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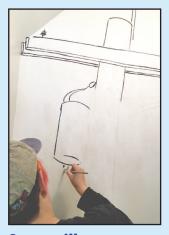
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### Narrow reforms to condominium conversion process put in place



Procedures for condominium conversion approval have been tightened up by the city's Condominium Re-

#### By Josie Grove

The January 25 meeting of the Condominium Review Board saw some limited reforms after Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang brought up problems of the board's function at a recent Board of Aldermen meeting. The review board is charged with reviewing applications for the conversion of rental properties to condominiums, and with upholding Somerville's condominium conversion ordinance.

The ordinance was enacted in 1980 to govern the process of converting rental properties to condominiums. Among other provisions, the ordinance says that a tenant must receive one year's notice before the property owner files the master deed and applies for a condo conversion permit, and another year before they must leave, two years if the tenant is elderly, disabled, or low income. Alderman Niedergang Continued on page 4

### **Brickbottom Gallery showcases** two of its founding members

#### By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Two of Brickbottom Gallery's founding members, with heart, and theme have traced the story of Somerville's landscape from scratch; Cynthia Maurice and David Campbell present a different kind of exhibit, lasting till February 27 – Out the Window and Around the Town; their work tracks the development of Somerville from a Village of creativity to a Hub of industrial growth, such as the Green Line Extension, among other planned constructions.

Have a look: come to the Brickbottom building 1 Fitchburg Street, along the McGrath Highway, close to the Lechmere Green Line juncture, Thursdays and Saturdays 12 to 5 p.m. The Somerville aficionados know that wellenough, with galleries like Brickbottom, the City of Somerville will never have to sacrifice artistic credibility for high rises and convenient spreads of transportation. The dynamic duo in-Continued on page 3 vite the public on February



David Campbell, Cynthia Maurice and Marjorie Kaye, Director of Galatea Fine Arts Gallery, Boston, a cooperative gallery where Cynthia is a member.



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Happy Birthday to all of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: A big happy birthday to our good friend Ann Marie Dunbar of Winter Hill. What a great mother, grandmother and resident here in Somerville. A lady who has been involved in the community over the years. We wish her the very best of birthdays. Another happy birthday wish goes out to another good long time friend, Louise Lounsberry, who celebrates this week. We wish her the very best. Also celebrating this week is Kenneth "Cookie" Cook, whose birthday is on Saturday. He is a great guy and we wish him many more. Ken is a crossing guard at St. Catherine's on Summer St. When you see him wave and wish him a happy birthday. We want to wish Gina Pino a very happy birthday. She is celebrating on Thursday. Gina is the daughter of our own photographer here at The Times, Claudia Ferro. They are a great family. We are sure they will be celebrating the day together.

Only one week left to either register to vote in the March 1 presidential primary election or to change your party affiliation. You need to do this by next Wednesday, February 10. You can go to the election department in the lower level of City Hall (off School Street entrance) fill out the form or better yet you can just go online to https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/. This year's presidential primary race is crucial to everyone. There is no excuse since registering to vote can't be any easier than if they came to your house and did it on the spot.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: Letter to the Editor – January 27

#### 197Union says:

Huh? Megan, have you been in Union Square lately? There's literally three new residential buildings under construction and the city is proposing to build THOUSANDS more residential units. I think your fears of a "sterile, lifeless, corporate enclave" are overblown. Rest assured there will be more housing for young professionals in Union Square.

#### Michael Rossi says:

Maybe someone should explain to the young professionals who are "exploring the nooks and crannies" about what's really going on in the "fun and hip place to live work and play." Like that Somerville depends on state aid to make ends meet, or that rising property taxes are forcing us out, or that most of us have to work outside the city, or that most jobs here pay crappy wages and no benefits, and that those "sprawling offices" are the only way to fix all that.

I don't doubt that everyone she talks to agrees with her. Maybe she should talk to the people who are trying to make a living in the quaint shops that she finds in the nooks and crannies. She might find out that they need day time office workers to make Union Square "active and bustling" enough for them not to go out of business.

Somerville has higher priorities than building a Disneyworld for young professionals to live in until they move on.

#### Bill Shelton says:

There is no controversy as to whether or not housing should be part of the Union Square/Boynton Yards redevelopment mix. There is principled disagreement as to what the proportion of new housing should be, ranging from 60% to 80%. As Michael Rossi suggests, the larger proportion of office and R&D space is built, the better chance Somerville has to overcome its fiscal woes and its live/work imbalance. Especially because Union Square and Assembly Square are by far the most attractive neighborhoods in the city to employers.

And no matter what target the city sets for US/BY housing units, the ultimate mix will end up with more housing than that because developers will cram as many unit as the city will allow onto lots that are too small or ill-configured to accommodate commercial space. As 197Union points out, it's already happening. And housing developers already have site control on properties beyond the three that s/he mentions.

There is also a conversation about how best to make new housing available to households over a wide range of incomes. And conversation about how to maintain a mix of family housing, which has been removed from the market by condo conversions and not replaced with new development that favors building smaller units for affluent young professionals. Since regular ST readers are probably already weary of my own views, I won't repeat them here.

#### Collin M says:

I appreciate the other comments, but I agree with the authors overall point. I don't think its a matter of young professionals and not. I think its about a healthy community. Shouldn't people live near where they work? Don't we want people to live near the T which most can't now because its an industrial wasteland? The theme through all of the comments that I agree with most is that there should be a mix. I don't think anyone is calling for only housing, or only offices, but please don't tell me that all offices and no residential is the answer. It didn't work in Kendall, why would it work here. As Bill said, its a matter of finding a balance within that mix.

#### Matt says

Colin, The current proposal is more than half the developed square footage is going to be residential. What would be the ideal breakdown for you?

#### Courtney O'Keefe says:

Dear Megan,

Thank you for your thoughtful observations on Union Square. As a member of the CAC and a Strategy Leader compiling a comprehensive Community Benefits Agreement, I can tell you that we are looking for a harmony between housing and commercial development. Through this balance, and in combination with a Real Estate Transfer Fee, we hope to achieve the tax relief needed to slow the pace of rising rents. There is no one direct path to an answer to this crisis and it's my intention to work together for a solid solution. I invite you to listen to all sides and join the fight for an affordable Somerville!

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### City addresses plans for new high school

#### By Sal Ghamo

On January 28 The Somerville Board of Alderman addressed recent developments concerning the process of potentially building and renovating a new high school. The ResiStat staff, who are responsible for engagement between city government and residents, recently met with a freshman designated by the mayor's office to join The Somerville High School Building Committee as a voting member.

Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti reported on the January 20 committee meeting where they reviewed The Draft Education Plan and put forward the importance of public outreach. The education plan is scheduled to be submitted to the state in February.

Rossetti proceeded to reflect on the meeting stating, "We talked a lot about public outreach and how we should be stepping it up more as the clock grows closer to the potential of this actually happening." The committee plans to travel outside the high school and hold their meetings abroad throughout the city.

On February 10 the Board will take up a vote in which estimation of cost will be



the primary focus. That meeting will be held at the East Somerville Community School Library, beginning at 5:30 p.m. "If the plan moves forward on the timeline it's projected to potentially happen, the new high school, as it may be, would be opened in the Fall of 2021," said Rossetti.

The February 10 vote is preliminary, and concerns the development of planning and design costs. It will not be until June that the more important vote will take place. For now the administration is working on a presentation to the Board regarding financial outlines.

Rossetti recently talked with city members that are part of the ResiStat committee about continually having a section devoted to the plan so that further information may be filtered out through the community.

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10 at 7 p.m. for the Artists' Talk: generations of the great city will witness new and old, canvas and steel.

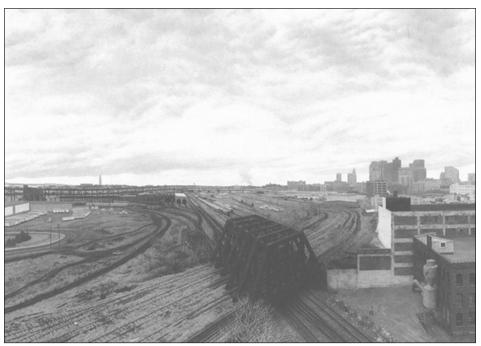
"The Green Line Extension is reshaping this landscape, providing yet another visual challenge. Machines dig away earth, yet trees and weeds abutting the railurs and concrete continue the cycle of growth, seemingly oblivious to the surrounding transformation. I use sketchbooks to capture the fleeting moment - construction workers and machines," says Cynthia with an energy that enables more and more of her prolific output and a specificity, crowning her inspirations, all this time – still, as a pose.

"I paint and draw from life in my immediate surroundings, working with the weather and seasons," says David Camp- host their dreams.

bell, who unlike his stoic brevity is a generous and forthcoming participant, ready to bust open the mystery box during the talk on the tenth of February.

Check out the gallery entries of the two's work in the slideshow online at www.thesomervilletimes.com. The enthusiast may be convinced by these idyllic works of inevitable transformative cataloging, but the curious villager also can gain a lot from hearing, seeing, and understanding that these two founders mean business.

Legend has it that Brickbottom property, Somerville's first gallery, was conceived when 100 artists, fed-up yet hopeful, collected the funds out of their pockets to buy the building, a warehouse that would



Train Yards and City with Overcast by David Campbell.

— Photo by Bill Kipp

### **Lincoln Park renovations** rest on BOA approval

#### By Haley ED Houseman

Last week, Somerville presented plans for a redesigned Lincoln Park to the community in an open house-style meeting that shared the plans on which the Board of Aldermen will soon be voting.

The site is over six acres, the largest park in the city, and is opportunity to create a renewable green space near Union Square. The plans address a multitude of issues including flooding, deteriorating infrastructure and utilities, a lack of tree canopy, and out-of-date playgrounds. It also addressed a need for playing fields and a renovated schoolyard for the Argenziano School.

According to a statement as part of the process, the hope was that a "new design will be creative and imaginative and focus on sustainable features while providing a safe and secure environment in which all residents and visitors will celebrate and take joy... that provides a sense of civic grandeur and pride for all residents of the city."

Arn Franzen, the city's Director of Park and Open Spaces, says that the planning and design team worked hard with the support of the Mayor's Office to address these issues, in the plans and with the community. There were also meetings with Argenziano School staff and countless city staffers to address infrastructure issues.

Franzen noted that community involvement was key: "We employed a comprehensive community process. Even though Lincoln Park may be tired and clearly in need of renovation, it is also a much loved and highly valued open space in the city, and it was easy to work with the community to develop the ideas that ultimately shaped the final park design."

Cheri Ruane is the landscape architect of record for the project. She is a part of the firm Spurr/Weston & Sampson, whose design studio was commissioned to design the project through a competitive bid process with the city. They have worked with the city in locations such as Albion Park, Grimmons Park, North Street/Veterans's Playground, among others.

The Lincoln Park site is facing a variety of issues with its redesign project, and the plan had to address robust use by "a multi-generational cross section of the community." In particular, says Ruane, they hoped to address some of the chronic struggles of the park, including the public's desire for a natural grass field that would sustain heavy use. "The playing field surface in particular was an issue of great contention. Based on current usage the field would require synthetic turf because a natural grass field wouldn't survive. However, many community members pushed back against the use of synthetic materials in one of Somerville's largest green spaces." The architect acknowledged that the desires of locals was paramount, and the prob-



lem was solved in part by making adjustments to balance more activities across the city's green spaces. "The city has relocated 75% of the uses that were previously on Lincoln Park to other sites in order to maintain a healthy natural grass surface on the multi-use field."

The proposed park budget was submitted to the Board of Alderman and is pending their approval. In the meantime, the team continues to finalize project details. Franzen shared that the Board of Aldermen has been very supportive of the project and approval is expected. The project is scheduled for public bid on February 25, after which contractors will return pricing three weeks later and the city will begin working on an agreement with a construction company. Construction is scheduled to start after school lets out in June.



