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Patsy's could close soon

Mixed-use proposal for site moves forward



Photo courtesy of Khalsa Designs

An architectural rendering of the five-story, 55-foot building proposed at the site of Patsy's Pastries in East Somerville.

By David R. Smith

Patsy's Pastry Shop could close as early as the end of this month as plans to demolish the East Somerville landmark with a new five-story commercial and residential building move forward.

A neighborhood meeting held Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Cross Street Senior Center at 165 Broadway gave residents an opportunity to both hear about and see details of the plan, as well as a chance to voice their concerns about the project in advance of the Planning Board's public hearing of the project scheduled for this Thursday, Feb. 6.

Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin, who rents an apartment adjacent to the site, asked Alderman-At-Large and BOA President Bill White to lead the meeting to avoid any perceived conflicts of interest. McLaughlin told residents he planned to move out of the apartment by May.

The project has been designed under the CCD55 zoning category, which allows buildings to be built up to 55 feet in height. While the project is well within the CCD55 zoning requirements, any projects proposed under that category require a special

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A hairy situation

BeardFest 2014 held at The Center for Arts at the Armory

By Erica Scharn

The 2014 Beard & Moustache Contest celebrated facial hair of all shapes and sizes this past Sunday. The facial hair artistry on display included a button beard, a glowing beard, braided beards and curly moustaches.

The Somerville Arts Council's (SAC) fourth BeardFest took place from 2 to 5 p.m. Feb. 2 at The Center for Arts at the Armory on Highland Avenue. The public, family-friendly event bestowed playful prizes in five categories: Natural Full Beard, Free-style Full Beard, Free-style Moustache, Free-style Partial Beard (such as goatees and/or sideburns), and Fake Beard. The afternoon also featured a make-your-own beard table, music by DJ Pace and food and drink.

"It's just silly and fun," SAC Executive Director Gregory Jenkins said.

BeardFest is the brainchild of SAC volunteer Todd Easton, who also co-produces the event. He pitched the idea of a beard contest to Jenkins several years ago as a

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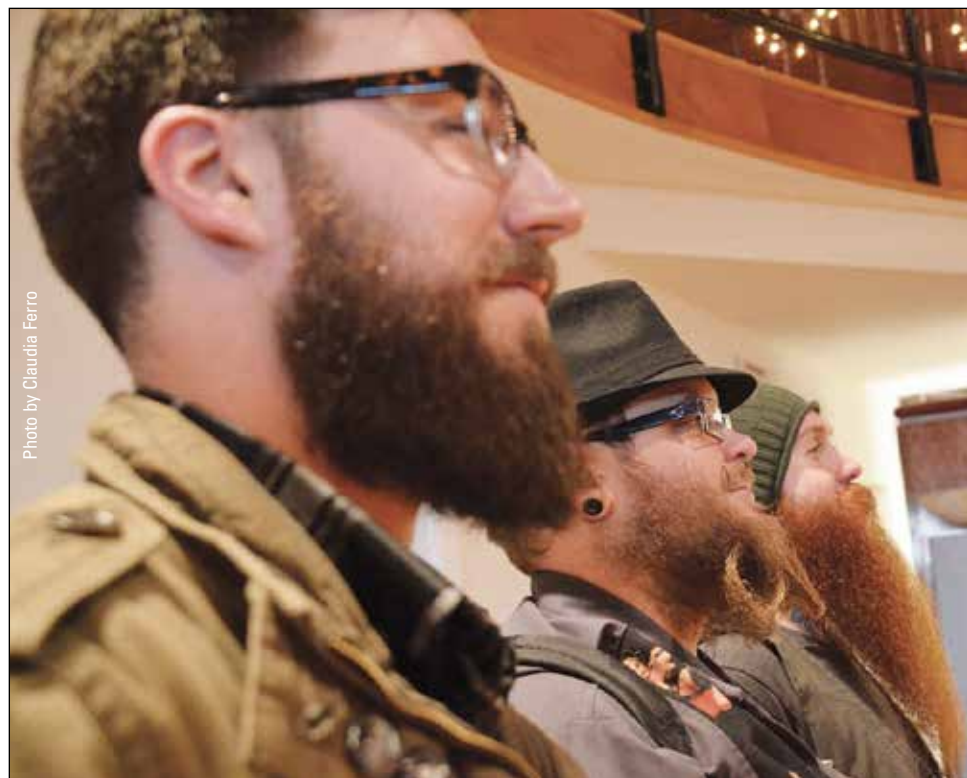


Photo by Claudia Ferro

Some of Somerville's fuzziest fun seekers got to let their hair down at SAC's 2014 Beard & Moustache Contest on Sunday at The Center for the Arts at the Armory.

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The monthly Chamber of Commerce “Business After Hours” gathering is Thursday evening at 6 over at the Foundry in Davis Square. Members are invited to join in and network.

“StoryCorps” at the library kick offs this weekend. Be part of history in the making! Somerville Public Library is one of 10 public libraries across the United States to be selected as a StoryCorps @ your library pilot site. The project aims to record the voices of a diverse mix of Somerville residents and to capture their stories, thoughts and ideas. Somerville teens, families and adults, come by to find out more and sign up for a time to share your story. Refreshments will be served. Saturday, February 8, 2:30-5:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 9, 3:30-5 p.m. at the Somerville Central Library, 79 Highland Avenue. For more information call the Teen Room at 617-623-5000 x2936, or email Maria Carpenter at mcarpenter@somervillema.gov, www.somervillepubliclibrary.org.

The commercial tax rate is out and was approved by the aldermen last year, and now rent increases have already been given to business tenants. In Ball Square, every single business in one large building saw huge increases ready to take effect March 1. The fall out of these massive increases all at once will have a drastic effect on local consumers, either with a raise in prices or just plain leaving Somerville and boarding up vacant stores. We’re wondering how effective the public hearing held Tuesday will be and what could be the end result? Can they somehow go back in time and wipe it out? Let’s hope the Board of Alderman can come up with a solution, as some increases were way over 50 percent. The committee hearing held this past Tuesday night will be addressed again, hopefully with the full Board of Alderman.

The neighborhood meetings last week in East Somerville were both emotional and downright upsetting to the many neighbors attending. On Wednesday, the first public meeting was standing-room only at the hearing of angry neighbors on the proposed move to build 121 units on land now owned by Stop & Shop, the developer met with huge

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Comments of the Week

Response to Somerville High School voted eligible for possible renovation

Great says:
This is good news. The condition of SHS is an embarrassment. Our kids and community deserve better.

MarketMan says:
I would prefer the old high school be renovated, but if a new high school should be built... I hope the city would have the foresight to keep the old high school building and improve it for other city uses... even another school (middle school or elementary). If the city really wants to attract families, it has to think ahead. The building is an asset (and a beautiful building) that should not be given up that easily.

A.Moore says:
Hopefully renovated right this time and not by the company that did it last time who also did the police building. How about a legitimate company this time. Myself I would prefer it to be renovated along with the library. All the new buildings here do not have the life span of these old buildings. Which with a good maintenance program would give us a better building for less money in the long run. But it will probably be more what the ceo of Somerville wants than we the taxpayers.

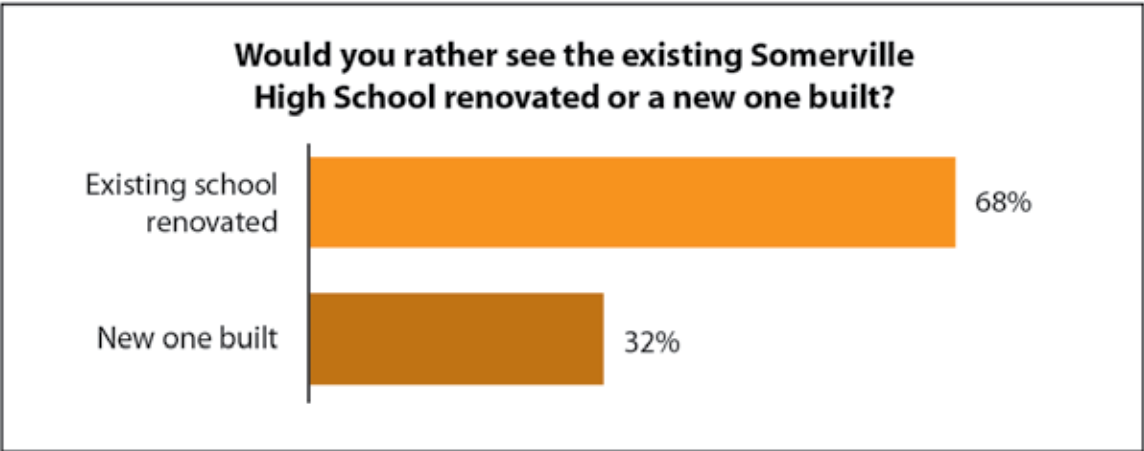
JAR says:
The SHS campus is iconic—a monument to everything that is right about Somerville. It’s placement atop the hill symbolizes, to me, Somerville’s long-held values of solid, sound education above all else. It is in a prime location and deservedly so in my opinion. As such, it should be renovated and modernized perhaps with a view toward making it a landmark green building conversion that will continue to stand for generations as a symbol of an old City that is forever young. To demolish and replace it, or to otherwise move it would be a travesty.

JAR
SHS’77

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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 would rather see the existing Somerville High School renovated or a new one built. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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Somerville man's body discovered behind Norwood School

By David R. Smith

Police identified the body discovered behind a Norwood school last week as that of a 66-year-old Somerville resident.

Vincnet Lalli was identified using fingerprint analysis. His identity was confirmed last Thursday, a day after a woman walking her dog in the woods behind the Coakley Middle School discovered his body, which Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said had "suffered massive trauma."

Lalli was reported missing to the Somerville Police Department early last week, and he had not been seen since the week before that.

In a press conference last Wednesday, before Lalli had been identified, Morrissey said it was unlikely that whatever happened to the body had happened where it was discovered. He said

there is most likely another crime scene and that the woods where the body was found was just used as a dumping ground.

The first-floor apartment Lalli rented in a home on Sycamore Street was searched by police Thursday night after his remains were identified. He lived in the apartment with at least one other man, and that man is listed online as a Level 3 sex offender. As of this past Monday, Lalli's name remained on the mailbox.

A call to the homeowner, Maria Veliz, was not returned by press time.

"It's going to be a very difficult case," Morrissey said during the press conference last week.

Anyone with any information relative to Lalli's recent activities or other information on the case is urged to contact the Massachusetts State Police at 508-820-2121.



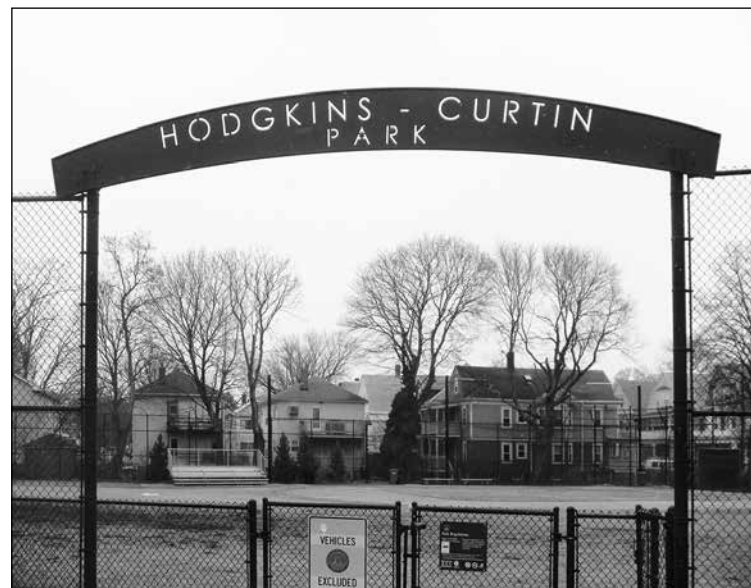
Vincent Lalli rented an apartment in this Sycamore Street home.

