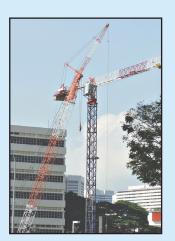


#OneSomerville rally draws large crowd



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By Joe Ruvido

Cold and brisk conditions did not stop nearly 5,000 people from gathering on the lawn in front of Somerville High School for the #One-Somerville rally on Saturday.

The rally was co-hosted by The City of Somerville and The Welcome Project, an immigrant rights advocacy group based in Somerville. Joining the mayor on stage were members of the Board of Aldermen, the Somerville Police and Fire Departments and Congressman Michael Capuano.

The mayor and immigrant residents of Somerville pressed the case for keeping Somerville a Sanctuary City.

Sanctuary Cities do not allow law enforcement to inquire about immigration status when taking law enforcement actions. Somerville has been a Sanctuary City since 1987.

Holland Street in front of the high school was closed for the event and full busses carried attendees to the site. Many Continued on page 4

Somerville Arts Council's February Artist of the Month: Doug Holder

Interview by Gilmore Tamny

Could you tell us a bit more about yourself and your background? Did you always want to be a poet and/or drawn to poetry?

Well, I was born in Manhattan in 1955. And my mother's side of the family was long-involved in the book business. They started selling books from pushcarts on the Lower East Side of NYC back in the early part of the last century. My late Uncle David Kirschenbaum was a prominent book dealer, and eventually founded the Carnegie Book Store in New York City's Book Row. So I was always around books, they were very much part the texture of my life. I started writing poetry in the 70s when I was living in a rooming house in the Back Bay of Boston. I recounted much of my life as a poet during this time in a lyrical memoir that was published, Portrait of an Artist as a Young Poseur: 1974 to 1983 (Big Table Books). I think what jump started me was when I Continued on page 5



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Local poet, publisher and educator Doug Holder is the Somerville Arts Council's artist of the month for February 2017. — Photo by Jaclyn Tyler





The Somerville Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Breakfast with U.S. Representative Michael Capuano takes place at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington Street, on Thursday, February 9. Doors open at 7:45 a.m., Buffet breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Sponsored by Winter Hill Bank. \$25 Chamber members, \$35 Non-members. RSVP with name(s) and affiliation(s) for you and your guest(s) to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

Congratulations to our own **Doug Holder** who was recently recognized as Artist of the Month for February by the **Somerville Arts Council**. Recognition well deserved. Of course were partial, we think he should be Artist of the Year. He is extremely talented and a truly sincere and nice guy!

Coming up this **Thursday on the 8th**, **Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang** will be having a re-election fundraiser, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the **Olde Magoun Salon**, 518 Medford St. in Magoun Square. Plenty of parking in the lot next door. Come celebrate Ward 5 and Somerville's progress and challenges, and contribute to our future! Guest speaker: **State Representative Christine Barber**. MC: **Alex the Jester**. Complimentary food, cash bar. Suggested Donation: \$500, \$250, \$100, \$75. Please come and give what you can! Make checks payable to: Committee to Elect Mark Niedergang, 29 Conwell Street, Somerville, MA 02143

There will be a re-election rally for Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti on February 28 at Orleans Restaurant in Davis Square, across from the parking lot on 65 Holland St., beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mary Jo works very hard for the city. She is always thinking of us, the residents. She's one of many of the present aldermen that are dedicated and listen to the residents of Somerville.

Happy birthday to a few of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday this week **Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters**, a great guy, dedicated to his work and a man of his word. We hope he has a great birthday this week, all week long as a matter of fact. Happy birthday to *Continued on page 11*

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Neighborhood Council needs to be open to everyone*

CAP says:

Just come out and say that you want to blackball Union United. Most residents won't get all of this wink-wink insinuation about who you're talking about.

There are a lot of people in Somerville who don't believe "our goal is to make Somerville a thriving innovation hub". Some of those people appreciate that Union United is a community rights group that's not in the back pocket of the Mayor, and maybe represents different priorities.

If you want to attack them for not dancing to your tune, that's your right. But come right out and put it on the table, rather than this rumor mongering stuff.

Linda says:

Old Somerville is being left out. I'm glad someone is sticking up for us.

Courtney O'Keefe says:

I don't want anyone blackballed. I want inclusion for EVERYONE.

Somerbreeze says:

I've observed that Union United–who I gather you're insinuating about here–has always practiced inclusiveness and fairness in their dealings.

They are not some transient power-mongers, either. They crafted their community-benefits agreements over time with input from much of the Union Square community.

And they truly are a community coalition of many facets from Union Square.

Dodd says:

Gentrification? Courtney has lived here her whole life. She will be hammered in this column with UU's paid commentators and meeting chair fillers.

Somerwhat says:

They included much of Union Square Somerbreeze?? Where are you blowing around these days?? Union United listen to those who speak their language and ignore those who dont.

UnionSquareOldTimer says:

Union United has dominated numerous attempts to get local residents involved in Union Square planning, forcing the agenda at public meetings back to their main concerns, namely more funding for SCC, and requiring union construction labor. Both of these are valid topics for discussion, but UU has been unwilling or unable to balance their interests with the larger communities.

Jim says:

Thanks Courtney O'Keefe for being vocal on this issue and speaking up for many who, between raising kids and working, don't have time to make it to multiple meetings.

At the rate Union Sq. is going, it won't really function as a neighborhood the way people are used to. It will have many establishments that sell "artisanal" stuff frequented by transient millennials, but I sense a growing sterility as older businesses are replaced with new higher end establishments. The SCC lost me when they attacked the people in the neighborhood who had concerns about the development at the old funeral home. They called them racist and brought protesters to planning board meetings. It was really arrogant, self rightous, and ugly to watch. We need more affordable housing, but I wish Somerville had other options



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Board of Aldermen presses developers on use of responsible contractors, worker benefits

By Jim Clark

At the most recent regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, the Legislative Matters Committee reported on the completion of a resolution to require all developers that receive any form of public financial support to use responsible prevailing-wage contractors that provide health insurance, worker's compensation, retirement benefits, and apprenticeship training to build their projects.

As specifically stated in the resolution, the Assembly Row developer Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT) has been the direct and indirect beneficiary of approximately \$73 million of public support from the City of Somerville and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to their projects in the form of direct public grants and publicly-subsidized financing.

Numerous residents and community groups warned Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT) not to select Callahan, Inc. as its general contractor for their Parcel 6 448-unit residential project, because Callahan has a longstanding business model of using subcontractors that often pay substandard wages and benefits, engage in tax and insurance fraud by illegally misclassifying their employees as "independent contractors," pay them in cash under the table, or sometimes don't pay them at all. Several members of the Board and of Somerville's State Legislative delegation, as well as numerous residents and community groups, subsequently called on FRIT to select instead a union general contractor for the project.

The resolution further states that despite the extensive public financial support for the Assembly Row development, and despite the fact that FRIT is a huge, publicly-traded company worth about \$9 billion, FRIT hired Callahan as its general contractor, arguing it could not afford to use union labor.

According to the Committee's findings, Callahan selected an irresponsible contractor, Force Corporation, to perform a substantial portion of the work, despite the fact that Force Corporation, its owner and principals, and their predecessor companies, are well known for their illegal business practices.

Additionally, Callahan's subcontractor Force Corp. and its owner and principals have agreed to a Consent Judgment in Federal Court in Boston after the United States Department of Labor sued them for illegally misclassifying employees as independent contractors, thereby cheating employees out of wages and cheating the government out of payroll taxes, and the Consent Judgment will require them to pay over \$2.3 million in back pay and interest and liquidated damages, and an-





The Somerville Board of Aldermen has resolved to require developers that are receiving any form of public financial support to use responsible prevailing-wage contractors.

other \$262,000 in civil penalties, and the payroll and withholding taxes they failed to pay.

The United States Labor Department is currently suing for over \$1 million the predecessor companies that Force Corp's owner and principals had operated because they repeatedly ignored numerous citations for workplace safety violations. According to the resolution, if FRIT had hired a responsible general contractor, all the various forms of public support for the project would not be benefiting contractors like Callahan and Force, whose business practices are antithetical to the public good, and all the workers who are building the project would be receiving area standard wages and benefits and would be able to afford to live in the residences under construction.

The matter was resolved and entered into the record.

Somerville by Design meeting: Davis Square

The City of Somerville's Planning Department invites community members in the Davis Square area to a series of Somerville by Design meetings aimed at chartering the next steps in developing this great neighborhood while preserving its character. Whether you are a renter or owner; new to the neighborhood or a long time resident, a planning meeting veteran or never attended one: they

want to hear from you. Monday, February 13, 6:00 p.m. Somerville Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.



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No receipt, no problem

Police were dispatched to the Stop & Shop on McGrath Hwy. last Friday on reports of a suspicious person stopped by store Loss Prevention personnel.