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# By Jim Clark

### One glass door too many for one man

Police were dispatched to a Line St. location last Friday evening on reports that a man had thrown something through a residence window.

Upon arrival, the responding officers observed a group of males surrounding a man outside of the residence in question.

A witness reportedly advised the officers that the suspect, later identified as Mark Wheeler, of Cambridge, threw a chair through the glass panel of the front door to the Line St. residence and tackled one of the males on scene who was surrounding him.

Police were further advised that the witnesses on the scene believed that Wheeler was intoxicated, according to reports.

The group of males that surrounded Wheeler intended to

hold them at the scene until police arrived, according to their statements.

Wheeler was immediately placed into handcuffs for safety purposes while more witnesses of the incident were questioned and their statements recorded.

An occupant of the apartment building that was vandalized reportedly told the officers that he was visiting his friend in the ground floor unit and he heard Wheeler pounding on the front door and yelling.

The witness said that he approached the glass door to find out what was happening, at which time Wheeler allegedly threw an object through the glass then proceeded to walk away down Line St.

A group of concerned neighbors and passersby then report-

edly confronted Wheeler and decided to hold him to the area until police arrived.

The officers were told that Wheeler was yelling at the men and behaving aggressively, and at one point tackled one of them, knocking him down.

Wheeler was placed under arrest and charged with malicious wanton defacement of property and assault and battery.

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### SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

#### Arrests:

Paul Young, of 132 Pearl St., January 26, 11:30 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of assault and battery, threat to commit a crime, and unarmed robbery.

Herman Blanco, of 58 Medford St., Charlestown, January 27, 8:37 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of trespassing on county

or state property and possession of a burglarious instrument.

Kenny Laguerre, of 117 Otis St., Medford, January 27, 4:07 p.m., arrested at Fellsway on a warrant charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

Valenz Joisil, of 16 Exchange Ave., Medford, January 27, 7:33 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on a warrant charge of attempt to commit a crime. Ailton Ornelez, of 89 Grant, January 27, 7:34 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of witness intimidation, larceny over \$250, larceny of credit card, and nighttime breaking and en-

tering of a boat or vehicle.

Victor Villanueva, of 24 Sargent Ave., January 28, 11:32 a.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of violation of municipal by-law or

ordinance.

Jose Vasquez, of 20 Memorial Rd., January 29, 5:02 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of conspiracy.

Mark Wheeler, of 15 Roberts Rd., Cambridge, January 29, 11:19 p.m., arrested at Line St. on charges of malicious wanton defacement of property and assault and battery.

Kathleen Piracini, of 350

Cross St., Malden, January 30, 6:00 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of removal of theft protection device, larceny under \$250, and receiving stolen property over \$250.

James McLaughlin, of 33 Rosedale Ave., Everett, January 30, 7:17 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and trespassing.

### Narrow reforms to condominium conversion process put in place

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was concerned after he attended a disorganized meeting where he thought condo conversions were being "rubber-stamped" without regard for the ordinance.

To understand what changes needed to be made, Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro met with Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Housing staff including the Director of Housing Mike Feloney and Sustainable Neighborhoods program coordinator Alex Bob.

"We have come to some slightly different practices for this meeting," Bob said at the meeting. "Instead of the past procedure, where we would be giving out removal permits for conversion of rental properties to condominiums, we will be giving out what we have here, a certification of condo review board approval, which is not a permit. It is basically a certificate that says approval has been given by the board, but permit is conditional upon provision of a master deed and a report on the physical conditions of the property."

A master deed is a document detailing how the property will be divided, and the report on the physical condition of the property will have to be prepared by an architect or engineer. Both documents are referenced in the ordinance, but had been issued after the conversion permit was granted.

"They clearly reviewed the process and made some thoughtful decisions about it"

"They clearly reviewed the process and made some thoughtful decisions about it," said Alderman Niedergang after the meeting. "They were able to respond to questions and objections that were raised. The staff was much better prepared. It's always good for a board like this to review procedure."

After the meeting, developers Victor Cabral and Roland Muise were critical of the new process, which they said would make it slower and more difficult to convert a property to a condominium. "It's just because of a few bad apples," said Muise, referencing developers who skirt the rules. Part of Niedergang's initial concern stemmed from the rule-bending Muise referenced: by creating incentives for landlords to evict their tenants and sell the buildings empty, developers can avoid the waiting periods.

In a written statement, the OSPCD Housing staff outlined the narrow conditions under which a permit could be denied. "If the Board finds that any tenant protection provided under the ordinance have been violated, they will deny the applicant a removal permit and thus prohibit the condo conversion from moving forward. Overall enforcement of the ordinance is guided by case law that has indicated that condominium conversion can be enforced only in regard to provisions protecting current tenants and may not be enforced with



Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang expressed his approval of new processes put into place that he felt helped to protect the rights of tenants of buildings that are up for condominium conversion by interested developers.

respect to the supply of rental housing stock in the city."

One small organizational problem remained unresolved – two long-term vacancies on the review board. The board has five seats for Somerville residents appointed by the mayor: two homeowners, two

renters, and one elderly or handicapped person. The two renter positions on the board are vacant, one has been empty for the last year, the other since 2007. OSPCD Housing staff said that there were ten applicants under consideration for those positions.

### Escaped prisoner taken into custody

#### By Jim Clark

Early last Friday morning, during a federal law enforcement operation, an 18-yearold male Somerville resident, Gabriel Castillo Perez, a known criminal MS 13 gang member, escaped federal custody while being transported in Somerville.

A search was immediately conducted by the Somerville Police Department and federal agencies. The suspect was not armed and was handcuffed when he escaped custody.

Perez reportedly escaped custody of Homeland Security officers who were transporting



Gabriel Castillo Perez

him for transfer to the Sheriff's Department prior to being processed for deportation.

Based on information provided by the public, police reportedly

tracked down Perez as he waited for a bus in Everett.

Perez is scheduled to be deported by immigration au-

### Somerville Fire Lt. Jay Colbert elected as Association officer

By Rebecca Danvers

Somerville Fire Lt. Jay Colbert was sworn in as the 3rd District Vice President to the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) last Thursday, Jan. 28. In this role, he will serve on the executive board of the IAFF and represent fire locals throughout New England.

"On behalf of General Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Miller and the entire IAFF Executive Board, I want to welcome Dis-

trict Vice President Colbert to this important leadership position," said General President Harold Schaitberger. "I am confident that he will represent the Third District in an outstanding fashion. We all look forward to working with him in accomplishing the work of our great

"Jay brings a wealth of real-life experience to the job," said Professional Fire Fighters of MA President Edward Kelly. "As President of Somerville Fire-



Colbert, left, was sworn in as 3rd district Vice President by IAFF President Harold Schaitberger.

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fighters Local 76 for 12 years, and currently as Secretary-Treasurer of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, he's helped countless members. As Legislative Agent he worked with state and legislative leaders to pass laws that protect the safety and wellbeing of firefighters. His experience negotiating contracts large and small, navigating the local political process at city hall and the state capitol, and working to make sure firefighters stay safe, are just a few of the skills he'll be able to share with members. He'll be an important voice for the nearly 23,000 members in New England as well as the 300,000 members throughout the country." Continued on page 14

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The above statement was true, as attested by James R. Hopkins, Ex. Chief Engineer, F. D. Somerville, Mass. This was a vanguard of today's fire truck design. It was one of many inventions he created to help enhance firefighting. Another was an all-in-one spanner, which tightened fire hose couplings and also worked as a wrench to operate hydrants. His most famous idea was the aluminum fire headgear that bears his name, the popular Hopkins Helmet. Some cities used them as late as the 1970's and beyond.

Hopkins and his men contributed more than fire protection to the city. They wired the first fire telegraph system. They also rescued from the Mystic River's mudflats the 200-year-old Blessing of the Bay's boat dock. Hopkins was also a woodworker; and he made furniture, gavels and other

items from that ancient saved wood.

His mind was also organizational. He was instrumental in forming The National Association of Fire Engineers of which he was Vice President, and the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs' Club. He also belonged to the Massachusetts State Firemen's Relief Association, The Somerville Veteran Firemen's Association and other firefighting affiliations. During his last decade on the job, his men fondly called him "Uncle Bill" because of his close likeness to President

James Hopkins was born on Gore Street in Cambridge, just over the Somerville line. Thomas Casey was born on Beacon Street in Somerville, just over the Cambridge line. Continued on page 15 When young men, the two were

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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To the Editor:

Over the last few months, I've been serving as a strategy leader for the LOCUS process that is advising the city of Somerville on a public benefits strategy related to Union Square's redevelopment. It has given me much insight into the goals of this diverse and civically minded community; specifically, the goal of ensuring that a range of housing options are made available at multiple levels of affordability.

I work for the Urban Land Institute. Last fall, together with the MassINC Polling Group, ULI conducted a study about the housing and transportation preferences for young professionals ages 20-37 living in the greater Boston area. The study found that the top three factors that this population looks for in a neighborhood relate to the ease of commute, access to mass transit, and walkability.

When it comes to living arrangements, young professionals prefer to live in transit-oriented developments. That is especially true in Somerville. Most of these professionals currently rent, but a near majority want to own in the next five to

ten years. They aren't particular about what they own; they just want the stability of ownership. This goal is increasingly unattainable because like many, they are being priced out of the market. According to the study, nearly half don't see themselves ever moving to the suburbs, preferring to remain in urban areas. This has profound implications for Somerville and Union Square.

This demographic makes up a large part of the 21st century workforce. The innovation economy is dependent on this workforce, and access to this talent will be crucial to attracting the new businesses that many talk about bringing to Union Square.

Union Square has an opportunity to respond in a way that would retain the young professionals who have found community here. Putting down roots requires the security of ownership. This will only be possible if the city of Somerville commits to creating a diverse housing mix that meets the needs of a diverse population.

— Ileana Tauscher

#### To the Editor:

The redevelopment of Union Square represents a unique opportunity for Somerville. As the owner of commercial property (the former Union Square police station) since 1989, an architect and planner, an emeritus board member of Union Square Main Streets, and a member of the steering committee which helped write SomerVision, I can offer an informed view about the importance of moving the redevelopment process forward without further delays and the benefit that housing as an early piece of a mixed use development will bring to the city and neighborhood.

We are currently in a period of intense demand in the housing market, Union Square is a prime location because on its proximity to Boston and Cambridge, and its ongoing growth in new innovation and knowledge-based businesses. The only way to address this demand is to build new housing which appeals to people who want to remain in the Square and those who wish to enter the local market.

This was a goal of Somer Vision, but the market has continued to evolve rapidly since that plan was approved. That's why City Officials are wisely acting on the recommendations of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council which estimates we need 9,000 new housing units in Somerville in order to keep up with demand. New housing units are also a far better alternative than condominium conversion which displaces the renters who cannot afford to buy. New housing will relieve the pressure on existing rentals which

now are the target of condo converters.

Housing is also needed to support new commercial and retail development, and to expand Union Square's existing mixed-use neighborhood. Everyone agrees we need more commercial development in Union Square. But we also need to support our current small businesses – restaurants, retailers, etc. – and those that will continue to sprout up to serve our needs. Mixed-use development creates a healthy environment which is self-sustaining.

A balance of new housing and, commercial and retail development is in character with what we all love about Union Square. The Square is a desirable place to live because of our small businesses, ethnic markets, whimsical shops, and unique bars and restaurants. For businesses like these to thrive, they need a neighborhood

that is active during more than just the hours of 9-5.

Lastly, as everyone is aware, we are currently experiencing an unprecedented real estate market, driven in part by low interest rates and other positive financial indicators. Developers are confidently proceeding with projects based on those indicators. But as we have seen in the past, those factors can change very quickly and new development can cease. Let's not delay Union Square's redevelopment by challenging and reexamining recently made sound decisions. The redevelopment plans may not be perfect for all, but continuing to seek that allusive goal will only lead to missed opportunities.

