Al-

len St., February 15, 12:23 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Gavin Weinman, of 56 Walnut Rd., Swampscott, February 15, 1:25 a.m., arrested at Mc-Grath Hwy. on warrant charges of improper use of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

Robert Cameron, of 58 Angell St., Dorchester, February 17, 1:00 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of speeding and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jessica Ahearn, of 179 Sydney St., Dorchester, February 17, 7:40 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise, state highway traffic violation, possession of a class A drug, possession of a

class E drug, negligent opera-

tion of a motor vehicle, and lar-

Vital Schneider, of 96 Flint

St., February 18, 1:53 a.m., ar-

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Kiara Gomes, of 110 Har-

vard St., Cambridge, February

18, 1:53 a.m., arrested at Flint

St. on charges of disorderly

Joanne MacKeen, of 8 Fay

Place, Haverhill, February 18,

5:43 a.m., arrested at Delaware

St. on a warrant charge of oper-

conduct and resisting arrest.

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ation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Derrik Pannesi, of 35 Jaconnet St., Newton, February 18, 9:26 a.m., arrested at Central St. on charges of drug possession to distribute, possession of a class B drug, ammunition without FID card, possession of a firearm without FID card, possession of a large capacity firearm, and improper storage of a large capacity firearm.

Sean Kenney, of 9 Auburn Court, Malden, February 18, 5:17 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Savannah Sanchez, of 16 Sunset Rd., Winthrop, February 18, 8:55 p.m., arrested at Adrian St. on a charges of extortion by threat of injury, attempt to commit a crime, and conspiracy.

Frank Roberto, of 6 Groom St., Apt. 1, Dorchester, February 18, 8:55 p.m., arrested at Adrian St. on a charges of extortion by threat of injury, attempt to commit a crime, and conspiracy.

Shalik Jordan, of 17 Harvard Ave., Apt. 2, Boston, February 18, 8:55 p.m., arrested at Adrian St. on a charges of extortion by threat of injury, attempt to commit a crime, conspiracy, deriving support from prostitution, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, alcohol from open container, and failure to stop for police, and on a warrant charge of miscellaneous statutory violation.

Board of Aldermen addresses jobs for Somerville residents CONT. FROM PG 1

Investment Trust's recent job fairs and current local-hiring efforts for the positions available at Assembly Square, including plans for evaluating and monitoring actual results in terms of Somerville residents getting hired for local jobs has been completed, according to the Committee report. Speaking on behalf of the Committee, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang told the Board that the city has been developing a strategic plan for the city's role in workforce development, following up on the recommendations of a 2013 report by a committe that the mayor appointed called the Somerville Jobs Advisory Committee. According to Niedergang, Director of Economic Development Tom Galligani feels that workforce development is an important part of his work and that he has assigned a key staff person, Ben Sommer, to spend

60 percent of his time in this area and take the lead on these issues.

Niedergang added that Sommer is connecting Somerville residents with jobs, and that Director Galligani pointed out that the city has developed a \$15,000 grant to help with a workforce development plan. Niedergang expressed that he thought it was great to see that there was some money fort this plan, but that the city needs to spend whatever is needed to develop a viable plan and to implement it. The Ward 5 aldermen then went on to report on the workforce job training program that the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) runs with funds from the city and the state. Both Meredith Levy, the Deputy Director of SCC and Van Hardy, the president of its board, were in attendance at the Committee meeting.

Levy reportedly told the Committee that the First Source program presents a model to get employers to pull from a pool of Somerville residents and that there is a huge waiting list of people wanting to get into the program, primarily immigrants. Niedergang pointed out that many of the immigrants seeking employment have language issues and need help getting up to speed with their job search skills. Levy reportedly said that First Source does not necessarily train people, but tries to stabilize the applicants' situations and coach, help with the resumé and direct them to other programs where they can actually get the training. Levy told the Committee that the City of Cambridge has 13 full time staff members whose primary duties are workforce development and job training, whereas the City of Somerville barely has one.



Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang reported on the findings of the Committee on Housing and Community Development's February 6 meeting.

According to Levy, the First Source program trains people for all sorts of jobs, including immigrants with advanced degrees but are unable to get jobs here because their certifications are not recognized here. A related agenda item requesting that the City Clerk notify the Chief Executive Officer of Greentown Labs to appear before the Board to describe its selection of non-union or union contractors and plans for local hiring in its upcoming expansion construction project, since the City of Somerville and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center contributed \$2 million in loans to support this expansion was also completed, as reported to the Board.



Will Mbah announces Alderman-at-Large candidacy

By William C. Shelton

Will Mbah, a Woods Avenue resident, has announced his candidacy for Alderman at Large. His background is unique among modern aldermanic candidates.

It involves a circuitous journey from a West African household of modest means to advocating for economic development and affordable housing in New England's densest city. Yet its elements of hope, endurance, and determination are common among generations of immigrants who settled in Somerville over the past two centuries.

Mr. Mbah won admission to the University of Buea in his native Cameroon. When he wasn't working hard at his studies and supporting himself, he advocated for student rights.

Upon graduation he received a scholarship for an Environmental Science Master's Degree program in Sweden. Since the scholarship did not cover living expenses, he worked in a series of jobs throughout graduate school, including

one in which he was paid, per-seedling, to plant trees.

He immigrated to the U.S. in 2010, seeking economic opportunity and political freedom, as had so many before him. And as had so many, he fell in love with Somerville and its welcoming people.

He took whatever job he could find, eventually securing an unpaid internship with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Spending his days there, he worked the graveyard shift as an MIT custodian.

One evening while reading on a computer and waiting for his shift to begin, he was asked by an MIT administrator if he were "the IT. guy." He demurred, but offered assistance. The ensuing conversation, and those that followed, led to the position in which he now works, inspecting laboratories and equipment for hazards, and training personnel.

He became a U.S. citizen in 2015. The following year, he and his wife Christelle, an asset manager for the

Newly-announced Alderman at Large candidate Will Mbah.

state housing finance authority, welcomed their first child, Joel.

But as with so many here, finding an affordable place to live has been a continual challenge. He helped advocate for the zoning ordinance that increased the proportion of affordable units required in new residential developments.

He also serves on the board of East Somerville Main Streets. Concerns about economic development and affordable housing are what motivated him to run for office.

His campaign's kickoff event will be on March 16, 6:00 p.m., at Aeronaut Brewing Company, 14 Tyler Street.

Alert: IRS Phone Scams

The Somerville Police Department has received numerous reports from residents regarding IRS Phone Scams. The calls indicate that there is a "lawsuit filed against you", and leaves a message for a return phone call number. Please do not call this number. Do not answer unknown phone numbers, since these might be robocalls. Do not speak or MERVILLE PO touch any buttons during the call, since this might enable more calls in the future. Lastly, report this incident to the IRS. Follow this link provided by the IRS for more information: https://www. consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0037-imposter-scams?utm_source=govdelivery



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Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Mike Connolly

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for All three roll calls are on proposed new rules to a package of rules under which the Legislature will operate in 2017-2018.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS BY 5 P.M. (H 2019)

House 37-122, rejected a proposed new joint rule requiring that legislators receive a copy of any conference committee version of a bill by 5 p.m. on the day prior to voting on the bill. Current rules set the deadline at 8 p.m. Both rules prohibit the Legislature from voting on the bill prior to 1 p.m. the following day.

Supporters of the new rule said the 8 p.m. deadline gives members only 17 hours to read and understand what are often long and complicated bills. They argued the 5 p.m. deadline would give legislators three more hours to read the measure.

Opponents of the new rule said the 8 p.m. deadline has worked well for several years.

(A "Yes" vote is for the 5 p.m. deadline. A "No" vote is against the 5 p.m. deadline and favors the current 8 p.m. one.)

Rep. Christine Barber	No
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Denise Provost	No

REQUIRE ROLL CALL VOTES BY COMMIT-TEES AND POSTING ON WEBSITE (H 2019) House 38-121 rejected a proposed new joint rule that

would require that a roll call automatically be held on all bills acted upon by joint committees when the committee gives the measure a favorable or unfavorable report. Current rules only require a roll call if two members of the committee request it.

The proposal also requires that the roll calls be posted on the Legislature's website within 48 hours. The current rule is vague and requires committee votes to be kept in the committee's offices at the Statehouse and "be available for public inspection upon reasonable notice and during regular office hours."

Supporters of the new rule said giving legislators the option to ask for a roll call vote does not go far enough. They argued the new rule would simply give the public quick and easy access to the committee votes of their legislators. They noted under current rules, a person must go to the Statehouse in Boston during regular business hours in order to obtain this information.

format of the bills.

Supporters of the new rule said that currently a single copy of the bill is kept in a small metal box, commonly called "the can," on the rostrum and made available to 160 members before a House session begins. They noted that once the session gets underway, rank and file members are restricted from having access to the rostrum and can't see amendments and later versions of the bill. They argued that this system is impractical and results in many representatives not having an up-to-date copy of the bill or amendment that is being debated. They noted that sometimes later versions of the bill are not available online.

