

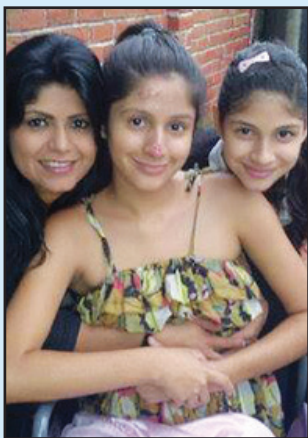


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Here we go again

Public input sought on qualifications for next police chief



Photo by Andrew Frestone

The resignation last year of now former Police Chief Tom Pasquarello has sent the city on yet another search for a replacement, and the public is being invited to weigh in on their concerns about the process.

By David R. Smith

A sparsely attended meeting at the East Somerville Community School last Wednesday was held to solicit comments from residents on what qualities and qualifications they would like to see in their next police chief.

Former Police Chief Tom Pasquarello, who was hired in 2010, resigned this past November to care for an ill family member. The chief before him, Anthony Holloway, left the job two years into a five-year contract to return to lead his hometown police department in Clearwater, Fla. Charles Femino has served as acting police chief since Pasquarello's resignation took effect Dec. 1.

The city has hired the Waters Consulting Group, an executive recruitment firm, to assist with developing the criteria, placing the advertising and attracting a pool of candidates to present to the nine-member Police Chief Selection Committee. The city employed the company during the hiring process of the last two police chiefs.

After the city's director of personnel, Bill Roche, outlined the process, the Waters Group's Chuck Rohr was on hand

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Boiling it down

Groundwork Somerville holds Maple Syrup Boil-Down

By Jack Adams

Somerville residents and people from as far as Connecticut gathered to witness Groundwork Somerville's Maple Syrup Project Boil-Down at The Growing Center in Somerville this past Saturday. Groundwork Somerville's "Green Team" demonstrated the syrup-making process, from tapping the sugar maple for sap to boiling the raw sap into syrup.

In the several weeks leading up to the event, Groundwork Somerville staff members, along with volunteers, tapped sugar maples on the Tufts University campus. Most of the sap they gathered was boiled beforehand at the Aeronaut Brewery in Somerville, a partner of Groundwork Somerville. At the boil-down itself, the remaining sap was poured into a large metal boiler, where about 85 percent of the water in the sap evaporated. The boiling-down process is finished later on a stovetop, where the sap is boiled down into pure syrup.

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Photo by Jack Adams

An up close and personal demonstration of sugar maple tapping was a featured highlight of Saturday's Maple Syrup Project Boil-Down event at The Growing Center, presented by Groundwork Somerville.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone here and all around the Ville. Celebrate and be careful. Remember, it is a religious holiday we are celebrating, not a get-blin-drunk holiday. We hope everyone has a great time. We have a question for readers (you can post your answers on our website, www.thesomervilletimes.com): Do you know the meaning of the clover that symbolizes Irish culture and heritage?

If you spent your teenage years growing up in East Somerville in the '60s, '70s and '80s, there is a reunion of all and call out to all Villens East at the Somerville City Club (across from Holiday Inn) Saturday, July 12, from 7 to 11p.m. Enjoy food, entertainment and meet and greet all your friends from East Somerville who grew up with you. The word has gone out to far and wide about this time. So if you lived East of Walnut Street/McGrath Highway to the Charlestown line, you need to set the date aside. There is a Facebook page set aside for all who are interested (search "East Somerville Reunion"). This has been started by Dan Rogovich, who is also on Facebook. Glen Park, Florence Street Park, down back, Bucket of Blood, Prescott School, Tin Roof, Cross Street, Lower Broadway and plenty of other places we all know and grew up. East Somerville, from Sullivan Square, both sides of Lower Broadway (including the Nunnery Grounds). If you go on Facebook, they are looking for donations to cover expenses, and all donations go directly to cover the event for the night. If you're not on Facebook, contact Donald Norton at 617 623-6600, ext. 11.