Hodgkins Park grounds suffers damage



The field at Hodgkins Park was damaged over the weekend by rough use by a person or people possibly wearing cleats. City officials said they will have to wait to see the full extent of the damage once the winter passes, but it does appear reseeding and regrading will likely be necessary at a cost yet to be determined.

— Tom Bannister



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Taking it out on the wall

Police were summoned to Rockland Trust Bank on Highland Ave. last week on reports of vandalism at that location. Investigating officers were briefed on the situation by the reporting party, the bank's branch manager. They were shown a section of the building's wall in the front ATM vestibule that had been severely damaged.

A section of the wall underneath a table built into the wall reportedly had a hole in it approximately two feet square. The officers then reviewed surveillance footage captured by the bank's security cameras reportedly showing the events that caused the damage. The video reportedly showed two individuals, a male and a female, entering and leaving the vestibule during the previous evening.

One officer recognized the female as being Alicia Czernetzky, 29, of Cambridge. The video showed that Czernetzky was sleeping under the table at around 5:30 a.m. Shortly thereafter the video reportedly showed Czernetzky's male companion standing nearby, and

what appeared to be a verbal dispute took place. Czernetzky was reportedly seen punching and kicking the wall, causing the reported damage. The officers secured copies of the surveillance videos and were told by the bank's representatives that they wanted charges pressed against the alleged vandals. Czernetzky was soon spotted at

the MBTA station on College Ave. and was detained for questioning. Although she admitted that she was in the bank's vestibule, and that she was probably highly intoxicated, she denied causing damage to the bank's wall. Based on the video evidence Czernetzky was placed under arrest and charged with malicious wanton defacement.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Stephen Remick, 54, January 27, 6:29 p.m., arrested at 212 Elm St. on charges of failure to appear upon recognizance and violation of city ordinance open container, and on multiple warrant charges of larceny under \$250.

Rickey Edwards, 18, January 28, 7:15 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of drug possession to distribute.

Natasha Martinez, 18, of 56 Governor Winthrop Rd., January 28, 7:15 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Ronnie Mendes, 18, of 10C Memorial Rd., January 28, 7:15 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and distribution of a class D drug.

Julia Meza-Chamorro, 35, of 363 Alewife Brook Pkwy., January 28, 9:16 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

William O'Brien, 40, of 34 Pleasant Dr., Stoughton, January 28, 10:45 p.m., arrested at 247 Elm St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Rohan Bharati, 26, of 7 New Hampshire, January 29, 4:17 a.m., arrested at Cross St. on a charge of operation of a motor

vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Raul Feliz Salinas, 41, of 4 Norwood Ave., January 29, 7:26 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

William Penney, 45, of 10 Sycamore St., Danvers, January 29, 8:19 a.m., arrested at 612 Broadway on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Alicia Czernetzky, 29, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, January 29, 1:04 p.m., arrested at 399 Highland Ave. on a charge of malicious wanton defacement.

Craig Vivian, 24, of 167 Main St., Malden, January 30, 11:19 a.m., arrested at 338 Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Julio Martinez, 34, of 21 Shepperd St., Lynn, January 30, 4:27 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of distribution of a class A drug, conspiracy to violate drug law, resisting arrest, and witness intimidation.

Angel Valdez, 29, January 30, 4:27 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of distribution of a class A drug, conspiracy to violate drug law, resisting arrest, and witness intimidation.

Tommy Rodriquez, 28, of 8 Walter St., Hyde Park, January 31, 12:35 p.m., arrested at 337 Broadway on charges of uninsured motor vehicle and possession of a class A drug.

Antonio Lacerda, 42, of 418 Medford St., January 31, 4:26 p.m., arrested at 269 Broadway on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.

Rodrigo Silva, 21, of 25 Mansfield, January 31, 4:26 p.m., arrested at home on charges of attempted murder and assault and battery.

Cecilia Rallo, 63, of 53 Hancock St., Medford, February 1, 2:12 p.m., arrested at 343 Broadway on a charge of harassment prevention order violation.

Justina Solomon, 20, of 103 Marion St., February 2, 5:43 p.m., arrested at home on charges of threat to commit a crime and assault and battery.

Incidents:

Theft:

January 27, 5:04 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

January 28, 2:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

January 28, 3:58 p.m., police reported a theft at 68 Union Sq.

January 28, 4:46 p.m., police reported a theft at Skehan St.

January 29, 10:28 a.m., police reported a theft at 75 Myrtle St.

January 29, 1:38 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland

Ave.

January 30, 2:45 p.m., police reported a theft at 225 Elm St.

January 30, 7:01 p.m., police reported a theft at 177 Middlesex Ave.

January 31, 6:25 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

February 1, 11:50 a.m., police reported a theft at Walnut St.

February 2, 7:02 a.m., police reported a theft at 1 Davis Sq.

Breaking & Entering:

January 28, 3:00 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

January 28, 8:18 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Woodstock St.

January 29, 12:29 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

January 30, 3:07 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Elm St.

February 2, 11:02 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

Vehicle Theft:

January 28, 11:43 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Grant St.

January 28, 5:24 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Electric Ave.

January 31, 12:28 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Pearl St.

Assault:

January 28, 2:17 p.m., police reported an assault at 290 Washington St.

January 28, 9:16 p.m., police reported an assault at Alewife Brook Pkwy.

January 29, 7:26 a.m., police reported an assault at Norwood Ave.

January 31, 5:45 p.m., police reported an assault at Munroe St.

January 31, 6:07 p.m., police reported an assault at Mansfield St.

February 2, 5:43 p.m., police reported an assault at Marion St.

Disorderly Conduct:

January 27, 10:13 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Highland Ave.

January 28, 10:21 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Cutter St.

January 28, 10:45 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 247 Elm St.

January 29, 11:17 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 37 Union Sq.

February 2, 1:58 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Broadway.

Drug Violation:

January 31, 12:35 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 337 Broadway.

Patrol officer charged with attempted sale of cocaine

By David R. Smith

A Somerville man employed by the Cambridge Health Alliance as a uniformed special police officer in its public safety department was arraigned Friday, Jan. 31, on drug charges after allegedly selling cocaine to an undercover officer.

William Kelly, 32, was arraigned in Somerville District Court following his arrest Jan. 30 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug laws and possession of cocaine. Somerville District Court Judge Maurice Flynn set bail at \$1,000 and ordered Kelly not to leave the state.

According to authorities, Kelly allegedly sold cocaine to an undercover officer three times last month while in the parking lot of his employer while on duty and wearing his patrol-officer uniform. Kelly worked at several of the Alliance's hospital locations. As part of his employment, he had been sworn in as a special state police officer, which afforded him the ability to make arrests and conduct investigations. Such officers generally are employed by hospitals or colleges and are not employed by the Massachusetts State Police.

Over the course of the investigation, Kelly allegedly told undercover officers he would sell them cocaine and MDMA, also

known as "Molly." He arranged to meet an undercover officer Jan. 16 in the parking lot of his place of employment in Somerville. He allegedly approached the car and handed the officer an envelope that contained a small plastic baggie filled with a white powdery substance. The substance was later field-tested, and the results were positive for cocaine. Two additional transactions allegedly occurred on Cambridge Health Alliance properties. The first was in Malden Jan. 27 and the second in Somerville Jan. 30. Both transactions involved the sale of a substance alleged to be cocaine.

Kelly will be back in court for a pretrial conference March 12.

Postal worker accused of stealing mail, gifts

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Malden Police Chief Kevin Molis informed the public today that a former postal worker has been charged with stealing more than 7,000 pieces of mail - including mail containing gift cards, cell phones, and Christmas cards and presents - from residents of Malden, Somerville, Medford and Melrose.

Steven Bozzi, 36, of Malden, was arrested February 1, 2014 and charged with larceny over \$250, breaking into a depository, receiving stolen property, possession of a burglarious tool, and possession of a Class B controlled substance. He was arraigned today in Malden District Court. Judge Dominic Paratore ordered him held on \$2,500 cash bail with conditions that he be placed on a GPS monitoring device, take no drugs, and submit to random drug screenings.

"For the past three months, we allege, this defendant has been stealing from post office collection boxes from several communities, stealing personal cards, gifts and packages," said District Attorney Ryan. "Not only did this defendant alleged-

ly defraud our postal service, he stole gifts and cards that were to be exchanged among families and loved ones during the holiday season."

As a result of the investigation, police discovered 7,689 pieces of mail in the defendant's home, 5,156 of which had been opened, and none of which belonged to the defendant or his family. Among the stolen items recovered were a computer, six cellular phones, a Kindle, more than twenty gift cards, Massachusetts drivers licenses and identification cards, and thousands of items of personal mail.

The investigation began on January 22, 2014, when Malden Police were contacted by a local business reporting that a man, identified as the defendant, was attempting to use a gift card that had been voided after the purchaser did not receive the gift card in the mail. Malden Police contacted the USPS Postal Inspector, as the defendant was a postal worker.

Through the course of the investigation, postal investigators received information that the defendant was allegedly illegally

accessing mail collection boxes at sites that were not part of his route. Investigators also found discrepancies in the sign out procedures for keys used to access mail collection boxes.

On February 1, 2014, police observed the defendant access several blue collection boxes and place mail into his car, which he was not authorized to do. The defendant was then arrested by Malden Police. Bozzi subsequently consented to a search of his home, where police discovered the thousands of pieces of mail and stolen items.

All unopened mail is being sent to postal authorities to be appropriately delivered. All parties who believe their mail may have been stolen are asked to file a report with the USPS Office of the Inspector General by emailing their name, address, the date mail was sent, specific contents of the items mailed, and its value to prossi@uspsoig.gov.

The case is being investigated by Malden Police, US Postal Inspectors of Boston, and USPS Office of the Inspector General.

- Middlesex District Attorney's Office

Firefighters respond to electrical fire on Church St.

On Saturday evening, February 1, Somerville firefighters responded to a house fire at 39 Church Street. The fire was reported at 10:13 p.m.

Arriving fire companies found smoke pushing from the eaves of a 2 1/2 story home con-

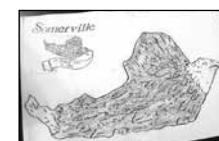
taining two apartments. A fire, apparently of electrical origin, originated in the second floor kitchen ceiling and spread across the ceiling and into the attic. Firefighters had to pull down the kitchen ceiling, several walls and cut several holes

in the attic floor as well as the roof to extinguish the fire.

Seven adults and one child have been displaced. Damage is estimated at approximately \$75,000.