Opponents of the new rule said Wi-Fi is available in the House chamber. They noted that the new rule is unnecessary and a costly waste of time when members can get the text of any bill or amendment at any time during the session from his or her laptop or smartphone.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	No
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Denise Provost	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ROSENBERG AND DELEO APPOINT LEAD-ERSHIP AND GIVE OUT COMMITTEE AS-SIGNMENTS - Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) and House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop) appointed their leadership teams, committee chairs and vice-chairs. They also gave out committee assignments.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON MARIJUANA - The brand new Joint Committee on Marijuana will be chaired by Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville) and Rep. Mark Cusack (D-Braintree). In December, the Legislature approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a controversial bill that delays by six months, from January 2018 to July 2018, the earliest possible date for the opening of retail recreational marijuana stores in the Bay State. The January 2018 date was approved by voters in November as part of the ballot question legalizing the use of pot for recreational use.

Use of marijuana by adults is now legal in the state but many legislators and others have expressed an interest in modifying some aspects of the law. Jehlen and Cusack will be in the forefront of those battles.



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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on three roll calls from February 2. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Opponents of the new rule said the current requirement that a roll call must be held if requested by two members is sufficient and offers more flexibility.

(A "Yes" vote is for requiring a roll call vote and posting the roll calls on the website. A "No" vote is against requiring and posting.)

> Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Denise Provost No

MAKE TEXTS OF BILLS AVAILABLE (H 2017) House 34-124, rejected a proposed new House rule that would require typed, printed copies of each bill being considered by the House be made available to members when the bill is being considered by the House. Current rules allow the speaker of the House to determine the SENATE APPROVES A NEW LEADERSHIP POSITION WITH \$35,000 STIPEND - Senate President Stan Rosenberg has added a new position to his leadership team at the cost of \$35,000. The addition was approved by the Senate and allows for a second assistant majority whip on Rosenberg's leadership team. Current rules allow him to appoint only one assistant majority whip.

Rosenberg later appointed Sens. Linda Forry (D-Boston) and Joan Lovely (D-Salem) to the two positions. Each will receive a \$35,000 bonus on top of their regular \$62,547 base salary - a total of \$97,547.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JFK - The late President John F. Kennedy would turn 100 years old on May 29. The House and Senate commemorated and honored the

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35th president at a joint session last week.

Kennedy's niece, former Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, was the featured speaker. Gov. Baker, House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stanley Rosenberg each reflected on the former president's legacy and impact.

"Unlike some who have made it big and then forget where they come from, he remembered that immigration was a great way to create a wonderful future," said Townsend.

Gov. Baker said, "I think he would remind us that in his day he asked us to focus not on what our country can do for us but to instead remember what we can do for our country. I call those words to live by, now more than ever."

The celebration also includes the playing of a recording of Kennedy's January 9, 1961, famous "City Upon a Hill" speech he gave to the Massachusetts Legislature.

BAY STATE SCHOOLS DRINKING WATER IS GRADED A "D" - Massachusetts was graded on protecting children from lead in water at schools and received a grade of "D."

Environment Massachusetts Research & Policy Center and MASSPIRG Education Fund last week issued "Get the Lead Out," a 31-page report that examines lead laws in 16 states. Neighboring states Connecticut and Maine

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both received an "F."

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The report confirmed that 49.7 percent of more than 40,000 tests have confirmed lead in the Bay State's schools' water.

ENCOURAGE DOCTORS TO DISCUSS GUNS WITH PATIENTS - ENCOURAGE DOCTORS TO DISCUSS GUNS WITH PATIENTS - Attorney General Maura Healey has partnered with the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) to develop informational brochures and an online training program to support doctors in their efforts to prevent gun-related accidents, self-harm and violence by talking to patients about it. "Most medical professionals believe that they can have an important role in preventing gun-related injury and death, and yet screening and counseling about guns remain uncommon," Healey said. "While the vast majority of gun owners are responsible and deeply committed to gun safety, this remains a public health issue, and conversations between patients and health care providers are critically important to preventing gun-related injury and death."

"Medical professionals play an essential role in ensuring the safety of their patients," said Liam Lowney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance. "The private and uninterrupted discussions doctors and nurses have with patients allow an opportunity to identify violence in the home and offer critical support and resources."

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HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of February 13-17, the House met for a total of three hours and 39 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 10 hours and 52 minutes.

Mon. February 13	No House session Senate 11:07 a.m. to 4:06 p.m
Tues. February 14	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:15 a.m No Senate session
Wed. February 15	House 10:31 a.m. to 1:46 p.m. Senate 10:31 a.m. to 1:37 p.m.
Thurs. February 16	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 1:53 p.m.
Fri. February 17	No House session No Senate session.

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
35 Horace Street	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	45	\$719,000	\$695,000
61 Preston Rd	10 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Victorian	97	\$775,000	\$735,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
367 Somerville Ave U:F	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	20	\$369,000	\$464,000
74 Gilman U:10	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	54	\$490,000	\$470,000
26 Kidder Ave U:26A	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	95	\$499,000	\$485,000
68 Wheatland U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	140	\$499,000	\$490,000
29 Pinckney St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	40	\$529,900	\$515,000
24 JACKSON RD U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Detached	96	\$545,000	\$530,000
51 Sydney St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	39	\$549,900	\$545,000
18-20 Arlington St U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	21	\$549,900	\$585,000
34 Calvin Street U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	108	\$569,900	\$540,000
46 Josephine Ave U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	85	\$575,000	\$540,000
76 Flint Street U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	12	\$599,000	\$599,000
9 Silvey Place U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$599,000	\$580,000
9 Silvey Place U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	36	\$599,000	\$599,000
39 Oliver St U:2	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	34	\$618,000	\$585,000
76 Flint Street U:3	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	46	\$649,000	\$620,000
76 Flint Street U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	38	\$649,000	\$645,000
	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Ove	r the Past Mo	nth·	
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Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
86 Franklin Street	2 unit, 9 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	15	\$519,900	\$550,000
36 Merriam St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	53	\$725,000	\$770,000
34 Merriam St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	53	\$775,000	\$770,000
57-59 Puritan Rd	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	55	\$829,900	\$805,000
5 Pearson Road	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$1,050,000	\$1,150,000
51 Central Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,250,000	\$1,400,000

Historic Somerville presents the 2017 Local History Lecture Series

Charles Bulfinch and the Barrell Mansion

Enjoy an entertaining and informative talk by Joseph Cornish, Preservationist, past president of the New England Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians and Bulfinch aficionado. Cornish will discuss the architecture of Charles Bulfinch (1763-1844) including his design of the Barrell Mansion. The mansion and gardens were built on Cobble Hill in Charlestown in 1792 (now Somerville) and eventually became the McLean Insane Asylum. The Somerville Museum is now the home of the elegant double flying staircase of the original mansion.



For more information, visit our website: www.HistoricSomerville.org. Sunday, February 26, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Reception to follow at the Somerville Museum, One Westwood Road General Admission: \$8. Free to Historic Somerville and Somerville Museum Members. Email: info@historicsomerville.org or call Brandon Wilson at 617-625-6600 -X2532.

Treasure Hunting with Bob BY BOB ADAMS

What did I just buy?

A friend and a part-time collectibles dealer kept telling me to be on the lookout for modern furniture, lamps and smalls (things you can carry in one hand). I looked online at photos of misshapen furniture, odd looking lamps and other "collectibles" from the 40's, 50's and 60's. I couldn't believe the prices that these things were getting.

Doing my rounds one day, I found myself in a little second-hand store in Boston. In the far corner, they had piled high a couple of sets of furniture. On the top of the heap was some furniture that looked to me to be outdoor metal chaise lounge type things and matching chairs and foot rests. Turns out, it was aluminum, iron and brass. The set on the bottom was a green metal. Thin and curvy metal formed chairs and tables. I looked closer at the furniture on the bottom and realized it was patinated bronze. The whole set was made of bronze, glass tops and torn fiber seats. I asked the manager what he needed on the pile and he told me \$1000. Sure, I'll buy it. Don't know what it is but I can probably scrap the metal to get my money back if need be. I couldn't fit it all in my Honda CR-V so I just took a few chairs. I got home, took some photos and emailed them to my friend. What did I just buy I asked him. He shot back a message that I had bought some of the most desirable modernist furniture- Dan Johnson's Gazelle in Bronze. Made in Italy

by an American designer in the 1950's. Renting a U-Haul and a second guy to help

me cart it off, I got it home the next day. Doing my research, now that I had a name, I found that Brad Pitt collected this furniture. I had a five foot table (only eight were known to exist, I now had the ninth). Four chairs that went with it and two round gargoyle tables. Plus the outdoor aluminum set.