"The Duhamel Education Initiative" will be having its 18th annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 29, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church, 89 College Ave (enter through the side door). The suggested donation is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children 10 and under or \$25 per family. This is an effort to raise funds benefit to students at Somerville's public schools. Paul Duhamel was a School Committee member and active in the community here and was devoted to the welfare and wellbeing of students. Please come one come all, no reservations needed, and help support this worthy cause. If the weather is bad, contact Doris McDaniels at 857-205-8374 for any date changes.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to Preventing gentrification needs a regional approach

wth says:

I can't even read this homily of how wonderful MAPC and SCC and the mayor is. You can create all the affordable units you want, it is not going to 'prevent gentrification'. Not only are residents driven out by rising rents and housing costs and units built too small for families, but businesses as well. So the businesses that make an area diverse are priced out. Some small businesses have already had to leave Union Square due to rising costs.

philb says:

Well written. It is supply and demand both locally and regionally. I constantly hear residents and politicians working to limit the number of units in condo developments, then at the same time complain about the rising cost of housing that limiting supply causes.

leona says:

The reason people complain about the number of units has to do with over-building an area, and building residential as opposed to business. Residential units cost the city much more in city services than business and they pay less in taxes. The mayor keeps saying we need more business in the city, but constantly allows developers to build condos in every empty parcel, and over-build beyond the constraints of the zoning laws.

soscla says:

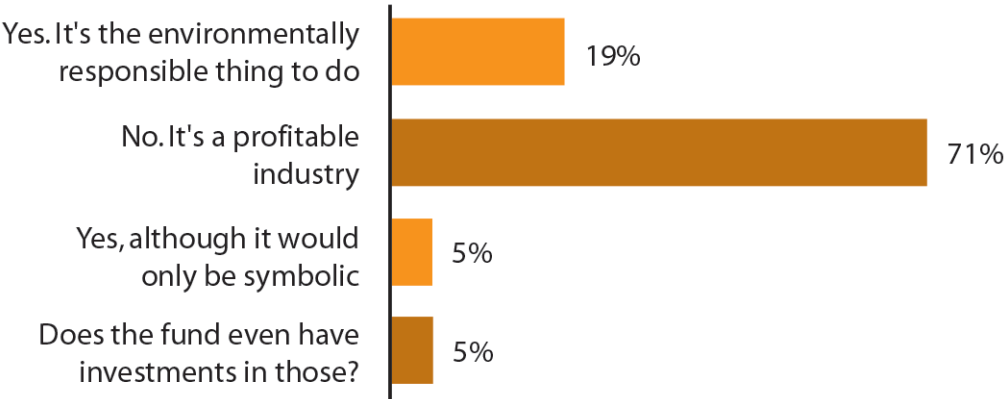
My rent will be going up \$150/mo as of June 1st. My salary will not. I am already paying 3/4 of my income to just my rent. That does not leave a lot left for groceries, bills, health care, clothing, and god forbid any entertainment spending in Somerville or elsewhere. My rent raises every two years. My salary does not. I am a single, no-longer-in-my-30's person, working in the arts. Every time my rent goes up, I have to reconfigure my spending, just to continue to live here. That means any discretionary spending gets cut even more– 3\$ donuts?? are you crazy?

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not the city pension's fund should divest from any investments tied to the fossil-fuel industry. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

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SCC awarded Community Investment Tax Credits

The Somerville Community Corporation was named March 4 as one of 38 community organizations across the state to receive awards through the state's new Community Investment Tax Credits (CITC).

Created in 2012 through the Jobs Bill signed by Gov. Deval Patrick, the CITC program provides 50 percent tax credits for donations to certified community development corporations in Massachusetts to increase the capacity to boost housing and economic activities in their communities. The SCC was awarded \$80,000 in tax credits for 2014 and \$125,000 in credits for 2015, allowing the 45-year-old organization to offer personal and corporate donors giving \$1,000 or more each a 50 percent credit on their state taxes. The SCC was one of only 16 CDCs statewide to be awarded credits for both 2014 and 2015.

"SCC is thrilled to have been awarded this new opportunity to attract private investment in the critical work we're doing to connect Somerville people to affordable housing and local jobs, building and sustaining the very fabric of the community we want here in Somerville," SCC CEO Danny LeBlanc said. "It

will enable SCC to help Somerville families take full advantage of the opportunities flowing from all the new development coming to our community."

By enabling local residents and stakeholders to work with and through community development corporations like SCC to partner with nonprofit, public and private entities, the CITC program creates opportunities to spur economic activity and projects that both help low- and moderate-income families in Massachusetts and revitalize communities.