- Somerville Fire Department

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

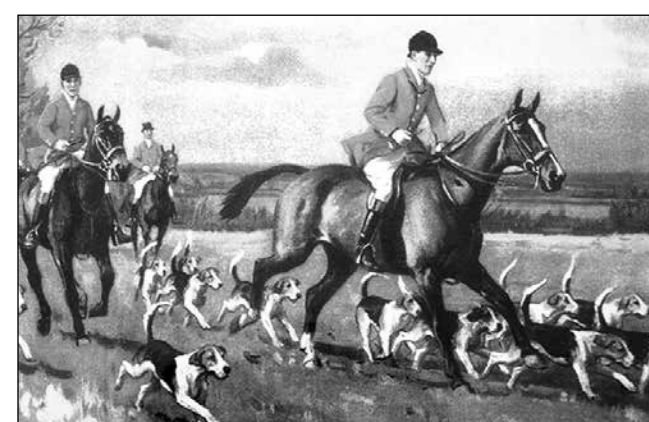


Eagle Feathers #45

Colonel Jaques

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

His name was Samuel Jaques, or "Colonel" Jaques to his friends and neighbors. During the mid 1800's, he owned the biggest farm in Somerville, the Ten Hills Farm, which encompassed an impressive location with 600 acres overlooking the Mystic River. The Farm had a two hundred year history of notable owners, beginning with the first Governor of Massachusetts, John Winthrop, the first Governor of Connecticut, John Winthrop, Jr., two successful sea captains, and America's first millionaire, Elias Hasket Derby.



Jaques' gardens and orchards were always ripe with fruits and vegetables, which he willingly shared with neighbors and friends. He acquired his military rank of Colonel from his many years in the militia and his defense work of Charlestown Bay during the War of 1812. He was held in high regard for protecting the nuns from harm at the hands of a ruthless mob during the 1834 attack on the Ursuline Convent.

Colonel Jaques' real love was spending time outdoors with his animals, both domestic and hunting breeds. He stocked the farm with the best breed of sheep, cows, goats, and other cattle. He became an expert at animal care, so much so, that he spent a year nursing the first gorilla brought to America back to health. It was a tale not unlike that of King Kong, but with a happier ending. He was a celebrity of his time and attracted other celebrities as visitors, such as Daniel Webster, Edward Everett, and Henry Clay.



The sky wasn't the limit, because his "poultry" collection, like his horse stables, produced nationally acclaimed winners of speed and breed. He once owned the fastest horse in the country. For sports, his game was the hunt, fox hunting in particular, where his horsemanship and famous kennel of hounds could be put to the test. He loved his game, the sport of kings. His nickname was "Nimrod," a term that although has a different connotation today, meant "great hunter" or "leader of the pack" at that time. He was considered the Nimrod of Greater Boston's gentry. It's hard to believe in today's City of Somerville that in his time, it wasn't baseball, basketball, football, or hockey that ruled, but the early morning sound of bugles, horses, and hounds. Tallyho!

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Somerville native's debut novel hits close to home

By Nidhi Mathson

Caesar's Pizza on Somerville Avenue, Leone's on Broadway and Prospect Hill tower are just some of the well-known Somerville hot spots featured in the Robert Richardson's debut novel, *Penny Hike*.

"[The novel] shines a great light on the city of Somerville," Richardson, who spent the first 33 years of his life in Somerville, said. "You get all of these books now that are about Whitney Bulger and the Winter Hill Gang, which shines a negative light on Somerville. I wanted to shine a good light on it, and I think this novel does."

Penny Hike is about a young boy, Fin O'Connell, who is repeatedly abused by his mother's brother and makes the decision to finally end the abuse at the beginning of his seventh-grade year. While sitting anxiously at home waiting for his mother to return, Fin conjures up the courage to finally reveal the abuse he suffered at

the hands of his uncle. Fin's mother arrives home, and before he is able to explain to her about the abuse, she reveals that she has terminal cancer. The story is loosely based on Richardson's own life.

As for the title of the book, Richardson would walk down the street with his friends as a young boy, and they'd flip a coin to decide where they were going that day. It was a "penny hike."

"Heads, we'd go left; tails, we'd go right or whatever we'd decide on for the flip of the coin. You'd never know where you would end up," he said.

Fin and his two best friends take penny hikes through the streets of Somerville. The penny hikes help him to find his place in the fitful world of junior high school, through the devastating effects of terminal cancer and into a floor-hockey tournament where he has a chance to find redemption and hope of a better future.

According to Richardson,

many older Somerville natives reading the novel may recognize a lot of the landmarks, streets, restaurants and, in particular, the old junior high schools that don't exist anymore.

"They used to have three junior high schools – the Northeastern, the Western and the Southern – that they got rid of in the mid-'80s, so (readers) will recognize a lot of those schools," he said.

Although he has written a number of short stories in the past, this is Richardson's first novel. He said the idea began as a short story, but his wife convinced him to turn it into a novel.

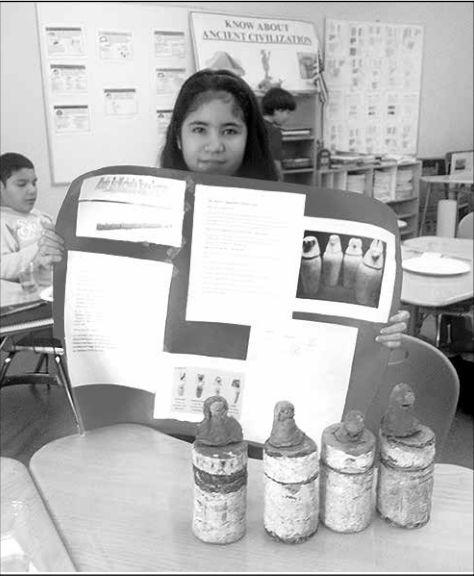
Richardson currently lives in the western part of the state, which is where his wife is from, but he hopes to convince her to move back someday.

"One day. It's my dream to move back to Somerville," he said. "It truly is."

Penny Hike is available at select independent stores, on Amazon and via the Kindle store.



ESCS students explore ancient Egypt



Mrs. Mahoney and Ms. Vozella's sixth-grade classes at the East Somerville Community School have completed a unit in ancient Egypt in their social studies classes. Upon completion of the unit of study, students had to create a project based on an important part of Egyptian history. Students worked in small groups, and their projects consisted of a handmade visual model, as well as a poster board displaying their written work. Parents and guardians were invited to see the final oral presentations Jan. 17. There were a variety of topics discussed such as the pyramids, canopic jars, the mummification process, Nile River, hieroglyphics and Hatshepsut. — Photos by Michelle Ferro

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives’ votes on three roll calls from the week of January 27-31. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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. Carl Sciortino
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. 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.

\$12.7 BILLION TRANSPORTATION BOND PACKAGE (H 3882)

House 151-0, without debate, approved and sent to the Senate an estimated \$12.7 billion transportation borrowing bill that includes \$300 million for local road and bridge repairs. Other provisions include \$2.2 billion for the South Coast Rail and a section supported by former Gov. William Weld renaming Boston’s South Station The Governor Michael S. Dukakis Transportation Center at South Station.

Dozens of amendments costing hundreds of millions of dollars were also approved by the House without debate and without a roll call vote. These earmarks were proposed by individual representatives and were designed to fund projects in their districts. The projects are actually more of a “wish list”: The Patrick administration is required to adhere to the state’s annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded.

Supporters said this will give communities their share of the \$300 million they are anxiously waiting to receive. They noted the package also includes hundreds of millions of dollars for state roads and other important transportation projects.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

MAKE MBTA NOTES AVAILABLE (H 3882)

House 29-126, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a Republican-sponsored amendment requiring the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) pension fund managers to make available to outside auditors all management’s discussion and analysis notes. Amendment supporters said auditors have requested these notes for years but have never been given access to them. They cited the recent loss of \$25 million placed with an assets management company that went bankrupt and argued the loss could have been prevented or at least discovered earlier.

Amendment opponents said the House last year approved tougher laws requiring the pension fund managers to hand over information. They argued this amendment was also poorly drafted and confusing.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

CONTINUE SESSION AFTER 9 P.M. UP UNTIL MIDNIGHT

House 125-29, suspended rules to allow the House to meet beyond 9 p.m. and continue until midnight if necessary.

Supporters of rule suspension said it is important to remain in session to finish action on the very important transportation projects.

Opponents of rule suspension said it is irresponsible for the House to act on the budget late at night when taxpayers are asleep.

The House session continued until 10:45 p.m.

(A “Yes” vote is for allowing the session to continue beyond 9 p.m. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

GAS LEAKS (H 3873) - The House gave initial approval to legislation that would require gas leaks to be repaired by the gas company in a time frame based on a three-tier classification system of dangerousness. Grade One leaks are most likely to cause an explosion and would have to be repaired immediately. Grade Two leaks are expected to create a hazard in the future and would have to be fixed within 15 months, while Grade Three leaks are non-hazardous and would have to be reevaluated every six months.

Another key provision requires gas companies to file major repair plans for aging infrastructure and pipes with the state and to apply for a rate increase from their customers to fund the repairs.

Supporters said the state’s gas delivery system is the second oldest in the nation and has 20,000 known leaks known to exist. They noted the system is in dire need of repairs in order to avoid gas leak tragedies such as recent ones that have caused death and destruction.

GOOD SAMARITAN LAW (S 1993) - The Senate approved a proposal that would protect off-duty firefighters and EMTs from liability when providing emergency care. The current “Good Samaritan” law only protects civilian bystanders who are not trained in emergency response.

Supporters said the bill is long overdue and has gained more support since the Boston Marathon, in which hundreds of off-duty personnel were running in the race and then responded immediately after the bombing. They noted that under current law, these firefighters and EMTs would have been liable if anything went wrong as a result of their efforts to provide care.

VACCINES (S 1971) - The House approved a Senate-approved bill that would create the Vaccine Purchase Trust Fund to fund the purchase, storage and distribution of routine childhood immunizations. Other provisions include establishing a Vaccine Purchase Advisory Council to recommend the types of vaccines that should be purchased; requiring the Public Health Commissioner to annually assess health insurers and self-insured entities for the amount needed for the fund; and requiring insurers to provide benefits for immunizations on each health care plan and exempting these immunizations from copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles. Further approval is necessary in both branches before the measure goes to the governor for his signature.

RAISE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES’ FEES - It looks like motor vehicle fees paid by millions of drivers may be going up soon. That means drivers would be paying more for things perhaps including vehicle inspections, registration renewal and license renewals. The topic was discussed at last week’s meeting of Transportation Department officials, who were discussing ways to close a projected \$55 million budget gap for fiscal 2015.

OFFICIAL GROUNDHOG (H 2864) - The House gave initial approval to a bill making Ms. G., the popular groundhog at the Massachusetts Audubon Society’s Drumlin Farm, the official groundhog of Massachusetts. Ms. G. is the Bay State counterpart to Pennsylvania’s Punxsutawney Phil. The measure also requires that the

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popular groundhog be used as a mechanism to educate elementary school children on the importance of meteorology.

The bill was filed by Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley) on behalf of elementary school students at the Hunnewell School in Wellesley. Many of these types of bills are filed by legislators on behalf of classes of students as part of an exercise for youngsters to learn about the legislative process.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I think anybody who voted for it ought to stand up and stand tall. This is an investment in the safety of our roads and the future of public transit and to not do that is irresponsible. I don’t make any apologies for the vote I cast last year and I’m happy to go before the voters and defend it.” – Rep. Jay Kaufman (D-Lexington), on the likely question on the 2014 ballot asking voters if they want to repeal the recent law that provides for automatic hikes in the gas tax by tying future increases to the Consumer Price Index.

