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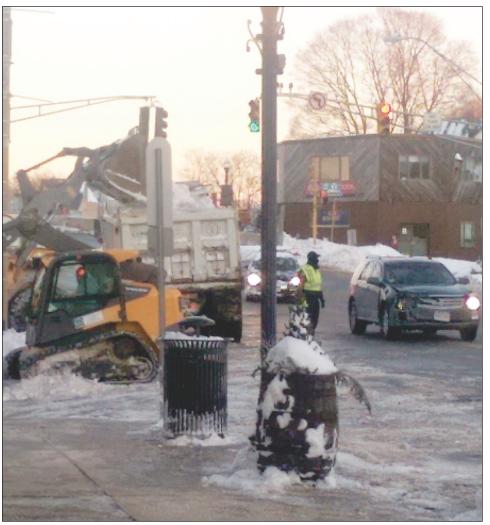


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Second snow assault hits the northeast



The cleanup effort continues as residents and city work crews labor to dig out from the second wave of snowfall that hit the the area on Monday.

— Photo by Bobby Potaris

By Jim Clark

Just as residents and city workers began to make noticeable headway in digging out from last week's record setting blizzard, a second front blasted through the region on Monday, piling on more snow and bringing otherwise routine activities to a standstill.

Nearly a foot of additional snow fell on the city, adding aggravation and additional toil to all those involved in keeping their sidewalks, driveways, and roads clear for safe passage.

A new snow emergency was declared on Monday that remained in effect until Tuesday evening. While most city offices remained open and functional, Somerville public schools were closed throughout the duration of the storm.

The additional snowfall left many residents feeling overwhelmed with the accumulated masses of snow that have been building up along curbsides, street corners, and just about anywhere it can be temporarily moved to.

Work crews were out in force operating more than 100 pieces of snow removal equipment throughout the city. Ultimately, many have reported that Somerville's streets stayed remarkably well kept in comparison to neighboring municipalities.

The cleanup effort is expected to continue throughout the remainder of the week.

Sunday fair provides families an opportunity to learn about world cultures

By Jason Andrew Park

Under a row of Chinese paper lanterns hanging from the ceiling, children and their parents danced to music, engaged in arts and crafts, and participated in various cultural activities from around the world. These families were attending the 2015 Somerville World's Fair hosted at the Center for Arts at the Armory this past Sunday.

The fair, organized by Cultural Care Au Pair, aimed to expose young children to the world's many different cultures.

"We are helping families have an experience around the world – through language, songs, and crafts," said Kerry Lavin, the Local Development Director of Cultural Care Au Pair. Levin adds, "We hope that people really get the chance to embrace a cultural experience in something that is outside their circle."

Cultural Care Au Pair is a national Au Pair Agency that pairs young Continued on page 7



Local families enjoyed exploring different cultures from around the world at the 2015 Somerville World's Fair that took place at the Center for Arts at the Armory this past Sunday. - Photo by Jason Andrew Park

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The monthly Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours reception will be held Thursday, February 5 at Daddy Jones Restaurant & Bar in Magoun Square on Medford Street. FYI we suggest you try out their macaroni and cheese. Very nice, and goes very well with any of the exotic drinks in the house. RSVP President Stephen Mackey at smackey@somervillechamber.org.

This coming Monday, February 9 6-8 p.m. at one of Assembly Row's newest sports bar and grilles, "Tony's C" will be hosting a fundraiser for Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti, a first term Alderman. Mary Jo has, to no one's surprise, become another very popular Alderman who listens to all the constituents here in the city. She is going to be a candidate for re-election this year. It would be a great time to visit and check out "Tony C" and to show your support for Alderman-Lady Rossetti. We are lucky to have elected officials like Mary Jo and the Board as a whole representing the city.

Our deepest condolences to the Patrick Sullivan Jr. family of Spring Hill. Patrick was a veteran as well as one of Somerville's finest Firemen for 38 years. A great family man and resident here in Somerville.

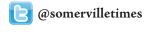
We heard about a new job opening here in the city and we couldn't believe it. Has anyone heard of "Director of Constituents' Services?" We never did, and we tried to open up the fiscal 15 budget to see if it was there, and even though it was boring we couldn't find that job description.

Our opinion: We traveled around to Arlington/Medford and Cambridge and found that overall our city's DPW crew was superior and doing a fantastic job (even though some thought they were in a rodeo). One major complaint is that some of new, younger Somerville Police officers were rude while on duty, especially during the snow clean up. Maybe they didn't complete the "Social Skills" class 101 how to talk to residents. We actually had a couple of complaints made to us. We referred them to the Police Dept., so hopefully they got the same calls and visits as we did here at *The Times*.

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The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville copes with a blizzard

Gail says:

I read on the Somerville Facebook page that the city was considering an alternative schedule for parking during the snowstorm. I am a newby to Somerville and assumed it was an alternate type deal (odd one winter emergency, even the next...). It doesn't seem fair for one side of the street to bear the burden of shoveling those giant snow mountains!

Me2 says:

I live on the odd side of the street and feel like it's just as bad. In situations like this, nobody wins. On the odd side, we have to deal with the reality that there's nowhere to put the snow. We can't shovel the sidewalks and toss the snow toward the curb without blocking in our fellow neighbors' cars. Where I live, I have to deal with this reality on both sides of the house.

In storms like this one, we all just have to prepare for the worst and help each other out when we can. Simple as that. It's not the City's fault. It's not your neighbors' fault. It's snow in New England – you should all be used to it by now! I've got to say, I have friends who live in other nearby cities and from what I've seen and heard, Somerville has done an exceptional job clearing the streets and sidewalks in short time compared to those other communities. The grass ain't always greener, folks.

kane says:

Massachusetts Supreme Court rules property owners liable for all snow and ice accumulations,

So don't expect any help from our city, laws, lawyers, and money in the politicians pockets as usual. Did the city do a good job clearing snow I think they did. Unless they buried your driveway or pushed snow back onto your clean sidewalk. What is the city doing about private contractors that push snow back on those clean streets? Nothing to do with snow, but why is my Water Bill so D—n HIGH.

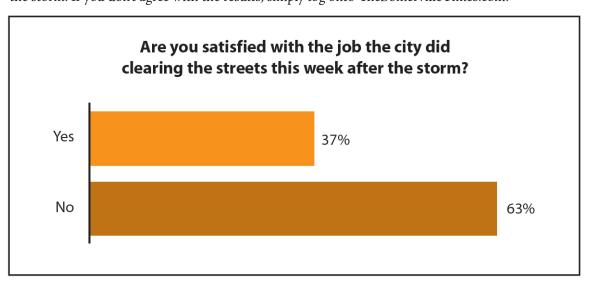
Oliver Seppo says:

Kane, if your water bill is so high, I suggest you store the snow you will be shoveling and then you melt it later in the year.:)

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you are satisfied with the job the city did clearing the streets this week after the storm. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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Alderman Rossetti attends **MMA Annual Meeting**

By Rebecca Danvers

Mary Jo Rossetti, Somerville Alderman-At-Large, joined selectmen, mayors, managers, councilors and finance members from across the state at the Massachusetts Municipal Association's 2015 Annual Meeting held at the Hynes Convention Center on January 23.

The lineup of renowned speakers included Gov. Charlie Baker who expressed his commitment to a partnership with local government. The opening session included a keynote address by international business consultant Mike Walsh, who delivered a powerful message about thriving in an era of disruptive technological change.

Twenty workshops held during the Conference focused on best practices, management tools, actions and issues that are essential to running municipal government efficiently and effectively in challenging economic times. "Now, more than ever, by participating in this important event, local officials have shown their commitment to effective public service. We applaud their dedication and hope the conference will help them as they provide leadership in communities across Massachusetts," said MMA Executive Director Geoffrey C. Beckwith.

Ald. Rossetti additionally joined in conversation of the ses-



Alderman-At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti represented Somerville at this year's MMA meeting on January 23.

Preservation Act: What Makes It Great. This session offered an opportunity to learn about ways to make the most of this valuable resource. "Somerville is now one of 158 CPA communities (45%) in the state," reminds Rossetti. "Among other opportunities (historic preservation and recreational / open space planning), this Act allows for Local control over the creation of new housing opportunities." Rossetti also accepted invitation to join municipal officials) Luncheon, where she and others discussed with the newly elected Lt. Governor, Karen Polito, concerns of Local Aid, educational mandates with lack of funding, and many other concerns relative to our community.

The meeting also featured more than 230 exhibitors, offering the latest state-of-the-art products and services to municipalities. The MMA Annual Meeting is the largest statewide

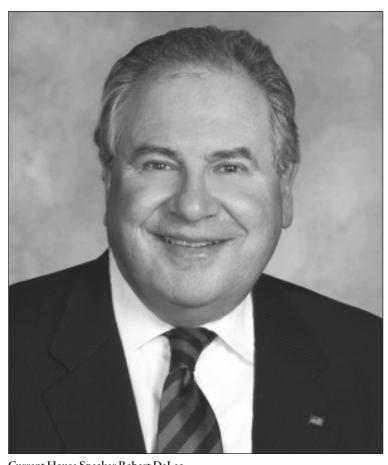
sion entitled The Community the WEMO (women elected gathering of local officials. House repeals 8-year limit on serving as Speaker of the House

By Bob Katzen Beacon Hill Roll Call

On Thursday, Jan. 29, the House 45-109, voted against reinstating a rule that prohibits any member from serving as speaker for more than eight consecutive years. The rule was originally adopted by the House as part of a rules package that was approved in 2009. There was not a specific roll call vote on the limit itself in 2009.