Upon arrival, the officers were told that a man, later identified as Fedley Frederick, of Medford, reportedly came into the store sometime between Thursday and Friday morning, grabbed two bottles of expensive cooking oils, placed them in a shopping bag, hid them underneath a table in the Floral Department, then left the store. Frederic then reportedly returned to Stop & Shop on Friday afternoon and began to look for the bottles under the floral table.

The Loss Prevention personnel said that they had observed all of this via the store's security surveillance video system, according to reports.

Frederick then reportedly took some flowers from the Floral Department and proceeded to the Customer Service desk and tried to return them. When asked for a receipt, Frederick reportedly claimed it was scanned onto his laptop.

Loss Prevention personnel then confronted Frederick and asked him for identification due to the fact he was trying to make a return for a refund. When asked for a receipt, Frederick again reportedly claimed the receipt was on his laptop and that his ID was in his vehicle.

The security staff then followed Frederick to his vehicle to obtain his ID. When Frederick produced a Massachusetts ID the store employee called police because he realized that Frederick had driven to the store but did not have a valid driver's license on him. Frederick was also in a U-Haul van which he did not have the proper documentation for, according to reports.

When police asked Frederick for the rental agreement, he claimed he did not have one because his step-mother had originally rented the van and transferred it to him over the phone so there were no documents.

The store security employee also said that on January 29 Frederick returned two bottles of the same oil and received a refund of \$46.48. After Frederick left, it was discovered that the receipt was fraudulent.

On the front of the receipt, the store number is listed as #498, which is the McGrath Hwy. location. However, on the back of the receipt, the security identifier shows that the receipt paper itself belong to store #412, the Brigham Circle store. Each store has its own receipt paper assigned to it. Presumably, according to police, Frederick must have scanned the original purchase receipt from store #498 and printed it on receipt paper from store #412. This is how security was able to identify the receipt being fraudulent.

Frederick was placed under arrest and charged with possession or use of counterfeit receipts.

Upon, searching the van for rental documentation, police reportedly found observed three rolls of receipt paper, each belonging to a different Stop & Shop.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Jonathan Cuevas, of 35 Lucerne St., Boston, January 30, 2:41 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on warrant charges of misdemeanor breaking and entering, improper use of a credit card, felony daytime breaking and entering, receiving stolen property under \$250, and receiving stolen property over \$250.

Jose Portillo, of 691 Broadway, Chelsea, January 31, 6:57 a.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and leaving the scene of property damage.

William Webster, of 5 Main St., Malden, January 31, 9:38 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of unregistered motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and number plate violation.

Luis Cepeda, of 112 Southhampton St., Boston, January 31, 12:43 p.m., arrested at Mc-Grath Hwy. on a charge of larceny over \$250. **David Seibel**, of 90 Morrison Ave., February 3, 8:52 a.m., arrested at Morrison Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a family or household member.

Fedley Frederick, of 17 Medford St., Medford, February 3, 12:47 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of possession or use of counterfeit receipts.

Kasey Owens, of 328 Pearl St., Malden, February 4, 2:08 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and state highway traffic violation 7.

Franklin Argueta, of 273 Maverick St., East Boston, February 4, 3:03 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, and possession of a class C drug.

Felipe Leao, of 8 Hinckley St., February 4, 3:03 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and drug possession to distribute.

Doreen Koenig, of 23 Wildwood Rd., Medford, February 4, 8:53 p.m., arrested at Lowell St. on charges of leaving the scene of property damage and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Christian Ahearn, of 184 Main St., Everett, February 6, 12:54 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of possession of a class E drug, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

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held signs in support of immigration and in protest of the executive orders and rhetoric coming from Washington.

In addition to a show of support for Somerville's Sanctuary City status, the rally served as a celebration of the city's diversity. Mariachi and Haitian bands played after the speeches; complementary Venezuelan arepas, Mexican ponche and Somali pancakes were served. In his speech, Mayor Curtatone echoed the sentiments from his press conference two weeks ago when he responded to President Trump's executive order mandating a Mexican border wall and an end to federal funding for Sanctuary Cities. He was followed by Somerville school students, some of whom were refugees from the Middle East who thanked the community for welcoming them to pursue their education in Somerville.

Perla Hernandez, a Somerville resident and native of Mexico, summed up much of the day's feeling. "Mexico will always be in my heart, but Somerville will always be my home," she said to have no bearing on the previous executive order regarding Sanctuary Cities, the effects of which are still ambiguous at this time. Though the president has said

he plans to follow through on



cheers from audience.

Joe DiSouza, owner of Modelo's Bakery in Magoun Square, also spoke. DiSouza emigrated to the U.S. and opened his business two decades ago. "My son went to school in Somerville, now he's an engineer!" said a proud DeSouza, whose five children went to school in the city. The rally came hours after a court in Seattle granted a temporary hold on President Trump's executive order banning immigration from seven Muslim-majority countries, pending further review of its constitutionality. A decision from the 9th circuit federal court is expected this week. The ruling in that case will campaign promises to defund Sanctuary Cities, there is no telling which programs may be cut as congress controls the budget for those funds.

The uncertainty revolving around immigration policy did not take away from the festive air of the rally. A smiling Jay Stots volunteered at the rally to help with crowd control. "I wanted to show the community that we support them, and be involved in something with a positive message," said Stots, 33, of Somerville.

Similar rallies have been held in other Sanctuary Cities across the country, including Cincinnati, Ohio, and Palm Springs, California.

– Photo by Joe Ruvido



Somerville Arts Council's February Artist of the Month: Doug Holder

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inadvertently found On the Road by Jack Kerouac on the shelves of the now defunct Barnes and Noble in Downtown Crossing in Boston. From there I read all the Beat poets and writers, and then went on to other genres, Eventually I went on to graduate school to further my education.

What are some of your upcoming projects?

Well, when I am teaching (Endicott College and Bunker Hill Community College) I don't have time for many new projects. But I continue with my column, the LYRICAL SOMERVILLE in The Somerville Times, I produce and host my Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer show on Somerville Community Access TV show, direct the Newton Free Library Poetry Series, co-run the Bagel Bards, a literary group that meets in Davis Square every Saturday, and recently I was on the panel that picked the first two poet laureates of Somerville. Also, for well over 30 years I have run poetry groups for psychiatric patients at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA. I work as a counselor there

on weekends. I long had the idea for a Somerville Poet Laureate, and back in 2014 I met with Greg Jenkins of the Somerville Arts Council, and my old pal Harris Gardner and we made it happen. Our first laureate was Nicole Terez Dutton, the second (that we chose recently) is Gloria Mindock.

"To have a voice out there, something that transcends all the muck and mire and smoke and mirrors of our troubled times..."

Ibbetson Press: how did that evolve?

It started in 1998 in Somerville on Ibbetson Street. We used an artistic rendition of the street sign that had both Ibbetson Street and Somerville Ave., written on it, as the front cover



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for our first issue. The magazine was founded by my wife Dianne Robitaille, Richard Wilhelm, and myself. At first we only reached out to Somerville poets but over the years we expanded. We started out funding ourselves, but now we are partially funded by Endicott College. Somerville has a rich history of small literary presses and I wanted to be part of it. Since 1998 we have put out forty issues of the lit mag Ibbetson Street, and close to a hundred chapbooks and books of poetry.

How do you see poetry as integral to Somerville or any community? The world? The universe?

Well, hopefully poets can write about what people collectively feel but can't express in words. To have a voice out there, something that transcends all the muck and mire and smoke and mirrors of our troubled times is needed even more.

Who are some of your favorite poets? Massachusetts poets in particular?

Well my fave Somerville poets, to name a few, are Gloria Mindock, Nicole Terez Dutton, Linda Conte, Kirk Etherton, Lucy Holstedt, Bert Stern, David Blair, Lloyd Schwartz, Dianne Robitaille, Richard Wilhelm, to name just a few. Massachusetts poets include Sam Cornish, Richard Hoffman, Dennis Daly, Kevin Gallagher, Rusty Barnes, Kevin Carey, Afaa Michael Weaver, Robert K. Johnson, Dan Sklar, Michael Todd Steffen, Tomas O'Leary, Harris Gardner, Fred Marchant, Martha Collins Zvi Sesling, Lo Galluccio – too many to name here. How do you feel your work as a publisher and editor informs your writing of poetry? How about as teacher?



— Photo by Jaclyn Tyler

ways learn from your students. And as an editor and community journalist I have published, reviewed, and interviewed many poets. I have learned a great deal from reading their work, and talking to them about their creative process.

Of your own works, what is your most favorite?