“I don’t know how one stands tall when one has taken a vote never to stand tall again, but to forever let a tax automatically increase rather than ever vote for another gas tax increase. Cowards do not stand tall, cowards cringe from accountability.” – *Barbara Anderson, President of Citizens for Limited Taxation.*

“Without any new taxes or fees.” – House Speaker Robert DeLeo describing the fiscal 2015 state budget the House will approve in April.

“It’s nearly four months now since it’s (the Health Connector insurance signup website) been officially and completely dysfunctional. And now we know that the Administration was warned of this impending calamity as early as last July. If there has not been a conspiracy of silence in leveling with the public about what’s gone wrong and how it will be fixed, our responsible state officials, including Gov. Patrick, are all doing a fine imitation of one.” – *John McDonough, former state representative and current professor at the Harvard School of Public Health.*

“The folks who are worried about the website, yeah, it’s concerning, but the website is not the main event and I’ve said that over and over again. People are not going to fall through any crack. They’re going to be covered if what it takes to work around failings of our private vendor is to have people sit on folks’ front stoops with a clipboard and make sure they’re signed up.” – Gov. Deval Patrick’s response.

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 27-31, the House met for a total of 19 hours and 52 minutes and the Senate met for a total of two hours and 50 minutes.

Mon. January 27 House 11:08 a.m. to 11:49 a.m.
Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:53 a.m.

Tues. January 28 House 11:06 a.m. to 3:52 p.m.
 Senate 6:33 p.m. to 8:11 p.m.

Wed. January 29 House 11:00 a.m. to 10:45 p.m.
No Senate session

Thurs. January 30 House 11:06 a.m. to 1:46 p.m.
 Senate 1:03 p.m. to 1:26 p.m.

Fri. January 31 No House session
No Senate session

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Property tax misconceptions and realities



By Joseph A. Curtatone

After the latest property tax bills went out, some property owners found themselves with larger increases than most of us have seen in Somerville for some time. I sympathize with every resident and small business owner facing those increases. This community has a legitimate concern, shared by myself and everyone at City Hall, about residents being priced out of their homes and small businesses priced out of our neighborhoods. It's a concern shared across the metro region, well beyond our city's borders, as property values across the metro area rise. It's why we've been working to address affordability via a range of efforts for some time, and it's why this week we began the first of three public meetings to build on existing strategies and devel-

op new tools to tackle affordability and create a strong, effective housing agenda.

Along with those valid concerns, I've also heard of some confusion. I'd like to clear up some of that confusion, put this year's assessments and tax bills into context and talk about what we're doing right now to keep Somerville open to all.

It may provide little comfort when looking at just one tax bill, but overall, residential property tax bills in Somerville are lower than in neighboring towns and commercial tax rates fall below the middle of the pack. We are one of only five cities in the Commonwealth that offers a residential exemption to help residents reduce their tax bills. Because of this, when we checked on the average \$400,000 property, we found the property tax bill for this fiscal year is \$3,178 in Somerville for residents who take the exemption—third lowest among 15 of our neighboring urban communities, and one of only four at \$3,200 or less. The average tax bill on a \$400,000 residence in most nearby cities and towns is \$4,600 and up.

For that same property, comparing the last fiscal year (2013) to the current fiscal year (2014), Somerville had the second highest percent decrease of the average tax bill, down 8.7 percent. When the City announced the assessment results and projected tax rates for the year, we said that it would result in modest increases for most—and two-thirds of the properties in the city saw modest increases between 1 and 9 percent.

That is part of the context. Another factor is the fact that Massachusetts has a regressive tax system—a flat income tax, a sales tax that has gone up and a property tax that is levied without taking into account a taxpayer's income or ability to pay the tax. This tax system disproportionately affects the middle class, retirees and small businesses. So when the real estate market begins to rebound from the worst economy since the Great Depression as it has, our middle class residents, our retirees, and our small business owners find themselves facing yet another tax bill that seems unfair. And because our Assessors are bound

by state law to value properties at their actual market value, they cannot lower the assessment based on ability to pay.

At this point, without action on Beacon Hill to address regressive taxation, the question is: What can we do on the local level to ease this burden? On top of the residential exemption we already offer—10 percent more than the state's limit, thanks to legislation we previously passed—and on top of already offering double the state allowed exemptions for seniors, veterans, widows and those with disabilities, we're going to examine how to do more. To aid this effort, I am reconvening the Financial Advisory Committee. We created this group of outside experts in 2009 to help us reduce the budget while preserving core services during the Great Recession. The Financial Advisory Committee will develop recommendations on how to find the right balance to ensure we are making the tax burden as equitable as possible, while preserving our investments in our schools, public safety and services that we all rely on. That committee can ex-

plore additional tax exemptions and relief both for residents and businesses, but it's important to remember that an exemption doesn't drive down the tax burden, but only shifts it from one group of people to another.

One subject that has been broached—is this a question of budgeting? No. Outside of fixed costs such as health care, contractual obligations and debt service, we have actually cut our discretionary spending. My administration has never asked for an override or debt exclusion, while almost 90 percent of Massachusetts' cities and towns have passed one, and unlike many we have not cut teachers, police officers or firefighters or closed libraries or take away resources from our schools. We spend less per capita than two-thirds of the state's municipalities. Moody's specifically cited our conservative budgeting approach in reaffirming our highest bond rating ever last year. And we have managed this even though Beacon Hill has been steadily chipping away at its aid to municipalities since the year 2000. Annual net state aid is

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Howard Johnson's, Wellington Circle



Remember that bright orange roof? I think they made it bright orange so you could see it when you were coming home early in the morning from a bar...in a fog. Howard Johnson's at Wellington Circle was a very popular spot for after-hours meeting and eating.

It first opened in 1938. In the area at the time were lots of cool places like The Wellington Drive-in, Richardson's Car Hop, Child World, J.M. Fields, Zayre's and The Holiday Lanes Bowling Alley on Revere Beach Parkway.

Although they never had entertainment per say, all you had to do was look around any time after 1 a.m. to see some very comedic antics and alcohol-induced tomfoolery. I always got something called The Big Breakfast or The Big Breakfast Two. It was eggs, toast, sausage, home fries and coffee, and it really hit the spot. The mac and cheese, fried chicken and clam strips were also scrumptious. The Sunday morning buffet was a true crowd pleaser. Nothing better than a meal and a show!

Although it was in Medford (Meffa),

lots of us Somerville kids made it our last stop after a night of partying and/or working. If you could make it safely from the Revere area, or from Route 1, past the MDC cops, you could enjoy a delicious pit stop. You were bound to see someone you knew in there, too. A friend of mine worked there with forged working papers when she was only 14.

At HoJo's, they let you stay as long as you wanted as long as someone didn't need the table – and if you weren't raising a ruckus.

HoJo's was the best breakfast place you would hit coming from the beach (Revere). If you felt lucky, you could attempt a further jaunt up Route 16 to The Golden Egg on Mystic Ave. And if you really felt adventurous, you could move on to Kay and Chips in Somerville. HoJo's was the closest and the safest haven. My fellow musicians and I who had played at The Caravan, Sammy's Patio and The Excuse Me Lounge frequented HoJo's.

"One Saturday/Sunday morning, a food fight broke out. Someone called Kiss 108 and it was on air with Diana Steele as we were driving home." Good stuff! My cousin recalled a pleasant, very tall waiter who worked at HoJo's and then ended up at



Bickford's in Somerville. Maybe George?

Unfortunately for Howard Johnson's, at those early hours and considering the condition of some of the patrons, it was the perfect place for the old "chew and screw" (when you eat and then take off without paying). The fact that it was crowded didn't help. At one time, they featured a kids' menu that could be made into a hat with an astronaut theme. I'm sure you remember the familiar Simple Simon, small boy and dog logo.

I know they had a fire at one point be-

cause a friend of mine was on her way there the night it burned. "We came over the hill one night and saw it was on fire. We watched it burn until the weather-vane on the top collapsed."

My friend Rick seems to be pretty sure that the closing date was Dec. 31, 1998.

If I could go back in time, I would create a reality show called something like Morning Munchies. I would put cameras at HoJo's, The Golden Egg and Kay and Chips. Now that would be an entertaining show worth watching!

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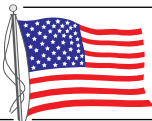
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Should the high school be repaired or replaced?

The View Of The Times



The Devil is in the details, but so, too, is the truth.

Knowing the details is knowing the facts, and knowing the facts is key to understanding issues and situations.

D'uh, right?

For example, as much as the potential loss of Patsy's Pastry Shop may be a sincere and legitimate cause for sadness, the fact that the owners of the business also own the building may not minimize the personal and historical impact on

residents of its demolition in the near future, but it does change the narrative from one of eviction and displacement to one of perhaps being made an offer they couldn't refuse.

Likewise, the concern and furor over skyrocketing tax bills has led to comments about through-the-roof tax increases in some cases, and that's not exactly accurate.

Tax bills are calculated on an A-times-B equation. The tax rate ("A")

is multiplied by \$1,000 per assessed value ("B"). The actual tax rate, by state law, cannot increase beyond 2.5 percent (barring a voter-approved override). What has happened in Somerville is not that the tax rate has dramatically increased; it is that the "B" in the equation has gone up. In simple terms, and not to be patronizing, when "A" (the tax rate) is multiplied by "B," the final figure will obviously be much larger if the "B" has increased. Whether that is the

result of an economy coming out of the recession (remember, we were in one – a deep one – during the past few triennial valuation cycles) or a clever way to reap more while getting around Prop 2 ½ will remain hotly debated. Still, it is important to differentiate between skyrocketing tax *bills* and tax *rates*.

Acknowledging the facts doesn't ease the pain, but at least it's a starting point for a discussion that can at least be rooted in reality.

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resistance and upset neighbors upset who don't want this in that place. Some believe that after the hearing, and after dropping the number of units to 86, the developer might just change his mind and scrap the entire thing. So will Stop & Shop continue to find another developer or just forget it for now?

The next night (Thursday) another neighborhood meeting was held, this time on the demolition of Patsy's Pastry Shop to make way for the development of 19 units of housing and ground-floor retail space by a Chinese developer. The developer was out of country and represented by his attorney. People in East Somerville hold the bakery in high esteem as an iconic place of business, and not many people both here in Somerville and elsewhere haven't heard about Patsy's and its great pastry items and reputation. Neighbors are sad if it happens, and that's the key word: "if." Who knows? Maybe the owners just might change their minds. In any case, it will take over a year to get the project going, so at least one more round of Christmas and holiday pies, along with Patsy's

pastries that are so well renowned. If you want Patsy's to stay and come back under the new development, let them know at the store.

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our fans in the Ville and elsewhere. Best Wishes to Rob McWatters, the new alderman from Ward 3, this week. To a member of one of Somerville's oldest families, Eleanor Pye, who used to work at SCATV but now works at Endicott College, we hope she has a great day. And to a good and longtime friend, Barbara Snow, who has her heart here in the Ville, what a great lady she is. HB to Brien Murphy, who is from here and still lives here and works down at the DPW. We wish him a great day. Also, happy birthday to Amanda Woo, who is celebrating this week. And last but not least, a happy birthday to Jill Koerber.

A good friend of ours, Mike Raczkowski of the Ball Square area, recently underwent surgery, and he is doing well. He will be home by the end of this week. We wish him speedy recovery and great hearing the surgery was successful.

"Local is for Lovers Valentine's Day Market" this coming Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Somerville Armory on Highland Avenue runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Get ready for food, fun, local artists and crafters, amazing local businesses, Knucklebones, live music and MUCH more!