— Don Warner

### Strategy leaders agree: community negotiation with developer is required

By Ben Echevarria and David Gibbs, on behalf of the Union United Coalition

Last week, in the midst of discussions about open space, jobs, and place management, one thing was clear: a real community benefits agreement requires an independent community body. The "strategy leaders" chosen by the mayor to participate in the LOCUS process raised serious concerns about the ability of the SRA to act in accordance with the wishes of the Union Square community.

Throughout last week's meetings, concerns about the LOCUS process, including the need for impact studies and enforcement mechanisms, were brushed aside or ignored. This lack of accountability only reinforced the belief that community-led negotiations are necessary for the Union Square redevelopment to reflect stakeholder concerns. Facilitator Chris Leinberger and City staff said that while the strategy leaders could make recommendations, their vision was that any

ultimate contract would be negotiated by the City and the developer alone and then overseen by an undefined "place manager."

"The strongest, most innovative CBAs in the country are the ones that have been negotiated with the community coalitions themselves...There's a real sense of accountability to the community that you lose when the community is in an advisory capacity," said Benny Wheat, a strategy leader and Union United member. Union United, a broad-based coalition of Union Square stakeholders, has been researching and promoting the concept of community benefits agreements, or CBAs, since the redevelopment was announced two years ago. A community coalition in Milwaukee successfully negotiated such an agreement with developers and local government, known as the Park East Redevelopment Compact, stipulating jobs, housing, and sustainability criteria for all development proposals on 64 downtown acres. Similar coalitions in Pittsburgh, Oakland, and the Bronx have negotiated multi-party agreements that allow stakeholders to enforce developer commitments and ensure that community needs are met. Agreements negotiated by groups that are mayor-appointed or developer-selected, like the Atlantic Yards development in Brooklyn or the Tenderloin district in San Francisco, have not been successful in enforcing benefits. Union Square strategy leaders recognized the need for an independent enforcement mechanism that is not beholden to City or developer interests. "It's not just what's in the agreement, it's who is overseeing the enforcement of the agreement, who is the agreement accountable to. I think that the SRA is not particularly well trusted to exercise that oversight," said Ann Tate, another one of the strategy leaders.

The Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA), according to its website, includes "five members, four of whom are appointed by the Mayor and one of whom is appointed by the Governor." The SRA does not meet with members of the public, and the last time the SRA was asked to make a decision based on a recommendation from an appointed community group, they didn't follow through.

In June 2014, after months of research and site visits to advise the SRA on the master developer selection, the Civic Advisory Committee (CAC) recommended Portland developer Gerding Edlen 12-2 over the Chicago development partnership US2. At that meeting, SRA members requested an illegal private session to discuss the developer candidates, stated that they didn't need to listen to the CAC's recommendation, then voted unanimously for US2 to be the master developer. It is clear that the SRA is not the right group to make decisions on behalf of the community.

The overwhelming support for a real community benefits agreement shows that strategy leaders are committed to preserving Union Square's diversity and affordability while ensuring that the development project creates a positive impact in our community. There are examples of successful CBAs where community groups came together to promote a shared vision and make that vision a reality for all new development. The question is: are the City and US2 ready to make that happen in Somerville?

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# US2 working to make Union Square a regional employment center

#### By Charles Lane

General Electric's move from Connecticut to Boston is the latest high profile employer to make the greater metro area its home. The unique combination of a highly educated workforce, a cluster of elite universities, and an ecosystem of high-tech, research and development, and health science firms make the region highly attractive to cutting edge industries.

Outside of Boston, Cambridge has been a major beneficiary of this growth, but with its planned redevelopment, Somerville's Union Square is looking to get in on the action.

Somerville's comprehensive plan, SomerVision, envisions the city as a regional employment center, a concept that is driving the planning process in Union Square. US2, the master developer partner for the redevelopment, has made the employment center idea the centerpiece of its early efforts, and has taken a series of steps already to fulfill that vision.

Among the initial actions US2 took was to partner with Boston-based co-working space network Workbar to bring a location to Union Square. The resulting Workbar Union is an

"innovative way to bring more vitality and commerce to Union Square and jumpstart its revitalization, helping both new and existing businesses," said US2 President Greg Karczewski in a press release from last June's announcement of the deal.

Workbar Union is located in the former Elegant Furniture building, which had been vacant since the fall of 2014 and required many improvements to reactivate it. US2 utilized local contractors to perform the work, and even commissioned a local artist, Crystal Rene Burney, to design and paint an indoor mural that pays tribute to Union Square. Workbar Union plays host to US2's headquarters as well.

Now, on any given day, the space is bustling with entrepreneurs that Karzewski hopes will grow their enterprise in Union Square. In the meantime, neighboring restaurants and shops have noticed an uptick in business thanks to new workers who frequent the shared office space downtown. Karczewski says Workbar Union will "help prime the local employment market" in preparation for the redevelopment.

In conjunction with Union Square Main Streets, US2 is



Workbar Union is a significant contribution to the revitalization efforts taking place in Union Square.

also sponsoring a technical assistance program to help local storefront businesses take advantage of the changes that are coming to Union Square. The program is operated by the City of Somerville and provides assessments, recommendations and implementation support from retail experts and a \$1,000 grant to help small businesses implement these recommendations. So far, nine small businesses have been selected to participate in the program.

"This program will help us grow our business in ways that benefit our community," said program beneficiary Kim La-Foy, co-owner of Loyal Supply Company, a design firm, retailer, and distributor of home, office and studio supplies. "We appreciate the support we're receiving from US2, and it's nice to know they're supporting existing local businesses as they revitalize Union Square."

Bringing more activity to the Square is critical to building a thriving downtown, and it is a common thread in US2's efforts. The need for more daytime activity inspired US2's "Union Lunch" series over the summer. The ten-week lunch hour series in Union Square Plaza featured more than 20 local vendors serving up their most popular lunch dishes, desserts and marketing their goods. US2 estimates the series drew 500 patrons and created over \$5,000 in lunchtime revenue.

Also fitting into US2's employment center strategy is the old Union Square Post Office. While the building occupies a parcel designated for development by US2, Karczewki's team instead opted to collaborate with the building's new owners, led by legendary concert promoter Don Law, to turn the building into a mixed-use facility.

In December, Karczewski joined Law and his business partner Seth Grady at a public meeting to unveil and receive public feedback on potential designs for the building. Attendees were enthusiastic about the initial proposals, which include live performance space in the building's basement, a market and a co-working office space.

Central to all of this is the completion of a MBTA station in Union Square as part of the Green Line Extension. Projected cost overruns have led some to propose nixing the station in favor of a shuttle or commuter rail stop. Somerville officials have strongly objected to any plan that does not include a T stop that residents have been fighting for over two decades.

Karczewski believes the T station is necessary to realize the full economic development potential of Union Square, but has expressed confidence that Mayor Curtatone, local officials and Gov. Charlie Baker's administration will find a way to ensure the promise of a Union Square

station is kept.

Regardless, US2 is continuing to pursue the employment center strategy. "SomerVision, imagines a city where you live near where you work and shop, and where public transportation options link the city to the region," said Karcewski in a recent statement. "While the landscape may be shifting, US2's commitment to realizing that future for Union Square is not."

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for alcohol or substance abuse patient who has overdosed if Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



#### Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

NOTE: There was an error in a recent Beacon Hill Roll Call report that was published on January 20. The fact is that Rep. Christine Barber voted with the majority, AGAINST an amendment allowing a doctor to commit to a mental health facility for up to three days an the doctor feels that there is a likelihood of the person harming himself or herself or others. The amendment was defeated by the House on a 34-116 roll call.

Some amendment opponents said the bill already requires a written evaluation within the first 24 hours of admission to the facility. Others said there is a shortage of hospital staff and facilities to handle this 72-hour hold. Some argued the amendment is an unfunded mandate that will further burden community hospitals and cities and towns.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of January 25-29.

#### **HEALTH DISPARITIES (H 3969)**

House 152-3, approved and sent to the Senate a bill creating a state Office of Health Equity to coordinate an effort to eliminate racial and ethnic health and health care disparities. The office would set goals for the reduction of disparities and prepare an annual plan to accomplish its goals.

Supporters said minorities still have disproportionately higher rates of chronic disease and mortality than other persons. They noted that families that earn \$40,000 or less are twice as likely to have diabetes as families with incomes of more than \$75,000 annually. They argued the bill would help save and improve lives.

Opponents said this is "feel good" legislation that expands bureaucracy and the cost of state government.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

#### PROHIBIT MINORS UNDER 18 FROM TAN-NING INDOORS (S 1994)

House 147-8, approved and Senate approved on a voice vote without a roll call and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that would prohibit anyone under age 18 from operating or using an indoor tanning device. Current law prohibits teens age 16 and 17 from indoor tanning without parental permission and bans anyone under age 16 from indoor tanning.

Supporters said these booths are dangerous and increase by 75 percent a person's chance of getting melanoma, a dangerous and sometimes fatal skin cancer. They said that while adults can make their own decisions, it is the state's job to protect children.

Opponents said this is another example of government intrusion into what should be a decision made by parents. They warned against a slippery slope in which children under 18 are banned from eating things like fast food and junk food, which often lead to health problems.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

#### LOBSTERS (S 469)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that

would eliminate some of the age-old restrictions on the processing and sale of lobster in Massachusetts. Currently, the state allows only the sale of live, cooked and canned lobster. The bill would permit the processing of unfrozen lobsters, the importation of unfrozen shell-on lobster parts and tails and the retail of previously frozen raw in-shell tails.

Supporters said the bill would allow more lobsters currently harvested and purchased here to be prepared for market in the Bay State rather than in Canada where the processing is currently done. They argued this will help the economy, create jobs and help lobstermen, processors, local restaurants and food stores.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

#### PAY EQUITY (S 2107)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would strengthen the Bay State's pay equity law by closing the wage gap between men and women doing the same job. The measure requires that women be paid equal pay for comparable work, establishes pay transparency, prohibits screening of prospective employees based on salary history, requires fairness in hiring practices and increases fines for violations.

Supporters said it is far past time to approve this historic bill and noted women comprise 50 percent of the workforce yet make only 80 cents for every dollar earned by men. They argued that if the proposed law is not approved, the gender wage gap in Massachusetts will not close on its own until 2058.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE (S 2092)**

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and develop a long-term action plan to address the consequences of climate change in the Bay State. The measure requires the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2020; 35-45 percent below 1990 levels by 2030; 55-65 percent below 1990 levels by 2040; and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. Another provision requires the state to develop a comprehensive plan to protect and ensure the preservation, protection and restoration of the state's "built and natural environment" from the risks of climate change. The plan, updated every ten years, also authorizes the state to buy back at-risk coastal land from current owners for preservation.

Supporters, noting that 2014 was the warmest year on record, said that this landmark pro-environmental legislation creates a long-term strategy to deal with the realities of the earth's changing climate. They noted it would increase the state's use of cleaner, renewable energy and create an innovative climate policy that strengthens the environment, infrastructure and the economy. They argued that the bill would help put Massachusetts on track to meet the 2050 statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits already in place through the Global Warming Solutions Act.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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#### **COST-EFFECTIVENESS (S 2092)**

Senate 10-26, rejected an amendment requiring that the plan to address climate change be cost-effective.

Amendment supporters said this fiscally responsible amendment would ensure that the plan would make fiscal sense and not waste money.

Amendment opponents said there are already provisions ensuring cost-effective provisions in the plan and argued the amendment was unnecessary and duplicative.

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

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

\$39.6 BILLION FISCAL 2017 BUDGET - Gov. Baker fired the first shot in the likely six-month battle over the state budget. He filed a \$39.6 billion state bud-

get for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2016 – a 3.5 percent increase over last year. The House will hold hearings on the governor's package and then draft its own version that will be debated and amended on the House floor. The Senate will follow suit with its own draft, and a House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be presented to the House and Senate for consideration and then sent to the governor.

#### HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of January 25-29, the House met for a total of five hours and 36 minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and 31 minutes.

House 11:02 a.m. to 12:06 p.m. Mon. January 25 Senate 11:09 a.m. to 12:31 p.m.