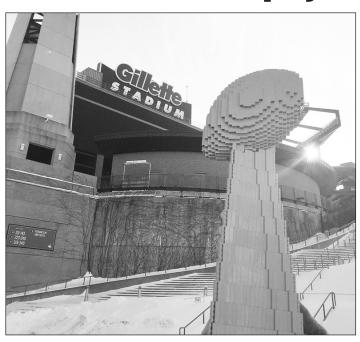
The elimination of the limit allows current House Speaker Robert DeLeo to run again for speaker in the 2017-2018 session and beyond. If the term limit had remained in place, this current 2015-2016 session would have been DeLeo's last.

Speaker DeLeo was a champion of the eight-year limit when it was approved Continued on page 5



Current House Speaker Robert DeLeo.

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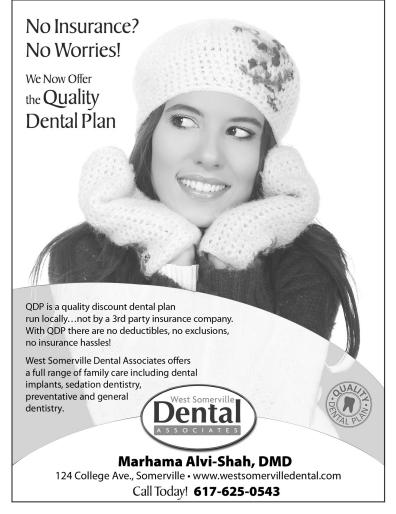
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By Jim Clark

Smile, you're on laundro-camera

Police officers were dispatched to the Community Laundry on Bow St. Sunday afternoon on reports of a breaking and entering in progress.

Police was advised that an intruder into the laundromat's office area was being monitored via security camera and that the suspect appeared to be attempting to break into the

office's safe.

Upon arrival, police reportedly approached the office inside the laundromat and opened its door. There they discovered a man, identified as Raoul St. Pierre, standing in front of the office safe, with a screwdriver in his hand, according to reports.

Officers took the screwdriver

from St. Pierre, handcuffed him and walked him out to the main area of the laundromat.

A pat frisk turned up a set of keys, clearly labeled as belonging to the laundromat, and a substantial amount of loose change, police said.

An examination of the office safe showed evidence of an attempt to pry open its door. St. Pierre was taken into custody and charged with breaking into a depository, possession of burglarious instruments, and felony daytime breaking and entering before being transported for booking.

The laundromat's owner arrived and reported to the officers how he had observed St. Pierre through the facility's

video surveillance apparatus, monitoring this remotely at his home. When he noticed the intrusion he called police and reported on the suspect's action as police were en route to the laundromat.

In addition to the attempted break-in of the safe, the owner verified that some change was missing from the cash register.

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Arrests:

Steven Cook, of 60 Elm St., Quincy, January 27, 1:17 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of larceny from a building and utter false check.

Edmond Bradford, of 3780 Mystic Valley Pkwy., Medford, January 27, 9:07 p.m., arrested at 15 Hancock St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Christopher Wigfall, of 15B Memorial Rd., February 1, 2:03 a.m., arrested at 15 Hancock St. on warrant charges of unregistered motor vehicle and number plate violation.

Raoul St. Pierre, of 1366 Broadway, February 1, 3:07 p.m., arrested at 10 Bow St. on charges of breaking into a depository, possession of burglarious instruments, and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Incidents:

Theft:

January 28, 12:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Farragut Ave.

January 28, 2:48 p.m., police reported a theft at Grant St.

January 29, 2:32 p.m., police

reported a theft at Boston Ave. January 29, 10:27 p.m., police reported a theft at 30 Washington St.

January 30, 11:35 a.m., police reported a theft at Connecticut Ave.

January 31, 3:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Concord Ave.

January 31, 4:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway. January 31, 5:03 p.m., police

January 31, 5:03 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

February 1, 11:39 a.m., police

reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

January 31, 4:57 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 24 College Ave.

February 1, 9:50 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

February 1, 3:07 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 10 Bow St.

Assault:

January 27, 2:10 p.m., police reported an assault at Edgar

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Destruction of Property:

January 28, 5:54 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Elm St.

January 29, 8:04 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Lowden Ave.

January 31, 7:03 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Willow Ave.

Disorderly Conduct:

January 27, 9:07 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Hancock St.

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Tufts employees give grants to Somerville organizations

By Tom Bannister

The Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund (TNSF) committee recently awarded grants to twelve organizations in Somerville. TNSF collects donations from university employees throughout the year and then awards grants to community-based, charitable organizations that serve Tufts' host communities (Somerville, Medford, Grafton and Boston's Chinatown) and actively engage Tufts volunteers in their work.

A committee comprised of Tufts administrators, faculty and staff meets annually to review proposals and select grant recipients. In 2014, there was a total of \$18,500 available to distribute through TNSF. The committee received 60 proposals representing more than \$90,000 in requests and selected 35 programs and projects for awards. Members of the TNSF committee base their decisions on a desire to address the most pressing needs in the communities and to encourage expanded involvement of Tufts volunteers.

The Somerville grant recipients for 2014 are:

- Arts At The Armory \$300 towards the Skillshare Monthly Workshop Series.
- + CASPAR, Inc. \$275 to purchase personal-care products for clients staying at their shelters.
- Community Action Agency of Somerville - \$750 for new books for their Head Start class-
- + Community Cooks \$500 for two dollies to help with food deliveries.
- Eagle Eye Institute \$500 to help support their youth leadership program.
- Hearty Meals for All \$250 for food and supply costs for clients.
- + Second Chances \$275 to help expand their clothing donation program.
- + Shortstop Somerville Way-

side Youth and Family Services - \$250 to purchase personal-care products for clients.

- · Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services - \$300 for their evening, weekend, and emergency home-delivered Meal-on-Wheels Program.
- The Elizabeth Peabody House – \$400 to help expand their Health and Wellness ini-
- The Welcome Project \$500 towards portable transmitters for the LIPS program, involving bilingual high school students.
- Walnut Street Center \$500 to purchase materials to begin a horticulture program.

"The range of proposals we receive reflects the diversity of the communities that Tufts calls home" said Barbara Rubel, director of community relations at Tufts University. "We are proud to support organizations so deeply committed to fulfilling unmet needs and making a difference."

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in January 2009. He had just been elected as speaker following the resignation of former Speaker Sal DiMasi, who is now serving time in a federal prison after being convicted of charges that he received \$57,000 in payments from Cognos, a Canadian software company that he helped land nearly \$20 million in state contracts.

At the time, DeLeo told the Boston Globe that voters sometimes are concerned about political figures getting stale and argued that term limits for the speaker shows there's opportunity for change. He continued, "It's important in a position such as speaker for there to be an opportunity for fresh ideas, and the only way you can ensure that is to put term limits on the speaker."

Earlier on Thursday, DeLeo addressed reporters and said that his new position against term limits has "evolved" during his six-year tenure as speaker that began in 2009. "I wouldn't say I'm going back on my word as much as the fact that over six years, rightly or wrongly, I feel I have learned in terms of what the importance is of doing away with the term limits we have in the rules," DeLeo told reporters. He highlighted some of the House's accomplishments during his reign as speaker. "Other members have approached me about the importance of staying on and completing this type of work and continuing this roll of

DeLeo said that every two years he and other House members take a look and decide whether to run for re-election to the House. He said the chatter that he supported abolishing the limits so he could extend his reign is not true. He noted, "To state that this [term limit] amendment was due to the fact I have some idea in mind that I want to be here for a certain period of time just isn't true ... I look at it as important relative to the institution and probably even more importantly for whoever the next speaker may be."

Rep. Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham), a key member of DeLeo's leadership team, said that term limits would make a speaker serving his final two years a lame duck. He noted that this would reduce the speaker's power in dealing with Gov. Charlie Baker and Senate President Stan Rosenberg.

Rep. Jim Lyons (R-Andover) spoke in favor of the limits and criticized those who are flip-flopping on the issue. He said, "Reform ... is supported by everyone until it becomes inconvenient. [Term limits] was a good move then [in 2009] and it's just as important today." Referring to the indictments and convictions of the three prior speakers, Charlie Flaherty, Tom Finneran and Sal DiMasi, Lyons said, "Too much power in office, we know from history what that has done. So now that we understand that ... we should not go backwards."

Pam Wilmot of Common Cause said that term limits are important "especially for legislative leaders who are not elected statewide but have statewide influence." She continued, "Term limits restrict the amount of power than can be amassed by a leader and ensure predictable, stable transitions of power. The fact that the current team is working well is not a reason to remove term limits."

Gov. Chalie Baker tried to stay above the fray. "I'm a big believer in letting the House and the Senate make their own decisions with respect to how they want to manage their affairs, and they'll make whatever [decision] they think makes sense for them," Baker said.

Here's how local representatives voted on the eight-year term limit.

(A "Yes" vote is for the eightyear term limit. A "No" vote is against the limit.)

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

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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



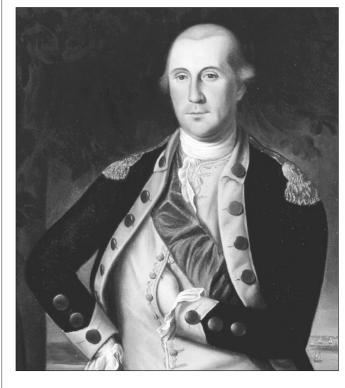
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Medals of Honor

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Often, when something small is accomplished and people want recognition for it, the humorous reply is, "What do you want, a medal?" A medal should be earned; or otherwise, its worth is diluted.