Don't forget to register or go online for the courses offered by Somerville High Adult Evening Courses. Call 617-625-6600, ext. 6478, and ask for Sophia Carafotes. Registration is offered every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the high school main office on Highland Avenue. Sophia has worked very hard to get a lot of new classes, as well as some of the older, popular ones, started. New classes in Extreme Couponing, free Zumba lessons and some older classes such English as a First Language are available. If you'd like to make a suggestion to add to the courses and you have a special skill, give her a call today. And, of course, if you're interested in any of the courses offered, then register. The website is www.somerville.k12.ma.us/evening-

shool. As Sophia likes to say, and it's true, "Shhh, we are Somerville best kept secret at bargain prices."

Good news for those that might have not seen or heard about it, but here's something for those lovers of another Somerville icon, Leones Sub & Pizza Shop in Winter Hill: Well, it seems they will be selling sweatshirts and T-shirts in the near future, offering yet another reason to go and get one of the best subs anywhere and say "hi" to some of the nicest people here in Somerville.

Again our thoughts and prayers are with Tom Taylor and his family. He's going through a big ordeal, and we hope and pray he is home soon and for good.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Amy, who operated the Artifaktori store on College Ave. before moving it into Boston a few years ago. She made many friends in the Ville and will be missed. A memorial service will be held on March 1 at 2 p.m. at the Quaker Meeting House in Cambridge. All are invited to attend.

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A hairy situation

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way to increase foot traffic in Union Square during the winter. The first two contests were held at Precinct Bar, but the event subsequently moved to Arts at the Armory for more space.

“This seems to have some traction, some legs, and the community seems excited about it,” Easton said. “It’s our second year here, and the house is full.”

Attendees had ample time to mingle, snack and design beards before the contest. They could also peruse the T-shirts on sale at the Boston Beard Bureau table.

With Stu Siegel as emcee, the contestants paraded across the stage before being called up one by one to answer questions and to show the three judges their handiwork up close. The questions, which often elicited laughs from the audience, included “Who is your favorite celebrity with a beard or moustache?” “Have you ever poked yourself or a loved one in the eye with your moustache spikes?” and “Would you shave for love?”

The judges chose three finalists in each category. Audience applause – supplemented by whistling and stomping at times – determined the winners, who received medals. Any non-finalist could compete for consolation prizes in the cottage-cheese-eating contest (last time, it was clam chowder). The catch was that the cottage cheese had to be eaten with whatever utensil the contestants pulled from a bag, which ended up being a spatula, a ladle and a whisk.

More than 40 contestants vied for prizes. While many were from Somerville and surrounding areas, contestants also hailed from New Hampshire, Vermont and Cape Cod. “Natural Full Beard” was the most popular category, with nearly half of the contestants. The winner, Brian Roy from Waltham, was the returning champion from the last BeardFest in November 2012.

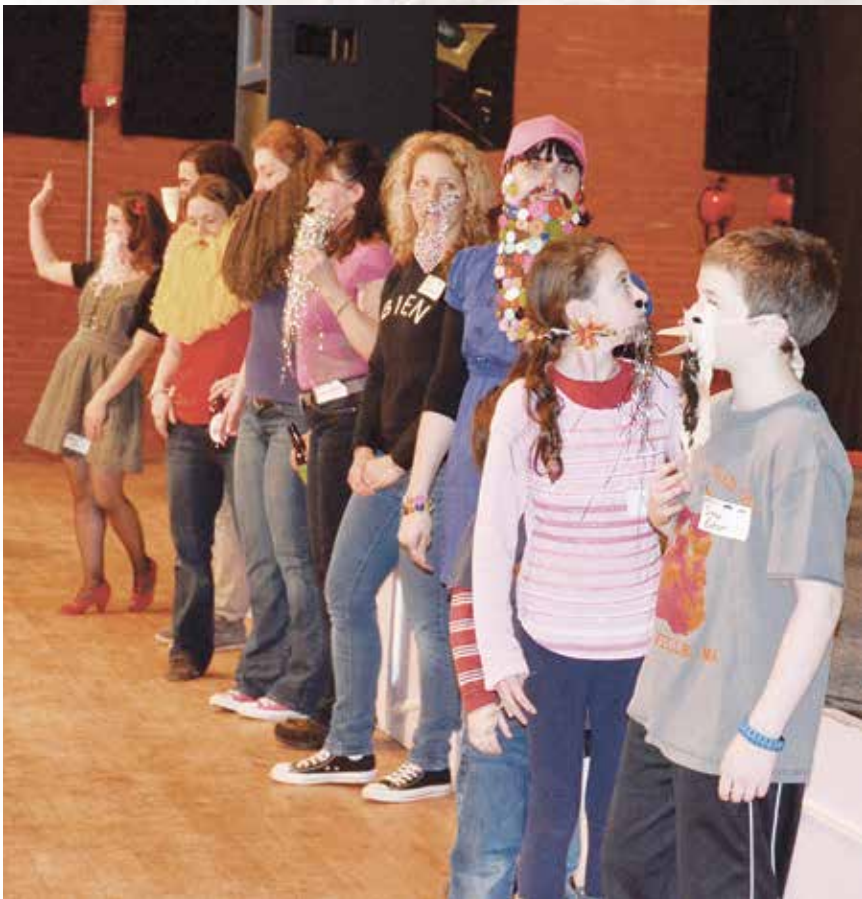
“I was the champion, so I felt the need – I should return. If not to win, to pass on the torch,” Roy, who resembles Santa Claus with his big white beard, said. “My beard is me. I love having a beard; I’ve always had one.” A veteran of the beard competition scene, Roy said that there are “so many nice people, great people, who do this for fun.”

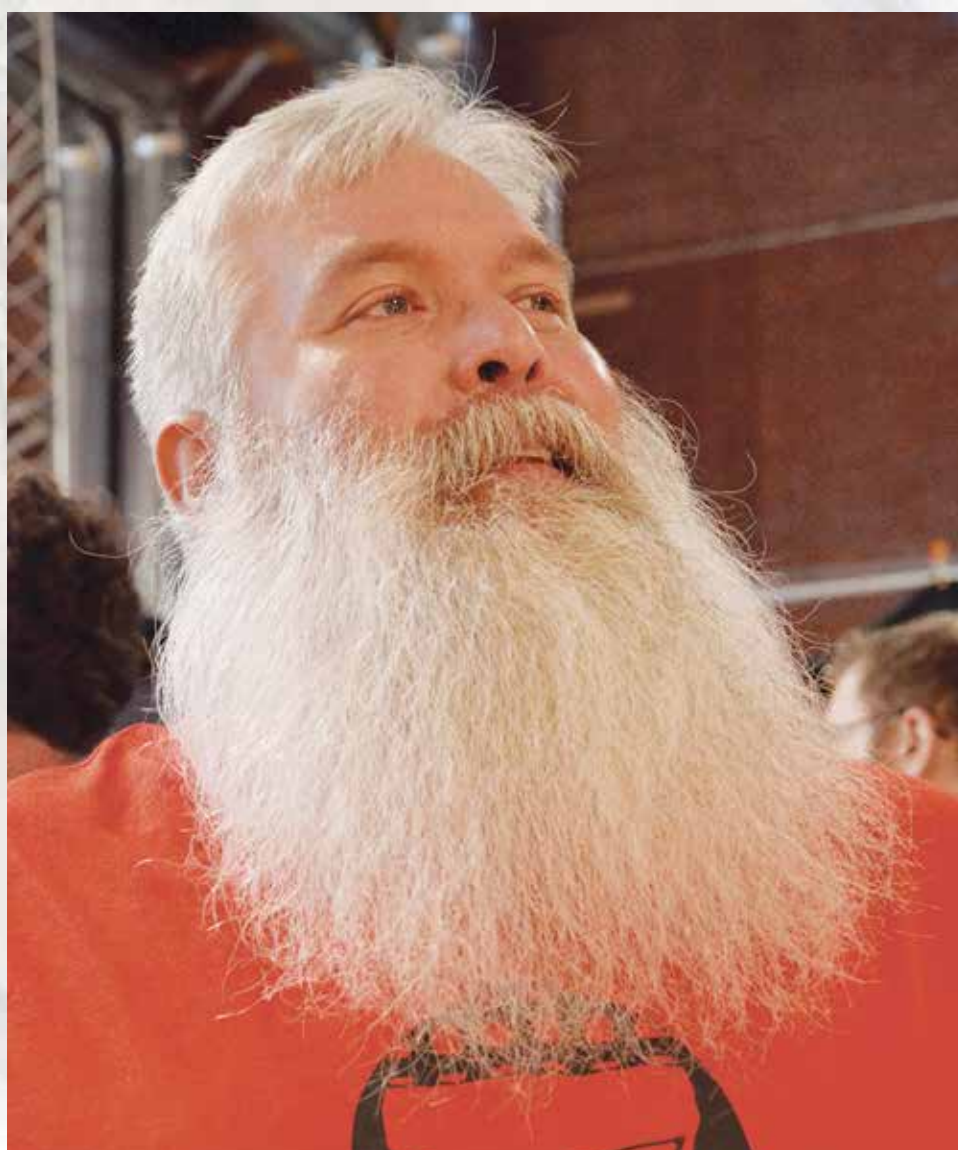
Six women and three children had the opportunity to participate in the friendly rivalry thanks to the “Fake Beard” category. Winner Nicole Nordeste from Malden sported a long beard made entirely of colorful buttons and a moustache composed of smaller buttons. She told the audience that it took 142 buttons, 48 yards of wire and many hours to create.

“I just have always had an appreciation for facial hair,” Nordeste, who started the beard at the end of August for two competitions in the fall, said. “This is the first beard I’ve ever made.”

Other Fake Beard contestants created their facial decorations at the make-your-own beard table, which provided tinsel, glitter, paper plates, yarn, pom-poms and more. Easton’s 11-year-old son, Simon, decided to make an owl beard at the last minute and won second place.

“The difference between some beard contests is that the Arts Council does this as a community event,” Easton said. “So the Fake Beard allows people to participate that can’t grow a beard. It gets kids involved, it draws families out, which is nice.”





SPORTS

Somerville High Athletics schedule for Feb. 5-12

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity GAME Beverly at Beverly - TBD.

Indoor Track: Boys Varsity GBL Meet, Everett, Malden, Medford vs. Cambridge at High School.

GBL JV MEET for those not running - 3:30 p.m.

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GBL JV MEET for those not running - 3:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game, St. Joseph's Prep at Ryan Rink - 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 7

Basketball: Girls Freshman Game, Everett at Everett High School - 3:45 p.m.

Basketball: Boys Freshman Game vs. Everett at Somerville High School - Field House - 3:45 p.m.

Ice Hockey: Boys Junior Varsity GBL vs. Latin Academy at Veterans Memorial Rink - 4:30 p.m.

Basketball: Girls Junior Varsity Game, Everett at Everett High School - 5:30 p.m.

Basketball: Boys Junior Varsity Game, vs. Everett at Somerville High School - Field House - 5:30 p.m.

Basketball: Girls Varsity Game, Everett at Everett High School - 7 p.m.

Basketball: Boys Varsity Game, vs. Everett at Somerville High School - Field House - 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8

Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity



- Photo by Claudia Ferro

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What is the nineteenth letter of the Greek Alphabet?