Well, I think I am hip on my book Portrait of an Artist as a Young Poseur. In that collection, in a stream of consciousness style, I examined my sort of bohème life in the late 70s in Boston. I revisited all the old haunts, eccentric characters, etc., that I knew back in the day. Boston and Somerville have changed a great deal since then of course. I used to work in Davis Square in the early 80s and it was a down-at-the heels place then, and now it is very gentrified. Boston is also gentrified and a vastly different city. It was easier to live that tigrain bagel with tomatoes and a small coffee. I read the New York Times and the Globe, then start writing. In that back room I have also interviewed quite a few folks. It is sort of my unofficial office.

How did your column in The Somerville Times come to be?

Well, back in 2002 I had been writing reviews, etc., online and I showed them to the owner at that time, Bob Publicover. I asked him if I could write for the paper. It was called The Somerville News back then. Later the paper was bought by Donald Norton, and much later it morphed into The Somerville Times. From 2003 to 2010 we hosted the Somerville News Writers festival at the old Jimmy Tingle Theatre, the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square, the Arts Armory and elsewhere. I founded the festival with Timothy Gager and with the help of Donald Norton. We had a lot of folks pass through there like Nick Flynn, Franz Wright, Sue Miller, Hallie Ephron, Alex Beam, Steve Almond, Robert Pinsky, Robert Olen Butler and many more. Writing for The Times has been a blast! I have featured and written about many poets and writers in the good old Paris of New England, Somerville, MA.

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lifestyle back then, now it is so damn expensive, there is a very different vibe now.

What is your writing process like? Your writing routine?

Well, I do a lot of my writing in the backroom of the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square in the morning. It is a ritualistic thing for me. They know me there and what I get each morning, a mul-

Sharing Our Stories Support

Join Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC) staff and fellow Somerville parents for a support group for families with young children who have special needs. Raising a child who does not always fit in can be challenging. This free, open-ended group offers adults the opportunity to share joys, concerns, frustrations, questions and resources about their experiences. The group will meet on February 9, 7:00-7:30 p.m., at the Cummings School building, 42 Prescott Street.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Connolly voted against the pay hikes. Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



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



Rep. Mike Connolly

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex. **THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of January 30 -February 3.

The key roll call of the week was the one on which the House and Senate overrode Gov. Charlie Baker's veto of a pay hike for some legislators, all constitutional officers and judges.

The other main business was that the House and Senate, on voice votes, without a roll call, each approved the rules under which their chamber will operate.

Changes to the Senate rules include prohibiting any senator from being compensated for service in more than three leadership or committee chair or vice-chair positions and from receiving a stipend for service as vicechair of more than one committee.

Other changes include establishing rules for electronic voting on roll calls instead of the current system of the clerk calling each senator's name; allowing a court officer to vote for members who are not able to do so because of a condition related to pregnancy, childbirth or nursing a child; expanding the ability of the Senate Committee on Climate Change to receive and hear bills related to climate change legislation; requiring that members of a committee be provided the text of the bills, or comprehensive summaries, prior to the beginning of a committee vote; and eliminating the practice of "pairing" - a process, used only in the Senate, that allows an absent senator to express how he or she would have voted on a roll call. Under the arrangement, the absent senator contacts a senator who is present and plans to vote the opposite way. The present senator agrees to "pair" his or her vote with the vote of the absent senator. Neither vote is counted in the official total -- they cancel each other out. This process allows both senators to be unofficially recorded on the roll call.

Changes to the House rules include prohibiting any representative from receiving a stipend for service in more than one leadership or committee chair or vicechair position; allowing representatives to take photographs or selfies from their assigned seats in the chamber as long as anyone else who appears in the picture gives their permission to use it; prohibiting consolidated amendment from being adopted except by a roll call vote; formalizing a policy restricting the use of the members' lounge area to official business and educational purposes only; and prohibiting the House Speaker from earning outside income. constitutional statewide officers and the House speaker and Senate president be increased or decreased based on data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) that measures the quarterly change in salaries and wages. It also requires that the same formula is used every two years to increase or decrease the stipends that more than 100 other legislators receive for their service in Democratic or Republican leadership positions, as committee chairs or vice chairs and as the ranking Republican on some committees. There is a caveat in all of these cases that the amount of money they receive can never be less than it is right now in February 2017.

There was no shortage or reaction to the raises.

"It is fiscally irresponsible and the process on it was inappropriate," said Gov. Baker.

DeLeo defended the raises and noted two independent commissions had recommended many of the hikes. "Raises of any type are always the subject of disagreement ... I don't think there's ever a right time or right place," he said.

"Congratulations taxpayers, you now have the highest paid House speaker and Senate president of any state legislature in the nation," said Chip Ford, Executive Director of Citizens for limited Taxation. "The Best Legislature Money Can Buy has struck again to make Massachusetts Number One."

"My standard for judging these things is this: Are we paying a salary adequate enough to enable a family breadwinner or a professional to run for the office?" asked Sen. Mike Barrett (D-Lexington). "This will be the first pay raise in recent memory big enough to draw the interest of people employed in the private sector today. Any resulting competition will be good for the system."

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

Another provision increases the annual general expense allowance for each legislator from \$7,200 to \$15,000 for members whose districts are within a 50-mile radius of the Statehouse and to \$20,000 for districts located outside of that radius. This allowance is used at the discretion of individual legislators to support a variety of costs including the renting of a district office, contributions to local civic groups and the printing and mailing of newsletters. Legislators are issued a 1099 from the state and are required to report the allowance as income but are not required to submit an accounting of how they spend it.



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.

Correction: Last week *Beacon Hill Roll Call* mistakenly omitted the vote of Rep. Michael Connolly on the pay hikes for some legislators, the governor, the state's other constitutional officers and court judges and their clerks.

\$18 MILLION IN PAY HIKES (S 16)

House 116-43, Senate 31-9, overrode Gov. Charlie Baker's veto of an \$18 million pay raise package including hiking the salaries of the two leaders who filed the bill, House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) and Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst), by \$45,000 from \$97,547 to \$142,547. The measure also hikes the pay of the Legislature's two Republican leaders, Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) and Rep. Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) by \$37,500 from \$85,047 to \$122,547. Another provision hikes the salaries of the state's judges by \$25,000 over an 18-month period.

The measure raises the governor's salary by \$33,200, from \$151,800 to \$185,000; and provides hikes for the other five constitutional officers. It also requires that every two years the salaries of the governor, the other five The package also gives a \$65,000 housing allowance for the governor. Massachusetts is one of only six states that supplies neither a governor's residence nor a housing allowance, even as Boston is among the most expensive housing markets of any of the state capitals.

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

Voters are not allowed to collect signatures to put a

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question repealing the pay raises on the November 2018 ballot because the package includes judicial pay hikes which under the Massachusetts Constitution cannot be the subject of a repeal on the ballot.

(A "Yes" vote is for overriding Gov. Baker's veto and is for the pay raise. A "No" vote is against overriding the governor's veto and is against the pay raise.)

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

LOCAL AID GUARANTEE BY MARCH 15 (H 2019, S 9)

House 37-122, Senate 6-33, rejected a joint rule requiring the House and Senate to annually adopt by March 15 resolutions stating the minimum amount of local aid that the Legislature will give to cities and towns for that year.

Supporters said most communities craft their local budgets in March and can better prepare if they know by March 15 how much local aid they will receive. They noted it is unfair to make communities wait until July, which is when the Legislature often makes its decision.

Opponents said the Ways and Means Committees have not even drafted a budget proposal by March 15 so it would be irresponsible to make promises that might not be able to be kept. They said that being forced to set dol-

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lar figures for local aid too early can also result in conservative estimates that are lower than what communities will actually receive.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	No
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Denise Provost	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

THREE NEW LAWS TOOK EFFECT - Several laws took effect last month. These laws were all approved by Legislature and signed by Gov. Baker in October 2017. These three laws and other ones mostly take 90 days to become effective.

RECORKING WINE (H 199) Effective January 20, 2017: Expands the prior law allowing restaurant and hotel customers to bring home an unfinished bottle of wine. The new law expands the law to taverns, clubs and veterans' organizations like American Legion posts. The wine would have to be resealed and then placed in a onetime-use tamper-proof, transparent bag.

Supporters say it is time to expand this law to ensure that people do not finish their bottle of wine just so it doesn't go to waste. They noted that often leads to drunken driving.

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 30 -February 3, the House met for a total of eight hours and 37 minutes and the Senate met for a total of seven hours and four minutes.

Mon. January 30	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:41 a.m.
Tues. January 31	No House session No Senate session
Wed. February 1	House 11:02 a.m. to 1:24 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. February 2	House 11:05 a.m. to 5:16 p.m. Senate 11:51 a.m. to 6:16 p.m.
Fri. February 3	No House session No Senate session

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

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

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

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



Mardi Gras Concert/Party to benefit homeless

By Rebecca Danvers

In these harsh days of winter, the Somerville Homeless Coalition is working hard to keep people safe, through emergency shelters, Project Soup and food assistance, homelessness prevention and affordable housing programs, medical assistance, educational programs, and more.