Tues. January 26 No House session No Senate session

Wed. January 27 House 11:00 a.m. to 3:14 p.m. No Senate session

Thurs. January 28 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Fri. January 29 No House session No Senate session

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60 Trull St	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Cottage	11	\$359,900	\$415,000	
36 Sewall St	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	51	\$489,900	\$429,000	
10 Emerson Street	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Cottage	75	\$499,900	\$550,000	
29 Highland Rd	9 room, 5 bed, 1f 1h bath Victorian	8	\$849,900	\$920,000	

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
26 Pinckney St U:1	2 room, 0 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	2	\$144,900	\$151,000		
326 Broadway U:21	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	19	\$289,000	\$284,000		
17 rose st U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	1	\$295,000	\$300,000		
111 Woodstock U:6	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	75	\$299,900	\$285,000		
39 Franklin Street U:1	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	77	\$340,000	\$330,000		
14 Kenneson Rd U:A	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Townhouse	15	\$449,900	\$480,000		
34 Skehan Street U:34	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Townhouse	36	\$495,000	\$487,500		
37 Dimick Street U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	16	\$538,000	\$545,000		
47 Glen St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath Townhouse	70	\$557,999	\$548,000		
11 Powder HouseTerrace U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	5	\$560,000	\$609,300		
82 Highland Ave U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	95	\$609,000	\$600,000		
1188 Broadway U:204	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	21	\$639,000	\$668,000		
82 Highland Ave. U:Unit 4	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	53	\$649,000	\$640,000		
14 Peterson Terrace U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bathTownhouse	24	\$649,000	\$649,000		

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:							
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price			
18 Webster St	2 unit, 10 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	14	\$624,900	\$631,000			
84 Properzi Way	2 unit, 8 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	72	\$625,000	\$620,000			
188-190 Cedar St.	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	5	\$689,000	\$689,000			
951 Broadway Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	30	\$775,000	\$815,000			
122 Central	2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	152	\$779,000	\$750,000			
78 Rear Mount Vernon	3 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	23	\$798,000	\$790,000			
23 Wisconsin Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	36	\$800,000	\$750,000			
99 Hudson St	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$825,000	\$785,000			
293 Alewife Brook Parkway	2 unit, 17 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	96	\$829,000	\$825,000			
39 Oliver Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	69	\$850,000	\$800,000			
42 Florence Street	3 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	43	\$899,000	\$875,000			
41 Columbus Ave	2 unit, 17 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	51	\$1,099,000	\$1,000,000			
29-31 Magnus Ave	3 unit, 16 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	83	\$1,191,000	\$1,100,000			
103 Marion Street	3 unit, 19 total room, 12 total bedroom 3 Family	83	\$1,249,900	\$1,050,000			

### **COMMENTARY**

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### Do you love living in your neighborhood?



By Joseph A. Curtatone

I do, and I hear constantly from people who feel the same way. Somerville is not some cookie cutter community with subdivisions and chain stores sprawling across it, where you only see your neighbors when you drive past each other. We're not like everywhere else. We live closer together. We live

above and below each other. So we get to know the people in our neighborhood, and in a lot of cases they're people we'd have never met anywhere else. Stories abound of strangers living in two- and three-families who connected and now take care of each other like family. Others share yards, street parties and play groups. We may not think about it too often, but the shape and form of Somerville's neighborhoods are a big part of what builds such walkable, interesting and tight-knit communities here.

Unfortunately, our current residential zoning makes it difficult to build something like Somerville in Somerville. The numbers behind this are shocking. There are two different zoning designations that cover the more than 11,000 one-, two- and three-family homes in our city. They account for 80% of our properties and 60% of our land area. Out of all of those properties, only 22 homes citywide actually conform to our existing zoning regulations. I know that sounds preposterous that the number could be so low, but that's because it is preposterous.

If you don't happen to be in one of those 22 properties, it becomes an unnecessary challenge to make changes to your home. We say we want families to stay in Somerville, but our zoning code makes it exceedingly dif-

ficult to gain more space for a new child by, say, converting your attic or basement to usable living space. Adding or altering a porch also can leave you buried in red tape. That's because our city is filled with non-conforming homes.

Even worse, when there is an open residential lot on a street otherwise lined by one- to three-family homes, our current zoning code makes it easier to construct a hulking apartment building that doesn't fit into your neighborhood than a home or homes that do. This goes against what people told us repeatedly when we developed our Somer-Vision comprehensive plan: they told us they love the character

of our neighborhoods. To help maintain that character in our established residential neighborhoods, common sense should dictate that you should build one- and two-family homes on streets lined with one- and two-family homes. Yet common sense has nothing to do with Somerville's zoning regulations.

Our current zoning rules were put together in 1990 and they reflect the politics of the time, not the existing character of, or a future vision for, our city. By turning Somerville into a mishmash of nonconforming structures, we politicized what should be a customer service process. That 1990 code forces you to go through Continued on page 17

### **Changing Somerville**

### Part 2: The Diaspora



By William C. Shelton

From the late 19th Century onward, developers sought to build on every available parcel of Somerville land. More often than not, city officials accommodated them.

Combining this with the attractions of affordable housing, ethnic enclaves, and a thriving industrial economy made Somerville the most densely populated American city at the middle of the 20th Century.

Its 160 manufacturing plants provided a worker with wages sufficient to support a family. Employees walked to their jobs or took the streetcar. They and their families maintained a rich fabric of community based on neighborhoods, relationship networks, and scores of nongovernmental organizations.

This community fabric met social needs, provided real security, and was the medium for Somerville's vibrant political culture. But in the 1950s, two enormous market forces began unraveling it: suburbia and the collapse of the city's industrial base.

Reasons for the suburbs' lure are well understood. But it is worth noting that those who left in search of privacy often found isolation. Those fleeing congestion came to hemorrhage time and wellbeing in highway traffic. Those wanting to shed their working-class identity eventually lived through an era when American popular culture denied the existence of class, while the realities of class were becoming more brutal.

When the factories closed, workers took service, clerical, and sales jobs outside Somerville. Those jobs rarely provided a wage sufficient for one worker to support a family. Now, eighty percent of us who have jobs must leave the city each day to work.

Somerville's population dropped from 102,000 1950 to 77,000 in 1980. This 25,000-person decline is dramatic by itself. But more than twice that number actually left, to be replaced by the succession of newcomer groups who are the subject of subsequent installments in this series.

Today, those in City Hall who advocate for increasing Somerville's current stock of 34,000 housing units by another 10,000 units sometimes point to the thriving community life that the city enjoyed when 102,000 people lived here. The comparison is misleading for a variety of reasons.

The population difference between then and now is more than accounted for by the absence of children. As most parents will understand from experience, raising kids involves activities that establish connections among families and contribute to community.

And while Somerville had a lot more people in 1950, it had a lot fewer housing units. Housing density poses challenges that differ from those posed by population density, including fiscal constraints.

As manufacturing plants closed, zoning and planning decisions based on the influence of the well connected, rather than on sound development policy, converted factories to housing. The names of the well connected appear in campaign finance reports going back for as long as those records have been kept. Continued on page 17

### 'Villens United by Chris Haskell

### Best bars to watch the big game



This Sunday kicks off the 50th NFL championship and all over the country friends and family will get together to enjoy the game. Despite the absence of the Patriots, many of you will be cheering for The Panthers

to spoil Peyton Manning's last hoorah. House parties are the traditional way to spend this unofficial American holiday; but if you'd rather not spend the day sandwiched between six other people on the couch and wiping Cheetos crumbs off your favorite jersey, then why not hit up the local pub? Save yourself the hassle of hosting this year and head out to your favorite bar with the largest, flattest screen. This week I'm giving you my top 3 spots in Somerville to watch The Big Game this Sunday. #3) On the Hill Tavern 499 Broadway Somerville

With so many microbrew pubs and mixology speakeasies popping up all over the place this old school Boston bar tends to get overlooked by some of the newer residents of Somerville. Make no mistake about it there's nothing fancy about this townie bar, but the locals who often frequent this place know that's it's a great place to grab a bite to eat and catch the game. From

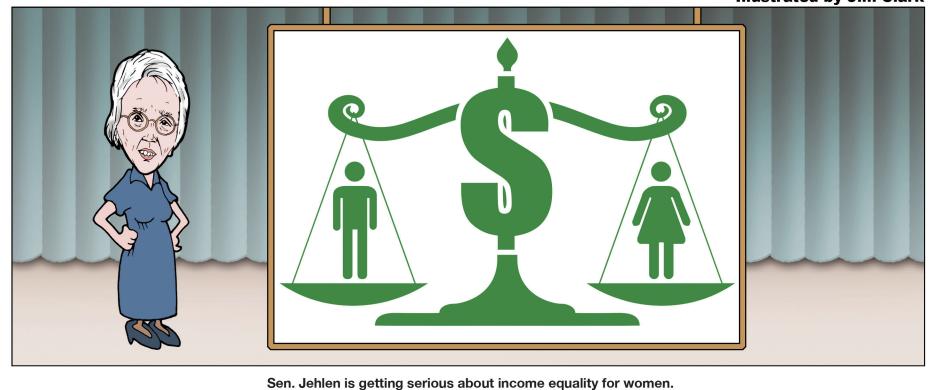
the framed jerseys and TVs above the bar to the pool table, darts, and electronic hoops machine in the back; this pub has everything required in a Boston sports bar. Great wings and steak tips highlight the "meat and potatoes" American cuisine this place has to offer. The tavern fills up fast so try to get in early to grab a seat. Expect a few chants of "Manning sucks" over the course of the game.

#2) Tony C's 699 Assembly Row Somerville If you've ever tried to get a table at Tony C's on a weekend night you know just how popular this place is. It's not uncommon to wait a couple hours to be seated. The first thing you'll notice when you walk through the door is the giant Jumbotron wall of televisions that are the centerpiece of the bar; often giving you multiple options of sports games to watch. The patrons here are a mix of new/old Somerville who come for the lively game time atmosphere Continued on page 20

### COMMENTARY

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



### **Our View Of The Times**



It's almost embarrassing that we even have to confront an issue such as gender wage disparity in this day and age. We should be years, if not decades, past this unjust practice and not still worming out the last vestiges of its insidious presence in our economic systems.

Thankfully, our conscientious legisla-

tors on Beacon Hill are tirelessly working towards fine tuning and asserting laws that will assure women an equal day's pay for an equal day's work.

The Massachusetts Equal Pay Act, which has been well supported on the Hill, was introduced and championed by our own Senator Patricia Jehlen, along with Representative Jay Livingstone of Boston. The bill is now moving forward to the House of Representatives.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, a woman working full time in Massachusetts earns 82 cents for every dollar paid to a man in Massachusetts. A report by the Institute for Women's Policy Research projects that the gender wage gap in Massachusetts will not close on its own until 2058.

This is way to long for our daughters and granddaughters to wait for wage equity. We salute the hard work of these legislators and support their efforts in this most noble of causes.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

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.

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

There is a Valentine's Day special at the Thurston Spa, corner of Thurston & Medford. On Sunday, February 14, Valentine's Day, the restaurant will be open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and for all ladies and children who come ther will be a special gift for the day. Don't forget about the full breakfast specia, 1\$8.00 plus tax. They deliver as well.

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The East Somerville Reunion is being planned for this coming June 25 at the Somerville City Club, across from

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

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We hear rumblings by some sources out there that after 46 years of holding office this might be the year that Sen. Patricia Jehlen decides to retire, but you won't hear her saying that. Maybe they're waiting for the last possible moment so her handpicked candidate can squeeze in at the last minute. We remember Sen. Jehlen's slogan back in '73, something like this: "I won't use the children as stepping stones for higher office." Regardless, over in Medford – which is part of her district - there is talk of a political figure who just might decide to test the waters. We also hear that one of the Ward Aldermen is also considering a run.