2. What is the triumphant exclamation that literally means I found it?

3. What US presidential race featured the first public opinion poll over voter's preference?

4. What was the original flavor of the cream filling in Twinkies?

5. What popular cook coined the phrase "Pork fat rules"?

6. What popular vegetable was first cultivated from the bitter stalk of wild small age?

7. If a person is said to be "ubiquitous" what are they trying to be?

8. What interstate highway connects Boston to Seattle?

9. What was the first James Bond film shown in 1981?

10. Who is the author of *The Grass is Always Greener Over The Septic Tank*?

11. In England, all sturgeons and technically some swans are the property of who?

12. What kind of birds are lovebirds?

Answers on page 21

Game Salem at Veterans Memorial Rink.

Game moved to the Somerville Rink - Time - TBA.

Monday, Feb. 10

Basketball: Girls Freshman Game (Cancelled) Wachusett Regional at Wachusett Regional - 3:45 p.m.

Basketball: Girls Junior Varsity

Game (Time Changed) Wachusett Regional at Wachusett Regional - 5 p.m.

Basketball: Boys Junior Varsity Game, Jeremiah E Burke at Jeremiah E Burke - 5:30 p.m.

Basketball: Girls Varsity Game (Time Changed) Wachusett Regional at High School - 6:30 p.m.

Basketball: Boys Varsity Game, Jeremiah E Burke at High School - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game, vs. Marblehead at Simoni Rink - 4 p.m.

Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game, vs. Revere at Veterans Memorial Rink - 7:30 p.m.

Cookbook SALE

Cookbooks are one thing some people tend to collect. This Saturday, Feb 8, over 1,000 cookbooks will be displayed and available to you at the Somerville Winter Farmer's Market. The Friends of the Somerville Public Library will be at The Armory from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. that day with a huge selection of cookbooks from 1950's to current day. Buy a cookbook and proceeds benefit the Friends of the Somerville Public Library and also support the farmer's market SNAP Match Initiative. SNAP payments (the "Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program" formerly known as Food Stamps) are accepted and welcomed at the market in an effort to promote healthy food choices. See you there! 191 Highland Ave: bus #88 or #90.

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Scaled-back project still unappealing to neighbors

By David R. Smith

Residents near a proposed apartment complex development in East Somerville voiced their opposition to the project during a community meeting Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Cross Street Senior Center at 165 Broadway. The developer, CPC-T Holdings, LLC, proposed 121 units at 771 McGrath Highway on property owned by Stop &

Shop. Responding to the criticism that the project was too large, the developer agreed to scale the development down to 86 units, although some residents remained unhappy even after the new offer. The project is on the Planning Board's agenda for this Thursday, Feb. 6, although a note on the agenda states the applicant has asked for a continuance to Feb. 20.



The general opinion regarding the proposed development was thumbs down by area residents. — Photos by Claudia Ferro



Patsy's could close soon CONT. FROM PG 1

permit from the Planning Board, the approval of which requires a super majority vote (four of five members) from the board. The project's architect, Jai Singh Khalsa of Somerville-based Khalsa Design Inc., and the developer's attorney, Richard DiGirolamo, were on hand to present the project, answer questions and take notes on what could be included as part of the order of conditions should the Planning Board approve the project. The project would include the demolition of Patsy's at 182 Broadway and the two-and-a-half-story house next to it at 176 Broadway. Patsy's owners Silvestro and Vito Ferrigno own the building at 182, and Silvestro is listed as the owner of the property at 176. The first floor of the new building could hold one to three commercial tenants, depending on who ends up renting the space or spaces. Each of the four floors above would be built so they progressively

step back from the street and would contain a total of 19 one- and two-bedroom condos, four of which would also contain small studios. Following the city's affordable-housing requirements, two of the 19 units would be sold below market value. Although required to have 22 spaces, there will be 25 at the site, with all but three of those located underneath the building. A shared outdoor common area for the building's tenants would be constructed to the back of the site. Khalsa told residents the project does not take advantage of the maximum limits allowed under the CCD55 zoning, noting the building covers less space of the site than it could, and the planned landscaping of the site, encompassing 28 percent, is more than the minimum 10 percent required. "While we're certainly filling up the site, we are not pushing it to the limits with what is allowed under the zoning," he said.



Architect Jai Singh Khalsa presented details of the proposed building to attendees at Thursday's neighborhood meeting.



The home at 176 Broadway and Patsy's at 182 will be demolished and a new five-story building built in their place.


Accepting that the project would be moving forward, residents expressed their desire to be kept in the loop as the existing buildings are demolished, including any scheduling of extermination for rodents, and White said he would like inspectional services to weigh in on the impact of the demolition to nearby buildings and residents. Many residents also said they were aware that abutters who should have been notified weren't, and they suggested the developer should cast a wider notification net moving forward. Still, some residents expressed a desire to see a scaled-down version of the proposal.

"It doesn't look like other parts of the neighborhood," one resident said, while another just felt the project was simply too large for the area. Also of concern to many was the fact that the buyer/developer of the property, Ken Yihe, is a Chinese national. "The community does need direct negotiations with the developer," McLaughlin said, adding to similar comments from other residents. DiGirolamo countered that Yihe has a residence in Cambridge and owns other properties in the area. The project, even if permits were all approved in the next few months, would not be complete

for a year to a year and a half. During the comment period, McLaughlin expressed his feelings towards Patsy's going out of business, and it was a sentiment clearly shared by many others in attendance. "Patsy's is very symbolic of this neighborhood," he said. "I feel like this is literally losing our soul." In response to McLaughlin's concerns about how the Ferrignos would be affected by the loss of their business, DiGirolamo reminded him and other audience members that they were the owners of the properties and not tenants being evicted. "This is a voluntary action on their part," he said.

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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for the **HP Bathroom Modifications at Mystic View Apartments, (10 units)**, for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by AJA Architects, Inc., 153 Andover Street, Suite 101, Danvers, MA 01923.

In general, the Project consists of, but not limited to:

- Demolition of existing bathtubs.
- Demolition of existing finishes.
- New solid surface shower surrounds.
- New wall finishes.
- New flooring.
- Miscellaneous Painting.
- New Plumbing work.

The work is estimated to cost approximately \$ 85,000.00

General Bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) in the following category of work: **General Building Construction** and must submit a current DCAM Certificate of Eligibility and a signed Update Statement (CQ3).

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c149, s44A-J and to Federal Minimum Wage Rates as well as other applicable laws.

This project is funded through HUD and is subject to the provisions of the Section 3 program, (Minority and low-income outreach) which requires that to the greatest extent possible, these project funds provide job training, employment and contract opportunities for low or very low-income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods.

General Bids will be received until **2:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 20, 2014**, and publicly opened forthwith at the Somerville Housing Authority Office, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145.

All Bids should be delivered to: Somerville Housing Authority Modernization Office, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145 and received no later than the dates and times specified above.

Mailed bids should be sent to: Somerville Housing Authority Modernization Office, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145 and received no later than the dates and times specified above.

General Bids must be accompanied by a negotiable bid guarantee which shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering any Alternates). Bid guarantee should be made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pickup on the beginning of the business day on January 29, 2014 at www.BidDocsOnline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a refundable plan deposit of **\$40.00** per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocsOnline Inc.

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

Bidders requesting Contract documents be mailed to them shall include a separate check for **\$40.00** per set for UPS Ground (or **\$65.00** per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocsOnline, to cover mailing costs.

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

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the Somerville Housing Authority Modernization Office, 30 Memorial Road (Rear), Somerville, Massachusetts 02145. Immediately following the conference, the job site and existing buildings will be available for inspection. It is strongly recommended that prospective bidders attend. Questions which are submitted after the Pre-Bid Conference, will be received in writing until **Friday, February 14, 2014 by 10:00 a.m.**

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:

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Somerville, MA 02145

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Hudson, MA 01749
(978) 568-1167
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18 Graf Road, Unit 8
Newburyport, MA 01950
Phone: (978) 499-9014
Fax: (978) 499-9016

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30 Technology Parkway South, Suite 500
Norcross, GA 30092
Phone: (800) 910-6383
Fax: (303) 265-5722
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The contact persons for the Somerville Housing Authority are Gabe Ciccariello, (617) 625-1152, x-330 (Gabec@sha-web.org).

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

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Authority.

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Joseph R. Macaluso
Executive Director
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Wednesday, January 29, 2014

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Wednesday February 19, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:30PM** on the application of FFDJ, LLC d/b/a The Wine Bar, 89 Holland St. for an alterations to premises to include an outdoor patio for service of alcohol.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Executive Secretary


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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
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Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Executive Secretary

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THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCES WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

2014-1 Article V Section 5-15 “Handicapped Parking” is amended with the following additions: 45 Baystate Av (90 day trial)

2014-2 rescinds 2013-1 Article V Section 5-15 “Handicapped Parking” with the removal of the Handicapped Parking Space at 316 Highland Av

2014-3 Article V Section 5-10 “Parking Prohibited at Safety Zones” is amended with the following additions: Fire Lane - Kensington Av, west side, beginning 10ft south of the fire hydrant extending northerly to the intersection of Middlesex Ave; Park Place, south side, from Laurel St extending easterly for 25ft; Park Place, west side, extend the existing fire lane (at the left bend) 15ft north for a total fire lane length of 50ft; Park Place, east side (at the bend), reinstall signage to indicate the entire east side of Park Place from the bend to the north end of Park Place is a fire lane.

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Suzanne Rinfret, Acting Director

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 14P0262EA

Estate of :

George	A.	Manzelli, Jr.
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

Also Known As: George Manzelli

Date of Death: August 31, 2013

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

Petitioner Donna M Rogers of Reading MA
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[x] Donna M Rogers of Reading MA
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve
[] with [x] without surety on the bond.

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

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The **Somerville Licensing Commission** is accepting applications for ONE available City Owned Alcohol License. The available License can be either All Forms of Alcohol or Wine and Malt License for a restaurant in Assembly Square District Area. Interested parties may obtain applications online at Somervillema.gov or at the City Clerks Office, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA Applications are being accepted until **February 11, 2014.**

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
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John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of :

Robert	A.	Spinosa
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

Also Known As: Robert Anthony Spinosa

Date of Death: December 26, 2013

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

Petitioner

Frank	B	Spinosa	of	New Oxford	PA
First Name	M.I.	Last Name		(City/Town)	(State)

[x]


Frank	B	Spinosa	of	New Oxford	PA
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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, February 20, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

181 & 197 Washington St: (Case PB #2014-01) Applicant CPI-SCC, LLC and Owners The Somerville Community Corporation, Inc and A&M Realty Trust seek a Special Permit with Site Review (SZO \$5.2) to construct two mixed use buildings of approx 46,305 nsf and approx 38,040 nsf under \$6.1.22.D.1 and \$6.1.22.D.2. The uses include small and medium retail of approx 6,000 sf, 65 residential units per SZO \$7.13.B, \$7.13.C, & \$7.13.E. The applicant seeks a Special Permit under SZO \$5.1 to reduce the number of parking spaces SZO 9.13.F and 9.17.2.A, to share a driveway and access and shared parking per SZO \$9.17.2.B. Article 13 Inclusionary Housing will apply. CCD55 Zone. Ward 3.

205 Washington St: (Case PB #2014-02) Applicant, CPI-SCC, LLC and Owners A&M Realty Trust & The Union Terrace Condominiums seek a Site Plan Approval for a subdivision under SZO \$5.4 to take 1,403 sf of a 24,063 sf lot at 197 Washington St. and transfer it to the 4,104 sf lot at 205 Washington St. CCD55 Zone. Ward 3.