The first medal bestowed by our government was a gold medal. It was awarded to a man who spent considerable time engaged in Somerville/Charlestown during the most crucial year of her history. It was bestowed upon General George Washington to commemorate the "Evacuation of Boston" by the British in March, 1776.



In early United States history, no recognition was given to regular soldiers and sailors; only battle commanders were decorated. That was until the Civil war in 1861, when Congress established the Medal of Honor for the Army and the Navy.

Sergeant Nathaniel C. Barker, who later became Assistant Somerville Fire Chief, was an early recipient of this medal. After six standard-bearers were shot by snipers, he retrieved the American flag and his regiment's flag. Although severely wounded, he carried the banners aloft through the Battle of Spotsylvania in Virginia.

The last Civil War Medal of Honor was presented six months ago, in August, 2014, by President Obama, a former Somerville resident. The posthumous award came one hundred and fifty years after an over-looked soldier's heroic acts at Gettysburg.

Marine Private Donald Ruhl, from Montana, posthumously won the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving the life of Somerville marine and Iwo Jima flag-raiser, Sergeant Henry Hansen. Hansen lived to raise the flag on Mt. Suribachi, but was killed on the island ten days later.

Somerville's "Medal of Honor Square" is situated in Davis Square. It's at the corner of Cutter Avenue and Summer Street in front of the V.F.W. Dilboy Post and the Winter Hill Bank' building. Dedicated in 2007, it honors the three Medal of Honor recipients from that post. It celebrates:

- First, World War I U.S. Army veteran, Private George Dilboy, America's first Greek American hero.
- + Second, U.S. Navy Commander George L. Street, Submarine Captain during World War II. The book and later movie, Run Silent Run Deep starring Clark Gable and Burt Lancaster, are said to be based on his crew's exploits.
- Third, Vietnam veteran, U.S. Navy Captain Thomas G. Kelly Retired, Medal awarded by Continued on page 6

Cuisinart Stamps donated to Somerville Homeless Coalition

By Douglas Yu

The winter storm in New England hasn't ended yet. In severe weather like this, cooking a fresh meal in brand new cookware is a blessing for many former homeless people who were just relocated to new apartments.

The Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC) received 122 pots and pans this year, thanks to four months of shopping trips to Star Market by Marla Wessland, a long-time Somerville resident, and her friends. This year, they collected 12,320 Cuisinart Stamps in total, which earned them the pots and pans.

"This all started a year ago," explained Wessland. "When my 8-year-old daughter, Sara, who likes to collect things, learned about the Rachael Ray Dinnerware promotion at Star Market and Shaw's."

Since her family didn't need more dishes and bowls, Wessland decided to collected stamps and donate them. Through Facebook and word of mouth, over 50 people participated in this program, donating 122 pots and pans valued at \$4,828.78 in total.

"All the donors were just so enthusiastic when I started organizing the program on Facebook. They just loved the idea of joining a good cause," Wessland said. "This year, we are more organized, and we started collecting stamps at my daughter's school,

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which is Kennedy School. I also made this my cover on Facebook for several months, which is a public photo, so everybody can see it, to promote the program."

On January 22, just a few days before the historic blizzard swiped the Northeast, SHC expressed their gratitude for Wessland's generosity to their clients through social media.

> "... people really pitch in and care for one another"

Executive Director of SHC, Mark Alston-Follansbee mentioned that Wessland's program attracted donors from as far as Beverly, and he thinks that the more people act like Wessland, the fewer homeless people there will be in Somerville.

"Homelessness is worse now," Alston-Follansbee said. "What happened in this country is, for many people, income has been flat for years, and expenses keep going up, and we know there are thousands of people in Somerville who don't have enough to eat."

During the past winter storm, SHC's office was closed, and all the beds were filled, according to Alston-Follansbee. "We put two homeless people in our liv-



Marla Wessland and friends Maren Chiu and Alison Mitchell, with their children, deliver Cuisinart pots and pans from the Star Market/Shaw's promotion, to the Project SOUP food pantry. Over 100 people collected 12,000+ coupons which resulted in 120 items donated.

ing room. We put them on our sofas, and they were grateful for having a place to stay during the storm," he said. "We, at the same time, do a lot of communications with the community through social media and otherwise. We've also worked with the police for years, and the police will bring the homeless people to our shelters."

Wessland told The Somerville Times that organizing this program wasn't challenging at all. In fact, helping homeless people is "just a matter of spreading word."

According Wessland, "Somerville is such a wonderful community to live in, where people really pitch in and care for one another."

Alston-Follansbee thinks that the fight against hunger and homelessness is summoning all the community members. "We realize that we all have some part in this. We all need to take some responsibility for people who are having a hard time," he said.

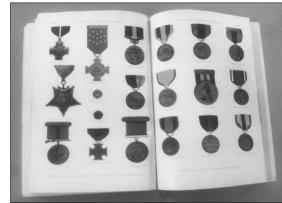
Local politicians also make an effort to fight homelessness in Somerville. Earlier this month, Alderman at Large Jack Connolly announced through social media that he was proud to deliver a donation of \$750 to SHC on behalf of himself.

As long as Star Market continues to offer this stamp-collecting program, Wessland hopes to continue this donation every year and to call upon more people to help give to the homeless community. "I don't know what we can collect stamps for next year," said Wessland. "But I know lots of people are already saying just let me know next year, whatever it is, we are donating our stamps."

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

President Nixon in 1970. Tom Kelly was also Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services for twelve years.

Not all Medals of Honor are Congressional. On May 27, 1983, a coincidental incident unfolded from this very site. At the time, the then Somerset Bank had just been robbed. On arrival, the late Somerville police officer John J. Conway immediately pursued the fleeing holdup men by car. Working alone, he shortly cornered and captured three of the four heavily armed criminals. His courageous actions during this chase, under peril of his life, were above and beyond and won him the Somerville Police Department's highest award, the



"Medal of Honor."

In spirit with these others, Somerville police officer Conway sleeps in good company.

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Sunday fair provides families opportunity to learn about world cultures CONT. FROM PG 1

adults from around the world with families. The young adults, called au pairs, provide childcare in exchange for a place to live and the opportunity to learn about western culture. The agency recruits from more than 20 countries and aims to provide a culturally and educationally enriched experience for both the host family

According to Lavin, more than 130 people, including children and their parents, attended Sunday's event.

and the individual au pairs.

Families were able to "travel the world" by visiting different booths run by au pairs from Italy, France, Mexico, China, and Germany. Each booth featured different hands-on crafts and storytelling activities.

At Shan "Laura" Huang's booth, children learned to make Chinese paper



lanterns. "We, my host family and I, help each other. I wanted to share with people what I know about my country and I wanted to learn about the western culture," Huang explained.

"We really wanted to show what we're doing to help families"

Huang, a former teacher from China, said she became an au pair to travel the world and share her experiences with others. Sunday's fair gave her an opportunity to do so.

The fair, Lavin added, was the company's way of giving back to the Somerville community where Cultural Care Au Pair have worked for over 25 years.

"We enforce the cultural aspect. We think it's really important that people embrace that and it's just not about childcare to us. We really wanted to show what we're doing to help families," Lavin said.





Great ideas on how to teach math

By Rebecca Danvers

Many teachers have great ideas on how to make their classrooms a better place for their students to learn math. The teachers' ideas frequently outrun the budget schools have for supplies and their own ability to subsidize their classroom. The Somerville Mathematics Fund tries to fill this need through the generosity of their donors: John Bullock, Jay Landers & Jasper Lawson, and the Apple Tree Fund. The following teachers won grants to encourage and support mathematics achievement in the classrooms of Somerville.

The Math Fund wants to thank John Bullock for generously underwriting the following teacher grants:

- Julia Allen & Aileene Martinez, East Somerville Community School Unidos (1st), Classroom Games and Parent Math Day
- + Jason Behrens & Basha Goldstein-Weiss, Winter Hill Community Innovation School (K-2, 3-5 afterschool), Child Created Math Games
- Sally Birth, Next Wave (teacher/counselor), Pre-Algebra Curriculum Materials
- Matthew Burch, West Somerville Neighborhood School (5th), Fraction and Decimal Manipulatives
- Jayne Campos, Argenziano School (1st), Classroom Math Rug

- Frances Carino, Winter Hill Community Innovation School (4th), Math Manipulatives and Think Tank Materials
- Michelle Crawford-Cranford, Healey School (4th), Math Games and Activities
- Susanne Douglas, Healey School (4th), Math Interactive Software
- Donna Driscoll, Argenziano & East Somerville Community School (math coach), Family Math Nights
- Sandra Dumas, Brown School (5th), IXL Software
- Janice Fahey-Flynn, Argenzino School (ESL specialist), Math Manipulatives
- Michael Fitzpatrick, St Catherine's of Genoa School (1st), Problem Solving Activities
- + Jane Gardner, Argenziano School (1st), Classroom Math Rug
- Diana Garity, Argenzino School (4th), Math Manipulatives
- Lindsay Garofalo, East Somerville Community School (1st integrated SEIP), Math Game Breakfast
- Ben Garton, Healey School (3rd & 4th), Math Games
- Rebecca Grunko, Healey School (ESL specialist), Family Game Breakfast & Math Games
- + Tzu-Ting (Ting-Ting) Han, Winter Hill Community Innovation School (1st), Math Games and Think Tank Materials
- Denise Marie Lavey, East Somerville Community School (1st, SEIP), Game

Night,

- Mary McGivern, Winter Hill Community Innovation School (inclusion teacher), K-2, 3-5 Math Nights
- Maria Medeiros, Winter Hill Community Innovation School (3rd), Dry Erase Boards & Cuisenaire Rods
- Julie Sahlas, Winter Hill Community Innovation School (3rd), Dry Erase Boards & Cuisenaire Rods

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

- Hannah de Souza Rodrigues, Argenziano School (3rd Sheltered English Immersion), Classroom Math Rug
- Kristen Ryan, West Somerville Neighborhood School (SMILE), Pre-K, K, 3rd Grade Construction Project
- Tracy Selig, St. Catherine of Genoa School (2nd), Math Manipulatives

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

- Kathleen Seward, Brown School (principal for instructional leadership team and PTA), Family Math Night
- Amanda Toro, Winter Hill Community Innovation School (SMILE), Math Manipulatives
- Linda Wiegenfeld, East Somerville Community School (4th), 2-4 Math Night

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for HOUSE RULES FOR 2015-2016 SESSION (H LOCAL AID GUARANTEE BY MARCH 15 (H Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives votes on roll calls from the week of January 26-30. There were no rolls in the Senate last week.