A special Mardi Gras party/ concert at the Burren on Sunday, February 26 will invite music lovers to enjoy live New Orleans style music and songs, while supporting the work of the SHC.

Award-winning singer/songwriters Lisa Housman and Dave Falk, of the band Sweet Wednesday, will be hosting the event, sharing original songs as well as traditional New Orleans favorites like Lakes of Pontchartrain, Saint James Infirmary, and When the Saints Come Marching In.

Instrumentation will include vocals, harmonies, guitars, harmonica, mandolin, bass, drums, violin, banjo, and viola.

The show will feature guest appearances by some local legends, including Yani Batteau, Reverend Busker (Michael Sullivan), Rachel Raven, Janet Connerney and Laurence Scudder (of Spotted Tiger).

"We wanted to put together a



Sweet Wednesday (Dave Falk and Lisa Housman), hosts and performers at the Mardi Gras Concert/Party.

show where we could play with our amazingly talented friends some of our favorite songs from New Orleans," Housman said. "We've been introduced to so many cool songs from touring as a duo and with the band, and the wonderful Louisiana music we've been exposed to has definitely influenced our songs about Massachusetts, as well."

The festivities will include original songs by Reverend Busker, who performed for many years in New Orleans at clubs and on the streets, and has played Jazz Fest numerous times. Busker has shared the stage with Natalie Merchant, Mighty Sam McClain, and many other high profile artists, and is excited to share his songs inspired by the region, to the accompaniment of Dave Falk on Cajun fiddle.

"Think about the last time you received an unexpected and totally delightful gift. That's just how I felt when I heard the mu sic of Sweet Wednesday. You'll forgive the gushing when you hear the alt-country, folk, roots sound of the Boston-based duo known individually as Dave Falk and Lisa Housman. I didn't think musicians made music this addictive anymore."

All ages are welcome at the afternoon performance (2:30 – 4:30 p.m.) on Sunday, February 26 at the Burren. There will be no cover charge, with all donations collected via "pass the hat" going to the Somerville Homeless Coalition. Mardi Gras masks and beads are welcome.

'Bring It On' at SHS

This year's Somerville High School musical, Bring It On - The Musical, featuring SHS Highlander cheerleaders, takes audiences on a high-flying journey filled with the complexities of friendship, jealousy, betrayal and forgiveness.

Tickets are on sale now at www.shsma.booktix.com for this energetic musical production. Shows are February 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. and February 11 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., at the Somerville High School Auditorium.

For more information, visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/musical. Due to high school themes and language, parental guidance is suggested. Book tickets at http://shsma.booktix.com.

Bitingly relevant, sprinkled with sass and inspired by the hit film, *Bring It On – The Musical* takes audiences on a high-flying journey that is filled with the complexities of friendship, jealousy, be-trayal and forgiveness.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Meadows to Metropolis By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Before the European settlement of what is now Somerville's Mystic River waterfront, nature ruled the shore. Rich green meadows of grass that were as tall as the observer first caught the explorers' eye.



At that time, there were mammals and birds that are today seldom seen east of Route 495. Because of extinction, we will never again see some like the Great Auk, which was a large, penguin-related bird, the Grey Wolf, and clouds of Passenger Pigeons which once flew above. Early Massachusetts Governor Dudley, when writing overseas, would claim that these migrating flocks would blackout the sun for hours.

The Mystic's riverside at that time was a land of the small animal: the otter, the weasel, the porcupine, the beaver, and the mink. It was also a land of large animals, such as, the moose, the deer, the wolf, and



the bear. The area was abundant with marine life. Whales were hunted in nearby Massachusetts Bay, while lobsters were trapped off shore and shellfish were easily harvested along the Mystic's shoreline.

Mostly, this was the land of the "sacred cod." This fish was so plentiful that it would become the settlers' mainstay. It fed them, fertilized their crops and later became the colony's respected symbol. It was here, at the present Wellington Bridge's entrance to Assembly Square, that our first Governor, John Winthrop, launched the first ship built in New England in 1631. It took place on a foretelling patriotic date, the Fourth of July. Christened the Blessing of the Bay, it was the forerunner of today's Coast Guard and Navy.

Uniting some of the freshest and funniest creative minds on Broadway, *Bring It On* features an original story by Tony Award winner, Jeff Whitty (*Avenue Q*), music and lyrics by Tony Award-winning composer, Lin-Manuel Miranda (*In the Heights, Hamilton*), music by Pulitzer- and Tony Award-winning composer, Tom Kitt (*Next to Normal*), lyrics by Broadway lyricist, Amanda Green (*High Fidelity*), and was nominated for the Tony Award for Best Musical.

Campbell is cheer-royalty at Truman High School and her senior year should prove the most cheertastic – she's been named captain of the squad! But, an unexpected redistricting has forced her to spend her final year of high school at the neighboring hard-knock Jackson High School. Despite having the deck stacked against her, Campbell befriends the dance crew girls and, along with their headstrong and hardworking leader, Danielle, manages to form a powerhouse squad for the ultimate competition – the National Championships.





For many years, the marsh put gold in the hands of many by means of her clay deposits. At one time, Somerville's Mystic Avenue, from Medford to the Boston line, had over a dozen brick-making companies.

One hundred years ago in 1917, designs were drawn up for a ship to be built on the Mystic River in

Somerville. This was the same site as the Blessing of the Bay's launching almost three centuries earlier. The idea was to revive the shipbuilding industry on the Mystic, which had died out in Medford 47 years earlier. The timing was off and financing was difficult because of World War I. The building of the "Tremont" as Continued on page 15

Somerville – Townhouse 39 Oxford St

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SeniorPet Donors Come Through for Sampson the Dog

The SeniorPet program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) wants to thank everyone who recently contributed to support the good health of Sampson the dog.

Sampson is doing alright, and his owner was overwhelmed by the generosity of those who donated to help SeniorPet cover the vet bills.

It's quite a reversal from December, when the vet discovered a pair of tumors on Sampson. The owner, who has limited means, put the \$1,150 surgery on a charge card. Our Senior-

The 241st Marine Corps Birth-

day was held on November 10,

2016 to benefit Toys for Tots. I

would like to thank the follow-

ing businesses, organizations

and individuals that supported

Jim Hogan, Porter Square Vet-

erinarian, Mario & Trish Mas-

sina, Kay McCarthy, George L.

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Dear community,

the fundraiser:

dilemma and we helped spread the word about Sampson, to ask for help. A month later, a biopsy deter-

Pet program heard about that

mined the tumors were non-malignant, and Sampson's owner was deeply touched by the outpouring of support and concern they received. She recently stopped by SCES to thank us, to let us know how much happiness we brought into her life. I am writing this letter in the hope that all those who donated will read this and know what a difference they made in the life of a local pet owner.

SeniorPet helps clients defray the burdens of pet ownership by

Gould, Shaw's - Porter Square,

Harriet McLaughlin, Foundry -

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Johnston, Atlas Liquors, Ball

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its, Medford VFW Post 1012,

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gion Post 19, and Wedgewood

Crane-Connolly Insurance Co.

An additional thanks to Con-

gressman Michael E. Capuano,

providing food, supplies and affordable medical care. The program runs on both donations and volunteerism, by enlisting community support to arrange for basic pet services and taking up collections to cover more expensive medical needs.

Donations can be mailed to SCES/SeniorPet Program, 61 Medford Street, Somerville, MA 02143. For more information about SeniorPet or to donate, call 617-628-2601 ext. 3051 or email mmazzeo@eldercare.org.

Sincerely,

Marie Mazzeo, Volunteer Manager at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services

State Representative Timothy

Toomey, Jr., Alderman at Large

John M (Jack) Connolly, Jr., Al-

derman at Large Dennis Michael

Sullivan and Alderman at Large

Mary Jo Rossetti. I appreciate

that these five public officials took

time out of their busy schedules

I greatly appreciate the efforts

of my committee and its chair-

man, Mark Kiloren. A special

to support the fundraiser.

afford recent vet bills. SCES photo thanks to Diane Ferola who went Respect above and beyond the call of duty, as usual. I truly appreciate all of Robert Diane's hard work before and Comm after the event to make it a true George success, especially the prepara- Vetera

was ready for Veterans' Day. My thanks to all who participated in this event that allowed us to present a check for \$1763.00 to Toys for Tots.

tion and cleanup of the hall so it

Respectfully Submitted,

Generous donors recently contributed \$1,150 to help the owner of Sampson the dog

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Boston Sci-Fi Film Festival comes to Somerville Theatre

The week that sci-fi lovers wait for all year has finally come. The Boston Sci-Fi Film Festival #42 starts on February 10 at the Somerville Theatre, bringing 10 days of new and classic vital sci-fi film to area fans, culminating in a wild 24-hour sci-fi marathon.