My friend wanted to see it in person. Oh, and can he bring some friends. Sure. Come on by. The friends turned out to be collectors and made me an offer of \$40,000 as soon as they saw it. A few problems though. I had already contacted an auction house in Chicago and they were sending a truck to pick it up.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

Eagle feathers #123

Happy Anniversaries By Bob (Monty) Doherty

She's 175 years old this year and counting. It's not polite to ask a mature lady her age, but she doesn't mind at all. Her roots as part of Charlestown, her maiden name, go back to July 4, 1629, the day Charlestown was founded. This makes her older than Boston and Cambridge. Thus, her history before becoming Somerville in 1842 is also Charlestown's history.



Finding a name for the newly created town didn't come immediately. In 1828, residents from beyond the neck unsuccessfully tried to separate and title the new town, Warren. This was after General Joseph Warren, martyr of the Battle of Bunker Hill. Later, the name Walford was suggested to honor the area's first settler, Thomas Walford. Then, as the accepted story goes, the name Somerville was suggested, approved, and adopted because it sounded fanciful. Through the years, other noteworthy sources have credited the name after the Tripolitan War hero and United States Naval Captain Richard Somers.



With the legislature and governor's approval on March 3, 1842, Somerville separated from its mother town. She was the last of ten to do so. Two centuries before in 1642, Woburn was the first. While one hundred guns were fired among cheers from Prospect Hill, beyond the neck citizens reveled in their newfound freedom. In celebration, a grand ball was given with over 300 people in attendance who enjoyed a dinner and dancing at the Porter Hotel in Cambridge. This was Somerville's birthday and its 1,013 townsmen enjoyed it. The next week, they began to build their community. The town's first twenty-five years were very active. The popistoric estival ulation had grown over eight-At ye foot of Prospect Hill fold and had just witnessed the brutal Civil War. At the silver anniversary observance of 1867, the new Somerville Town Hall was dedicated, followed by a grand celebration and dance.

And, I thought the set would do upwards of \$60,000. Auctions can do that. Bidding wars are fun for the seller.

After talking it over with my wife, I decided to put it in the auction. I reasoned that there's a huge difference between someone offering \$40K and later them putting \$40K in your hand. We'll, the two sets ended up doing in the mid \$30,000 range. Oh well. I would do the same thing to this day.

Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com



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In 2017, politics is more local than ever



Rep. Christine P. Barber 34th Middlesex District

Like many of us, I was unsettled by events of 2016 that brought more division and discord than ever to the surface. Now I am struggling to fight back against decisions being made in Washington, D.C., and continue to feel uncertain every time I turn on the news. Many of us feel disconnected from Washington and politics at the federal level. While we must continue to resist extreme federal policies, what gives me hope is a renewed interest in local politics. There is now an opportunity to work together on critical issues affecting our state and commu-

nities, and in doing so, we can powerfully exemplify what it means to be a state leader in this new era.

As a state legislator, I look forward to connecting and engaging with more people in Somerville, Medford and other communities in Massachusetts, to discuss what our state can and should do to retain the precious rights we have fought so hard to win. In the 2017-2018 legislative session, my House and Senate colleagues and I have an opportunity, and a responsibility, to uphold Massachusetts' values and show other states what is possible.

There are many ways that we can stand up for our communities' values. Here's what I am doing:

+ I'm working to make sure that no one is targeted because of who they are, and that our state remains welcoming to all by supporting policies that create safe spaces for immigrants. This means supporting organizations like the ACLU and standing with Attorney General Maura Healey in her efforts to stop President Trump's immigration executive order. Locally, this means strongly supporting legislative initiatives like the Safe Communities Act, and helping connect families and individuals in my communities who are fearful and unsure of their options to resources and legal services.

"... what gives me hope is a renewed interest in local politics"

+ Amid threats at the federal level on reproductive health and women's rights, I am pushing for polices to ensure women's choices are protected. We have the opportunity to redefine preventative health at the state level, and I am pushing to ensure all forms of contraception are covered by health plans in Massachusetts.

• Massachusetts has been a leader in health care, with near-universal coverage for residents. I am working to support our federal delegation and develop state-level reforms to hold on to the gains that we have made in health care coverage.

+ I am working to ensure that Massachusetts continues to lead on climate change - by reducing costly gas leaks in our communities, and pushing for renewable energy at the state level. I have filed a bill that prohibits utility companies from shifting the cost of gas leaks onto consumers. I'm also supporting other initiatives, including implementing a carbon tax, increasing the solar net metering caps, and developing a climate adaptation plan.

Though it may seem difficult during these uncertain times to find a silver lining, I see a clear and powerful force that has emerged over the past few weeks: new energy and mobilization. People who have never done so are calling their legislator, going to a rally, or having real discussions with different people about issues. New groups are forming to talk about climate change, immigration, health care, and women's rights. It is the organizing, involvement, and conversations that I am excited about for 2017.

Somerville and Medford are vibrant communities filled with active, engaged residents. This willingness to get involved is exactly what we need to move forward now. Let's set an example for our neighboring communities: I urge you to talk with your neighbor, join a discussion, and encourage strong action the local and state level. Let us use this opportunity to show the nation, once again, the leader Massachusetts can be.

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OBITUARY

Ira Stepanian – Former Somerville resident and Bank of Boston CEO

Business Administration.



Ira began his banking career with Bank of Boston in 1963 as a management trainee and worked his way to Chief Executive Officer in March 1987 and elected Chairman in March 1989. During his career at the Bank he headed the Energy, Transportation and Utilities lending Division, then spent two years in charge of the bank's U.K. operations before returning to the U.S. to head the bank's overall Commercial Lending function prior to his elevation to CEO. In 1993 the New England Council named him New Englander of the Year for his commitment and contributions to the field of banking zations including Intercontinental Real Estate, NYNEX (now Verizon), Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Common Angels, Brock Capital Group, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, the International Mon-

Boston's Museum of Science where he was Chairman from 1996 until 2000. Ira was an avid sports player and fan. He played basketball for SHS and Tufts, and later enjoyed tennis and golf. He was a member of the Wianno Club, The Beach Club in Craigville, the Boston College Club, and the Colony Golf & Country Club. He loved all Boston sports teams and was Council, a Celtics season ticket holder for 40 years. Let's go... The family is very thankful for all the people that have been part of his life. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, February 22, at 11:00 a.m. at St. James Armenian Apostolic Church, 465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, Massachusetts. Contributions in his memory may be made to Massachusetts General Hospital or Boston's Museum of Science.

Ira Stepanian died suddenly on February 13 in Bonita Springs, Florida. He is survived by the family he loved – his wife Jacquie, his son Philip, daughter Alisa, son Steven and his wife Kate, and his three granddaughters: Sophie, Charlotte and Elizabeth. Born in 1936 in Cambridge, MA to Armenian immigrant parents, Ira graduated from Somerville High School and received a B.A. in Economics from Tufts College and an M.B.A. from Boston College Graduate School of

etary Conference, The Bankers Roundtable, Legal Sea Foods, TAD Resources International, General Chemical, and Gen-Tek. He was a member of the Federal Advisory Chairman of the Senior Advisory Council of New England Banking Institute and the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, and a Fellow of the Center for Business and Government at the Kennedy School, Harvard University. and his leadership and impact Ira was also a Trustee of Mason the New England region's sachusetts General Hospital, quality of life and economy. Tufts University, Boston Public Ira had been a Director or Library Foundation, the Mu-Trustee of numerous organiseum of Fine Arts, as well as

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Somerville: A Place for All



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Recently, I've been asked a number of times to discuss Somerville's status as a sanctuary city and each time I do, I try to emphasize that we will not waiver from our commitment to being a city that welcomes and serves all. When we say all, we mean all – and that means acknowledging and addressing inequity on other fronts too.

We all know the stories of the haves and have-nots in our nation, and Somerville is not immune to disparity. Some children here come from families that fall in the top ten percent nationally for income, while others come to school hungry because there is not enough to eat at home. Just over 29 percent of our adults have a college degree and higher earning potential, but 10.7 percent lack the high school diploma they need to open new employment doors. While most Somervillians fortunately have health coverage, more than 3,500 of us do not, including more than 200 children and teens. Finally, while some households easily cover their mortgages or rent, others are struggling to afford to stay here as gentrification intensifies across the metro region.

These are just a few examples of just how different life can be in our four square miles. As a city though, we have tools to help address these disparities.

For one, we strive to ensure our residents have access to jobs that will pay them a livable, competitive wage. That's why we've invested in programs that develop job skills and job readiness. They range from our newer fabrication laboratory and our advanced manufacturing training program to our long-standing Somerville Center for Adult Learning Experiences, which provides more than 1,200 adults annually with basic reading, writing and math skills as well as high school diploma equivalency classes and English training.

We also have to make sure we're unlocking opportunities to create new jobs and giving people ways to access those jobs. Through carefully planned development in Assembly Row and Union Square, we're working to grow jobs—good jobs in Somerville. Transportation is also key to employment. By investing in transit like the Assembly Row Orange Line stop and the Green Line Extension, we're making sure all our residents can more easily access jobs throughout Greater Boston—without the cost burden of car ownership.