House 114-40, approved a set of rules under which the House will operate during the 2015-2016 session.

Changes from the 2013-2014 session include eliminating the rule that prohibits any member from serving as speaker for more than eight consecutive years; requiring all House committee votes to be posted within 48 hours on the Legislature's website; and banning the taking of photographs and videos in the House chamber while the House is in session.

Supporters said that these changes will make the House and its operations more transparent.

Opponents objected to several provisions including abolishing term limits for the speaker. They said that some of the changes are a beginning but they do not go nearly far enough to really open up the House.

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

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

TERM LIMITS FOR SPEAKER (H 2015)

House 45-110, voted against reinstating a rule that prohibits any member from serving as speaker for more than eight consecutive years. The rule was originally adopted by the House as part of a rules package that was approved in 2009. There was not a specific roll call vote on the limit itself in 2009.

Elimination of the limit allows current House Speaker Robert DeLeo to run again for speaker in the 2017-2018 session and beyond. If the term limit had remained in place, the current 2015-2016 session would have been DeLeo's last.

Speaker DeLeo was a champion of the eight-year limit when it was approved in January 2009. Last week he said that his position on term limits has "evolved" during his six-year tenure as speaker that began in 2009. "I wouldn't say I'm going back on my word as much as the fact that over six years, rightly or wrongly, I feel I have learned in terms of what the importance is of doing away with the term limits we have in the rules."

Supporters of term limits said its elimination is a step backwards and a complete flip-flop that leads to cynicism and mistrust among voters. They argued that term limits prevent anyone from becoming "Speaker for Life." They noted that the indictments and convictions of the three prior speakers, Charlie Flaherty, Tom Finneran and Sal DiMasi, prove that too much power for too long is a problem.

Opponents of term limits said this restriction would make a speaker serving his final two years a lame duck. They noted that it would reduce the speaker's power in dealing with Gov. Charlie Baker and Senate President Stan Rosenberg.

(A"Yes" vote is for the eight-year term limit. A"No" vote is against the limit.)

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

2015)

House 38-118, rejected a rule requiring the House to annually adopt by March 15 resolutions stating the minimum amount of local aid that the Legislature will give to cities and towns for that year.

Supporters said that cities and towns often do not know how much local aid they will receive until the Legislature approves the state budget in July. They noted that most communities assemble their local budgets in March and can better prepare if they know how much local aid they will receive.

Opponents said the House Ways and Means Committee has not even crafted a budget proposal by March 15 and argued that minimum statutory increases in Chapter 70 Education Aid and the governor's budget, which precedes the House version, provide a good estimate to cities and towns. They said that being forced to set dollar figures for local aid too early can result in conservative estimates that are lower than what communities will actually receive.

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

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

REQUIRE ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE **TAX HIKES (H 2015)**

House 34-121, rejected a rule prohibiting the House from approving any tax hikes without a two-thirds roll call vote. The rule also would allow the House to approve tax hikes only up to 30 days prior to the deadline for filing nomination papers to run for a seat in the Legislature. The rule could be suspended by a twothirds vote.

Supporters said this would ensure voters know how their legislators vote on any tax hikes and that taxes are hiked only if they have overwhelming support. They noted that it would also prevent what occurred several years ago year when the House approved a \$1 billion-plus tax hike two days after the filing deadline for candidates who may have chosen to run for office if they knew an incumbent had voted for the tax hike.

Opponents said this goes too far and the two-thirds requirement is unreasonable and would make it very difficult for the House to approve any tax hikes. They argued that the proposed rule is too broad because it applies equally to a \$10 fine and a \$1 billion tax hike.

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

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

PUT HOUSE COMMITTEE ROLL CALLS ON **WEBSITE (H 2015)**

House 155-0, approved a rule that would require all House committee votes to be posted within 48 hours on the Legislature's website. The current rule is vague and requires committee votes to be "kept in the offices of the committee and be available for public inspection."

Supporters said this long overdue proposal would give the public quick and easy access to the committee votes

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continued

of their legislators. They noted under current rules, a person has to come to the Statehouse in Boston during regular business hours in order to obtain this informa-

(A "Yes" vote is for requiring that House committee votes be posted on the Legislature's website.)

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

EQUAL REPRESENTATION ON ETHICS **COMMITTEE (H 2015)**

House 35-120, rejected a rule that would change the current 11-member Ethics Committee to an eight-member one that would include four Democrats and four Republicans. Current rules provide for seven Democrats and only four Republicans on the 11-member committee.

Supporters said a balanced membership, regardless of which party controls the House, would create a truly bipartisan committee and ensure that investigations into any representative's or state worker's conduct are fair and nonpartisan. They noted that the U.S. Congress' Ethics Committee has an equal number of members from both parties.

Opponents said no one has challenged the fairness or integrity of the current Ethics Committee with its Democratic majority. They noted it is illogical to have an equal number of members from each party on the committee when the current makeup of the House membership is 124 Democrats and 34 Republicans.

(A "Yes" vote is for an equal number of Democrats and Republicans. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

MAKE IT HARDER TO SHIP BUDGET AMENDMENTS OFF TO STUDY COMMIT-**TEES (H 2015)**

House 34-120, rejected a rule requiring a two-thirds vote to ship proposed amendments off to a study committee unless the sponsor of the original amendment agrees with conducting a study.

The rule was designed to stop what Republicans describe as successful attempts by Speaker DeLeo and his Democratic leadership team to prevent Democratic members from having to vote directly against many GOP proposals including ones to reduce taxes.

Here's an example of how the GOP says it works: The Republicans offer a proposal to reduce the income tax from 5.3 percent back to 5 percent. If the Democratic leadership does nothing, there would be a roll call vote directly on the tax reduction. Most Democrats would vote against the reduction and then would be open to charges of being against tax relief.

Instead, a Democratic member offers a "delaying" amendment that would prohibit the tax reduction from taking effect until the Department of Revenue studies its economic impact.

Under House rules, the amendment to study and delay the tax cut is voted upon first. If it passes, which it always does, no other amendments can be introduced and the original proposal that would simply cut the tax is dead without ever having a direct vote on it. Republicans say the studies are a sham because they are never done.

They say this is all pre-planned by the Democratic leadership, that the presiding officer at the podium calls upon a representative who is loyal to him and the member proposes the delay and study. Even if a Republican member is waving his or her hand and shouting to be recognized, he or she will not be called upon because he or she would not propose the delay and study.

Some Democrats say the study is often a legitimate option to examine the impact of the tax reduction. Other Democrats acknowledge that the study is proposed to prevent a direct vote on the tax reduction.

Supporters of the rule said this Democratic ploy is used to confuse the voters. They argued that the new rule would at least give supporters of tax reduction amendments a better opportunity to successfully force a vote directly on the tax cuts.

Opponents of the rule said the current system has worked fine and argued that requiring a two-thirds majority for further amendments was simply another procedural delaying tactic by the minority party. They said that raising the bar to a two-thirds majority is a slippery slope that will lead to proposals to require a two-thirds vote for all kinds of legislation.

(A"Yes" vote is for the rule requiring a two-thirds vote. A "No" vote is against the rule.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

NOW AND THEN - During the debate on whether to limit members from serving more than eight consecutive years as speaker of the House, a line by Rep. Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham) provided some comic relief.

Bradley was only 28 years old when he lost his first campaign for state representative against 24-year incumbent Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray in 1998. He is now a 14year incumbent and part of Speaker DeLeo's leadership team. During debate in the House last week, Bradley joked that his slogan in 1998 was "New Blood" while his slogan now is "Experience Counts."

MORE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

Here are some bills that were signed into law in January by former Gov. Deval Patrick.

HEADLIGHTS (H 4567) - Requires drivers to turn on their headlights when visibility is less than 500 feet or when the use of windshield wipers is necessary. These requirements are in addition to the existing law that mandates the use of headlights during the period from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise.

TAX EXEMPTIONS OFFERED BY LOCAL COMMUNITIES (H 4553) - Requires all cities and towns to submit to the state a list of all the exemptions, deferrals or other reductions from locally assessed taxes that are available to individuals in that community. The state would then compile a complete list of what each city and town offers. Prior to passage of this law, the state had only tracked these tax exemptions and deferrals if they are reimbursed by the state.

ALLOW CONSUMERS TO USE COUPONS AND REBATES TO PURCHASE PRESCRIP-TIONS (S 2286) - Extends until July 2017 a current law allowing consumers to use coupons and rebate offers when purchasing brand name prescriptions. The law, approved in 2012, was set to expire in July 2015.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - By the Numbers Edition

5,333 — The number of bills filed for consideration in the 2015-2016 session.

64,750 — The initial number of signatures that will have to be collected by former gubernatorial candidate Evan Falchuck in order to get a binding statewide referendum on the 2016 ballot asking voters whether Boston should host the 2024 Olympic Games.