Congrats to our good friends in West Somerville. A new office for Colony Real Estate was set up this month, at 1242 Broadway (corner of Farragut Avenue and Broadway). The team of Bill Murphy and Ross Blouin together

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represent well over 50 years of service here in the Ville. Colony specializes in all forms of real estate, residential sales, commercial sales, rentals and rental management. We wish them the very best of luck. Their number is 617-776-0044.

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Coming on March 11, "Flashback Fri-

day" at the Somerville City Club. Do you still have that poodle skirt? Maybe your bellbottoms and platform shoes? What about those ripped jeans or hammer pants? Break them out! Take a journey back in time and dance the night away to songs from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Costume dress optional. Join in on Friday, March 11, 7:00-11:00 p.m. at Somerville City Club, 20 Innerbelt Rd., Somerville. Tickets are \$15. There will be a cash bar, raffle tickets and 50/50's. Adults only. All proceeds benefit The

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Vallery at afaspta@yahoo.com.

Somerville PTA Scholarship Din-

ner Dance. For tickets, email Kristine

The Somerville Garden Club will be showing excerpts from Urban & Suburban Meadows: Bringing Meadowscaping to Big and Small Spaces, a video made by Catherine Zimmerman and produced by The Meadow Project. The video focuses on the diversity of life inhabiting a meadow and the intricate connection between native plants, native insects and soil. Entomologist Doug Tallemy, and meadow experts Michael Nadeau, Larry Weaner, and Neil Diboll are featured. Following the video club members who have made meadows of their own will share their knowledge and experiences. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m. at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland Street, Somerville. Meetings are on the second floor, wheelchair accessible. For additional information please visit www.somervillegardenclub.org.

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St Clementine #821, will host their annual Irish Night Fundraiser on Saturday, March 5 at 5:00 p.m. at St Clement Parish Hall, Warner Street, Medford/Somerville, featuring Irish music, a complete corned beef and cabbage dinner catered by The S & S Restaurant, Irish step dancers from the Greene-O'Leary School of Arlington, raffles, cash door prize, and 50/50 drawing. Contact Carol Ghiloni, 781-395-2088, or by email: cdact821@aol. com for information and reservations. Reserved tickets are \$25 per person and available by advance registration only. Deadline is Monday, February 29. No tickets will be sold at the door.

## 2016 Somerville **Sketchbook Show** is open

#### By Margaux Maxwell

The far-reaching and nearby experiences of local artists are on display in pen and ink at the Somerville Sketchbook Show.

The show was packed at its opening Friday at the Nave Gallery on Chester Street, where goers explored the work of local artists that depicts places as close by as Davis Square, as remote as Havana and Pinar del Rio, and as impossible to reach as imaginary worlds created on paper.

Rachel Mello's images, co-curator of the show, include fun representations of Somerville icons and experiences, such as JP Licks and the Davis Square Train Station.

Artist Laura Scheuerell shows her past-paced, musical works, created in the basements of jazz bars and clubs on sketchpads in Brazil.

"I wanted to capture the vibrance p.m. and Saturday, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

of music. I'm really interested in road signs, and often include this with my images," Scheuerell said.

Scheuerell's work was accompanied by politically themed watercolors by artist Catherine Aiello, who created the images in Havana and Pinar del Rio.

"I came to this event to learn more about the artists in my area and what kind of things they are doing because I like to know my community. It's really important to support local art," said Alejandro Barrios, 40, of Somerville.

This show marks the second annual Sketchbook Show curated by Ellie Laramee-Byers and Rachel Mello, both previously having served as the Coordinators of the Somerville Open Studios.

The exhibition will run until March 3 at the Nave Gallery Annex, 53 Chester Street in Davis Square. The Gallery Hours are Thursday-Friday, 6:00-8:00

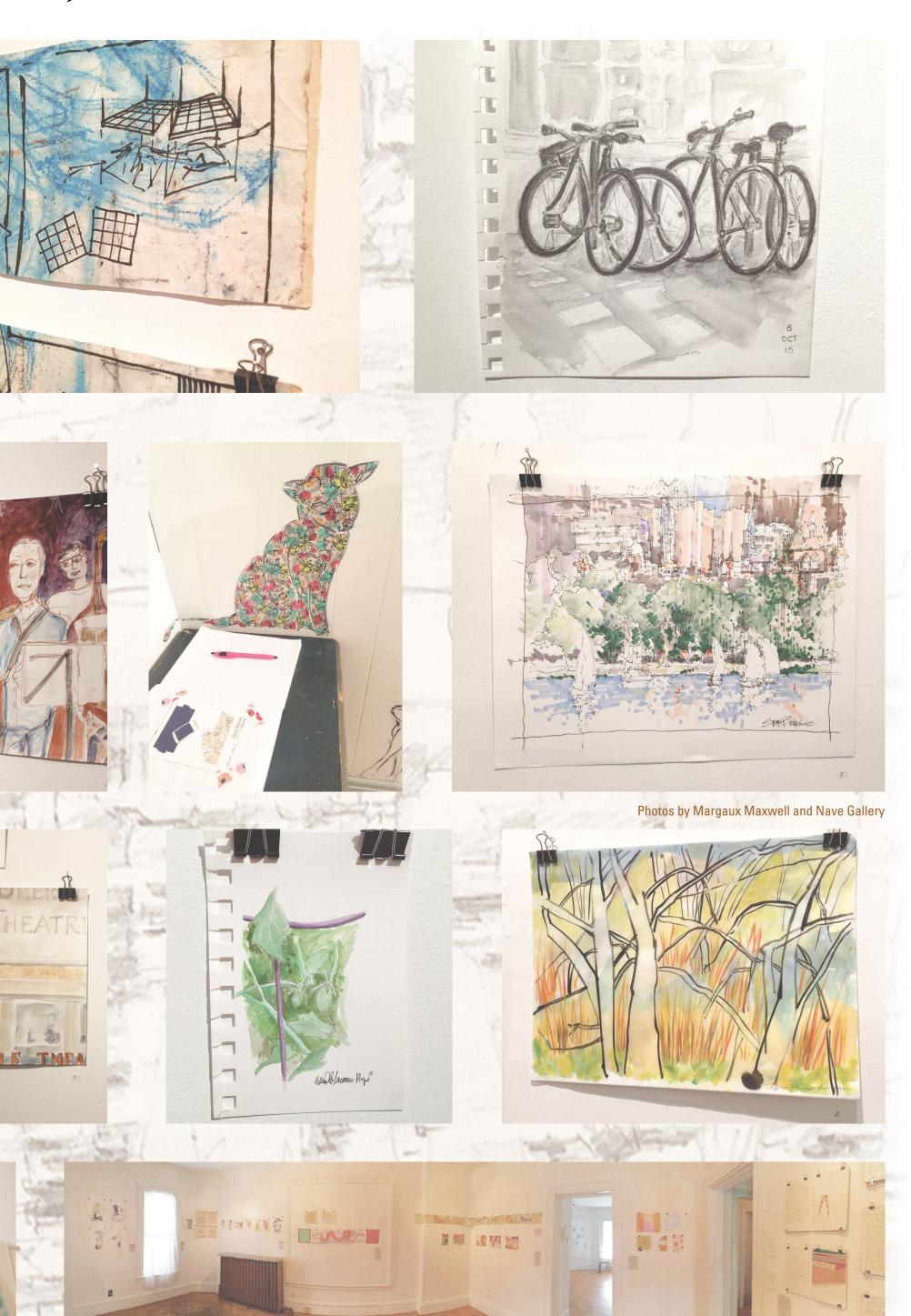












### **SPORTS**

# Somerville High Girls Track wins Greater Boston League Championship Meet

#### By Charles O'Rourke

For the third year in a row, the Somerville High Girls Track Team led by Captains Maureen McNabb, Leighann Nguyen and Melissa Sanon won the Greater Boston League Championship Meet.

The meet was held on Saturday, January 30 at the Reggie Lewis Center. The SHS Girls scored a total of 120 points, followed by Malden with 92, Chelsea was 3rd with 58, Everett was 4th with 41, Greater Lawrence Tech had 37 and Medford with 19.

First place finishers for the Highlanders were Melissa Sanon in the Hurdles, Jackie Eloi in the High Jump, Fiona Borondy-Jenkins in the 1000m and Gabrielle Etienne in the Shot Put. Gabrielle's winning throw of 39' 1.25" set a new GBL Championship Meet record. The previous record was 37' 9" set back in 1989 by MaryGrace Filippone of Somerville High. Second place finishers were Youdine Felix in the 55m Dash, Leighann Nguyen in the 600m, Alice Egar in the 2mile and Jackie



The girls team after their victory.



Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What is a more common name for the disease variola?
- 2. What type of flowers produce vanilla pods?
- 3. Which country singer recorded an album at Folsom Prison in 1968?
- 4. Homeopathy was a type of therapy developed by who?
- 5. What is Xylography?
- 6. In professional golf, how many clubs is a player limited to during a round?
- 7. What was Bing Crosby's real first name?

- 8. What part of the human body can expand 20 times its normal size?
- 9. Who released the album *Natty Dread* in 1975?
- 10. Who was the first famous non-royal person to appear on a UK postage stamp?
- 11. Robert Redford was paid \$6 million for his role in the 1985 film *Out of Africa* how much was leading lady Meryl Streep paid?
- 12. Who collaborated with Elvis Costello on his recording of *Back on My Feet?*

Answers on page 17



Senior Captains (L to R): Leighann Nguyen, Melissa Sanon, Maureen McNabb.

Eloi in the shot put. Jackie also earned a third place in the hurdles and Lourdes Jean-Louis earned a third place in the Long Jump. Fourth place finishers for SHS were Jennifer Bermudez in the 600m, Alice Egar in the mile and Melissa Sanon in the Long Jump. Placing fifth was Youdine Felix in the Long Jump, Lourdes Jean-Louis in the 55m Dash and Ann Donovan in the Mile.

Our relay team all placed 3rd

in the meet earning important points for the teams win. The 4x200m team was Pam Lalaj, Laury Belizaire, Carlea Dolcine and Ye Ethanael Francois. Running on our 4x400 relay was Leighann Nguyen, Jennifer Bermudez, Katia Mathews and Fiona Borondy-Jenkins. The 4x800m team was Abigail OBrien, YuYing Chen, Ann Donovan and Celeste Torra.

This was a great win for the Girls Team. They had lost to

Malden during the regular season by 2 points and their goal was to win the GBL Championship Meet. They were focused and worked hard to achieve their goal. This was a hard earned win and I could not be prouder of this team and the Captains that led them.

Next meet for the Highlanders will be the MIAA Division 2 State Meet on February 10 at the Reggie Lewis Center starting at 4:30 p.m.

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### Fire Lt. Jay Colbert CONT. FROM PG 5

Colbert joined the fire service in 1988 after graduating from Malden Catholic and the University of Massachusetts School of Business. A lifelong Somerville resident, he currently serves as a Fire Lt. at the fire station on Lowell Street and as the Secretary-Treasurer for the Professional Fire Fighters

of Massachusetts. He served as President of Somerville Local 76 for 12 years, and was PFFM District 6 Vice President and Legislative Agent. He attended the Harvard University Trade Union program in 2012 and has been the Firefighter Chair of the state Joint Labor Management Commission for five years.



### **Capen Court residents** donate to local veterans

By Louise Carpenter

In December, residents at the Somerville Housing Authority's Capen Court held a successful holiday bazaar in the spirit of giving back during the winter season. Residents chose to donate all proceeds to formerly homeless veterans living at the Massachusetts Bay Veterans Center in Somerville.

Capen Court volunteers used proceeds to purchase much-needed items for the veterans including sheets, blankets, hats, gloves, toiletries and many other personal necessities. On Tuesday, Capen Court residents Pauline Ghiozzi and Margaret (Peggy) Kneeland delivered the donations. In addition, they also brought along a special box full of baked goods homemade by resident Betty Giordano, to the

Massachusetts Bay Veterans Center.