Job creation, wage suppression and transportation access all come with their fair share of challenges, but like many other urban areas, and much of our region, access to affordable housing continues to remain one of our largest hurdles in addressing inequity. So we're working on multiple fronts to address affordability.

With our community partner the Somerville Community Corporation, we are buying 100 homes and making them permanently affordable. We've increased the inclusionary housing requirement to ensure more affordable units are built, and opened up inclusionary opportunities to middle income residents. We must continue to work with new construction developers to ensure that some units are designated as permanently affordable, including opening some up for the chronically homeless. If we want Somerville to remain accessible for all – and we certainly do – we must continue to find creative ways to generate more affordable housing opportunities.

The key element in creating affordable housing and new job opportunities at the local level is the passage of a new zoning ordinance. Many cities and towns in Massachusetts talk a good game when it comes to progressive values and making sure we do right by those who are struggling economically. Yet the reality is most of us have archaic and regressive zoning regulations that have helped create disparity inside our communities. In Somerville we have put together a progressive zoning ordinance that reflects our community values. It is the product of years of community meetings and thousands of people who have told us we need to remain a city with economic and ethnic diversity.

The City is also committed to giving every child the best possible start in life. This means investing in our schools and supporting the health and en-

richment of Somerville kids. In recent years, we've made historic investments in our academic and afterschool programs as well as teacher training. As a result, our MCAS scores continue to improve and more than 80% of our high school graduates go on to pursue higher education. Our school breakfast, school lunch and summer lunch programs are just as important to learning. We strive to ensure access to healthy foods for all our students via these critical programs as well as targeted Shape Up Somerville initiatives such as our Mobile Farmers Market.

Inequity is a deep, multi-faceted issue that can't be fully covered in the space of an oped. It poses much more complex challenges here in Somerville – just like it does in every other city across the country. While we have made significant progress in this fight over the past several years, progress isn't enough. We must continue the fight. There is no magic answer and there is no silver bullet. But as New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said, "Fighting inequality is the mission of our times." And in Somerville, it is at the core of both our values and our goals.



By William C. Shelton

Intolerance and arson

felt toward people who are different from us – that may be bred into us, going back to when our ancestors were antagonistic bands of hominids.

But the story also illustrates that some people act on these feelings, some don't, and some rise above them to see that what we have in common is more imrope's violent Protestant-Catholic conflicts. Sensationalist literature and a few Protestant clergymen further promoted suspicion and mistrust. *Six Months in a Convent,* for example, told a false story about its author, Rebecca Reed, being held captive by nuns.

The summer of 1834 brought day after day of sweltering heat.



The part of East Somerville where the avenues are named for states was once a high hill with a convent atop it. Both are gone. Ploughed Hill, later renamed Mount Benedict, was razed to fill in the Middlesex Canal in the late 19th Century. Before that, a mob burned the convent in 1834.

Five years ago I wrote a column that recounted the convent's fate. The many elements that the story shares with current news make it worth retelling: religious intolerance, anti-immigrant passion, fake news, fear of "terrorism," church burning, and a feeble political response.

It illustrates the suspicion, fear, and resentment that is so often

portant than our differences.

The Catholic order of St. Ursula was founded in 1535 to educate girls and care for the sick and needy. In 1826 the Boston Diocese erected the first convent school in New England on Ploughed Hill. The Ursulines taught the basics, plus astronomy, philosophy, botany, chemistry, music, and may other subjects. Coming from both Catholic and Protestant homes, their students reported that the nuns made no attempts to influence their religious beliefs. Many people who had immigrated to New England over the previous century and a half had brought with them attitudes shaped by Western EuElizabeth Harrison was a convent nun. Teaching 14 classes per day in the heat, and serving as the Assistant Superior, she became "deranged," overcome with a "nervous excitement or fever." On July 28th, she wandered in the nearby woods.

Edward Cutter, whose farm was adjacent to the convent grounds, was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He encountered Elizabeth and took her to the home of a former convent student in Cambridge. The next evening the Bishop brought her back to the convent, where she recovered.

But local papers published fab-

ricated stories. The Boston Mercantile Journal reported that she had been kidnapped and was being held against her will. Many people conflated her story with that of Rebecca Reed.

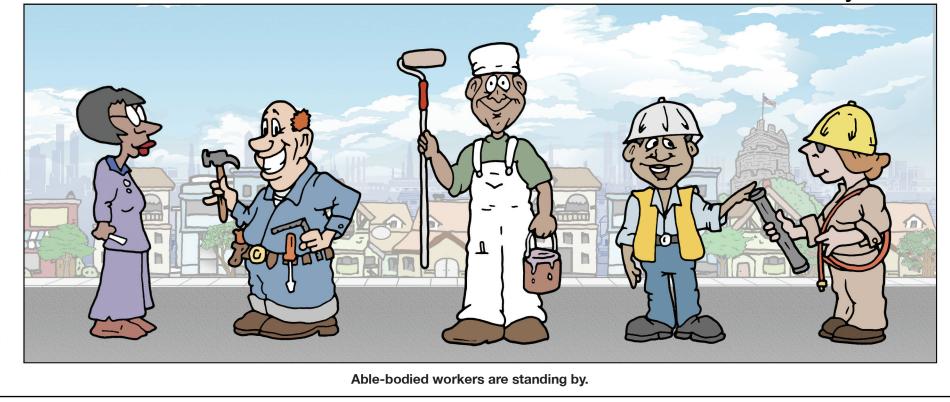
In early August, anonymous posters and handbills appeared spreading rumors and threats. One read, "Leave not one stone upon another of that curst nunnery that prostitutes female virtue under the garb of holy religion. When Bonaparte opened the nunneries of Europe, he found crowds of infant skulls!!" On Sunday August 10th, Congregationalist minister Lyman Beecher gave anti-Catholic sermons in three different locations. He claimed that the Pope planned to overthrow the U.S. government, and that Catholic educational institutions were a means of organizing the conspiracy.

The next day, six Selectmen visited the Continued on page 17

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



you who could benefit from it.

This is especially true for immigrants who are new to the system who may need special training to get a leg up and find their footing as they make a genuine effort to integrate into society.

We may not all become blessed with the ability to work from home or very nearby, but it's nice to know that someone out could be getting such a break.

Why is it that so many of us have to get in our cars or board public transportation each day when we go to work?

Is it just our bad luck that that the only job we can possibly work at happens to be 40 miles or more away from where live and shop and play and...well, live our lives?

It's really just a product of our times, and it's not actually anything all that new.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

is celebrating this week as well. Happy birthday to a popular and nice guy, Rod Kreimeyer, who can be a "pest" to some but not us here. A great guy and generous to the community. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to a good guy, and a great friend to many here in the city, Eamon Fee, who is home in Ireland this week celebrating his birthday. We hope he has a great time over in Ireland. A good friend, Carol Caler Earle, although not from Somerville, she and her family have been here off and on for years. She is the wife of a very popular minister, Rev. Steve Earle of the Trinity Assembly of God church in Derry, NH. We hope she has a great day. Big happy birthday to Krista Marie who is celebrating this week. We wish her a great birthday and hope that Chris makes her a great dinner. To all others we may have missed we wish each and everyone a very happy birthday. If you know of someone or would like to be mentioned here in The Times, send an email to donnortonera@yahoo.com and put "Happy Birthday" in subject line.

Rush hour traffic the world over stands as a grim testimonial to the fact that many – if not most of us – just happen to live so far away from our jobs.

Most of us are grateful to even have jobs, so we don't complain much. Maybe a honk on the horn out of sheer frustration from time to time, or an innocent grumble at the clumsy fellow passenger who accidently steps on a few toes while cramming into the bus.

It would be nice to have a short commute to work, or to even be situated within walking distance to our jobs.

This is a good reason to show appreciation to our civic leaders who are currently encouraging developers and others doing business in the city to train and hire locally. It may or may not affect you personally, but there is surely someone connected to

tate working a few hours a day. We cerrun a class once a month, which is limtainly wish him the very best. Charles ited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when Chisholm is at rehab after spending 60 days at MGH. He will remain at rehab handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go for another couple of weeks and then back to MGH for more operations. He's to their website at www.lawrencerodanlooking good but wants out, and who dgunclub.org and read up about the can blame him? Pat Reardon, who lives course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people apin the Magoun Square area and is past President of Rotary, has been out sick plying for it, especially women. We can now for a couple of months. It sounds 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.

heard that three - maybe four - candidates will be running for the seat. Now, down in Ward 1 it is pretty sure that Alderman Matt McLaughlin will face opposition. It appears he's in the habit of missing Board of Alderman meetings, including the last one. We heard someone is considering running for Alderman in Wards 2 and 3 as well. Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang might be busy this year as well. We hear that he might see opposition from at least one. And we hear that there will be four opponents on the At Large race. That will make eight running so far, including the incumbents. One more would make it nine and a primary would be held. So, plenty of time to jump in. We got word that even some of the School Committee seats may have challenges, especially in Wards 3 and 4 as of this week. With all the pay raises for the various politicians you'd think someone would consider a run against Mayor Joe, but it's early in some circles yet. Watch all the fundraisers that all of a sudden start to happen. We have just over 50K registered voters here in the city, with a population of about 79K, a lot of new voters just in the past 5-7 years, and a whole new section of our city getting Continued on page 23

Update on our Publisher Ross Blouin: He's back home, resting and has been seen in his office at Colony Real Es-

good but she will undergo an operation in the next couple of weeks. We hope she is and will be back up and about as well as back to Rotary here in the city.