Between \$20 million and \$30 million — Gov. Baker's estimate of how much last week's blizzard will cost the state.

2 percent — The dropout rate for the 2013-2014 school year in Massachusetts. Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Mitchell Chester says this is the lowest rate in more than 30 years.

3.18 per 100,000 people — The gun death rate in the Bay State according to an analysis by the Violence Policy Center. Massachusetts had the second lowest rate in the nation.

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 26-30, the House met for a total of eight hours and 16 minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and 57 minutes.

House 11:02 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. Mon. January 26 Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.

Tues. January 27 No House session No Senate session

Wed. January 28 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. January 29 House 11:04 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 2:41 p.m.

No House session Fri. January 30 No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Olympics must be a thoughtful, regional effort



By Joseph A. Curtatone

As organizers and community leaders work to put together an Olympics bid for metro Boston we need to cast our thoughts to 2124, not 2024. I support bringing the Olympics to Boston—if done right (which does not include a velodrome in Somerville). With thoughtful planning, I believe hosting the games could create an opportunity to deliver civic benefits to our region and to Somerville. We should not be planning to host a three-week party. Instead, we should be looking to dovetail Olympic preparations with community-building initiatives. We pride ourselves in being national and international thought leaders and a Boston bid should advance the Olympic ideal, using the Games as a transformative event to better the lives of the people in the city/region where the Games take place.

It should be noted up front that a Boston Olympics poses a stern test for regionalism. Area-wise, Boston is a small city. Certain events will have to take place outside the city limits. Many, likely even most, of the visitors for the event would need to stay outside the city. An Olympic Games naturally would spill over into municipalities like Somerville, Cambridge, Revere, Brookline, Newton, and Quincy. We have to work together to make the Olympics a successful event. Enormous strides have been made during the past decade to end our historical fractionalism, but this would mark a whole new level of shared regional stakes.

Infrastructure stands out as a leading regional issue. The MBTA connects many of our communities together and it would require a forklift upgrade in order for Boston to host a summer Olympics. Many of the necessary improvements have been identified. The Green Line extension has its funding

identified and is underway. The Blue-Red connector and North-South connector linger as needed improvements. Modernized car stock, upgraded tracks, and improved signaling systems all would require attention. That doesn't even touch on the Urban Ring Project, expanding existing lines into underserved communities, improving service to Logan Airport, or developing high-speed rail throughout New England. An Olympics would necessitate — and draw federal funding for — a radically different MBTA.

However, infrastructure involves more than rail lines. Roadways, bridgework, and traffic patterns need to be addressed. Pedestrian and cycling infrastructure needs to be added. For instance, collapsing the McGrath Highway overpass in Somerville would need to be fast-tracked, as would major alterations in how you get from Boston to Quincy. We have older sewer and water lines that need to be replaced. Our electric and communications grids cry out for modernization. Metro Boston relies upon too many

remnants of 20th and 19th century infrastructure that need to be retired.

Then we come to housing. According to a recent Metropolitan Area Planning Council report, if we truly wish to address affordability and unmet housing demand, the Boston area needs more than 435,000 new housing units by 2040. In Somerville alone, the report calls for up to 9,000 housing units in that timeframe. Our regional housing shortage requires all hands on deck. And it can't just be one- and two-bedroom condos for young professionals and empty nesters. We need to figure out housing for families as well, which requires more living space and reasonable prices. A Boston Olympics done right should embrace smart growth principles to net us thousands of new housing units—and housing units, not a hulking velodrome, would be a great fit for Somerville. Schools need to be part of the mix as well. Olympic infrastructure could be converted into public schools, new school facilities or needed additions to our public college system.

Also, sustainability should be weaved into all of the Olympic planning. The event should be used to lower our regional carbon footprint. If metro Boston doesn't emerge from a massive undertaking like this both cleaner and greener, we did it wrong. The Olympics call for the youth of the world to assemble every four years, but to what end? Sport and community are the ideals of the Olympics. Yet the youth of the world faces a very real challenge in terms of climate change. The Olympics needs to leave each city where it lights its flame as a beacon for how modern societies can embrace a more sustainable future. Boston should offer itself up as the first of hopefully many to embrace that sort of transformation.

Finally, Boston's Olympics should be a model of civic engagement. We should plan via community processes that tap into the high ideals and innovative thinking of our population, modeling how true citizen participation yields better results. In Somerville, our residents shaped the more than 500 goals for our 20-year Continued on page 16

Life in the Will by Jimmy Del Ponte

Super stressful!



Timeline: Sunday February 1, 7:25 a.m. Superbowl Sunday is finally here.

If I hear the word "deflate" again I'll

freak out! So here's the deal. We have our Chinese food order written down and ready to call in. The TV people they sent to Arizona ticked me off because while they were blabbing, I was in Somerville shoveling and shivering. They ran out of interesting topics days ago.

First of all, two weeks is way too long a time to wait for the Superbowl. Talk about milking something. I enjoyed wearing my Patriots shirt to work though, and it's been fun talking about the game with my co-workers and friends. My problem is that I am now a nervous wreck.

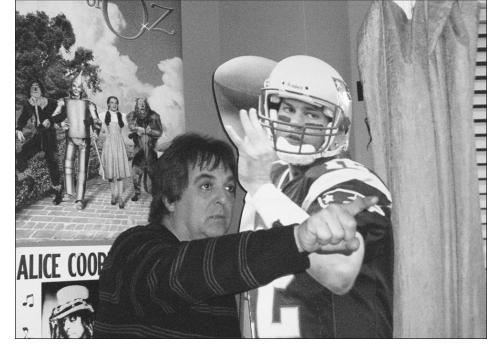
Like many other Boston sports fans I take these games way too serious. I already see myself moping around for three weeks if they lose. So I am going to chronicle my emotions here in this article. I should be thinking about the big snowstorm that is barreling toward us but instead I am thinking about Tom Brady and his ability to bring another Lombardi Trophy home.

What does all the hype mean? For me it's just another thing to stress out about. I know I'm not alone either. The way this story ends is going to determine how my next three weeks are going to be. I'm a crazy fanatic. I will celebrate like a nut, or mourn like an idiot. I know there are a lot of people out there who couldn't care less about The Superbowl, and sometimes I wish I was one of them.

I used to have a five foot cardboard cut out of Tom Brady (see photo). It had a permanent place in my living room. But after the last Superbowl loss to the Giants, I put it out to the trash. To me, it was the reason they lost. I felt like I jinxed them.

Yes, I am one of those superstitious head cases. I used to have a little paper Patriots hat that my son made in school. It stayed on its perch atop the Bose speaker next to my TV until the Pats started losing Superbowls. It broke my heart but it's ... gone now. If I decide to wear my Pats shirt tonight during the game and they start to lose, I will remove it promptly.

Timeline: Its now noon on Superbowl Sunday and my stomach is topsy-turvey. Isn't this whole rooting for the home team thing supposed to be ... fun? Well,



it's not. It will be fun if and when they win, but not yet.

Timeline: Sunday night, 4th quarter. Pats are down 24-14 with 11 minutes left in the game and off comes my Patriots shirt. I threw it into my dining room in disgust. Yes, I lost hope and started thinking about the mourning process. All of a sudden the Pats come raging back and are up 28-24! But The Seahawks make it to the goal line with an apparent

victory in reach with about 20 seconds left. My heart is thumping like mad! I am bumming out. But wait! A goal line interception by a little known rookie named Malcom Butler! I am jumping up and down screaming over and over, "Are you kidding me?" I could not believe what I had just witnessed.

Somerville Facebook people are going nuts! No one believes what just happened. The Patriots, Continued on page 20

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times



In what could only be termed a close and sometimes enervating match-up, our beloved New England Patriots won the big win last Sunday. Our heartfelt appreciation for their stunning achievements this past season is indisputable. They played great, and we love them for it.

We congratulate the Seattle Seahawks for an outstanding season and the tremendous effort that they put into the championship final. Their players and fans have much to be proud of, and their post-season accomplishments are duly noted.

In spite of snowstorms and the trials and travails that we all must endure at this time, New England sports fans are walking a little taller this week, and smiling a bit more broadly.

This achievement makes us mindful of how much we appreciate the role that sport and fitness plays in living healthy, happy lives; how important balancing physical activity with our often too cerebral existence is; and teaching us – and especially our children – the value of good sportsmanship and the spirit of fair

competition.

We don't need a Super Bowl title to remind us of these things, but when our team steps up and earns one, this invariably happens.

So, as we collectively celebrate our team's victory and exercise our bragging rights for all the world to see, let us also be gracious in and humble as we do so.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

We guess the Board of Alderman members were busy shoveling their sidewalks from these past two storms. They cancelled the Public Hearing on the new snow ordinance for Tuesday (yesterday) the 3rd because of the snow. No date given yet for when it will be rescheduled. Is there something wrong with that or is it just us? We will report the new date as soon as they announce it. Look on our web site and on Facebook and Twitter for the new date. Remember, this new ordinance was voted on already by the entire Board of Alderman except for Ward 6 Rebeckah Gerwitz, who was absent. Now they see that many are upset over the ordinance so they call for a Public Hearing after the fact.

We hear a rumor that Alderman Rebeckah Gerwitz is not going to seek re-election. We also hear if that happens School Committee member in Ward 6, Paul Bockleman, will run for office. We also heard that Alderman Tony LaFaunte of Ward 4 – a former mayoral candidate – might consider running for mayor again with his son Andrew running for his seat in Ward 4. Wouldn't that be interesting? There is enough of a divide here

in Camelot to maybe give long time Mayor Joe Curtatone a problem. What do you think?