This year's festival's predominant themes are those that scare us all as we look to the future:



Social Media as The Enemy, The Most Dangerous Game: Humans Being Hunted, Viruses, and (of course) Zombies!

Some Highlights of the Festival Include:

Sci-Fi New England Day: Monday February 13:

A whole day of programming devoted to the local filmmakers, many of whom will be conducting Q&A's after their films. *Westworld* (1973): (2/16/17) You've obsessed over the HBO reboot, now see the original film that sparked it all with Yul Brenner, Richard Benjamin and James Brolin.

Energy the Movie: (2/14/17) (U.S. Premiere). An energy scientist is holed up in a hotel challenged by elites, and a scheming mistress. Starring acid-guru Timothy Leary in one of his final performances. Remastered by the director exclusively for Boston Sci-Fi. *The 'Thon*: (2/19-2/20/17) 24 hours of sci-fi starting at noon on February 19 and ending noon on February 20 with 700+ attendees. A Time Travel Workshop (no, really)

See the complete schedule here: http://bostonscifi.com/schedule/

From emerging directors, to sci-fi classics, from cutting edge world premieres to beloved cult classics, from local filmmakers to the best the world has to offer, only one Festival has it all.

Admission Prices: Festival Passes \$130 Marathon Tickets \$70 Individual Tickets: Individually Priced at the Boston Sci-Fi Film Festival website: http://bostonscifi.co

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When Assembly Square meant corruption instead of renewal



By William C. Shelton

For the second time in as many years, Assembly Row has won Curbed Boston's Neighborhood of the Year award. The folks at Federal Realty Investment Trust should be justly proud of what they have accomplished.

And they would willingly acknowledge that the sometimes contentious interactions among developers, city officials and community activitsts have contributed to the high quality of Assembly Row's public realm.

Few who enjoy that public realm today know that 35 years ago an Assembly Square development proposal produced a muncipal corruption scandal that tarnished the city's reputation, but ultimately resulted in significant improvements to its political culture.

During the first half of the last century, Assembly Square was a thriving industrial center, manufacturing machine tools, confections, clothing, ceramics, and appliances; and distributing petroleum, dry goods, groceries, and structural steel.

In 1926, Ford built an assembly plant, from which the Square took its name. The next year, First National Stores (FI- NAST), the nation's first supermarket chain, built a warehouse complex and its headquarters across Foley Street from the Ford facility.

But deinustrialization came early to Somerville. The Ford plant's 1958 closure heralded a wave of shuttered factories. By 1976, Assembly Square was becoming a ghost town. FINAST, the B & M Railroad, and Ford had each paid the city over \$1 million in annual taxes, but were gone. Two machine tool companies and a trucking concern were the only large employers left.

Albert Kahn, America's foremost industrial architect, had designed the Ford plant. Through large windows on Middlesex Avenue, pedestrians could view the Edsel assembly-line operation.

In 1978, East Bay Development Corporation promised to turn the plant into a mall, rennovate the office building that had been FINAST's headquarters, build a 200-to-400 room hotel, develop ten additional acres of commercial and office property, and create 1,450 permanent jobs. The city embraced the proposal as its Assembly Square Redevelopment Plan and obtained a \$3.3 million HUD grant to build the road improvements that the developer wanted.

East Bay had built the Woburn mall and several others. In the process, the FBI caught them in a securities-fraud and tax-evasion scheme. East Bay's principal, Ray Coots, told then U.S. Attorney Bill Weld that in return for reducing or dropping charges, he could deliver corrupt Somerville politicians.

Conducting the sting required an operative who would not be recognized in Somerville. Special Agent John Connolly, who ended up going to prison for colluding with Whitey Bulger, recommended Special Agent Jack Callahan, his former Boston College classmate.

They introduced Jack Callahan to Somerville as Jackie Collins, East Bay's public- and government-relations officer. Their intention was to catch a low-level politician, offer leniency in return for cooperation, and work their way up the food chain.

"I believe that the results speak for themselves"

The fictional hotel's restaurant needed a liquor license, but Somerville had recently frozen the number of on-site licenses at 52. A new license would require legislation by the Board of Aldermen and a home-rule petition passed by the Legislature.

Callahan wined and dined Ward 1 Alderman Tim Creedon, who said that he could get the legislation passed, but it would "cost" East Bay. Callahan gave Creedon \$13,500. Creedon gave \$500 each to five other aldermen. The only one who he later named was Ward 3 Alderman Michael McKenna, who had complained that he should get at least \$1,000. Vinny Piro was then riding high as Somerville and Medford's powerful State Representative on the Ways and Means Callahan asked Committee. Piro to shepherd the home rule petition through the statehouse. Piro said that it would cost \$25,000. As proof of his good intentions, he told Callahan that he had taken two bribes for suc-



The Edsel plant's assembly line in 1957.

cessfully rendering favors in the past. In March 1983, the FBI recorded Piro telling Callahan that he "needed a little walking-around money" to "grease a few guys." They gave him \$5,000 in marked bills.

At that time, city tax assessors were elected rather than appointed. The department was notorious for the bribes that assessors took to reduce property assessments. Assessor Robert Campo knew a good thing when he saw it. He went to Callahan and told him that he "needed some help," because his campaign costs had been high.

In return for \$5,000, he reduced the mall's tax assessment. Over the next two years, he solicited two more bribes, and the FBI recorded 47 conversations with him, including three involving his son-in-law, Alderman McKenna. He later testified that he had shared the bribes with other assessors.

Campo ended up pleading guilty and received a three-year sentence. Creedon got a oneyear sentence in Danbury for cooperating, and was paroled six months later. Suffering from brain cancer, McKenna was given house arrest. Piro's attorney argued that his client had been entrapped, and pointed out that he had returned the \$5,000 three weeks after taking it. Prosecutor John Pappalardo said that Piro had been tipped off, and that the currency he returned was different from what he had been given.

Piro's first trial ended in a mistrial, and his second, in an acquittal. But Somerville voters convicted him at the polls. He had won the Democratic primary election for the State Senate and faced no Republican opponent. In the general election, outraged voters elected Alderman Sal Albano in an unprecedented write-in campaign. Shortly thereafter, the Board of Alderman abolished the election of assessors.

The mall did not stimulate a wave of new development. During the period of its greatest popularity, it had the highest incidence of car theft of any location in the Commonwealth. A decade after it opened, it began a decline that would end with its closing.

In 1998 a new group of developers bought the mall property. Their proposal to build a giant new Home Depot, along with grossly unethical practices by one of their partner firms, provoked a bitter struggle with community activists who included myself.

In 2004 they sold their interest



The Ford plant's exterior from the earlier 1950s.

in the property to Federal Realty, whom we found to be people of integrity and goodwill. The 2006 agreement that we mutually negotiated has brought many benefits, including the Orange Line station, in which Federal Realty was the first investor. Federal promised to create an urban village on the Mystic River. I believe that the results speak for themselves.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



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

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

In what could only be termed a comeback for the ages, our beloved New England Patriots won the big game last Sunday. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out for their stunning achievements this past season. They played great, and we love them for it.

We congratulate the Atlanta Falcons for an outstanding season and the tremen-

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Eleanor Pye, who was born and grew up here in the city and still has strong roots in Somerville. A great lady from a great family. Best wishes for a fantastic day. Happy birthday to Jason Riberio, a young guy with a head on his shoulders. He's smart, a hard worker and a family guy. We hope Jason has a great day for himself. Happy birthday to Harry Vaughan, who's family came from Somerville and many still recognize the name. We hope he has a very happy birthday.

dous effort that they put into the championship final. Their players and fans have much to be proud of, and their post-season accomplishments are duly noted.