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

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.

It seems like the Ward 4 seat might be opening up. Current Alderman Tony Lafuente has decided for personal reason to not run this year. So far we've

The Winter Farmers Market plows ahead

The Winter Farmers Market continues Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. through March at Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA.

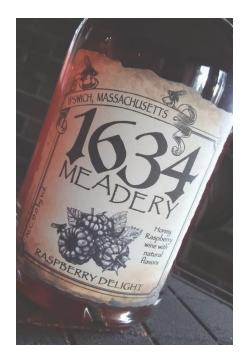
The weekly market offers the best locally grown and regionally produced agricultural items including vegetable produce, cheese, eggs, meats, fish, breads, pastries, chocolate, and wine. We feature rotating guest vendors each week, as well as live entertainment.

It's a cozy, friendly atmosphere every Saturday at the Armory with live music and over 30 booths of farms and specialty vendors. They accept cash, SNAP/EBT, credit and debit cards.













Photos courtesy of Somerville Winter Farmers Market





Big goings-on weekly at ESCS

It was a busy week at East Somerville Community School. The 4th grade students showed off their projects. Ms. Fothergill and Ms. Ceballos's students picked an animal to research and put together a display based on that animal for the Animal Research Project.

Students also got to wear pajamas to school for a day as a PTA fundraiser. Each student that donated \$1 got to wear pajamas for the day.

The school also held their book fair, offering students a chance to pick up some new reading material.



















Photos by Claudia Ferro

SPORTS

PHA Lady Wizards undefeated and tournament bound

By Ashley Richardson

The final horn has just sounded to conclude 2016-2017 regular season play for girls' basketball in the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO).

The Lady Wizards of Prospect Hill Academy with a divisional record of 12-0 (14-0 overall) will be the #1 seed from Division I and pitted against the winner of Division II's #4 v #5 play-in game to be scheduled for early next week.

PHA is the MCSAO defending champion finishing the 2015-2016 campaign undefeated with an overall record of 19-0. This year's championship tournament quarter-finals and semi-finals are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, at the Clark Athletic Center on the campus of the University of Massachusetts at Harbor Point in Boston.

If the Lady Wizards survive the two opening rounds, then they will secure a spot in the league's championship game for the fourth consecutive year. This year's title tilt is currently set for Saturday, March 10, at the Clark Athletic Center.

This February school vacation this week, the Lady Wizards will have time to rest and



The Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards finished its 2016-2017 season undefeated with a divisional record of 12-0 (14-0 overall) and will be the #1 seed from Division I in the upcoming final tournament. — Photos by Correen Demers

relax and to think about their successes to date. Next week, Coach Brian Harris and his assistants will have four days of intense practice to bring the team back down to earth, to get every player mentally and physically back on the same page and to get everyone – players, managers and coaches – tournament ready and hungry for more.

Last year's trio of all-stars – Sophomore power forward Kaleesha Joseph, Sophomore guard Ashley Cadet and Senior guard Agar Felix – have finished again as the team's leading scorers averaging 13.6, 11.5 and 10.2 points per game respectively. Overall, the team averaged 59 points per game. This required the leading scorers to remain steady game in and game out. Furthermore, other team members when called upon needed to step up offensively. No one else on the team averaged in double figures at the end of the regular season.

However, many players did score 10 or more points during individual or multiple contests of the 14-game schedule. These players were Senior Tracy Beauvois, Juniors Fabiana Paul, Sarah Merina, Fatima Benmimoun and Carla Minouche and Sophomore Samaya Belizaire-Arrendel.

Defensively, PHA held reg-

ular season opponents to 22 points per game. Coach Harris acknowledged that there are defensive stars on the team, but emphasized that all 15 squad-members sturdily contributed to this year's accomplishments on the defensive side of the ball.

Additionally, Harris strongly believes that the key to a successful post-season tournament run by the Lady Wizards will be based upon aggressive non-stop team defense in all games played, each player's sustained commitment to working hard in every upcoming practice and game and overall continued unselfishness of play by all.

Ms. Cam's lio #566 **Olio** - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge 1. Which President has to? the most places named after him in the United 7. How many coats of paint were removed States? from the outer walls of 2. How old would Presthe White house in the 1980's? ident John F. Kennedy have been on May 27, 8. What was the name of 2017? Chelsea Clinton's cat? 3. What was the name 9. The sun is the predomof the actor JFK's sister Patricia married and later inant source of what for divorced? the earth? 10. How fast can wild 4. What British actor married two of the Gabor turkeys fly? sisters? 11. What is a female swan called? 5. What was the name of

Lady Highlanders Senior Night 2017

the birds in the cartoon *Talking Magpies?*

6. What swallowed up Pinocchio's father, Gepet-

12. How many fat cells does the average adult have? Answers on page 17

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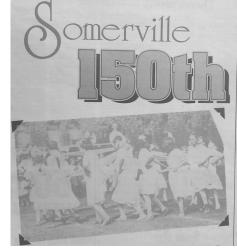
Lady Highlanders Senior Night and the last home game was held Friday night, February 17. Best of luck to the two seniors on the team: Miranda Melanson #13 and Kiara Alejandro #21

The Somerville Times **Historical Fact** CONT. FROM PG 8

On March 3,1892, Somerville celebrated its golden anniversary of fifty years. By then, she had grown into what was known as the "City of Homes," the bedroom community of Boston.

Twenty-four days after the Pearl Harbor bombings on December 7, Somerville entered its 100th anniversary year. It was 1942 and America was at war. Like all Americans, Somerville residents focused on victory throughout the war.





Even the sitting, Mayor John M. Lynch, left the office to serve in the armed forces. Thoughts of rejoicing were put on hold.

In 1992, the city's 150th anniversary year was a special one. Appreciative sons and daughters of Somerville' greatest generation strutted the length of the city in a parade of 4,000 marchers in 133 different units. It was a small thank you for the 1942 centennial celebration their parents never had the opportunity to experience.

This year ... her 175th celebration ... is expected to be first class!

Opioid OD deaths CONT. FROM PG 3

community health centers, nursing, physician assistant and dental schools.

Millions in funding and support provided to 64 high-need communities in partnership with over 257 cities and towns across the Commonwealth to prevent opioid misuse and overdose, and other substance use disorders.

Release of the unprecedented Chapter 55 report and website using advanced data to further explain the underlying causes of opioid-related deaths.

Creating public awareness campaigns to prevent addiction, reduce stigma of substance use disorders, recognize the signs of overdose and raise awareness of Good Samaritan Law protections for assisting someone who is overdosing, supported by free public information materials.

Intervention:

Successfully launching MassPAT, the new online prescription awareness and monitoring tool. As of January, prescribers have made more than 2 million searches on the system.

Expanded access to naloxone. a lifesaving drug to reverse opioid overdoses. Nearly 7,000 people trained and provided naloxone in the first 6 months of 2016, pushing the number of people trained statewide to over 50,000.

for the first six months of 2016. First responder naloxone grants provid-

ed to 32 high-need communities.

The launch of the Municipal Naloxone Bulk Purchasing Program that is open to all communities. The program is serving about 120 cities and towns and had purchased more than 12,000 doses of naloxone at a significant discount.

Treatment:

More than 500 substance use treatment beds added to the system since January 2015.

Ending the practice of sending women who are civilly committed as a result of substance use disorder to MCI-Framingham.

Funding to expand the number of state-supported Office Based Opioid Treatment sites to 30 throughout Massachusetts.

Recovery:

More than 1,900 sober home beds certified in Massachusetts.

Continued funding for the training of Recovery Coaches (more than 800 to date) to strengthen peer support networks throughout the Commonwealth. Pilot program deploying Recovery Coaches to help make referrals and connections to treatment and recovery support services in the community in 11 Emergency Departments.

What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents. Below are our latest news segments from SNN #78.



Somerville Storytelling Project

In honor of Somerville's 175th birthday, the City has begun a Storytelling Project, encouraging members of the community to share their Somerville experiences. An event was held at the Somerville Public Library (MA) to kick off the project.

We Are One Somerville: Sanctuary City Rally

On February 4, the City of Somerville in partnership with The Welcome Project held a rally for Sanctuary Cities and Inclusion. Speakers included city officials, local business owners, Somerville High School students and more. Maple Tree Tapping with Groundwork Somerville

On January 28, Groundwork Somerville held it's annual Maple Tree Tapping Day at Tufts University. The event is part of their Maple Syrup Project which will continue with the Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival on March 4. Check it out!