The program is owned and operated by Volunteers of America Massachusetts, and provides transitional and permanent housing to veterans, while also offering them opportunities to seek addiction counseling, mental health care, employment, education and public benefits resources. The program provides services to approximately 75 formally homeless veterans annually.

Program Director Anthony Joseph said, "The veterans we serve have had it very rough for many years and for some even decades. When they come to the program they have an opportunity to start over and generous donations like these from Capen Court are a reminder that the community appreciates the sacrifices they've made to serve our country."



Capen Court volunteers, Peggy Kneeland and Pauline Ghiozzi, present sheets and blankets to veterans and staff at the Massachusetts Bay Veterans Center.

#### **Historical Fact** CONT. FROM PG 5

members of the volunteer engine company, Niagara, of East Cambridge. Coincidently, they moved to each other's city, Hopkins to Somerville and Casey to Cambridge. They both volunteered and fought honorably in the Civil War. Hopkins left for Washington on April 19, 1861, and fought in the first Battle of Bull Run. At the war's end, they permanently joined their respective fire departments, both working their way up the ranks to Chief Engineer. The friends worked together closely through the years, establishing what was said to be the nation's first mutual-aid pact between cities. Casey was on Cambridge Fire for 51 years, 26 of them as Chief, while Hopkins was on Somerville Fire for 56 years, 38 as Chief of his department.

During their careers, they and their





men fought innumerable fires alongside each other. Many were huge. They fought at the Great Boston Fire of 1872 that destroyed 776 buildings before it was stopped and the Chelsea conflagration of 1908 that incinerated over 1,500 structures across 350 acres. They also battled deadly infernos in their own neighborhoods of the Somerville Boynton Yards and of the East Cambridge Packinghouse district. These two brothers in trade rolled up statistics that most likely will never be matched. Combined, they gave their cities over a century of fire protection ... hail to the Chiefs!

### **The Boston Science Fiction Film Festival and Marathon**

The Boston Science Fiction Film Festival and Marathon ("Boston SciFi") is an 11-day cinematic event held at the historic Somerville Theatre from February 5th to the 15th. The 2016 edition marks their 41st anniversary as the oldest genre fest in America.

The first nine days consist of a film festival that emphasizes emerging directors with distinct visions from around the globe. The Festival concludes with The Marathon (a.k.a., "The 'Thon"), a 24-hour orgiastic motion



picture endurance test featuring classic, new and schlock films. Think of it as binge viewing with 750 close friends. It starts at noon on the 14th and ends at noon on President's Day.

The Festival is the oldest genre fest in the country and one of the oldest in the world. It specializes in bringing the cutting edge of the genre to the public as well as the industry. The founders have been a part of the business for over four decades. This connection makes it unique in its ability to get filmmakers access. It also allows the Boston audience access to the most cutting edge voices out there.

Tickets can be purchased at the Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Sq., Somerville, MA 02144. Tickets can also be purchased by mail: Zeotrope Media, 106 Jeremy Hill Rd., Pelham, NH 03076.



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**BID ADVERTISEMENT** 

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Elevator Modernization Project at Weston Manor for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by RDK

General Bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAMM) in the following category of work: Elevators.

Filed Sub-Bids for the trades listed below shall be accompanied by DCAMM certifications in their respective subtrades, as follows:

Mechanical Systems (Section 15500)

The project consist of: Elevator modernization at Weston Manor. The contractor shall coordinate directly with the local housing authority access to the elevators, elevator machine rooms and roofs, and make all necessary arrangements to facilitate the work of this contract.

The work is estimated to cost \$425,000.00

Bids are subject to prevailing wage rates as required by M.G.L. c. 149 § 26 to 27H inclusive. Contractors must be DCAM Certified and have

Filed sub-bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., Friday, February 26, 2016, and publicly opened, forthwith.

General Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., Friday, March 11, 2016, and publicly opened, forthwith.

Bids shall be valid only when accompanied by all of the following: (1) a fully completed and properly executed "Bid Form for General Bid", in the case of a Bid for the General Contract, or "Bid Form for Filed Sub-Bid", in the case of a Bid for a Filed Sub-Contract; (2) Bid guarantee in the amount of five percent (5%) of the amount bid, in a form as described in the Instructions to Bidders and made payable to the "Somerville Housing Authority"; (3) a copy of a "Certificate of Eligibility" issued by the Deputy Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAM) showing that the Bidder has the classification and capacity rating to perform the work required; and (4) an update statement in such form as the Deputy Commissioner of DCAM shall prescribe.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at the Weston Manor, 15 Weston Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145 at which time access to elevator machine room and roof will be made available to prospective bidders. At the pre-bid conference, the job site and existing buildings will be available for inspection. It is strongly recommended that prospective bidders attend.

Filed sub-bids shall be mailed or dropped off at: The Modernization Office, Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and received no later than 2:00 P.M., Friday, February 26,

General bids shall be mailed or dropped off at: the Modernization Office, Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and received no later than 2:00 P.M. on Friday, March 11, 2016.

The contact person for the Somerville Housing Authority is Gabriel Ciccariello (617) 625-1152 Ext. 330.

Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding if it be in the public interest to do so.

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 Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pickup on the beginning of the business day on January 13, 2016 at www. BidDocOnline.Com (May be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167)

There is a refundable plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocsOnline Inc.

Deposits must be electronically paid or must be a certified or cashier's check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two set for General Bidders and for one set for Sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the awarding authority.

Bidders requesting Contract documents be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$50.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS Overnight), payable to BidDocsOnline, to cover mail-

Bidders must submit as part of their bid a completed form HUD-5369-A, Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders.

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

#### **Assembly Row Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan** (PB 2006-59-R3(01/2016)

Applicant, Partners HealthCare, and Owner Street Retail, Inc., in its individual capacity and under power of attorney on behalf of FR Sturtevant Street, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC (Collectively, Tenants in Common) seek approval of a Major Amendment of a preliminary master plan (S.Z.O. §16.11.3) under Planned Unit Development (PUD-PMP) PB 2006-59-R2(05/2014) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014 to change condition 39.2. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1

#### Assembly Row Block 11 – Signage – 399 Revolution Drive (PB #2016-

Applicant, Partners HealthCare, and Owner, Federal Investment Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit to install signage for Partner Health-Care on "Block 11" of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article §5.1 and condition 9 of the SPSR-A for the office and garage buildings, case PB 2014-17. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1

#### Assembly Row Block 11 - Daycare - 251 Grand Union Boulevard (PB

Applicant, Partners HealthCare, and Owner, Federal Investment Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of a portion of "Block 11" of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct an approx. 13,624 sf daycare. Waivers are sought (S.Z.O. §6.4.12 & 16.5.5) from providing a 3D model (§6.4.8), shadow analysis, and parking and loading bay requirements (§9.16 & 9.7). Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 2/3/16 & 2/10/16.

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 16-59

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

#### FY 2017 Street Resurfacing Project

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: Wednesday, February 3, 2016. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at which time sealed bids will be open. 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

Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% Bid Deposit will be required.

#### Mass. Highway Pre-Qualification is required.

Please contact Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager ext: 3407, or email odeluca@somervillema.gov for information and bid packages.

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

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**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** 

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Av-

88 Josephine Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-93) Applicant and Owner, KTA Construction LLC. is seeking a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure, by increasing the FAR. Zone RA, Ward 5.

21 Magnus Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-104) Applicant and Owner, David Stefanelli, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by re-constructing a front porch within the front and left side yard setbacks at 21 Magnus Avenue. RB zone. Ward 2.

18 Greene St: (Case #ZBA 2016-02) Applicant & Owner Amitay Kalmar, is seeking a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by increasing the FAR. RB Zone, Ward 2.

69 Morrison Ave: (Case #ZBA 2016-07) Applicant and Owner Jeff Kauffman, is seeking a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming Structure by increasing the FAR, and adding dormers. RA Zone, Ward

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 15P4937EA

Estate of:

Elaine A. Giangrande

Also know as: Elaine Giangrande, Elaine E. Giangrande

Date of Death: 12/11/2014

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

David Giangrande of Andover MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that

David Giangrande of Andover MA

be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 02/22/2016.

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

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

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

Date: January 25, 2016

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

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

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

#### **MIDDLESEX Division**

Docket No. MI 12P2187PM

In the Interests of Barbara Pilla

To all interested person:

A Petition has been filed by:

Audrey S. Boulanger

requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue approve an accounting compel or approve a distribution adjudicate a final settlement

and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. February 16, 2016.

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

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

Date: January 5, 2016

Tara E. De Cristofaro

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by Jai Singh Khalsa: 1) to demolish a c.1874 wood frame house at 640 Mystic Avenue.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@

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#### Nellie's Wild Flowers

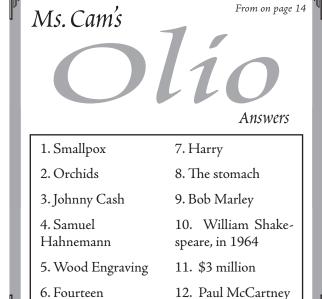
When you want something unique



6. Fourteen

JOYCE MCKENZIE 72 Holland Street 617.625.9453





### Do you love living in your neighborhood?

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the local political structure to get just about any home improvement or project done. At the same time, that hulking apartment building could pop up seemingly at random. There are few hard and fast rules, the regulations are often self-contradictory and the whole system is confusing even to seasoned developers. For the average homeowner, it is beyond daunting.

Our current zoning also pits neighbors against each other and often leaves hard feelings on all sides of a development tussle because the rules are so murky. No matter how even-handed everyone tries to be, inconsistencies are guaranteed. Theoretically, what gets allowed on one street could be denied one block over. It is a system that does not deserve so much as a moment's defense.

The character of our neighborhoods should not be beholden to chance. We need clear, comprehensible rules to which everyone adheres. The chaos must be weeded out of the process. On the bright side, in Somer Vision we have blueprint for how to reform our residential zoning.

People want to make sure we protect our walkable, family-oriented neighborhoods. Homeowners should be able to make reasonable and modest alterations without suffering an endless quest through city government, and new development in our neighborhoods should mirror the existing buildings and character of those neighborhoods. Larger apartment buildings have a place in our city, on targeted sites in former industrial districts that we're looking to transform (mostly centered around new MBTA stations).

The idea is to align our zoning with our values. Right now our existing ordinance is completely out of step with the progressive vision that the people of Somerville have laid out in SomerVision. Our rules do not preserve our tight-knit neighborhoods or set out a system for how we will revitalize areas like Boynton Yards and the Inner Belt. Instead we invite developers to build all the wrong things in all the wrong places. Zoning may not be the most thrilling subject, but our code desperately

needs to be reformed and updated. And it needs to happen in 2016.

As with all changes of this nature, we have to drill down to make sure we get all the details right. Yet we cannot lose sight of the bigger picture or overlook the pressing need to bring our zoning into alignment with our neighborhood-oriented values and with our community as it currently exists. Rather than a set of regulations that urges people to build something wholly unlike Somerville we should be enhancing the city we love.

The era of a zoning code that eschews much of what makes Somerville such a unique and vibrant place to live needs to come to a rapid end. We need to recognize who we are and to lay out sensible rules for how we move forward. The future of the residential neighborhoods we treasure relies upon it.

This op-ed on residential zoning is the first in an occasional series of op-eds by Mayor Curtatone that will look at different aspects of the proposed zoning overhaul. For more on the overhaul, visit www.somervillema.gov/zoning.

#### **Changing Somerville CONT. FROM PG 10**

Housing creates as much as twice commercial properties' municipal costs, but pays only 60% of commercial properties' tax rate. Among those municipal costs, the largest is schools. Yet Somerville was able to educate so many more students than it does today because of its extensive commercial tax base.

As residential property replaced commercial property, the City was forced onto welfare, reaching one point when more of its budget came from state aid than from property taxes.

The 1950 Somerville of 102,000 residents also had a much more extensive public transportation system than today's Somerville does, along with fewer automobiles and less congestion.