"The Community Investment Tax Credit will leverage private dollars for the state's best CDCs so they can undertake high-impact, resident-led community development," Joseph Kriesberg, president of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations said. "What is particularly exciting about this program is the way it brings together the public sector, the private sector and local communities to forge creative, bottom-up solutions that yield real results. This program will help to ensure that every community and every family has a better opportunity to fully participate in our economy."

Obama budget includes \$100M for GLX

By David R. Smith

President Obama's fiscal 2015 budget released last week recommends \$100 million in federal funding to support the Green Line Extension (GLX) project. The proposal paves the way for an agreement with the federal government for greater support over the next several years.

The project will extend existing MBTA Green Line service from a relocated Lechmere Station in East Cambridge to Union Square in Somerville and College Avenue in Medford.

Earlier this year, the Patrick administration requested that the federal government fund 50 percent of the \$1.428 billion project.

"I thank President Obama and his administration for recognizing the critical importance of completing the Green Line Extension," Gov. Deval Patrick said in a statement.

News of the proposed funding was well received among other elected officials.

"We have been working closely with the Obama administration on the Green Line Extension, and this is an important step forward in securing the federal funding necessary for construction," Congressman Mike Capuano, a member of the House Transportation Committee, said. "The environmen-



The Green Line Extension project got a \$100 million endorsement in President Obama's proposed 2015 fiscal budget.

tal and economic benefits of extending the Green Line are tremendous, and residents are overwhelmingly supportive of it. Today's news brings us closer to the day when commuters can enjoy expanded transit service."

Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone noted the importance of the project.

"The Green Line Extension offers Somerville and the region both economic justice and environmental justice, connecting residents with jobs that pay a livable wage and health care while reducing the number of cars on the road and pollution in the air we all breathe, as well shifting us to a more sustainable mode of transit," he said. "Somerville

owes thanks to President Obama and Congressman Michael Capuano for committing in this budget to economic and environmental justice for our residents and to smart, long-term infrastructure investments that will build the 21st century transportation system we need to have a 21st century economy."

The state Department of Transportation has already begun work on the project, with early action bridge and roadway upgrades currently underway in Somerville and Medford. Major utility relocation and site preparation work is scheduled to begin later this year, with full construction commencing in the spring of 2015.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Somerville senior victim of ‘grandparent scam’

On Thursday afternoon, March 6, an emerging scam was brought to the attention of the Middlesex County District Attorney’s Office, and subsequently shared with the Somerville Police Department. A 90-year-old Somerville woman was the victim of a “grandparent scam” last week, according to police.

The woman willingly provided funds to an unknown caller posing as an out-of-state attorney, who asked her to assist her “grandson.” She was told her grandson had been arrested in the state where he resides on OUI charges.

On Tuesday, March 4, she was asked by someone purporting to be the grandson’s attorney to visit a bank, withdraw a certain amount of cash and deliver it to a specified local business for direct transfer to the attorney for her grandson’s bail. After asking to speak with her grandson, she was granted the opportunity to briefly say hello to a person she believed to be her grandson on the other line. She received a second call later on that afternoon asking for additional funds in the same manner, which she carried out. When she was finally able to make contact with other family members Wednesday, she discovered that her actual grandson was fine, and then reported the incident to the Middlesex District Attorney’s office Thursday. The matter is currently under investigation.

Residents are reminded to never give out personal information via telephone and to be vigilant of similar scams. There have been several similar scams in recent months elsewhere in the state, and almost always more than one call is presented. If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, contact the Somerville Police Department at 617-625-1212.

See more at: <http://www.somervillema.gov/alerts/important-elder-information-scam-alert#sthash.Wn8Py.dpuf>.

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March 3, 12:11 p.m., police reported a theft at Pennsylvania Ave.					March 6, 10:51 a.m., police reported an assault at Summer St.
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			March 7, 7:33 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 13 McGrath Hwy.		March 8, 4:18 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Central St.
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					Drug Violation:
					March 5, 4:20 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Cross St.

Here we go again

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to explain his company’s role.

“This is not my meeting,” he said. “This is your meeting. The goal here is to absorb what your thoughts are, your suggestions.”