More than 1,500 bystander overdose reversals using naloxone were reported

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on <u>Wednesday, March 1, 2017</u> at 6:00 p.m. at the VNA, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA, 3rd Floor Community Room.

39 Murdock Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-148) Applicant, Ballas Group LLC, and Owners, Subash Bansal and Anuradha Sharma, seek a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief to construct a three-family dwelling structure. RB Zone. Ward 5.

466 Medford Street: (Case #ZBA 2017-08) Applicant, Reginaldo Correa, and Owner, The First Rock, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to construct an addition within the nonconforming right side yard and increase the floor area ratio (FAR) of a nonconforming structure and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief. RB Zone. Ward 5.

100 Dover Street: (Case #ZBA 2017-04) Owner/Applicant, New Day Properties LLC, seeks a Special Permit under 5.1 for converting a non-conforming auto body repair shop to a conforming non-medical office use and parking relief under §9.13 of the SZO. CBD Zone. Ward 6.

<u>45 Cameron Avenue</u>: (Case #ZBA 2016-81) Applicant and Owner, Aroli Realty Trust and Menkiti Ifeanyi, Trustee, seek Special Permits to alter a non-conforming property under \$4.4.1 of the SZO through an upward extension of the right side yard, left side yard, and front side yard setbacks, and an increase in square footage along with a Special Permit under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. RB zone. Ward 5.

152 Powder House Boulevard: (Case #ZBA 2016-135) Applicant and Owner, 152 Powder House, LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by finishing the basement and increasing the FAR and a Special Permit under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. RA zone. Ward 6.

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 <u>www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning</u>. 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 <u>dpereira@somervillema.gov</u>.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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ORDER PERMITTING DESTRUCTION OF COURT RECORDS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

It is hereby Ordered that, in accordance with the provisions of Supreme Judicial Court Rule 1:11:

1. Case papers and records may be destroyed in the following cases filed during the periods shown, and which have been or are deemed to be finally disposed of for five years or more and have been audited.

Criminal, filed from 1995 through 2005 Civil, filed from 1995 through 2005 Small Claims, filed from 1995 through 2005 Summary Process, filed from 1995 through 2005 Supplementary Process, filed 1995 through 2005 Mental Health, filed from 1991 through 2005 Abuse Restraining Orders, filed from 1995 through 2005

Certificate of Clerk-Magistrate

I certify that the dockets of this court for the above cases contain essential information including entries, in those cases in which counsel is required, indicating representation by counsel or waiver of counsel and including, in civil cases, information sufficient to permit execution on a judgment within twenty years after the date of the judgment.

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Robert A. Tomasone, Clerk-Magistrate

- 2. Case papers and records may also be destroyed in the following cases filed during the periods shown, and which have been finally disposed of for two years or more and have been audited: Civil Motor Vehicles Infractions, filed from 2010 through 2014
- Case papers and records may also be destroyed in the following cases filed during the periods Care & Protection, filed from 1994 through 1996, in which the youngest child named in the petition has attained the age of twenty years.



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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Mystic View Development, Public Safety Building Demolition for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The Project consists of: All labor, materials, equipment and supervision necessary to complete the demolition and disposal of a one story 700 sq. ft., painted concrete block and concrete plank building at our Mystic River Development. Cap all utilities according to the city of Somerville DPW guidelines . Infill and leave site flush to grade.

The work is estimated to cost \$20,000.00

Bids are subject to M.G.L. 149 & 44A(2) (B)& to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive, and thePrevailing Wage rates, whichever hourly rate pays more.

General Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 2nd, 2017** at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened forthwith.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Bid Documents can also be obtained electronically by contacting Brian Langton Brianl@sha-web.org

A prebid meeting will be held at the The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA on **Thursday February 23rd, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.** It is strongly suggested that all prospective bidders attend the pre-bid meeting.

Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Brian Langton at (617) 625-1152 Ext 331 or Email at brianl@sha-web.org

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017** at **6:00 p.m**. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

AN UPDATED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CREATE NEW CCD-55 AND CCD-45 COMMERCIAL SUBDISTRICTS, A NEW COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL PERMIT, A NEW UNION SQUARE OVERLAY DISTRICT, AND RELATED CHANGES TO ARTICLE 5 AND THE ZONING MAP.

AN UPDATED ARTICLE 16B IN THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCES, WITH ATTENDANT ZONING MAP CHANGES, TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM MIXED USE RATIO IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

4. A copy of this Order shall be published and posted and any responses received as a result of such publication shall be sent by the Clerk-Magistrate to the First Justice of this court and the Chief Justice of the District Court Department at least thirty days before any such papers or records are destroyed.

> Further information may be obtained from Robert A. Tomasone, Clerk-Magistrate, Somerville District Court, 175 Fellsway, Somerville, MA 02145.

Hon. Maurice R. Flynn, III First Justice Somerville District Court

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Hon. Paul C. Dawley Chief Justice of the District Court

TO PLACE LEGAL ADVERTISMENTS IN THE SOMERVILLE TIMES, CONTACT US **BY 12 PM MONDAY** PH: 617.666.4010 • FAX: 617.628.0422 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADJUST THE DEFINITION OF NET FLOOR AREA, CLARIFY AFFORDABLE HOUS-ING REQUIRED IN RA AND RB DISTRICTS, AND CONFIRM THE PROCESS TO APPROVE SUBDIVISIONS, LOT SPLITS, LOT MERG-ERS AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP TO REZONE PROPERTIES ON EMERSON STREET AND A PORTION OF EVERETT STREET TO RESIDENCE B.

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

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman, Somerville Planning Board Attest: Lance Davis, Chair, Land Use Committee of the Somerville Board of Aldermen

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

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP 17-54

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed proposals for: Engineers in Residence Program

The "Engineers in Residence" program will provide prototyping assistance for early stage hardware startups in the Northeast Massachusetts region receive. This program is supported financially by a grant awarded to the City of Somerville, the Northeast Advanced Manufacturing Consortium (NAMC), and Greentown Labs.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 or online at <u>http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids</u> on or after: **Wednesday, February 15, 2017**. Separately sealed price and non-price proposals will be received at the above office until: **Monday, March 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** at which time sealed non-price proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Angela M. Allen at <u>amallen@somervillema.gov</u> for information and proposal packages. Prospective proposers shall contact Purchasing in writing to ensure they are on the bidders list to receive any updates or addenda about this RFP.

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



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR LEGAL NOTICE Somerville Conservation Commission

Public Hearing

Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, the Somerville Conservation Commission will hold a **public hearing** on <u>Tuesday, February 28, 2017</u> at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the 3rd floor conference room, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, regarding a Notice of Intent for the work described below.

Applicant:	Ivana Pejatovic, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.
	890 Winter Street, Waltham, MA 02541
Representative:	Gene Crouch, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
	101 Walnut Street, Box 9151, Watertown, MA 02471
Project Location	: Mystic Valley Parkway along the Mystic River,
	south of Boston Avenue, Somerville, MA
	(Parcel Map 1, lot F1)

The proposed project is seeking approval to conduct a Horizontal Directional Drill crossing of the Mystic River to replace a section of an existing natural gas transmission pipeline. The project will be constructed from uplands from Somerville to Arlington, and will cross approximately 45 feet beneath the river. All work is temporary and areas disturbed by construction will be restored.

Copies of the application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Contact Vanessa Boukili, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Roofing Contractors for the Corbett Apartments Roof Replacement, located at 125 and 32 Jaques Street Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Winslow Architects,phil@winslowarchitects.com.

The Project consists of: All labor, materials, equipment and supervision necessary to remove the existing asphalt roofing and properly dispose of and install new asphalt roofing.

The work is estimated to cost \$195,000.00

Bids are subject to M.G.L. 149 & 44A(2) (B)& to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.I49 §§26 to 27H inclusive, and the Prevailing Wage rates, whichever hourly rate pays more.

General Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8th, 2017** electronically only at Bid DocsOnline.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available only electronically on Bid Docs Online.

A prebid meeting will be held at 125 Jaques Street, Somerville, Ma on **Wednesday March1st, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.** It is strongly suggested that all prospective bidders attend the pre-bid meeting.

Questions should be directed to Brian Langton at (617) 625-1152 Ext 331 or Email at brianl@sha-web.org

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Intolerance and arson CONT. FROM PG 10

convent and "examined from the highest apartment to the cellar looking into bureaus and even paint boxes." Elizabeth Harrison told them firmly that she wished to remain there. They promised to report to the newspapers that everything was "in good order and nothing appears to be the least objectionable."

But agitators had been inflaming small groups for days. *The Boston Globe* portrayed their leader, an imposing brick maker named John Buzzell, as a folk hero akin to Paul Bunyon.

Early that evening, his followers gathered, drinking and sharing rumors about dungeons, torture chambers, and forced conversions. At about 8:00 they coalesced into a mob and marched to the nunnery.