182 Broadway: (Case PB #2013-16) Applicant Yihe Group and Owner S&V Realty Trust seek a Special Permit with Site Review per SZO \$5.2 to construct a mixed use building of approx 29,000 nsf under \$6.1.22.D.1. The uses include small and medium retail of approx 3,300 sf, 19 residential units per SZO \$7.13.B, \$7.13.C, & \$7.13.E. The applicant seeks a Special Permit under SZO \$5.1 to increase the number of compact parking spaces per SZO \$9.13.b and modify the bicycle parking requirement per SZO \$9.15.4. Article 13 Inclusionary Housing will apply. CCD55 zone. Ward 1.

337-341 Broadway: (Case PB #2014-03) Applicant, Winter Hill Bank, FSB, and Owner, KLT Corp., seek a Special Permit under SZO \$6.1.22, for new signage. CCD 45 zone. Ward 4.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
To be published in The Somerville Times on 2/5/14 & 2/12/14.

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers. Everyone 55+ are encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. 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.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Trips and Events Corner:

Fiore Restaurant, Boston's North End, Tuesday, February 18.

Supper and Bingo at Hanscom Air Force Base, Wednesday, February 26.

Foxwoods, Monday, March 10. Call Connie to register or for more information.

STAY ACTIVE:

Wii Bowling League - at Holland Mondays at noon. Free. If you haven't tried this, come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

Zumba for All with Cheryl - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes. Come at the end of the day, after work. Open to all.

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. Holland and 9:30 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.

Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings.

Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings.

Bowling at Flatbreads - Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

LGBT Events (Open to all ages):

Holland Street Café – February 10 - Local restaurant TBD. Vegetarian options always provided. RSVP a6 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Movies to Come Out To: February 12. Meal from Vinnie's Ristorante. Price \$6. RSVP by February 10. Movie TBA.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available.

Ralph & Jenny Center Events:

Ralph and Jenny Center will be open four days a week (Mon-Thurs) beginning Monday, February 3.

Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 a.m. every day the center is open (Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday). Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

Do you crochet or would you like to learn? Thursdays at 10:45 am. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

Strengthening Exercises with Geoff. 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

BINGO every day at 12:45.

Cross Street Center Events:

Center open every Tuesday and Wednesday.

English Conversation group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 and Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. All welcome. Enjoy conversation, and stay for lunch with new friends from all over the world.

Holland Street center:

Book club meets first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. The book for February is "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society."

February 5

Bowling at Flatbreads at 1:00 pm

Holland Street Center

Fit 4 Life A|8:45 a.m.

Fit 4 Life B|9 a.m.

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Fit 4 Life C|1 p.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

February 6

Holland Street Center

Current Events|10 a.m.

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

BINGO|12:45 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

February 7

Holland Street Center

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

February 10

Holland Street Center

Moonlighters|10:30 a.m.

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Fit-4-Life C|1 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

February 11

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Fit 4 Life LBT|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street Center

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

February 12

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|February 5

Middle School Writers’ Den
Alan Ball-617-636-9033
12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

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

Thursday|February 6

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

Friday|February 7

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year
olds
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 High-
land Ave

Veteran’s Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somer-
ville Ave

Saturday|February 8

Central Library
Somerville Public Schools Out-
reach
Adam Sweeting|617 666 8787
9 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

Central Library
Saturday Homework Help
Ron Castile|617-623-5000 x2969
1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

Central Library
StoryCorps Kickoff Weekend!
Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000
x2910
2:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

Sunday|February 9

Central Library
StoryCorps Kickoff Weekend!
Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000
x2910
3:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

Veteran’s Memorial Rink
Free public skating
3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somer-
ville Ave

Monday|February 10

Central Library

Sing-Along with Jordan Voelker
Cathy x2954
11 p.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Central Library
Math & Science Homework Help
For Teens
3 p.m.--5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
Knucklebones
9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance
Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|February 11

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for
Ages 9-11
Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216
9:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College
Avenue

Central Library
StoryCorps Interviews
Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000
x2910
2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

Wednesday|February 12

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

Central Library
Mothers Out Front and SHS
Students
Patricia Wild|617 628 3717
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

Central Library
Book Group for Kids Ages 9-12
Cathy Piantigini|617-623-5000
x2950
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

MUSIC

Wednesday|February 5

Johnny D’s
TBA
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm

Back Room
Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
Full Scene Ahead|“CD SWAP”|The
Astrobastards|The Hideout|Happy
Box
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill
Pub Trivia
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617)
623-9910

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

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

Thursday|February 6

Johnny D’s
Bill Blumenreich Presents : T.J.
Miller / Comedy Show \$29.00.
7:30 p.m.|17 Holland St|617-
776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Spring Hill Rounders grassy
Thursdays
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Scattershot |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
“Campfire” hosted by Ben
Bullock
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch
Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment’s Thursday
Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Friday|February 7

Johnny D’s
Amy Black CD Release with Shan-
non McNally|7 p.m.
Free Friday featuring The Gravel
Project|10 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Stan Martin Band |6 p.m.
Ponyfish, Baltic Sun, Ghost Ham-
mers|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Cover Me Badd
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA’S Lounge
HearNowLive presents:The Dead
Women|Flabberghaster|Paper-
back|The Watchtowers|Jalopy
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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

Bull McCabe’s
TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

6045
Joshua Tree
DJ McRiddleton
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-
718-9177

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
Greater Boston Food Bank Event
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|Performance Hall
The Line That Picked Up 1000
Babes (And How It Can Work For
You!)
8 p.m.-9 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland
Ave

Saturday|February 8

Johnny D’s
Amy Black CD Release with Shan-
non McNally |7 p.m.
Cosby Sweater with Up Until
Now, Live Electronic Music!|10:15
p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m
The Brooklyns, Lizzie Borden
Band |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Spitting Vinnies
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
Grammar|Steam|Thomas Ander-
son|Aaron Zimmer
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

Bull McCabe’s
TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

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DJ El Sid!
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Live Band & DJ
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Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
The Line That Picked Up 1000 Babes (And How It Can Work For You!)
8 p.m.-9 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|February 9

Johnny D's
Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band|4 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Jordan Renzi|3 p.m.
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m
Amber Casares |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.
Back Room
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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379 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
The Line That Picked Up 1000 Babes (And How It Can Work For You!)
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre
All You Need Is Myth
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Monday|February 10

Johnny D's
Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: One Microphone|7 p.m.
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.
8:30 p.m.|17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.
Back Room
Irish Step Dancing
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
Americana Night
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|February 11

Johnny D's
CJ Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band|7:30 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Mike Gent & The Rapid Shave|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.

Back Room
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

PJ Ryan's
Pub Quiz
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Wednesday|February 12

Johnny D's
Dawn Landes plus Michael Robert Todd|8:15 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Full Scene Ahead|"CD Swap
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
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Radio Bar
379 Summer St

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CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|February 5

Central Library
Mystery Book Club
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday|February 6

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
(Session 1)6:00 PM - 7:00 p.m.
(Session 2)7:15 PM - 8:15 p.m.
40 College Avenue

Central Library
Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund
Kelly Donato|617-625-6600 x2560
6:15 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

Friday|February 7

Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|February 8

Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
Winter Farmers' Market
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Third Life Studio
Jazz Dance Brunch!
A Six Week Jazz Dance Class Series with Jen Farrell
January 25 through March 1
10:30am-12:00pm|33 Union Sq

Sunday|February 9

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

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday|February 10

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

Central Library
Sierra Club Meeting: Trans Pacific Partnership
Denise Provost|617-872-8805
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Tuesday|February 11

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

Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
The Art of Group Singing For Women
with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com
7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday|February 12

Central Library
Mothers Out Front and SHS Students
Patricia Wild|617 628 3717
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com



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Property tax misconceptions and realities

CONT. FROM PG 10

down 52 percent when you adjust for inflation. That's roughly equivalent to the entire public safety budget this year. We have even cut our own revenue to create an environment where local businesses can thrive. We improved parking policies to bring more customers to businesses, which have led to significant cuts in fines and fees. We spend to our obligations—and to our values. We do more with less.

What would further cutting mean? Even extensive and damaging cuts would not translate

to significant savings on individual tax bills. As an example, if we wanted the average two-family property to have a property tax bill that's \$93 lower than last year's bill, it would require cutting \$3 million from the budget, which would require crippling cuts to the very services that make most of us want to live here from clean streets to free after-school programs. This is why we're trying to expand our commercial tax base through strategic community-driven development that will draw more tax-paying busi-

nesses to Somerville. It's not just about shifting the burden off residents, which is important, but easing the tax burden on everyone, including small businesses. We need more people paying in so everyone's share of the tax levy can go down while we still maintain services.

But expanding the commercial tax base is just one part of our long-term strategy. We continually seek new efficiencies, which is why we are able to reduce discretionary spending while still maintaining services at levels lauded nationwide. Whether it's

preventing \$20 million in new costs over the past two years by shifting to GIC health insurance or converting our streetlights to energy-saving LED bulbs, we will continue to squeeze the most out of every tax dollar so that we need fewer of them. And we will continue to innovate around affordability, via programs like expansion of the affordable housing program to the working middle-class or the creation of artist districts to protect affordable live/work space.

We are thriving today because we've made prudent, strategic,

efficient investment in our community. Businesses are thriving, with 73 net new businesses opening in the last three years. Our students are testing better than they have in years. Our residents have indicated via repeated surveys that they feel we are going in the right direction. So we will double down and continue to find solutions that work—for all of us. Our residents and small businesses are what make this city so desirable. And we have to protect them. We have heard you. We are acting. And we will act decisively.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

Mayor Curtatone and Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin invite all interested residents to a community meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Capuano Early Childhood Center, 150 Glen St., to discuss new lighting plans for the Capuano School / James McCarthy Field. The city is proposing to

install new lighting at the Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood Center Turf Soccer Field in the fall of 2014, but is seeking community input prior to finalizing design plans. For more information, contact Arn Franzen in the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development at 617-625-6600 ext. 2545 or AFranzen@somervillema.gov.

It's the Hard-Knock Life. Order your tickets for the Somerville High School production of *Annie* now and feel better. Shows are on Feb. 6, 7 and 8. Order advanced tickets on-line at <http://www.ticketstage.com/SHS> or send a check to: SHS Performing Arts, Ms. Rosemary Sears, Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

02143. Performances feature Somerville High School and Elementary students. This year's musical production will be held at the Davis Square Theater on Feb. 6 and 7 at 7:00 p.m and Feb. 8 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens, PK-12 students, and younger children needing their own seat. You can also purchase tickets at the door, if the show is not sold out.

Louisiana legend C.J. Chenier at Johnny D's

By Jim Clark

Somerville music fans have a rare treat in store for them as famed Zydeco star C.J. Chenier and The Red Hot Louisiana Band rolls into Johnny D's next week, Feb. 11.

Clayton Joseph Chenier was born September 28, 1957 - the son of the great King of Zydeco, Clifton Chenier. C.J.'s father was the first Creole musician to win a Grammy Award. C.J. spent his childhood in the tough tenement housing projects of Port Arthur, Texas. His earliest musical influences were an eclectic mix of funk, soul, jazz and Motown, and his first musical instruments were piano, tenor saxophone and flute. It wasn't until his 21st birthday, after winning a scholarship and studying mu-

sic at Texas Southern University, that C.J. first performed with his famous father and the legendary Red Hot Louisiana band.