Happy Birthday this week to some here in the city and fans of The Times: Lifelong resident and great lady Ann Dunbar is celebrating this week. We wish her the very best. Alderman and great guy in Ward 3, who is very busy continuing the leadership he was elected to conduct, we salute Alderman Bob McWatters and wish him a very happy birthday. Also, a great lady and former Villen, Eleanor Pye, who grew up here and worked at SCATV for awhile. She now works at Endicott College. We wish her a very happy birthday. Also, happy birthday to an old friend, Tim McGavin, formerly of Medford. Another good friend, Mr. David Olsen is celebrating this week.

The new zoning ordinances being proposed go to public hearing, scheduled for February 10 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Alderman Chambers. This is very important if you want to have a say in the new proposal by the mayor

The Boston Science Fiction Film Fes-

and his staff.

tival and Marathon ("Boston SciFi") is an 11-day cinematic event held at the historic Somerville Theatre from February 6th to the 16th. The 2015 edition marks our 40th 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 700 close friends. It starts at noon on the 15th and ends at noon on President's Day. At the Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, MA 02144 (617) 625-5700.

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Tickets are on sale for this year's Somerville High School Musical production of Aida. Three performances of "Aida," an Elton John/ Tim Rice collaboration, are scheduled for February 2015 at SHS's newly renovated Centennial Auditorium. Adapted from the four-time TONY award-winning hit, Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida School Edition is an epic tale of love, loyalty and betrayal chronicling the love triangle between

Aida, a Nubian princess stolen from her country, Amneris, an Egyptian princess, and Radames, the soldier they both love. Get your tickets before they sell out. For tickets and show information, please visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/musical<http:// www.somerville.k12.ma.us/musical>. All performances will take place in the beautiful, refurbished SHS Auditorium, 81 Highland Avenue. • Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM · Friday, February 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM · Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 2:00 PM Purchase your tickets in advance and save! Ticket prices are: Adult: \$10 advance purchase / \$12 at the door. Students (PK-12 and any young child not in school requiring their own seat): \$8 advance purchase / \$10 at the door. Senior Citizens: \$8 advance purchase / \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance by mailing a check to Rosemary Sears at Somerville High School (81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143) or by visiting www.ticketstage.com/ SHS<http://www.ticketstage.com/ SHS> (convenience fee applies to online ticket purchases). Make checks payable to SHS Performing Arts.

Making room for progress

By Donald Norton

A new look for Winter Hill is coming, at least on one corner. This past weekend the old Blumsack building on the corner of Temple & Broadway was torn down to make room for a new building. A condo complex is proposed for the entire corner from Langmaid Avenue to Temple along Broadway, with retail spaces on the first level. It will be a big change for Winter Hill, and hopefully the other eyesore at the old Star Market building will soon have something going in.











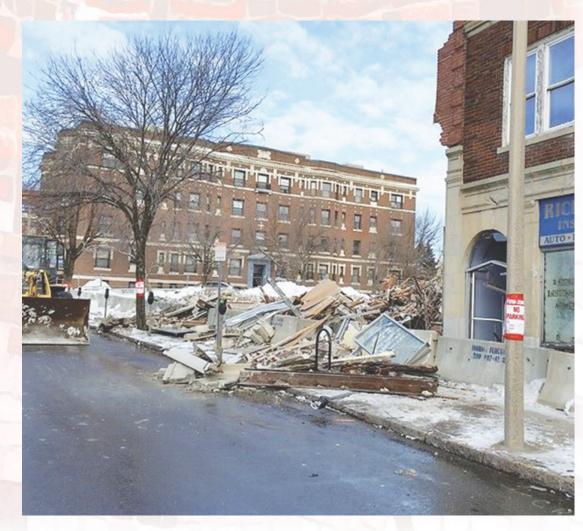












Photos by Donald Norton & courtesy photos

SPORTS

Local football athlete represents Team USA in 2015 International Bowl

By Tom Bannister

As a member of this year's Under-16 National Team, outside linebacker and Somerville resident Joseph Gulla, currently attending Everett High School, had the opportunity to represent the United States last night in the 2015 International Bowl.

Hosted at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, Gulla's skill set and athleticism helped Team USA in the tough battle against Team Canada, losing 34-17.

The 2015 International Bowl is a collaboration of the sport's national governing bodies in each country –USA Football and Football Canada – featuring top student-athletes in football's greatest annual international

competition.

In a back-and-forth game at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, the U.S. Under-16 National Team fell behind at the end and couldn't counter, falling 34-17 to its counterpart from Canada.

The two sides traded points through the first three quarters as Nicolas Sciba (Clover, SC) gave the U.S. an early 3-0 lead on a 26-yard field goal. After a Canada touchdown, Ryan Ellis (Corona, CA) capped a U.S. drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. Canada scored again to take a 13-10 lead into halftime, but the United States countered soon after the break with a 47-yard TD pass from Jaylen Mayden (Rowlett, TX) to Shannon.



Somerville teen Joseph Gulla joined other young athletes from around the U.S.A in playing the 2015 International Bowl.

Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge #460

- 1. What professional USA sports franchise has team won the most national championships?
- 2. Where was the famous Molasses Spill in Boston?
- 3. What was Revere Beach amusements called?
- 4. What was referred to as the "Disneyland of the Northeast"?
- 5. What team won the first two Super Bowls?
- 6. Where was the second Dunkin' Donuts in the chain opened?
- 7. What is the largest religious denomination in the USA?

- 8. Who is the Vince Lombardi Trophy named after?
- 9. Which comic actor had everyone in the country saying "Well excuse me" during the 1970s?
- 10. Who wrote Broadway shows before writing the opera *Porgy and Bess?*
- 11. Since the mid-1960s, what has been the most-circulated weekly magazine?
- 12. Which Las Vegas casino boasts the highest observation tower (1,149 feet) in the U.S.?

Answers on page 23



'Fan the Fire' event to liven Autism Awareness Day

By Rebecca Danvers

On Saturday, February 7, at 2:00 p.m., a men's basketball game will be held at Tufts University in Cousens Gym vs. Williams, where this year's annual Fane the Fire event will be hosted, in support of national Autism Awareness Day.

In the attached basketball court (Chase Gym), they are partnering up with Tufts' fraternity, Theta Delta Chi (whose philanthropy is Autism Awareness) to provide some entertainment for the kids in case they do not want to watch the basketball game for the whole time. The original ideas for entertainment may include face painting, hoola hoops, and bean bag toss.

Many basketball programs across the NCAA are partner-



ing up with Autism Awareness on this day. But this cause is especially pertinent to Tufts because of the involvement of the Tufts University School of Medicine (TUSM).

TUSM's research focused around this cause provides a unique connection to Tufts. During half time, they will be recognizing TUSM's commitment to this cause. They are reaching out to the organizations that TUSM works closely with and inviting the families af-

fected closely by autism.

Depending on available time, they are also planning on having Tufts BEATs perform at half time.

The giveaways include the following: Autism Awareness pins, water bottles, rally towels, and Fan the Fire stickers and patches.

They will also be implementing their new student section, the name of which has been voted on by the student body and will be revealed on the eve of the event.

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Local is for Lovers Valentines Day Market



By Rebecca Danvers

Valentine's Day is almost here and nothing says "I love you" more than a gift for your beloved and your beloved community.

You can find gifts from local artisans and crafters at Somerville Local First's Valentine's Day Local is for Lovers Market.

The market takes place Sunday, February 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue). It is free and easily accessible by car or public transportation.

Knucklebones will be setting up their mobile playspace (for a suggested donation of \$3) so the kids have a place to get out some pent up winter energy while their parents shop or sip a local brew (coffee or beer).

The Local is for Lovers Market will feature local vendors selling everything from jewelry and handmade soap to sweets and clothing.

Vendors and shoppers at previous Local is for Lovers Market have raved about their experience and the next market promises to be just as fun. Somerville Local First Executive Director says, "We've always aimed to do something different with these markets, creating a shopping and community experience that's fun for the whole family."

Shoppers have commented on the community feel of the markets, a place to gather and see friends while seeing some of the best local vendors around.

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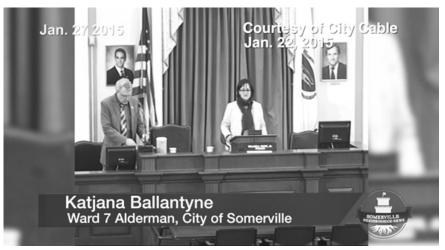
What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

We have some interesting headlines for the latest Somerville Neighborhood News show, a community news production brought to you by the dedicated staff, volunteers and interns at Somerville Community Access TV. Here is one featured headline:

Calls for FRIT to build union at Assembly

By Yuxiao Yuan.

Area unions and labor leaders have decided to wage a campaign against Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT) for its recent decision to hire non-union labor to build a 448-unit apartment at the Assembly Square, and on Jan. 22, the Board of Aldermen joined the movement, voting a resolution urging FRIT to reverse its decision.



"We want to make sure that a project of this size scale, it will really benefit our community, and one of the ways is to make sure that it does is to make sure that the work is done union, and that the work will allow local residents not only to live here, but to work here as well," Rand Wilson, Communications Director for Service Employees International Union 888 told Somerville Neighborhood News (SNN). The apartment complex will rise on "Block 6" area of the Assembly Square redevelopment area. The redevelopment area received more than \$80 million in public funding for the construction of the Orange Line MBTA station, infrastructure and roadways. But because the apartment building is a private, not a public development, it is not subject to the same rules as public construction jobs regarding hiring at "prevailing wage" which usually results in using union labor.