The Mother Superior came to a window and chided the crowd. She told them that the Selectmen had found nothing amiss. One of the Selectmen was present and confirmed this. The mob went back down the hill, but formed a plan to "tear the buildings down." Buzzell and others pulled three barrels of tar from a nearby twine factory and ignited them. He calculated that a blaze on the hill would bring firefighters from Boston, Medford, and Cambridge, who would help them destroy the building.

He was right. Boston Engine 13 was used as a protective base from which the rioters hurled stones against the windows. One, named Henry Buck, broke down the door with a ripped-off fence stake.

They entered the cloister and ransacked students' and nuns' possessions. Some pushed a piano out of an upper-story window and then brought musical instruments into the yard and smashed them.

By now, the convent was surrounded by thousands of people. A rioter named Marvin Macy pretended to be an auctioneer, soliciting bids on looted books. Those that were "sold" were thrown into a fire.

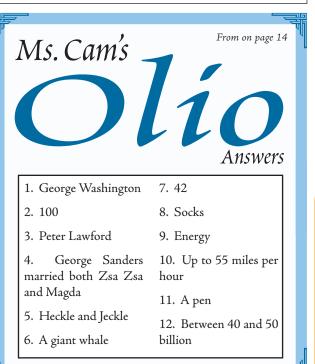
Eventually the mob set the building ablaze. Firefighters from surrounding communities made no attempt to extinguish the inferno. and a number of prominent citizens met in Faneuil Hall. They formed a committee to investigate, arrest, and prosecute the riot's perpetrators.

At the trial, the judge said that the rioters had "waged war against political liberty, the sacred rights of property, and religious charity." He told the jury "the just and enlightened everywhere will look to the justice of the country...to erase the foul disgrace."

But the jury acquitted all of the defendants except for Marvin Macy, who was given a life sentence. Many citizens, including the Bishop and the Mother Superior, petitioned for leniency. A few months later, Macy was released on probation.

The Legislature approved a bill to appropriate \$10,000 to indemnify the Church, and then voted it down. The Church never rebuilt the convent. A small marker outside the East Somerville Library is the only memento of its existence. Since the 1990 racial conflict that temporarily closed Somerville High School, our city's leaders have worked to teach tolerance and affirm diversity. That work is ongoing, and Somerville is equal to it, as this month's One Somerville rally demonstrated.

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Students, nuns, and assistants fled through the rear of the grounds, where Edward Cutter and other farmers escorted them to safety. The Mother Superior and some of her students went to the Adams-Magoun house on Winter Hill, which still stands.

The next day the Boston mayor

Somerville High School on WGBH's High School Quiz Show

Somerville High School faces off against Acton-Boxborough High School this week on WGBH's High School Quiz Show. Somerville competed against Acton-Boxborough in the Season 5 Semifinals and on Season 7. The episode will air this Saturday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. on WGBH 2. I've attached a couple of photos from the taping for your use. Photo: ©2017 WGBH/Elizabeth Friar.



•••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday February 22

East Branch Library Rosalita's Puppets presents In Search of the Unicorn 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

Central Library Hot Stories for a Cold Winter's Day 2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday | February 23

Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds 10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. 79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Lego Club 3:30 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave **Central Library** Leao Club

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

Friday|February 24

Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. 79 Highland Ave East Branch Library Read-To-Bead

11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|115 Broadway Saturday February 25

Central Library Yoga for Kids Áges 3-7 with Janine 11 a.m.-12 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

Monday February 27

Central Library Sing Along 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. 79 Highland Ave **Central Library** Creative Drama Workshop 4 p.m.-5 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|February 28

West Branch Library Preschool Storvtime 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave **Central Library**

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 13-15 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday | February 29 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 Ave

MUSIC ARTS Wednesday|February 22

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge Ten Dollar Mistake **Ghost Boys** Tom Beyer 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Somerville Theatre The Banff Mountain Film Festival 7:30 p.m. 55 Davis Square

Thursday|February 23 Sallv O'Brien's

Meghan Chiampa Presents |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Jone's Landing Collateral Branch Dancehall Lounge 345 Somerville Äve

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

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

Bull McCabe's 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. The Mallett Brothers Band (Alt-Country/Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Sons of An Illustrious Father M. G. Lederman 8 p.m.|56 Highland Ave

The Rockwell The Irish Comedy Tour 8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory The Loop 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Friday|February 24

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. The Very, Doug Linse, The Spearmint Sea \$5 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Backroom Series: Rachel McCartney and Jim Trick|7 p.m. Young Love & the Thrills|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge A Tangled Web Red Red Rockit Leopold & His Fiction The Royal Me 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Joshua Tree DJ McRiddleton 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille Live music 9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Casey's Entertainment every Friday

173 Broadway|617-625-5195

1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie

Nights feat. Julie Rhodes (Blues /

Boston Stands: A Mardi Gras Benefit

Thunder Road

Rock)

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

Andrew F-Word Lowrey Chodus Rogozo The Surgical Theatre Make It Up 7 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke 65 Holland St

On the Hill Tavern Live DI Music

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

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road Kids' Union Dance Party!|3 p.m. 1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights R&B Fest feat. Glen David Andrews 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom **Pissed Jeans** Phantom Rides

8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave The Rockwell

KERPLUNK!111 a.m. Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Stories from the Kalevala 7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday | February 26 Sally O'Brien's Bar Roy Sludge Trio |6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session 3 p.m. Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Mardi Gras Concert/Party featuring Sweet Wednesday & Friends- Pro-ceeds to benefit Somerville Homeless Coalition|2:30 p.m. Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey 5 p.m. The Burren Lantern Sessions|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Series

7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** The Splinters 6 p.m. 8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell HipStory Films Premieres Vitiligo & Art of Being Haunted

7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St Arts at the Armory

Queer Tango Boston 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|February 28

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The Burren 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling 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 & Lightning Sessions feat Unconscious Disturbances & Thomas Knight 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory

Pub Sing at The Armory 7 p.m.|Čafé|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 1 Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Backroom Series: Runa PLUS Skipper's Alley|7 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Hail Nothing

Horse Jumper of Love 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell HUSH: Silent Film-Live Music, Dr. Jekyll and Mr.Hyde 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m. Café 191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday February 22 Central Library Library Staff Scheduling Meeting 3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Oral History Training 6 p.m.- 7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday February 23

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

East Branch Library Drop in Knitting at the East Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway **Central Library**

Fair Housing Commission meeting 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

Central Library Political Action Subcommittee

First Church Somerville

Friday February 24

East Branch Library

Book Group

Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

Holland St

ment.

Family Groups

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

program for people with problems

For more info call: 781-762-6629

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Somerville Winters Farmer Market

Saturday|February 25

weekly to discuss their work

Sunday | February 26

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Monday February 27

Unity Church of God

East Branch Library

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

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

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

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

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

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

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

East Branch Library

Central Library

Board Game Night

Night Owl's Lego Club

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

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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 GZA

Meyhem Lauren 8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Hearth Book Club 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Rockwell Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|7 p.m. Vallis Alps|10 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Young Fiddlers' Workshop Series -Boston Scottish Fiddle Club 7:15 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday February 25

Sally O'Brien's The Very, Doug Linse, The Spearmint Sea \$5 cover |6 p.m. Duck and Cover, The Dents, Stars Like Ours, Tom Baker & The Snakes \$10 cover |9 p.m.

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

Thunder Road Pop Icon Oscar Sunday Brunch! |10 a.m. Thunder Road's 1st Annual Oscar Viewing Party To Benefit Oxfam International 6 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Jeffrey Foulcault 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Cafe Rags 7 p.m. | Cafel | 191 Highland Ave

Monday February 27

The Canvas Collective 8 p.m.|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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West Branch Library Drop in Knitting at West Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Peer Info Sharing 6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|February 28

Central Library Learn English at the Library 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

Wednesday February 29

Central Library

Library Staff Scheduling Meeting 3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library

Dying Well Prepared: Conversations and Choices for Terminal Patients 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Income Inequality Reading Group 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 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.

St. Valentine's Day Celebration – Monday, February 27 - 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. This event was originally scheduled for Monday, February 13th. Special guest D.A. Marian Ryan – see next post.

District Attorney Marian Ryan – Monday, February 27 – 11:30 a.m. at a WHYC at the St. Valentine's Day Celebration District Attorney Marian Ryan will speak about childhood trauma and the DA's office partnership with Project Linus. A special lunch will be served. Please RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Afternoon at the Movies – Tuesday, February 28 – 12:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center – This month's movie is Florence Foster Jenkins starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

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 which will be given back to you the day of the trip. Contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more 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.

Older American's Month Celebration – Monday, May 1 – at the WHYC from 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

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 call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

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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.