And every neighborhood had stores in easy walking distance where one could buy life's necessities and encounter acquaintances. Revitalizing neighborhood commercial districts relies on bringing back daytime populations, not building more housing units.

With the population changes came political changes. Somerville's interweaving relationship networks had provided an effective medium for rapid communication of issues that mattered to people. In family gatherings, veterans' posts, union halls, church groups, fraternal organization, ethnic clubs, and neighborhoods people discussed the issues of the day.

The diaspora took away many who had formed the substance of organizational life. Economic demands requiring two breadwinners and daily commuting reduced time available for neighborly interaction. 'Villens increasingly used their scant spare time to soothe increased stress with television's balm. Relationship networks withered. Neighbors stopped sitting on their stoops.

Those networks had not only been the medium for political discussion and understanding. They had been the medium for political action. Advertising replaced organizing. Spin replaced individual and personal accountability by political leaders. Information reaching voters got sketchier, often coming too late to

Political participation declined across the board. Into the early 1980s, alderman-at-large elections brought out as many as twenty candidates. Today, there are more uncontested than contested aldermanic races. And since the current mayor was first elected, he has never faced a serious challenger.

As a group, those of old Somerville who remained after the diaspora worked disproportionately in positions that afforded job security, such as in the government, utility, and education sectors. One explanation is that they tended to be more risk averse than those who left. Another is that there just weren't many other solid jobs remaining in the lo-

They also voted more consistently than any group that came after them. Until the last couple of city elections, they were often decisive as a voting block. Although they were less than unanimous in the candidates that they supported, they shared formative

In the 2003 election a solid majority of them voted to elect Joe Curtatone, who represented himself as both one of them and as a progressive reformer, depending on the audience. Their support for the mayor has gradually eroded, that erosion accelerating about five years ago.

They see long-time neighbors priced and taxed out of their homes and the city. They see a local economy that cannot give their kids living-wage employment. They see affluent newcomers, many of whom are slow to contribute to the community. They come by their disaffection and estrangement honestly.

The first major factory closing came in 1958 at Ford Motor Company's Edsel plant in Assembly Square. It eliminated 1,100 jobs. The same year, a volcanic eruption 3,000 miles away would have an effect on Somerville's changing peoples and political culture.

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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday February 3

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

#### Thursday|February 4

**Central Library** 

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

**East Branch Library** 

Lego Club Meghan Forsell -617-623-5000 x2970

3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library

Lego Club Annamarie Almeida-617-623-5000

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

**Central Library** Lego Club

Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.| 79 Highland

#### Friday February 5

**Central Library** 

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

#### Sunday | February 7

**Central Library** 

Celebration of Chinese New Year with Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000, 3 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday February 8

**Central Library** 

Sing-along with Fred Griffeth Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Tuesday February 9

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Réading Group for Ages

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

**Central Library** Somerville High School Anime Club Emmanuel Mukadi 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library** Book Group for Kids Cathy Piantigini-x2950 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Wednesday February 10

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

#### **MUSIC** | ARTS Wednesday Febraury 3

Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren Front Room

Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy Night With Steve Ma-247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Torrance Kilcovne Curtis Washburn Alosi Den Wepro Kristen Ford

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway 617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's Pub** The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

**Thunder Road** 

9910

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night

Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Áve

Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m. Café 191 Highland Ave

#### Thursday|February 4

Johnny D's

Medeski Trio with John Medeski, G. Calvin Weston, David Fiuczynski 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

BYÓBluegrass Jam with David Rizzutti grassy Thursdays|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

P.A.'s Lounge Kat Kennedy Dear June Hannah Rose Baker The Colonnade 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Bull McCabe's Dub Down Reggae 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 Otter CD Release Party (Funk Rock/

Soul)|8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave Arts at the Armory

**Pub Sing** 7 p.m.|Čafe|191 Highland Ave

Friday February 5

Johnny D's Johnny A + Ilana Katz Katz A night of celebrations! The Reunion of Shy Five and Bob Marley's Birthday

Party featuring Duppy Conquerors 17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's

Hashtag Hoedown | 6 p.m. Big Giant, Viva Gina, Steve Walther Orchestra|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series |7 p.m. Cover Up|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

host set by The Deaf Cats My Mother's Moustache host set 2 by The Deaf Cats Secret Rhythm Project host set 3 by The Deaf Cats 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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

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

**Bull McCabe's** 

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-

Casey's Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617-625-5195

Thunder Road Lionize (Rock n' Roll)|8 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory A Night of Traditional Romanian Wedding Music with Mierlita plus a touch of Scottish Roots with Elizabeth & Ben Anderson 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** Shit-Faced Shakespeare 7 p.m. McQueen Fever Dream 9 p.m.

Somerville Theatre Boston Sci-Fi Film Festival 5 p.m.|55 Davis Square

#### Saturday | February 6

Johnny D's

lazz Brunch Heart Attack Ack Ack Ack Ack + Afterfab + Bikini Whale 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin & The Moonshiners |6 Axemonkee, Tom Anderson & Guests

\$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m.
Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Backroom Series | 7 p.m. Spike the Punch|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge City Of Dis A Wish For Fire Leather Lung Magic Circle 345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke

65 Holland St

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

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road** Bob Marley Birthday Celebration feat.

Soul Rebel Project (Reggae) 8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory Somerville Songwriter Session 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Somerville Songwriter Sessions 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** Shit-Faced Shakespeare 7 p.m. Boston's Unscripted Musical Project|9:30 p.m.

255 Elm Street **Somerville Theatre** Boston Sci-Fi Film Festival 3 p.m.|55 Davis Square

#### Sunday | February 7

Johnny D's

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Super Bowl Sunday!|6:30 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

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

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

366A Somerville Avel617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** Sunday Brunch Live Country &

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

Sunday Night Live Music

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DI

**Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory Local is for Lovers Valentine's Market 10 a.m.-3 p.m.|Performance Hall

12 p.m.|Café||191 Highland Ave

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

**Somerville Theatre** Boston Sci-Fi Film Festival 2:45 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Monday February 8

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Óne Microphone (Stand-Up)

Stump! Pub Trivia 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.

Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

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

P.A.'s Lounge Americana Mondays 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub** 

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Thunder Road** 

379 Somerville Ave Arts at the Armory

Stump! Team Trivia

Face to Face: Composition in the Moment - An Evening with Yakir Arbib with an opening set by Andria Nicodemou

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Somerville Theatre Boston Sci-Fi Film Festival

5 p.m.|55 Davis Square Tuesday February 9

Johnny D's Samantha Fish 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Josh Lederman & Mark Earley|7:30

p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

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

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 PA's Lounge Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

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

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-**Thunder Road** 

379 Somerville Ave Arts at the Armory Brian Dolzani's melancholy musings at Café 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre Boston Sci-Fi Film Festival 5 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Wednesday|February 10

Johnny D's

The Burren

Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sallv O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Back Room Series Robbie O'Connell, with Rose Clancy and Gene Clancy|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Eddy Marshall Molly Parmenter Taylor (NYC) The Upstart Crows 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

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Somerville Theatre

Been Out Here Open Mic 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Boston Sci-Fi Film Festival

7 p.m.|55 Davis Square **CLASSES AND GROUPS** 

Wednesday | February 3

**Central Library** Creative Writing with Amy Shea Marita Coombs-617-623-5000 10 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library** Somerville Positive Forces Lovelee Heller-Bottari -617-625-6600

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue **Central Library** Board Game Night Ellen Jacobs -617-623-5000 x2914

Avenue Thursday February 4

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

**Central Library** 

GOP Brian McCarthy-774-634-6035 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

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 Avenue First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

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

Saturday Febraury 6 **Central Library** Working Parents Play/Support Group Kathleen -617-686-2475

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Arts at the Armory Somerville Winter Farmers' Market

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

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

Sunday|Febraury 7

Monday|Febraury 8

Library Leader Interview

Central Library

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

Stephanie Santiago-6176256600 Ext.

3:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.|79 Highland **East 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.

115 Broadway Tuesday February 9

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

Wednesday Febraury 10

Central Library
Somerville Arts Council Board Meet-

Heather Balchunas-617-625-6600 x2985 7 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland

### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

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

Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway –There are programs and services for YOU at our Cross Street Center we have low-cost, healthy, hot lunch program, English Conversation Practice, Creative Arts Programming, Multicultural Programming and Fit-4-Life exercise. Our English Conversation Practice Group meets every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 A.M. The Conversation continues through a healthy home-made lunch. For more information or to make a reservation for lunch please contact Janine Lottie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335. She will be happy to tell you about the group and other programs we have to offer at our Cross Street Center.

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

Berklee College of Music Series – 5 dates. This is a free event. Outings to see the country's next big vocal, instrumental and theatre stars! Pre-registration is required. Very limited seating. Please call 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Monday, February 1 at 7:30 P.M.: Songwriting Faculty Concert; Monday, February 22 at 7:00 P.M.: Harp Extravaganza; Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 P.M.: Bass Department Student Concert; Thursday, March 10th at 7:30 P.M.: Eighth Annual Guitar Night: R&B / Funk Showcase; Monday, March 21 at 7:30 P.M.: Maggie Scott: Vocal Jazz Series.

Poetry Appreciation & Composition Series – Tuesday, February 9th from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 23rd from 10:00 A.M. to noon and Tuesday, March 8th from 10:00 to noon – at our Cross Street Center located at 185 Broadway. Local Poet Laureate Nicole Terez Dutton's work has appeared in prestigious publications including Callaloo, Ploughshares, 32 Poems, Indiana Review and the Salt Hill Journal. For additional information or to reserve your spot please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 or email her at JLotti@Somervillema.gov.

Chinese New Year Super Bingo – Monday, February 8 – 11:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – A \$10 fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Seating is limited – please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

YOGA is BACK – starting Thursday, February 11 from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and running 5 weeks ending on Thursday, March 10th – There is a \$20 fee for the 5 weeks – It's a great way to start your day, easy to follow program lets you stretch and relax, low-impact moves and easy to follow pace. Please contact Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

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

Free Community Chamber Concert – Sunday, February 14 – 3:00 P.M. at the Chevalier Theatre in Medford. How about bringing your Valentine to this concert fea-

turing musicians from the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Limited seating so please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more info or 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. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted. St. Patrick's Day Super Bingo scheduled for Thursday, March 17th at our Ralph & Jenny Center is SOLD OUT. The Pine Grove Dude Ranch trip scheduled for May 15th through May 20th is BOOKED SOLID. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to have your name put on the waiting list. This trip, costing \$449 pp/dbl and \$499 pp/ single includes round trip motor coach transportation, 5 nights deluxe accommodations, 3 great meals each day and a wide variety of entertainment and programs.

The Chinese New Year Super Bingo scheduled for Monday, February 8th is SOLD OUT.