On the road his father showed him how to front a world class touring band, teaching C.J. how to run the family business and how to develop his lifelong passion for music into a career. When Clifton died in 1987 his son adopted the Red Hot Louisiana Band and recorded his debut album for the great American independent label Arhoolie Records. As he told a journalist at the time, he does not try to imitate his father's playing: "I play it the way I play it. All my father really told me was to do the best I could do with my own style." In the following years C.J. would record albums for Slash Records and the legendary Chi-



C.J. Chenier brings his Zydeco mastery to Johnny D's on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

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Answers

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| 1. Tau | 5. Emeril Lagasse |
| 2. Eureka | 6. Celery |
| 3. In 1824, Andrew Jackson and John Quincy Adams- Jackson was ahead 335- 168. Jackson won the popular vote. When the election went to the White House. Adams was the winner, because no candidate had the majority of Electoral votes | 7. Tries to be everywhere at the same time |
| 4. Banana | 8. Interstate 90 |
| | 9. For Your Eyes Only |
| | 10. Erma Bombeck |
| | 11. Property of the Queen |
| | 12. Little parrots |

cago label Alligator Records.

A C.J. Chenier recording, like a traditional New Orleans funeral, would not be complete without a tremor of hope for the future and a few great dance tunes. C.J. composed several such songs for his latest album, *Can't Sit Down*, including the plaintive *I've Been Good To You Baby* and the swinging mea culpa *Who's Cheatin' Who?* The Fender Rhodes driven *Living To*

Learn is a particular classic. Sans accordion and rubboard, *Living To Learn* highlights C.J.'s sixties soul and Motown influences. "As a teenager I played the Fender Rhodes in a top 40 cover band, practicing soul, Ray Charles, and Motown songs for 10 hours a day" recalls C.J.

C.J. leads the entire band through the Clifton Chenier tune *Bogalusa Boogie* as a tribute to the late great Clarence Gate-

mouth Brown. Gatemouth had died just days after Hurricane Katrina decimated his home in southwest Louisiana. And Van Morrison's *Comfort You*, his great waltz-poem of healing and forgiveness, feels like a fitting end to a stormy night.

C.J. Chenier and The Red Hot Louisiana Band, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. at Johnny D's, 17 Holland St, Somerville, MA.

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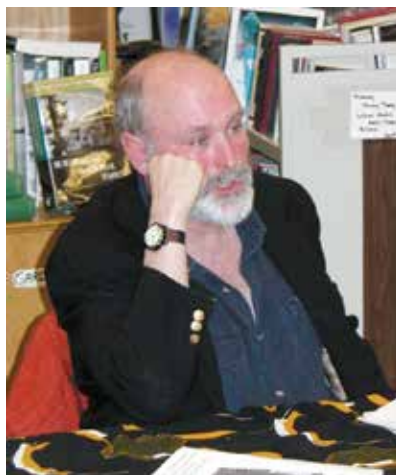
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7:30am	Life Matters	5:30pm	The Folklorist		Festival Kreyol	11:00pm	Porchfest	
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)		Tele Galaxie	Monday, February 10		
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)		Dead Air Live	7:30am	Eckankar	
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00pm	Chatting with History		Reeling the Movie Review Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
10:30am	Art at SCATV	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou		Play by Play	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	
11:00am	Abugida TV	9:30pm	Water is Life		Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Bay State Biking News	
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Friday, February 7		2:30pm	Culture Club	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes	
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	7:30am	Shrink Rap		Telemagazine	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
2:00pm	Physician Focus	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		Somerville Neighborhood News	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max	
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading		Somerville Housing Authority	3:30pm	Esoteric Science	
3:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	10:00am	High School Peer Pressure		Tele Kreyol	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	
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8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	History of the West End		Sunday, February 9			
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10:30am	Talking about Somerville	9:00pm	The Folklorist		1:30pm	Somerville Newspaper Reading	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Critical Focus	9:30pm	Copy Cat Festival		2:30pm	Life Matters	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
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2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	7:00am	High School Peer Pressure		Abugida TV	7:30pm	Greater Somerville	
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City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		9:00pm:	2014 Property Assessment Info Session	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		5:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
Wednesday, February 5		10:00pm:	Talking Business	Wednesday, February 5		6:00pm:	Kennedy School Winter Concert
9:00am:	Aldermen at Work	Sunday, February 9		9:00am:	SHS Indoor Track vs. Everett	7:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Everett
9:30am:	SomerViva	12:00am:	The Spirit of Somerville: Eugene Brune	10:00am:	WHCIS Fashion Show	9:00pm:	SHS Hockey vs. Medford
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 2.3.14	1:00am:	2014 City Hall Inaugural Ceremonies	11:00am:	Our Schools, Our City	10:30pm:	kid stuff - Kennedy Pool
3:00pm:	Aldermen at Work	2:30am:	2014 Property Assessment Info Session	12:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Cambridge	11:00pm:	Argenziano School's MLK Concert
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6:30pm:	Green Line Extension Meeting 1.15.14	9:00am:	Capuano School Playground Ribboncutting	3:30pm:	kid stuff - Kennedy Pool	12:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Medford
8:00pm:	MLK Day Celebration	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	4:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Medford	9:00am:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Malden
9:30pm:	Talking Business	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: Fibromyalgia Workout	6:00pm:	SHS Indoor Track vs. Everett	10:30am:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Medford
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Friday, February 7		12:00pm:	MLK Day Celebration	6:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Malden	12:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City
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Saturday, February 8		12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout	6:00pm:	Argenziano School's MLK Concert	11:00am:	kid stuff - Kennedy Pool
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Ed Galing: Poet of the Greatest Generation

I am reprinting this article I wrote for Rattle magazine (2006) about the late poet Ed Galing. Galing's poetry appeared on the pages of The Somerville News many times. He died in Dec. 2013, at the age of 96. I spoke to him a few weeks before his death and he was still writing.



I wrote more than a few poems for my friend Ed Galing after getting the many letters he has sent me over the years. Ed letters are probably as good as his poems. They are alive, spirited, like a scrappy street urchin, that Ed was in his early years. Ed can be needy, infuriating, hilariously funny, but most of all loveable. And that's the way I characterize his poetry. Like Ed, it shoots from the hip, giving you it straight with no chaser. I find that in contrast, a lot of the poetry I read today has a calculated ironic distance, almost as if the poet is afraid to display some honest sentiment or emotion. Ed Galing, at 89 is a poet who knows his allotted time is too short for posturing, a cool detachment, and obtuse and inaccessible verse. After long years of writing, and submitting his work Galing has joined the ranks of the major small press poets that includes: A.D. Winans, Hugh Fox, Lyn Lifshin, Alan Catlin, Lynne Savitt, and others. Like the poets just mentioned Galing's poetry, stories, and essays have appeared in the most obscure and the most well-known journals across the country. Whenever I pick up a little magazine like the *Chiron Review*, *Rattle*, *Lummo Journal*, *Poesy*, *Brevities*, *The Small Press Review*, *Pegasus* and hundreds of others, I am not surprised to find Ed Galing's name there.

I first encountered Ed Galing's poetry in a defunct magazine founded by the late Ralph Haselmann Jr., *Lucid Moon*. Ed Galing was described as the "harmonica-playing poet-laureate of Hatboro, Pa." (his hometown) I later found out that Galing's work was liberally spread out over a wide-swath of small press magazines, journals, newspapers, and the whole spectrum of publications. What came through in Ed's poetry was his no-bullshit; call a spade-a-spade style. He reminded me a lot of my wisecracking, Jewish uncles from boyhood, always busting chops and spinning stories. He is what they would call a "mensch," a Yiddish word; it means someone of consequence, someone to emulate. That's Ed.

In a number of interviews that I conducted with Ed, I became aware of his hardscrabble life, as it was reflected in his poetry. Ed told me that he started to write poetry as a young person during the Depression era. Galing's family was on general relief, and they lived in very Spartan conditions on the Lower East Side of New York City, and the gone-to seed environs of South Philadelphia.

Galing remembered his high school English teacher Dr. Ginsberg who was supportive of his work and pushed him to read the classics. Galing told me he took to poetry early on. As to why, he related: "Poetry could say something in a few words that prose could only do in the thousands. Poetry allowed me to pour out my heart and soul..." Later Galing mined his early years as fodder for his large body of work. In his most recent collection *Buying a Suit on Essex Street* (Iniquity Press) Galing writes about his boyhood urban retreat—the fire escape on his tenement building over the bustling immigrant filled streets of the Lower East Side.

Ed remembers vividly the cornucopia of sights and sounds the Lower east Side had to offer: "There were the cries of the merchants and the hundred of people pushing and shoving. There was a flavor to those streets I won't forget. I think it shaped my life. There were the rooftops, the wash on the lines, the garbage on the streets, and the gang fights."

Galing also had the bitter taste of in-your-face anti-semitism. He learned from the predominately Christian world that the Jews killed Christ, and that Santa Claus wanted no part of him. All this left an indelible impression on the man.

Galing has written many poems concerning anti-semitism, as he experienced it. As an occupation soldier in Europe shortly after World War II he was a witness to the death camps at Dachau. Galing told me: "All of these events shaped my sensibility and my poetry. I found anti-semitism everywhere...the Army, the Navy. Galing saw the horrific ovens of the camps, and was enraged at the denial of the atrocities by many Germans he encountered. Galing, through the Lucid Moon Press, published a small book of his war time experiences, complete with photos. In spite of these experiences he did not become misanthropic. Galing told me "This affected me as a man. I wanted to use my words to benefit mankind. I wanted to show that love is important to life."

To this day Ed Galing visits Jack's Deli in his old stomping grounds of South Phillie, and entertains the patrons with his harmonica playing. Now that his wife is a resident in a nursing home, he visits her daily, and shares his poetry and music with the other residents as well. Ed makes no concessions to the computer age and still corresponds with fellow poets by hand written letter. He types his poems out on an old typewriter. Ed and I talk on the phone regularly, and he expresses his frustration with the infirmities of old age, his wife's declining health, the capriciousness of editors, you name it. Yet, overall, Galing keeps a positive attitude, and still has eagle eye out for the next poem. Galing has experienced a lot, but like many of his rapidly diminishing peers he is able to grasp what is important from what is not. Ed has no time to worry about the latest trend, engage in navel gazing, or morbid introspection. What matters to Galing are the people in his life that he touched and who touched him. Ed Reflected: I have two grandsons, three grandchildren, and I am married to a wonderful woman. What is there to know about Ed Galing? Just a simple man, trying to write poetry, and perhaps trying to hear a good word about my work."

And just like his old man before him Ed keeps working, at his craft, a craft which has been his life.

Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Over the years that I have eaten breakfast at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square I have met many creative types who worked behind the counter. I have interviewed artists, musicians and poets. Keith Cooper is another person who serves coffee and in this case a poem.



Who Died?

Three days into the 21st century,
I was wondering
Who was going to get to
Sit in the front seat.

My brother and I smelled
Of basketball practice,
After school.

My mother was in the car,
Waiting.
In place of hello,
I asked her if we could
Go to McDonald's for ice cream.

The way she said "Not today"
I think I took no
For an answer for the
First time in my life.

Silent, then until the garage door--
Opened her mouth.

"Please go to the living room,
There is something
We need to talk about."

Walking past the kitchen,
I saw a new teddy bear
On the counter.

It was next to a sort of
Brochure that could easily
Have been for spring baseball camp.

Except it was titled "Coping with Suicide."

It was then that I wondered,
Who died?

— Keith Cooper

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