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

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course. We've been told that the course

has seen a major increase in people ap-

plying for it, especially women. We can

tell you first hand here that it's a great

course and quite thorough. The same

goes for this in Newstalk. The club has

informed us that many residents of

Somerville have called or gone to the

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

was being interviewed while the Patriots parade was happening. ***** Now we hear in Ward One there is a serious challenger coming out to take on the Ward 1 Alderman as well as Ward 4. And we're even hearing rumors in Ward 5. The At-Large looks like four incumbents so far and four challengers. One more and we have a primary. ***** The Somerville High School Scholar-

includes a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, and numerous raffles. A light dinner and cash bar will be available. The trivia portion of the evening consists of a friendly competition between teams in various categories. \$25 donation per person, up to 10 people per team, due by March 1, 2017. Proceeds from the event benefit the Brian Higgins Foundation work in support of youth with special needs. Visitwww.thebrianhigginsfoundation.org for more informa-

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

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when

club to find out about certification ******

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

Our condolences to the family of Bertha Casey, who recently passed away here in the city and was waked at Doherty's the other day. Our sincere condolences to her entire family and friends. *****

The mayor has been seen a lot on TV lately, and just recently on Tuesday he

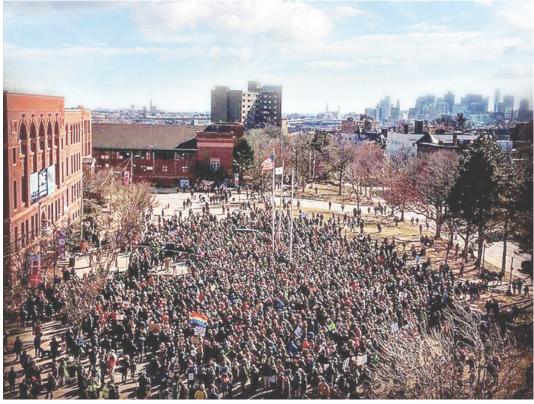
ship Foundation will hold their Annual Meeting on Monday, February 13, in the Gallery 81 conference room at Somerville High School at 7 p.m. when we will elect directors to 3-year terms, and have a report presented on foundation finances. This meeting is for current officers, directors, and members. New members are welcome. For information, contact Noreen Santucci, correspondence secretary, at: NFSLEARN@aol. com or phone 617-448-0145.

The Brian Higgins Foundation invites you to join the fun at one of Somerville's biggest community nights of the year, the Brian Higgins Foundation Trivia Night! The event takes place March 23, 6:30 p.m. at Tufts University's Cousens Gym. The celebration tion about the foundation's work

Order up a scoop or two at Gracie's on Thursday, February 9! 20% of sales will benefit RESPOND's work to end domestic violence. Gracie's Ice Cream is at 22 Union Square in Somerville, on the corner of Washington and Somerville Ave. Can't make it, but want to show your support? Make a donation at www. respondinc.org/donate.

The City of Somerville seeks qualified candidates to work as a Crossing Guard for the current school year. Morning shift is 7:15 - 8:30 a.m.; afternoon shift is 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Assignments to specific work sites will be determined. Access to motor vehicle preferred. Must pass a pre-employment Continued on page 17

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SPORTS

Ashley Cadet shines for Prospect Hill Academy

By Ashley Richardson

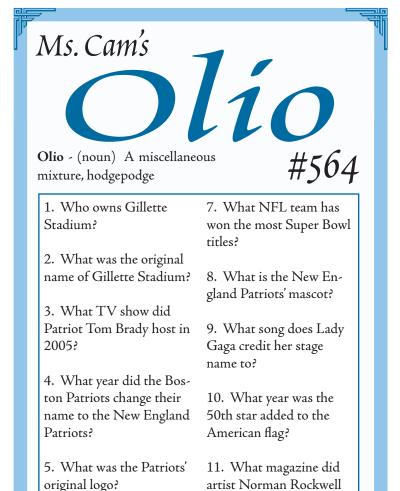
Early in the week, the Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards overwhelmed Salem Academy Charter by a lopsided score of 69-14 in a home contest at the Arthur D. Healey School in Somerville. A day later, the Community Charter School of Cambridge Cougars ventured over to Lexington and came away with a 39-25 decision over Minuteman Regional High School. This put the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization's only two undefeated teams on a collision course with each other last Friday at MIT in Cambridge-PHA at 10-0 and CCSC at 17-0.

Eleven of Prospect Hill's fifteen rostered players scored in the Salem Academy game. Sophomore power forward Kaleesha Joseph led all scorers with 15 points and was aided by Seniors, guard Agar Felix and forward Tracy Beauvois, who scored 11 and 10 points respectively. Feliz's backcourt mate, Sophomore Ashley Cadet, was a steady contributor both on offense and defense in the Salem Academy affair, but only chipped in 4 points in the game—a season low for her in scoring.

In attendance at the game were several Community Charter School players and their head coach. After the game, Prospect Hill's assistant coach, John R. Collins, brought this to the attention of the Lady Wizards and head coach, Brian Harris. Collins further emphasized that the CCSC Cougars also videotaped the game. Harris jokingly proclaimed to Cadet that it was an excellent strategy on Cadet's



The Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards' own Ashley Cadet (above) was a strong contributor to the team's recent victory.





part to show CCSC nothing so that she would not be perceived as a threat for the battle between the two teams scheduled for lat-

17-12 causing the Cougars to call the game's first timeout with 7:57 left in the first half. Coming out of the timeout, Cadet scored 7 straight points to give PHA its first lead in the game at 18-17 with over six minutes remaining before half-time. The 5'2" and just over 110 pounds of mighty mite, Cadet, locked and loaded, carried Prospect Hill on her back to a 37-19 lead at intermission. Ashley totaled 21 first half points on twisting and turning lay-ups, stop and pop mid-range shots and two made "nothing but net" set shot three pointers. Prospect Hill methodically controlled play in the second half and outscored the Cougars 19-14 during this time. When the horn at the end of the game sounded, PHA with strong fan support in a hostile gym came away with a 56-33 victory. As-

sisting the diminutive guard with scoring were Felix with 9 points overall, Joseph with 8 points (all in the second half), Junior swingman Fabiana Paul with 6, Beauvois chipping in 4 and Sophomore center Samaya Belizaire adding 2. Cadet finished the challenge of the undefeated as the game's leading scorer with 27 points. This offensive surge now stands as Ashley's single game high in her three seasons on the varsity team and the individual game high for any player on the Lady Wizards' team this season. Community Charter School now leads Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization Division II with a 10-0 record, 17-1 overall. Prospect Hill Academy remains perfect at 8-0 in MCSAO Division I play and 10-0 overall.

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12. What was the first sport to be filmed? Answers on page 17

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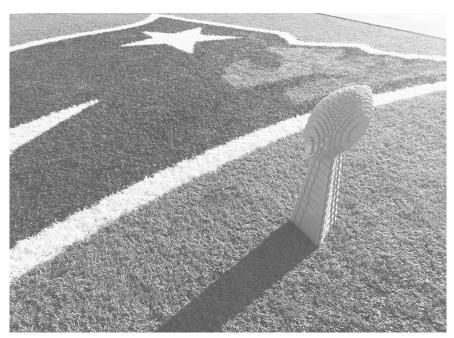
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er in the week.

After three exceptional days of practice after the Salem game according to Harris, the Lady Wizards confidently but cautiously arrived at MIT's Zesiger Sports Center in Cambridge on Friday night. Six minutes into this Clash of the Titans, PHA was trailing the Cougars by a score of 17-8. Also at this time, Prospect Hill's leading scorer, Joseph, was on the bench with no points and two fouls where she remained until the start of the second half.

Shortly after this, with Cadet scoring a couple of baskets and the overall PHA team defense getting considerably stingier, the Lady Wizards closed the gap to

LEGOLAND Patriots Pride



To celebrate the Patriots Super Bowl win, LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston is offering \$5 off admission for anyone wearing Patriots gear Tuesday, February 7 through Sunday, February 12.

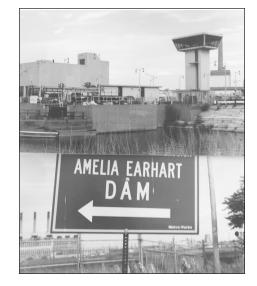
In addition, visitors can check out the true to size LEGO replica of the Vince Lombardi trophy that will be on display in the LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston shop throughout the week. One lucky winner can also win the chance for tickets and a private meet and greet with LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston Master Model Builder Megan Amaral and the trophy!

The contest is being run through LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston's Facebook page. LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston opens daily at 10:00 a.m. and advance tickets are suggested. For more information, check out their website: https://boston.legolanddiscoverycenter.com.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

she was christened, dragged on for three years. The 204-foot, four-masted trade schooner was capable of carrying 1,600 tons. The day she was launched was declared a children's holiday from school in Somerville and Medford. She took to the waters under the view of over 5,000 excited onlookers. Tremont was the second and last trade vessel ever built in Somerville. This was almost three centuries after her sister, the Blessing.

The shipbuilding revival was not to be. Wooden ships and iron men became a thing of the past. In 1926 to 1927, the marsh and meadows became the home





of two industrial giants, First National Stores and the Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant for approximately forty years, along with a handful of other smaller companies. This industrial site became the Assembly Square Mall in 1981. Sixteen years later in 1997, the area experienced a sharp decline. After this up and down history, Assembly Square has been revived once again. Today Somerville's ancient shore has become a booming, small metropolis ... a true Blessing of the Bay!

What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

On this episode of Somerville Neighborhood News, we take a look at Mayor Curtatone's State of the City Address. Somerville High School opens a publicly run Fabrication Laboratory. East Somerville Community School presents the annual Martin Luther King Day event. Record crowds attend the Boston Women's March.



Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The halfhour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents. Want to get more involved in Somerville Neighborhood News? Learn more below! Free Journalism 101 Workshop: Are you seeing stories in your community that aren't being told? Do want to help hold your local government more accountable? Do you need an excuse to go meet new people, see new places and indulge your curiosity? Come join Somerville Neighborhood News for this free workshop! We'll train you on the importance of a free press, your rights as a reporter and what it means to be a part of community news. This introductory training will get you up to speed on the basics of being an SNN reporter and the ethics you should keep in mind along the way. To help you get started on your first piece we'll break down the steps of a good news story, workshop any ideas you may have and answer whatever questions come to mind. Journalism 101 Workshop | Saturday, February 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Free.RSVP to Erica Jones to secure your spot at ejones@scatvsomerville.org.



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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

14 Ashland Street: (Case #ZBA 2017-07) Applicant, William Yoston, Yoston Construction, and Owners, Matthew Grygorcewicz and Sara Ellison, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a second story addition in the rear of the structure within the required right side yard of a nonconforming structure. RB zone. Ward 5.

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



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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

DOUGLAS KRESS HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

> LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

<u>Attest: Lori Jean Batzek</u> Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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PLANNING DIVISION

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

Applications are not posted online; 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; Reports, plans and Decisions, when completed, are posted online at <u>www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning</u>.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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

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The Somerville Times -**Cuts to Adult Foster Care begin on March 1**

By Nathan Lamb

The countdown to cuts is on. On March 1, the Baker Administration will begin cutting as much as \$5.6 million from the Adult Foster Care program. The cuts will continue through the last four months of the fiscal year.

"We are running out of time to protect the elderly and people with disabilities," said Linda Andrade of the Mass Council on Adult Foster Care. "Adult Foster Care is one of the premier 'community first' programs in the Commonwealth. The population in need is growing, and our budget should be growing to meet that need."

Adult Foster Care is a program that allows elderly and disabled people to move in with a host family that provides 24/7 support. The average cost per client is less than \$21,000 a year. Comparable round-the-clock sup-

lose as much as \$22.6 million.

port at a nursing facility can cost up to four or five times more.

"Community programs like this one make programmatic sense and financial sense," noted Al Norman of Mass Home Care. "It just makes no sense to cut back community programs that help keep people out of costlier institutions."

"Individuals with disabilities want to live in a home, in the community," added Gary Blu-

menthal. CEO of the Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers. "Adult Foster Care is one of the few roundthe-clock care programs that takes place in a home setting. That is why consumers are attracted to it."

Governor Baker used his executive powers to make \$5.6 million in 9C cuts to this Mass-Health service for low-income individuals. These cuts amount to a 9-percent rate cut for providers. The cuts will undermine the program and can harm those who receive Adult Foster Care services and support, including caregivers who receive visits and oversight.



menthal agreed that the Adult Foster Care program is on the verge of a crisis. Adult Foster Care providers have indicated that sizeable funding reductions to their individual programs may make this innovative cost-saving

program impossible to operate.

"It is imperative that the governor rescind this 9C reduction or that the Legislature overturn this reduction in a FY 17 Supplemental Budget appropriation," concluded Al Norman.

Next year, the program could

Andrade, Norman and Blu-

FY17 9C action cuts into MassHealth's Adult Foster Care **Program Cuts Will Leave 12,000 Caregivers Without Needed Support and Oversight**

MassHealth will cut rates for Adult Foster Care ("AFC") services by 10% effective March 1, 2017, and reduce payments to AFC Providers by \$5 Million in FY17 and by more than \$20 Million in FY18.

Adult Foster Care is:

- + A MassHealth program that makes it possible for 12,000 elders and younger adults with disabilities to live at home with full-time caregivers.
- + A critical Community First innovation, AFC has contributed substantially to reducing utilization of nursing facilities and state-run institutions.
- + One of the few community options available to MassHealth members who need assistance with personal care and around-the-clock support and supervision.
- + Currently able, through its AFC Provider Agencies, to provide education and coaching to lay caregivers, most often friends and family members, without health care experience or training so they have the support they need to provide care to elders and people with disabilities who have complex physical and behavioral health conditions.

The 9C Cut will:

+ Reduce the number of home visits by 50%, decreasing support for AFC caregivers, increasing the incidence of caregiver stress, and jeopardizing the health and safety of elders and people with disabilities. One of the most impactful features of the program, home visits, ensures MassHealth members and their caregivers have regular and predictable access to a trusted care team (nurse and case manager) who understand the member's health and social circumstances. AFC care teams help caregivers manage challenging behaviors and medical conditions, and can assess situations and act quickly when a member's conditions change, preventing unnecessary health care costs. Consumers who are enrolled in AFC are adults with intellectual disabilities/developmental disabilities, dementia, autism, behavioral health needs and/or are medically complex and many have co-mobidities. AFC supports provide the opportunity to manage individual situations, keep people stable at home and maintain program integrity through frequent visits. The program serves people who would otherwise not be living in an independent apartment or who would be in a nursing facility or group home. + Undermine the ability of quality agencies to continue to operate across the Commonwealth. A 10% rate cut is decimating and unprecedented. AFC providers are not able to absorb such losses.

+ Limit the Commonwealth's capacity to provide care at home where people want to be, and jeopardize the savings that MassHealth realizes by supporting members in AFC. Clinically comparable members are \$85 p/day in AFC and ~\$160 p/day in nursing facilities. Without ongoing support from their care teams, some families will be unable to continue their around-the-clock commitment to caregiving at home and may be forced to obtain more expensive out-of-home alternatives. This model works because of dedicated caregivers and because of the comprehensive support system and professional help that AFC Provider Agencies provide to those caregivers. AFC serves a complex and vulnerable consumer base. Host families are trained and supported. In a time of direct care worker shortages, this model of care offers a residential option for consumers and quality caregiving through host or natural family members who receive a modest monthly stipend.

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The Equity and Inclusion Conversation Series, hosted by the City of Somerville, continues this winter with uled in February and March. Stay tuned for more information on the topic of each conversation. The first conversation in this part of the series is Thursday, February 16, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St. ******

Who doesn't have fond memories of middle school? Well, probably everyone. In any case, the Union Square Semi-Formal includes stops at four different businesses. Your ticket includes an ice cream from Gracie's, along with special drink selections at Juliet, The Independent,

a Semi-Formal, they will be playing your favorite music from middle school dances. And since it's a Semi-Formal, semi-formal attire is suggested. Go with a group of friends, or ask your sweetheart, this is the Semi-Formal and it doesn't matter who you go with, you just have to show up. Attendees will start at Gracie's and Juliet and then head over to The Indo and Brass Union. More details soon, and additional info on the Facebook event page. Saturday, February 11, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Gracie's Ice Cream, 22 Union Square.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|February 8 East Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

Thursday|February 9 Central Library

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

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

Central Library Teen Advisory Board Meeting 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday|February 10

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

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

Monday|February 13 Central Library Sing Along 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library SHS teen group 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|February 14 West Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

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

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

Wednesday|February 15 East Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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Wednesday|February 8

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P.A.'s Lounge Tristan Bouchard Mary Casiello Renegade Cartel Art School Girls 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Back Door Music EP release party with Loser's Circle \$5 cover|8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm Backroom Series: Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Bad Foggelberg early show Doors Dancehall Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Thunder Road 1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. Broca's Area (Soul/R&B) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Werks Strange Machines 9 p.m.|56 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Something Big with Liz Miele 8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Pub Sing At the Armory Cafe 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Friday|February 10

Sally O'Brien's Johnny Come Latelies |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Water|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series: Alan Scardapane & Wild Ponies|7 p.m. Spike the Punch|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge Baeja Vu Lost Lake The People's Ensemble Fr33Bread 345 Somerville Ave Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St **On The Hill Tavern** 499 Broadway |617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's TBA 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree DJ McRiddleton

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

The Condescendants \$10 cover|9 p.m.

. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Jeff Jam Family Dance Party|4 p.m. Porch Party Mamas 7 p.m. Cover Up|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **P.A.'s Lounge** Hummingbird Syndicate Rebel Vargas Red Right Hand Eliza and the Organix 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

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

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

Thunder Road Kids' Union Dance Party!|3 p.m. 1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. Neal & The Vipers (Roots/Rock)|6 p.m. 1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. Sophistafunk|9 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell KERPLUNK!|11 a.m. Comedian Shuli Egar|7:30 p.m. Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|10 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Tongue in Cheek presents: Maybe, This Time? 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Laughing Liberally Boston 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday | February 12 Sally O'Brien's Bar Victoria Benedict Wright Celebration featuring The Sour Mash Boys|1 p.m. Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters|6

p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session 3 p.m. Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8am - 2:30pm The East Pointers - from P.E.I.|3 p.m. Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey 5 p.m. Lantern Sessions 8 p.m 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

The Rockwell 255 Elm St Arts at the Armory Local is for Lovers - Market 11 a.m.| Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday | February 13 Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-

dy|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Slimey Mondays w/ Yoshi Walsh 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

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

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets

Monday Night Series 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Spearmint Sea Corin Ashley|7 p.m. Havok: Conformicide 2017 North

American Tour Exmortus, Extinction A.D. 9:15 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Inhabit Film Screening 6:45 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Queer Tango Boston 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave TuesdavlFebruary 14

Sally O'Brien's Bar Frank & Jerry return to win over your heart

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge

Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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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

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Thunder Road 1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. Bearly Dead – Wednes-

day Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.| 379 Somerville Ave Highland Kitchen

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave The Rockwell 255 Elm Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Thursday | February 9 West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. 40 College Ave

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

Central Library Somerville Fair Housing Commission 1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave FREE Yoga at the Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Committee discussion 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave ATC Meeting 7:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

program for people with problems

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

Lacan Reading Group 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Central Library Meditation with Mar 1:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Somerville Winters Farmer Market

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

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

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

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

weekly to discuss their work

Sunday February 12

Local is for Lovers - Market

Arts at the Armory

Central Library

Family Groups

Christine Elaine Briggs

Oral History Training 1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday February 11

Central Library

Central Library

Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

Holland St

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

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The Rockwell 255 Elm Street

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

Thursday | February 9 Sally O'Brien's Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Casey's

1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. Luther "Guitar JR" Johnson (Blues/Rock)|6 p.m. 1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie Nights feat. Studio Two: Beatles Tribute – A Celebration Of The Anniversary of The Beatles arriving in America on Feb 9 1964!|9 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Once More With Feeling Sing-A-Long 6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Juliet|7 p.m. B.U.M.P.|9 p.m. Dirty Disney|11 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Broad Appeal 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|February 11

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

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

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

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

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Thunder & Lightening Sessions 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Coffin Birth, Pathogenic, Skull Hammer, Swarm Of Eyes 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Wednesday|Febraury 15

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

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

P.A.'s Lounge Rachel Marie Savoir Faire Everyday Astronauts Galactic Panda Metal 345 Somerville Ave 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

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

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Monday|February 13

Central Library Foster Care informational session 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library

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

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

Tuesday|February 14

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

Wednesday February 15

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

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

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dying Well Prepared: A discussion with Author

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

S&S Restaurant – Wednesday, March 1 – check in time is 10:30 a.m. at Holland Street – Lunch on your own though there is a \$10 fee to hold your seat which will be given back to you the day of the trip. Contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

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

Kentucky Derby – Thursday, May 4 to Tuesday, May

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

The Cupid Super Bingo scheduled for 2-14-17 at Ralph & Jenny is sold out.

The No Name Restaurant luncheon scheduled for 2-15-17 is SOLD OUT. For more information contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or dhiggins@ somervillema.gov

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

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (H,RJ,C)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)
1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

Friday, February 10

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

Monday, February 13

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

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

2017 Event Dates

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

Tuesday, February 14

10:00 English Conversation (C)11:30 Lunch (C, RJ)12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)Cupid Super Bingo

Wednesday, February 15

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 10:30 Low Vision Group (H) 10:00 – 3:00 Wacky Wednesday (RJ)

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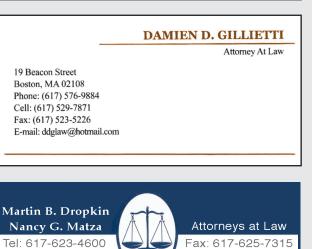


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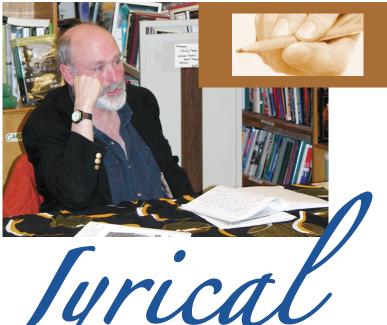
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Sylvia Plath on Point Shirley, Winthrop, Massachusetts

The violent ocean outside Grandmother's beach-locked house What hollowing demons travel with this storm?

Such a smart mind you have, Sylvia.

The thrill of the 1938 hurricane:

Father's study windows bulging inward—

On my eighth birthday, I'll send my latest poem to the Boston Globe; they'll appreciate it.

telephone poles snapped at the base—

Oh Daddy, teach me more of your yellow and brown bumblebees;

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'On Broad Sound' Poems by Rusty Barnes

I recently interviewed poet Rusty Barnes on my Somerville Community Access TV show Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer. I decided to send you, dear readers, my review of his latest poetry collection:

On Broad Sound By Rusty Barnes (Nixes Mate Books)

I have read a lot of Revere-inspired writing from the likes of poets Kevin Carey, Jennifer Martelli, the novelist Roland Merullo and such. Revere Beach, Mass. is no Provincetown. It does not have artists and poets living in close proximity, it lacks the unhindered night sky and sunsets, and the ripple of wind-swept sand on pristine beaches. Revere is sort of the neer-do-well cousin. Even in spite of gentrification it is still the home of dive bars, old world Italian bakeries, unapologetic greasy spoons, drug dealers, immigrants, nocturnal, preening young men on the make on the boulevard, and the bronze old men offering their torsos under a baking, summer sun.

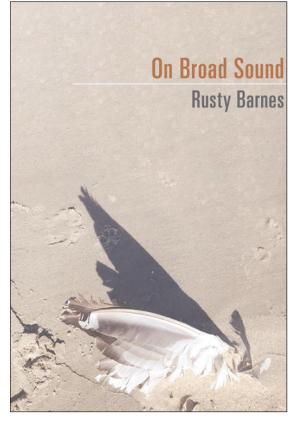
I always tell my Creative Writing students at Endicott College to populate their poetry with a lot of "things" and the "ideas" will flow from this. And in Rusty Barnes new collection of poetry, On Broad Sound, there is no shortage of "things" and these "things" make so much more than a generic, down-at-the heels seaside city.

In the poem The Shipwrecked Bar Barnes populates the poem with telling trappings that shed some light on the patrons of this dive, and their hardscrabble life. Especially arresting is a "drapedeyed girl" who leaves the bar alone to walk the beach and perhaps seek her form of transcendence from her sorry life,

"and it's all about the draped-eyed girl leaving the bar alone and walking on the beach searching for stray kelp, seeing a stray mutt,

and finding some toy she left behind, or something burning in the night mist, something only she can know about, something the world doesn't want her to have."

Although he hails from the hinterlands of Appalachia, Barnes is a consummate urban poet. One book to read on a subway, in a hash house, on a of his poems is situated on the Blue Line, where bench overlooking the ocean at Revere Beach. "an old man asleep nearly topples in place," and "the Simply put, it is a book to be savored and read.



Latina lovelies exit/the train/in high heels and tight jeans ... " Barnes, not afraid to show his selfloathing continues, "and I feel like a horny fool for noticing them,/not much older than my daughter, I immediately curse myself sad... afraid that, like my urges, someday/it will have its way: swallow me whole."

I was also touched by his poem about the late poet John Wieners, The Poet John Wieners. I met Wieners a few times shortly before he collapsed in front of Mass. General Hospital, never to be revived. He looked like the vaudevillian Professor Irwin Corey - a shambles of a man, wild hair, newspapers springing out from the pockets of his threadbare blazer. As a budding poet, Barnes noticed him at the Harvard Gardens Restaurant reciting poetry and just took him for another crazy stumble-bum reading drunken verse. But years after the fact he realized how callow his judgment actually was ... and in Weiners he finds a true poet.

Barnes is a poet who knows solitude, loneliness, and the joy and ache of love. He is enamored with food, a pleasure and a weakness, and knows how food can define the texture of our lives. This is a

dead shark basking in Grandmother's soaked gardenia garden—

Daddy, perhaps could cut back on your strict Nazi discipline. Oh Daddy, why did that disease take you from me so soon?

Maybe someday

I'll become famous, marry an Englishman; flirt with death, twice,

leave my children behind

as you, Daddy, did to me

— Anthony Michael Majahad

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Brown School receives award at State House ceremony

Somerville's Benjamin G. Brown School was among a select group of schools from across the Commonwealth to be recognized as a Massachusetts Commendation school in a ceremony at the Boston State House earlier this week. The Brown School became the district's first school to be designated a MA Commendation School, a subset of Level 1 schools. Commendation Schools are recognized for their high achievement, high progress, and/or narrowing of proficiency gaps. Multiple criteria



are used to determine eligibility for Commendation School designation, including being within the top 10% of schools (90th percentile) in the same school type category for both the aggregate and the high needs subgroups for ELA and Math, and showing a demonstrated improvement in the Composite Performance Index (CPI) for all subgroups in both ELA and Math over the most recent four school years. Congratulations, Brown School!



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