"Even though Federal Realty is benefiting from having the Orange Line here, and from all of the infrastructure that the city and the state has created here, it's not a prevailing wage job," Wilson explained. "So when the bidding occurs it's not a level playing field between the good contractor that provides health care and pension benefits and training opportunities, and a contractor that's making as much money as they can and is ready to exploit labor by any means necessary."

Wilson helped a group of unions write and circulate an open letter published in the Somerville Journal. One of the workers quoted in the letter is Jaril Gauthier, a lifelong Somerville resident and a member of the Sheet Metal Workers union.

"It costs a lot of money to raise family in Somerville," Gauthier, a father of four, told SNN. "If you work for union, at least they pay you good money and you can

Gauthier said hiring union contractor would also benefit FRIT.

"Actually, we do good work. So you really get what you pay for," he added.

Gauthier also said he hoped that City Hall would intervene on the issue.

But in a written statement sent earlier this month, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone implied that his office was not going to question FRIT's decision.

"The city has been and will continue to work to attract new construction jobs through community driven development," the statement read, adding that "as conversations between the trades and the contractors arise with each new project, we will continue to facilitate those conversations."

There was no mention of addressing the D-6 construction with FRIT.

But the city's Board of Aldermen is not sitting still. On January 22, nine members of the board submitted a resolution that "strongly urges Federal Realty Investment Trust to employ union labor for all aspects of construction at Assembly Square and to give preference to qualified Somerville residents when hiring."

"It's something like \$60 million dollars in bonds we've been giving to Assembly Square and I think that we have a right to say, 'We'd like to see some local hire here, we'd like to see some union hire," Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin said at the Jan. 22 meeting, before the vote.

FRIT was also not available for an interview but did sent a written statement on Jan. 21.

Andrea Simpson, Director of Marketing & Tourism and head of Corporate Communications, said that the developer has "a strong track record of 100 percent union labor for our commercial project work at the Assembly Row development," but that using union labor for the apartment building was too expensive.

"At the moment, we have not been able to find an innovative way to bridge the construction cost gap and Federal Realty is not willing to pass the excess cost onto future renters," Simpson wrote.

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

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Housing

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

Neighborhood Character

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

- Calls attention to the thriving arts & creative economy of Somerville and permits these activities to thrive across the city.
- Requires new buildings in certain districts to set aside floor area as leasable arts and creative use spaces.
- Creates a new districts zoned specifically for artisan production, exhibition, sales, service, education, shared workspaces, and similar uses by the arts and creative economy.

Transformational Redevelopment

- Harnesses the demand for residential housing to redevelop underutilized areas of the city as new neighborhoods.
- Implements standards for new, developer-built infrastructure in transformational areas
- Requires a commercial/residential development mix in certain special districts as called for by the SomerVision Comprehensive Plan.

Smart Growth

- Establishes transit-oriented parking standards across the entire city.
- Coordinates zoning with the community-driven neighborhood planning of Somerville by Design.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

290 Highland Ave ZBA #2015-01: Applicant & Owner, 290 Highland Ave LLC, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure, a Special Permit with Site Review to establish 7 units and Variances for dimensional requirements such as lot area per dwelling unit, building story height, and setbacks. A Variance is required for parking relief. RC Zone. Ward 3

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 ORDER TO RENDER

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI12P0537EA

Estate of:

Mary M Fontaine

Date of Death: 10/18/2011

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Anny, For Joseph Fontaine **Oakham**

requesting that the Court enter an Order that

Christina M Woodman Somerville MA

be ordered to render an Inventory, render an Account, 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 a.m. on 02/23/2015.

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.

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

Date: January 16, 2015 2/4/15 The Somerville Times Tara E. De Cristofaro **Register of Probate**

Great ideas on how to teach math CONT. FROM PG 7

Mathematics Fund, an affiliate of the national scholarship organization Dollars for Scholars, was chartered in 2000 to celebrate and encour-

age achievement in mathematics in the city of Somerville, Massachusetts. Over fifteen years, the Somerville Math Fund has awarded \$79,640 in teacher grants in the city of Somerville.

In early April, the fund will be seeking applications from students who reside in Somerville for college mathematics scholarships. Links to the scholarship application form is available at www.somervillemathematicsfund.org

more information, to volunteer or to make a tax-deductible contribution, please contact Erica Voolich (617-666-0666 or mathfund@gmail.com).

Olympics must be a thoughtful, regional effort **CONT. FROM PG 10**

comprehensive plan Somer-Vision. Surely the engaged citizens of greater Boston could unite in a public process to pool our best thinking on how to leverage the Olympics for needed community benefits. This should be an Olympics of the people, by the people, for the people.

The mere thought of hosting an Olympics seems daunting to many people, like a massive undertaking. Done right, it should be a massive undertaking, one with goals that extend far beyond the Games themselves. The municipalities that constitute Greater Boston share many of the same goals that we're trying to tackle in piecemeal fashion. The Olympics presents an opportunity to leap

forward on some of the most pressing issues such as transportation, infrastructure, and housing. A true Boston Olympics should be one where we go to the International Olympic Committee and say, "This is how you do it better." We

should be guided by John Winthrop and John F. Kennedy, using the Olympics to make Boston a true city upon a hill. That's the Olympics I want metro Boston to pursue and I remain hopeful we can achieve it.

HAPPENING CENTE

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fiore's Restaurant – Wednesday, February 11th – check in time is 10:45 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and 11:00 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 3:00 P.M. Join us for a delicious lunch – choice of Chicken Parmesan, Salmon or Eggplant Parmesan - \$25.- fee, this will sell out fast so please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Songbirds of the Northeast – Thursday, February 12 – 10:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – 167 Holland Street - Learn how to recognize our songbirds by their songs and calls and create landscapes that attract these birds to our neighborhoods with a 90 minute power point presentation featuring both images and recordings. This event is free and is offered by naturalist and landscaper John Root. This program is supported in part by the Somerville Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

Grandparents Day 2015 – Wednesday, February 18th from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. This is a school vacation week and we would love it if you brought your grandchildren! But you don't need grandchildren to attend! This year's theme is "The Roots of Fun." Join us and our friends at Teen Empowerment for a full day of activities for little kids, teenagers and older adults. Highlights include planting seeds together and a viewing of Walt Disney's Fantasia. RSVP is a must, as a kid-friendly lunch and other goodies are included so please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

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

Stoneham Theatre - Wednesday, March 11th - Departing our Holland Street Center at 11:30 A.M. for lunch and a 2:00 P.M. matinee of "That Hopey Changey Thing." A play written by Richard Nelson exploring ideas big & small, personal & political all fashioned into a heartfelt, funny & engaging snapshot of contemporary life. The play examines everything from Sarah Palin to the best way to de-skunk a dog. A fee of \$25.- includes theatre admission and SCM transportation. Lunch at a local restaurant is an additional cost. Approximate return time is 4:30 P.M. To register or to learn more please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

Boston Flower & Garden Show – Thursday, March 12th – Departing our Holland Street Center at 9:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 3:00 P.M. A fee of \$26.- includes tickets and round trip SCM transportation. Lunch at a waterfront area restaurant is an additional cost. This year's theme is "Season of Enchantment." Gardening, cooking, floral design demos,

lectures and so much more. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

Washington, D.C. Patriotic/Americana Tour - Thursday, April 30 to Sunday, May 3rd - Visit Historic Washington, D.C., WWII Memorial, Arlington Cemetary, Vietnam, Korea, Iwo Jima, FDR, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. Illuminated night tour of the monuments and many many more stops. Trip includes: professional tour director, hotal accommodations, transportation, 3 breakfasts, 1 luncheon, 2 dinners, including dinner theatre, admission to Washington touring, including tour mobile transportation, tax & gratuity. \$589.- double or triple occupancy, \$749.- single occupancy, deposit of \$150.- per person with the final payment due on April 1st. Check in time will be 6:00 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center on Thursday, April 30th with an approximate return time between 10:00 - 10:30 P.M. on Sunday, May 3rd. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THE CITY CALLS A SNOW **EMERGENCY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE** CLOSED THE SCOA WILL ALSO BE CLOSED AND ALL PROGRAMS, GROUPS, EXERCISE CLASSES & EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY WILL BE CANCELLED.

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

The Valentine's Day Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Monday, February 9 is **SOLD OUT**.

Super Bingo scheduled for Friday, February 13 is SOLD

Please note that all centers are closed on Monday, February 16 due to the President's Day Holiday.

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

Super Bingo scheduled for Thursday, March 19 is SOLD

The trip scheduled to Wildwood, NJ on May 11th – 15th is **SOLD OUT**.