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

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 22nd
9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads
Grandparent's Day

Thursday, February 23

9:00 Community Food Program (RJ) 10:00 Current Events (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H) 11:30 Lunch (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ) – joint lunch with Holland 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Arts & Crafts (C) Supper & Bingo

Friday, February 24

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

Monday, February 27

9:00 Bereavement Group (H) 9:30 Veterans Group (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C)

Tuesday, February 28

10:00 Senior Housing 101 (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (C)
11:30 Pizza & Movie (H)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)

Wednesday, February 29

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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

additional information.

S&S Restaurant – Wednesday, March 1 – check in time is 10:30 a.m. at Holland Street – Lunch on your own though there is a \$10 fee to hold your seat

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

Mondays:

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

Somerville Rotary taking the plunge to end polio CONT. FROM PG 1

the Polar Plunge began seven years ago.

"It was a fun way to raise both money for polio eradication and awareness of all of the great work that Rotary does. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to represent our club and the support of the members, friends, and the community," said Laurenz.

The Polar Plunge comes at an important time in the fight to eradicate polio, which would be

began seven only the second human disease to be eradicated. Case numbers of the disease have never been adication and lower, and only three countries the great work (Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pa-I greatly aptunity to reptransmission of the wild po-

lower, and only three countries (Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan) have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus. However, a funding gap means immunization campaigns are being cut in highrisk countries, leaving children more vulnerable to polio. If polio isn't stopped now, the disease could stage a comeback, affecting an estimated 200,000 children every year.

Rotary, a humanitarian service organization with nearly 34,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, made polio eradication its top priority in 1985. Rotary has since contributed \$1.2 billion, and its members have logged countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries. Overall, remarkable progress has been achieved in the fight against polio. Since 1988, the number of polio cases has been reduced by 99.9%. The Americas were declared free from polio in 1994, the Western Pacific region in 2000, and Europe in 2002. A highly infectious disease, polio still strikes children mainly under the age of five in parts of Africa and South Asia. Polio can cause paralysis and sometimes death. One Rotarian noted, "We're going to fight this crippling disease until the end because Rotary keeps promises."

For further information on the effort to eradicate polio, visit www.endpolio.org or to learn more about the Rotary Club of Somerville, visit www.somervillerotary.org or facebook.com/ rotaryclubofsomerville.

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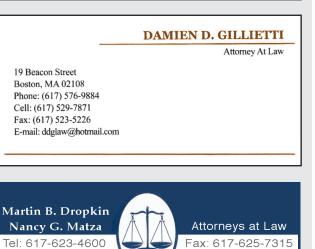


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12:00pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
12:30pm	One Somerville - a MLK Day Celebration
2:30pm	Somerville by Design
6:30pm	SomerViva em Português
7:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Bill White
7:30pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"
8:00pm	Somerville's Sanctuary City Rally
9:30pm	Somerville by Design
10:30pm	Connecting Communities
Thursday	, February 23
12:00amN	unziato Stormwater & Park Project Meeting
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8:00am	Fit-4-Life #2 2017
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9:30am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
12:00pm	Senior Circuit February 2017
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	e History of Africanamericans in Somerville
3:00pm	SomerViva en Español
4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda
7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting LIVE 2.23.17
10:00pm	One Somerville - a MLK Day Celebration

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2:00am	SomerSafe Sports Concussion Awareness
9:00am	The Mayor's Report - Feb. 2017
9:12am	Congressional Update
12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 2.23.17
4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda
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Tuesday,	February 28
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Friday, February 24

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9:00am	SHS Varsity Swim Meet - 2/6/17
10:00am	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett
11:30am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS
12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Everett
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4:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v S. Boston
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Saturday, February 25

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Congressional Update Senior Circuit February 2017

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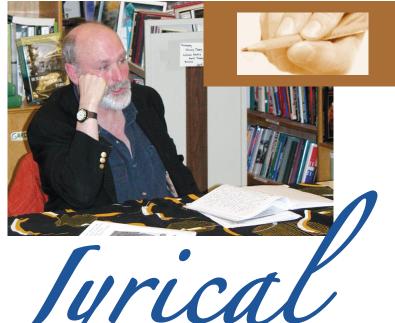
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Somerville resident Kirk Etherton writes: "I wrote this poem when one of my favorite neighbors was three years old. Last year, she helped to make the igloo. School Street is a fun place to live – in any season."



Time for Madelyn Holley and her family

"Time to make a igloo!" you declared, I'm told, pointing at the season's first snowflakes parachuting down from the as-yet-unknown endlessly emptying and filling sky. This surprised me, as it had been almost half a lifetime ago since you'd seen any white

around—you were only two when you and your Dad sat in the calm cold of the "Igloo of 2014," and I the igloo-maker was certain, hearing of your exclamation, to make a point of putting up a cool structure large enough at least for you, age

three. It was the least (and most) I could do this winter; that, and the sledding hill I piled up behind it which we all—

OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

'Said Not Said' by Fred Marchant

Said Not Said by Fred Marchant (GRAYWOLF PRESS 2017) Release Date: May 2, 2017

Fred Marchant, the author of the poetry collections, *The Looking House* and *Full Moon Boat* among other titles, has released a new collection *Said Not Said* from the Graywolf Press.

As the title asserts *Said Not Said* – much is said in this life, but there is even more unsaid – so much subtext, so much nuance, so much subtlety, but Marchant does his part to the fill the void with his new book of evocative verse.

Since I have worked at McLean Hospital for over 34 years, and struggled with the "black dogs" of depression myself, I was drawn to the poems of Marchant's late sister, a woman who suffered from mental illness. In his poem *The Unacceptable*, Marchant focuses on her strange cough, and how something as banal as this spurt of air, can signal the turmoil within. Marchant captures this beautifully. I have noticed the abnormalities, the tics, the repetitive body movements, that infest the psychiatric ward. This rings so true:

"How?

How *do* you write about a cough?

How to hint at the sound of it?

A cough that was *odd*, not from a cold, or something else you catch.

I think now it was the sound of what was eating away my sister's mind.

I first heard it at our grandfather's funeral Mass. I was seven and thought she should just *quit it*, stop bothering me, and everyone."

Body Body is a brutally honest poem about facing our aging bodies, and ourselves. I am sure every man or woman over age 60 can look at themselves and wonder about all the baggage, both physically

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populated in **Assembly Square**. There could be some interesting election action this year. If anyone is considering it and wants to know what is needed to get a campaign together, call the **Election Department at City Hall** at 617-625-6600. They have the complete time frame and procedures.

and mentally they have acquired over the years. I could imagine a modern day Falstaff, in a more sober moment, perhaps waking at 3AM in a cold sweat – during his dark night of the soul – speak similar words. Marchant speaks to his carcass:



"old trading buddy, fat winter sleeping bag I carry with me

into my dreams, you my néer do well pardner on a mule

crossing the desert, old guy who keeps asking for a swig,

who soaks the sheets with worry, turns on me regularly,

remains hard to fathom, easy to ignore, impossible to trust,

years since we met, when first I cut in, and asked for a kiss."

And one must not forget that Marchant is a translator as well, and in this translation *The Peach* – well, nothing is lost in translation. Marchant, who co-translated this Vietnamese poem, renders a peach, half-eaten by a bat, as a wonderful metaphor of the close habitation of sorrow and happiness. A peach is never just a peach in Marchant's and the poet Vo Que's closely observed world.

This just a mere sample of Marchant's work in this collection. He also writes wonderfully about Vietnam, the Middle East, olive trees, and the sufferings in the lives of people. David Ferry, noted translator and poet said of Marchant's work "... the noble generosity of feeling that has characterized his work, (is) here more impressively than before." Amen. Highly Recommended.

people. Somerville has a good reputation and is a city that everyone wants to be in. We think Mayor Joe should say something to them before permits or construction begins at the new facility across from where the City Club is. Call it Somerville. At least have the name ... just saying! ********* The Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation will hold their Annual Meeting on Monday, March 13 in the Gallery 81 conference room at Somerville High School at 7:00 p.m. when they will elect directors to three-year terms, and have a report presented on Foundation finances. This meeting is for current officers, directors, and members. New members are welcome. For information, contact Noreen Santucci, correspondence secretary, at: NFSLEARN@ aol.com or phone:617-448-0145.

adults and kids alike—loved flying down.

Lucy brought out a tray of cups of hot

chocolate one afternoon, and you looked

"like a pirate, Madelyn!" observed your

Dad, with your dark, swashbuckling goatee

ring of dark cocoa between pink cheeks.

Together, working, playing on this earth

with all of you one paradise I know. Thanks

for sharing Eden, transitory, made of snow.

— Kirk Etherton March 20, 2015

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu It seems as though the **Somerville City Club** across from the **Holiday Inn** on Innerbelt Road is about to be sold to the owners of Holiday Inn. We hear that when the construction begins they will move temporarily to Post 19 on Highland Avenue and use their quarters. By the way, has anyone noticed how the Holiday Inn no longer uses Somerville in its name? Holiday Inn Boston/Bunker Hill ... not even a mention of Somerville. They are totally in Somerville too. **Herb Chambers** does that as well. Come on,

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