Everyone is welcome to join our monthly Book Club. We meet the first Friday of each month at our Holland Street Center from 10 to 11:30 AM. Here are the book selections for the next few months: January = Now I See You by Nicole Kear / February 5th = Snowflower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See / March 4th = Critical Mass by Sarah Paretsky. Copies of book choices available at the Somerville Public Library main branch. If you have any questions, please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email her at JLotti@Somervillema.gov

#### **LGBTQ EVENTS:**

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

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

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

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

#### STAY ACTIVE:

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

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Lim-

ited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

**Weekly Exercise Class Schedule** 

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

#### **Mondays:**

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

#### **Tuesdays:**

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

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

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

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

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

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

#### Wednesday|February 3

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

#### Thursday|February 4

All Centers Closed Valentine's Celebration at WHYC

#### Friday|February 5

10:00 Book Club 11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

#### Monday|February 8

9:00 Gardening Club (H) 11:30 Chinese New Year Super Bingo (H) 1:00 Bereavement Group (H) 4:30 LGBTQ Advisory Group (H)

#### Tuesday|February 9

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Knitting for Babies (RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:30 Low Vision (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

#### Wednesday|February 10

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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### Best bars to watch the big game CONT. FROM PG 10

and the friendly and efficient bar and wait staff. The Parmesan truffle fries are highly addictive and they hit a home run with their mango slaw fish tacos. Tony C's has become an Assembly Row destination for a family dinner and a fun night out with friends in the less than two years it's been open. This Sunday all TVs will be on the Peyton/Cam showdown and they are sure to draw a big crowd so try to

get there a couple hours before help soak up all the beer you're game time. help soak up all the beer you're

**#1) Olde Magoun's Saloon**518 Medford St., Magoun Square,

Now, if you want to watch the big game at an Irish style pub with great food and a good selection of beer, then you really need to hit up Olde Magoun's Saloon. The menu is fairly inexpensive and is filled with hearty meals and burgers to

help soak up all the beer you're going to drink. This is truly a beer lovers pub. Magoun's always has a wide selection of great beers from around the country and the globe. During the football season they have the game playing on a screen on every wall in the place. Did I mention it has a fireplace? For the big game this Sunday Magoun's is offering an all you can eat barbecue buffet that I

still dream about to this day a year later. The crowd here can get a little rowdy during game time but is usually well behaved and never gets out of hand. My wife and I had one of the best nights of our life when we watched Tom Brady win his fourth ring at Olde Magoun's Saloon last year. The energy in the air was insane and we had somehow befriended a group of Pat's fans from all over Eu-

rope. The Patriots may not be fighting for the championship this year, but I have no doubt in my mind that you cannot find a better place to watch the game this Sunday.

Please remember if you do hit up the bars for the game on Sunday make sure you have a designated driver or call a cab or Uber. Don't let yourself or a friend drive home drunk.

Later 'Villens .... Go Panthers!

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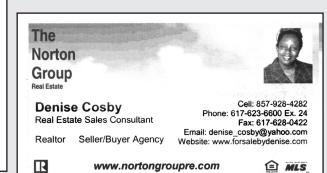
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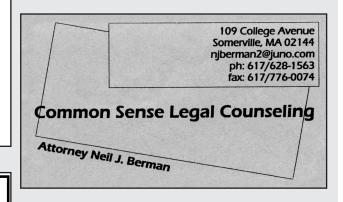
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6:00am	Life Matters	7:00pm	Taking Back Your Health (Live Call-in)	2:00pm	SCATV Sessions: Tongue in Cheek	2:30pm	Hollywood Makeover Show
6:30am	Exercise With Robyn	7:30pm	Let's Talk About Real Estate	2:30pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	3:00pm	Exercise With Robyn
7:00am	The Struggle	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live Call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	3:30pm	MAPS
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:30pm	Music Mania Television	4:00pm	Chef's Table Series	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
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8:00am	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program 1	Friday, Fe	bruary 5	9:00pm	Kindergarten Registration Update	1:00pm	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16
9:00am	The Mayor's Report	12:00am	Talking Business	9:24pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2016	2:08pm	Connecting Communities
9:13am	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16	12:36am	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16	10:23pm	Recreation Kickoff Fair 2016	2:37pm	The Mayor's Report
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY	1:44am	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015	Sunday, Fo	ebruary 7	2:50pm	Metal, Cars, & Meat
3:00pm	SomerViva en Español	3:00am	Metal, Cars, & Meat	12:00am	Connecting Communities	6:30pm	Inside Market Basket
3:22pm	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015	9:00am	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16	12:30am	MLK Day Celebration 2016	7:22pm	Square Flair
6:30pm	SomerViva nan Kreyol	10:08am	Raising Families	2:00am M	ulticultural Union Sq. Meeting - Português	7:31pm	Congressional Update
6:52pm	The Mayor's Report	12:00pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2016	9:00am	MLK Day Celebration 2016	8:01pm	Union Sq. Benefits Strategy Session #3
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9:30pm	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015	6:43pm	SomerViva nan Kreyol	1:30pm	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16	1:06am	The Mayor's Report
Thursday	, February 4	7:05pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	4:00pm	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program 2	1:19am	Ames Historic Exhibit Opening Reception
12:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2016	7:30pm	Kindergarten Registration Update	7:00pm	Senior Circuit	2:22am	Recreation Kickoff Fair 2016
1:00am	The Mayor's Report	8:00pm	MLK Day Celebration 2016	7:30pm	Kindergarten Registration Update	2:40am	MLK Day Celebration 2016
1:13am	Multicultural Union Sq Meeting - Espanol	9:30pm	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16	8:00pm	The Mayor's Report	8:00am	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program 2
2:45am	Aldermen At Work	10:38pm	SomerViva em Português	8:13pm	SomerViva en Español	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout
3:15am	Connecting Communities	Saturday,	February 6	8:35pm	Talking Business	9:00am	Congressional Update
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3:00pm	The Mayor's Report	12:00pm	Metal, Cars, & Meat	1:30am	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2015	2:00pm	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16
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7:00pm	Raising Families	2:12pm	George Dilboy	3:06am	Talking Business	6:30pm	SomerViva em Português
7:30pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2016	2:55pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	3:42am	SomerViva nan Kreyol	7:00pm	Senior Circuit
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9:01pm	Kindergarten Registration Update	7:06pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00pm	Talking Business	9:11pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda

### **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

9:00am	ESCS Winter Concert						
10:30am	SHS Girls Basketball v Georgetown						
12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Everett						
2:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Malden						
4:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Everett						
5:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Malden						
7:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Saugus						
10:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Saugus						
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12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball v Saugus						
1:30am	SHS Girls Basketball v Georgetown						
9:00am	Argenziano School MLK Concert						
10:00am	SCAP Student Health Survey Results						
11:00am	SHS Hockey v Methuen						
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ESCS Winter Concert

SHS Boys Basketball v Medford

Wednesday, February 3

Friday, February 5

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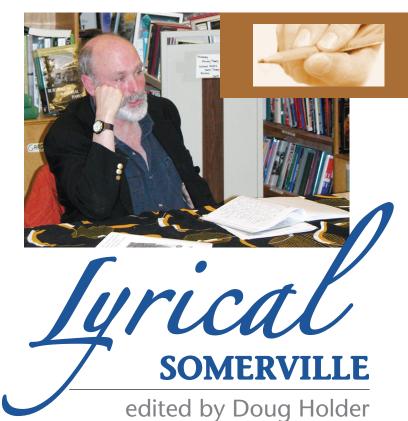
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Our poet this week is Linda Larson. Linda used to be editor of the Spare Change News, a newspaper sold by the homeless throughout the city. I used to be an arts reporter under her and the late Cindy Baron. They taught me a lot. Linda let me write a couple of feature stories in their All Poetry issues that they used to publish. Since



then I have published a poetry collection by Linda, and she has appeared numerous times in Ibbetson Street magazine. She has long been an advocate for the homeless and mentally ill and has struggled with both of these demons throughout her life.

#### Dutch Treat at the MFA

It is in the shadows we find the liveliness.

Stiff, ruffled collars and arch, dignified poses quickly lose their luster.

It is the drabness of grays and browns that invite us in.

Blacksmiths toil and farriers shave the hooves and file the teeth

of a piebald stallion while a woman milks a stalwart cow.

A mother combs through her daughter's hair for lice.

A haker flourishes his knife as a cat is caught in mid-leap.

Officers in peacock finery strike gallant poses as conscripts,

lay-abouts, drink themselves into a stupor, one vomits into a pail.

It is in the shadows that life entertains.

In the dancing of a jig lurks the dark side of the Dutch.

— Linda Larson

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### Carol – a movie



Our Somerville guest reviewer-at-large William Falcetano chimes in with his latest take on the movies for Off the Shelf:

Carol is a film adaptation of a story by Patricia Highsmith (The Talented Mr. Ripley) about a love affair between two women in the 1950s. One woman is a society wife, Carol Aird, played with her usual brilliance, by the inimitable Cate Blanchett. The object of her affections is a young shop girl, Terez Belivet, played by Rooney Mara (The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo), who bears an uncanny resemblance to Audrey Hepburn, with her bangs, wide eyes full of wonder, and a touch of innocence.

These two women meet in a department store as the mink clad society lady is shopping for a Christmas gift for her daughter Rindy. Why not consider a train set? the shop girl suggests, and the unusual nature of the gift (a boy's toy) charms Carol who is enchanted by the girl's youthful beauty, self-possession, and wide-eyed allure. So much of this courtship, so much of the feeling between these two women, remains unspoken. Eyes do the talking as do smiles and the scent of perfume and cigarettes, the glint of bracelets and the suggestion that life holds more possibilities than society allows us to consider.

This is the 1950s after all, and this is the love that dare not speak its name. Carol leaves her leather gloves on the countertop and Terez makes sure they are returned with the train set. Freud, so popular in the 50s, long ago explained that such forgetfulness can express an unconscious wish to return to the mise en scène; and so Carol now has her socially acceptable excuse to take Terez out for lunch; and the mutual attraction grows between the older woman, so well-heeled and so sure of herself, and the ingénue, who's "just a girl who cain't say no", as the song (from Oklahoma!) says.

Terez accepts every overture Carol makes; and Carol invites her to her mansion for Christmas Eve. It's a bold gambit but it pulls Terez away from her cloying boyfriend, the handsome Richard Semco, played with square-jawed manliness by Jack Lacey. Boyfriends and husbands are portrayed a bit unfairly in this film as so many obstacles or distractions. Carol's husband, Harge (Kyle Chandler), is even more handsome and much more well-to-do than Richard; yet he's a basket case because he is losing his wife. He tries every trick in the book from imploring sweetness to abject pleading to threats and thuggery to keep Carol in her gilded cage; but Carol will have none of it: "How many more tomato aspic lunches must I endure?" she asks her gal pal Abbey (Sarah Paulson), a square-jawed beauty who was Carol's former lover.

Harge knows about this illicit tryst and when he discovers Carol home with Terez he sees the writing on the wall. If it were today we would say "she's just

not into you"; but it's the 1950s, and things were, or seemed, so much more elegant then.

In fact, this film is one long homage to the 1950s - the fashions and styles, the form flattering couture and ladies' gloves, the ubiquitous cigarettes, the men's hats, the big Packard Carol drives around town. Through Carol we glimpse the high life of the elite with their colored servants, chauffeurs, mansions, and money; and through Terez we glimpse bohemian New York of the 1950s, the jazz singers, the crowded parties in small apartments, the newspapermen, the photojournalists. Terez is an amateur photographer with a keen eye for beauty and starts snapping away at Carol in unguarded moments.

So much of this film is about looking and watching like a camera; and we are lured into watching their slowly evolving love blossom as they hit the road together to get away from it all. Then, when that fateful moment does finally arrive, it comes with such a sense of inevitableness that we find ourselves cheering that they finally gave themselves permission to fall into bed together. The eroticism is emotionally convincing and intense; one cannot help but see this as anything but love.

Yet, society has other ideas about this sort of thing (considered a crime in that era), as does Harge, who has hired a private eye to follow his wife around and get the goods on her (he too is watching them as we are). Harge is playing hard ball and threatens Carol with a breach of morals that can deprive her of shared custody of Rindy. "I see," she says, "if he can't have me, I can't have my daughter." Checkmate. These two star-crossed lovers live in a man's world and must play by men's rules. Although they are hemmed-in by a bullying and arrogant patriarchy they somehow find a way to be true to themselves and to each other. "How can I be any good to her (Rindy) if I live my life against the grain?" Carol asks at a lawyer's conference in which she throws caution to the wind and embraces her truth, come what may. It's a powerful scene in which a woman stands up for herself and accepts the consequences a cruel and bigoted society will throw at her.

It is interesting to compare this move to La Vie d'Adèle, a French film released in America in 2013 under the title Blue is the Warmest Color. This film is another story of lesbian lovers with an age differential in which beauty and innocent youth is matched with worldliness and savoir-faire. But the French version does not end on the happy note obligatory for American cinema and deemed necessary by American audiences. It is perhaps strange that in that vaunted land of love Adèle and Emma break up; but in America of the 1950s love triumphs. C'est l'amour. And we leave both movies thinking just that – this is love by whatever name you give it.

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