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

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

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Advisory Group – Our next Advisory Group meeting will be on Monday, February 9th at 4:30 P.M. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Monthly Lunch – There will be no LGBT Lunch scheduled for February. The next lunch will be scheduled for Monday, March 9th - more details to follow. This event happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Dinner & Movie - There is no LGBT Dinner & Movie night in January because the 3rd Monday falls on a City Holiday – MLK Day. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6 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.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

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

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

Thursdays:

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday February 4

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Thursday February 5

9:00 Yoga (H)

10:00 Current Events Group (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

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

Friday February 6

10:00 Book Club (H) 11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday February 9

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Tuesday | February 10

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:30 Low Vision Support Group (H)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Culinary Arts

Wednesday | February 11

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

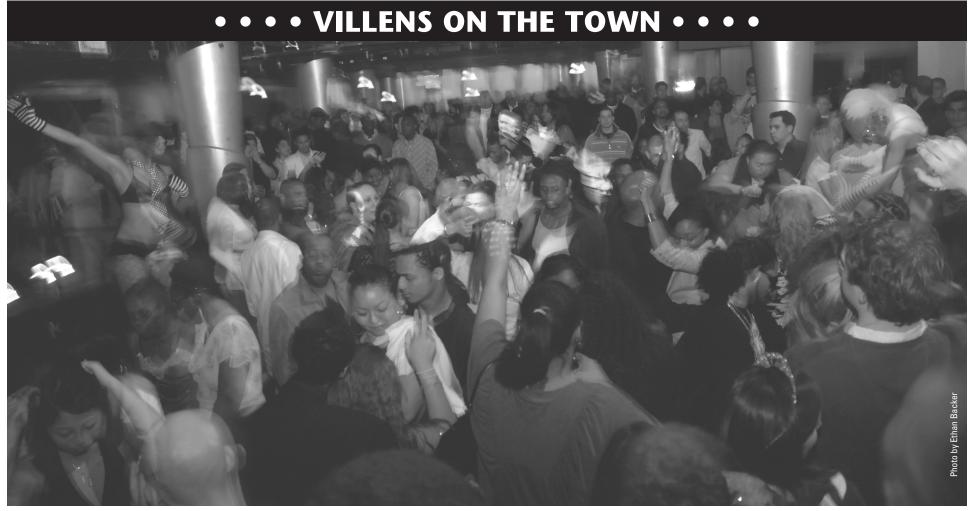
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10 a.m..|Performance Hall An Afternoon with Anthony Coleman plus a special guest set by Anastasiya Dumma & John Lockwood

4 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

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Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

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CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday February 4

Central Library

Board Game Night Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000 x2914

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Adam Sweeting

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10 a.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmers'

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

Bagel Bards

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Sunday February 8

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Central Library

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Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga

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led by three time Superbowl MVP Tom Brady and coach Bill Belichick had just won their fourth Superbowl. I am now very happy. And to make it sweeter, no work Monday because of the snowstorm. I stayed up very late watching the coverage of the fantastic Superbowl win.

The Chinese food was great and my Patriots shirt is still on the dining room floor. I even have some leftover fried rice, lobster sauce and a couple of crab Rangoons.

Granted, some of us fans in New England are way too into our sports teams but none of that matters now. All the seemingly silly game day superstitions worked out this year. The New England Patriots are Superbowl winners! After what Boston went through at The

Marathon, it will be nice to celebrate a sweet victory together.

But not everyone is into football. My cousins Freddie and Carol wait for the games to start before they go shopping at Market Basket because it's usually deserted. However, on this Superbowl Sunday, Market Basket was mobbed with shoppers stocking up for the snowstorm.

My Facebook post summed up how it feels ... my TV has stayed on all night! I have been watching the NFL Network while flicking back and forth to the local channels to get all the Patriot Superbowl coverage I could possibly get!!! Thank you Grandpa for settling in Somerville so I could become a fan of Boston sports!! And thank you Patriots!!!

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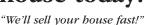
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The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech	9:00am	Evangelico	1:00pm	Tails of the City	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group	7:00am	
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Pearls of Irregular Sh	11:00am	Henry Parker Presents	2:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	7:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	
The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech	12:00pm	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Active Aging	7:30pm	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	9:00am	
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Endicott College poet Simrin Tamhane writes of hypocrisy, and writes about it with pith and wit.

What She Says.

She shares PETA's posts on Facebook and calls Herself an activist.

But she's wearing UGG's and a vintage leather jacket. She cries over designers selling fur coats and hats And then goes on to say "This is a pure Shahtoosh scarf, That I got for my 16th."

She says she loves animals but, She forgets to feed her fish and Instagram's the guy's funeral. Hashtag poor baby I'll miss you. Rest in peace.

She claims to be vegetarian but Forks up all my bacon. She also says she loves my company But I'm not too sure.

> - Simrin Tambane Endicott College '18 International Studies Major

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The Pavement Picasso Celebrates the People's Poet: Jack Powers

Interview with Sidewalk Sam

I got the news famed Boston street artist Sidewalk Sam died. Here is an interview I conducted with him several years ago. Sam also talked about another figure who has passed away, the poet Jack Powers, found of Stone Soup Poets. Both men were great artists in their own regard, and great supporters of the arts. They will be sorely missed.

Sidewalk Sam is a Boston-based street artist who often uses sidewalks of the Hub as a canvas for his work. Sam believes in bringing art to the people through his sidewalk paintings, outreach, and through his organization Art Street. So it seemed natural for Sam to be organizing a 70th birthday party for Boston's poet of the people and founder of the venerable Stone Soup Poets. Stone Soup, since it was founded by Jack Powers on the foot of Beacon Hill in Boston in 1971, has been a venue for readings, and publishing. Powers and his band of brothers have published poetry books by folks like the San-Francisco poet and City Lights bookstore owner, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, and other known and unknown poets over the years. A slew of poets like Lyn Lifshin, Frannie Lindsay, Gregory Corso have read and passed through these poetic portals. And many more have got their first reading experience at this supportive venue. Currently, Stone Soup is housed at the Out of the Blue Gallery, 106 Prospect St., Cambridge, Mass., and meets at 8 p.m. I spoke with Sam on my Somerville Community Access TV show Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer.

Doug Holder: I am told John Kerry discovered while you were painting on the street in Boston, and helped you get funding for your organization "Art Street."

Sidewalk Sam: He said, "I want to connect you with a community group you could associate with." He helped with Art Street, which is an association of artists, poets, actors, musicians, who go out to the streets of Boston to celebrate humankind.

DH: You are organizing a birthday party for Jack Powers, the founder of Stone Soup Poets. How does his mission does compare to yours?

SS: I am a voice crying in the desert, making straight to the way of the Lord. And in a way that "Lord" is Jack Powers. Let me explain to you the vital role he plays in the 21st century. Society – modern life – has been corrupted by commercialism and abstract giant powers working their will on we, the little people. A gentle giant began to fight out against this some forty or fifty years ago. A man named Jack Powers, who was born into the projects of Boston and had every disadvantage given to him, but yet he emerged as a holy man. A visionary, a poet, someone who sees the beauty in daily life. And he brought his poetry out so that he could celebrate all of us. He has been doing this celebration of "you and me" in his poetry for fifty years, without once thinking of personal gain, without making it an advantage for him, without caring about his own future. He wanted to bring beauty into the world and notice and mark the goodness in people. He has done this more completely than anyone I know in modern day life. He has it done it more than priests and nuns, philosophers, more than politicians. He brings a kind of "love" to "you and me" and into all the things he does. It is almost a religious experience. What I hope to do is pause on his 70th birthday and have all of us appreciate people like this. Jack has turned every little gesture of everyday life into a prayer.

DH: How did you first meet Jack?

SS: I was doing drawings of old master paintings on the sidewalk: Rembrandts, DiVinci and so forth. Jack was reading poets like Ferlinghetti, poets of the Beat Generation. We were both celebrating little acts of consciousness in daily life, and we were drawn instantly to each other. This was some fifty years ago when we were both in our late teens. We did not know how to be "great" or "imposing" or make it into the cultural scene. We thought that being good and doing decent things was the way to go.

DH: You were the son of a Harvard professor. Jack was a son of the projects. Interesting chemistry for a



friendship, no?

SS: But we noticed a similarity. Both of us were castoffs, but both of us were believers. I think of the early mystics, knowing their mission, and when they were in touch with a good human being.

DH: Can you talk about some of the projects you two have been involved with over the years?

SS: Oh, we had lovely projects. There was a derelict entrance way in the North End that passed under the elevated expressway, only a few short years ago. The Freedom Trail passed under the expressway. It seemed to lose itself in the ghoulish land of the underpass. The underpinnings of the expressway were dark and gooey, dripping and rusted. It was a scab on the city. I didn't understand why such a place could exist in the entrance to the North End, one of the glorious parts of Boston. This was in the 80's. We painted the underside of the overpass in bright blue. We painted gold stars on the ceiling and had cherubs flying on the walls. We painted pillars as if they were important cathedral pillars. We painted the sidewalk—we put in flower boxes, we put paintings on the wall, we had poetry and music on the street. The underpass was turned into a delightful place and people in the North End loved it!

DH: Jack moved from Beacon Hill to the North End, right?

SS: Jack lived on Beacon Hill at a time when it was known as "Beatnik Hill." He was gorgeous person in that area and era. He was a handsome and noble leader. Every inch a poet.

DH: Jack was known as a political and poetry activist. He established a food bank at Columbia Point, had poetry on the Boston Commons, started the Beacon Hill Free School, protested the Vietnam War, etc. But he is also a fine poet in his own right.

SS: I think he is a very good poet. His poetry has a strong sense of spirituality. He makes words special. He has the gift of having a large dramatic vision. But he has the ability to bring it down to the everyday. As an artist using the name "Jacques Debris," a genius name, he has used all kinds of left over things on the street and turns them into art. He found a piece of white stone and put it on a pouch on a plaque. This is in my opinion is one of the most beautiful, insightful pieces of art in the city of Boston. Jack has expanded his art into the field of social responsibility.

DH: You talk about rampant commercialism in art today. Do you think artists are more careerist as opposed to the 60's?

SS: People have always looked out for themselves as best they could. I think each "age" of people has people looking out for themselves. But what is unique about Jack is that he is almost a saint, in the way he doesn't look out for himself. He is a holy fool. He is willing to preach to the birds and bees because there is glory in it. He has respect for humans on the tiniest level.

DH: I was surprised with all that Jack did over the years yet he never had a teaching position in a university, etc. Do you think the "academy" didn't know how to

SS: This is the case. Because he wasn't self-promoting, he runs the risk of passing away unknown. I think that would be enormous mistake.

For more info about Jack Powers go to http://jackpowerspoet.blogspot.com.

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