In addition to the meeting, Rohr said he would be speaking the following day with representatives from 20 groups and organizations throughout the city representing a cross-section of residents to solicit their input. The collected community feedback will then be used to draft the brochure that will advertise the open position.

Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin said he would like a chief with a strong commitment to civil liberties and the concept of community policing. He added that he would also like the next chief to take a compassionate approach to substance abuse. And given the fact that the city is looking for its third chief in six years, McLaughlin noted one other quality he feels is critical to the position.

“I want a chief of police who is going to stay,” he said.

Although Rohr said the meeting was to discuss the qualifications for a new police chief and not the department as a whole, a few of the residents who spoke commented on what they would like changed overall, with one resident saying he would like to see a more relaxed approach to minor drug violations and another saying a new chief needs to address how many residents view the department.

“The kind of police chief we get has got to restore that sense of trust that is lacking,” the second resident, who did not identify himself, said.

That need for bridge building with residents was further evidenced by teenager Oscarline Leneus, who said the next chief needs “to recognize youth as a community.”

“We’re not all the same,” she said of people in her age group. “Some of us are good, some of us are bad.”

Speaking with the aid of one of the translators provided by the city, resident and East Somerville Community School PTA member Maria Salmeron said she would like a police chief who is fluent in Spanish. She added that she would like more laws and regulations printed in Spanish so the city’s Latino community can be better informed of –and therefore less likely to violate– those laws.

The search will be national in scope, as it has been in the past, and visits by Mayor Joseph Curtatone and other city officials to the communities of the finalists could take place, as it has in the past. While casting such a wide net could yield dozens of applicants, one resident felt the search should start closer to home.

“I’d prefer someone who lived in the city and who has protected the city,” she said.

The meeting March 5 was not the only chance for residents to weigh in. Surveys will soon be available online at the city’s website, and print versions will be available at the schools, police department, library and City Hall.

Rohr will present a first-round list of applicants to the committee. From there, the committee will narrow it down to three to five candidates who will take part in a public interview, with residents and community members invited to attend and submit written questions ahead of time. The mayor will make the final selection, likely by this coming fall, which will then be presented to the Board of Aldermen for approval.

Police Chief Selection Committee members

The Police Chief Selection Committee will be chaired by William Roche, director of personnel for the city of Somerville, and is made up of the following members:

- Alderman at Large John Connolly
- Sonja Darai, director of the Somerville Multicultural Affairs Commission (per city ordinance)
- Dorothy Kelly Gay, resident (BOA appointee)
- Adrianna Lafaille, resident (BOA appointee)
- Sassiane Estany, Teen Empowerment associate program coordinator (mayor appointee)
- Effrain Mendoza, resident (mayor appointee)
- Mike Kiely, Somerville Police Department, Somerville Police Patrolmen Association
- Dan Cotter, Somerville Police Department, Somerville Police Superior Officers’ Association

From cause to effect

Marathon victim's efforts bring girl to U.S. for surgery

By Max Sullivan

Since last winter, Boston Marathon bombing survivor and Somerville native Karen Rand has been pushing to bring a teenaged girl from El Salvador who desperately needs medical attention to the United States for treatment. Last Thursday, she finally made it to Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston.

Rand and Melissa Stefania Salinas, 14, have one thing in common: They both lost a leg in 2013; Rand at the Boston Marathon; Salinas as a result of two speeding cars, racing in the streets of El Congo, Santa Anna, El Salvador.

Rand became aware of Salinas in December, when she met Mauricio Quiroga, an El Salvadorian friend of Salinas' family who owns Boston Barstool on Mystic Avenue in Somerville. Rand and her boyfriend, Kevin McWatters, began raising money and awareness for Salinas, reaching out to Shriners in hopes that it would donate its time and care to her. By January, they had raised more than \$11,000 to go towards a prosthetic leg, as well as a promise from Shriners to take her in.

Obstacles remained, though. The El Salvadorian government was hesitant to let Salinas and her mother and her younger

sister, Daniella, go to the U.S., fearing they may not return. In addition, 11-year-old Daniella had nowhere to stay in the U.S., as Shriners could only provide housing for Salinas and her mother, and she could not stay alone in El Salvador.

Luckily, these issues were resolved in February. Rand worked with a lawyer in El Salvador to persuade the government to let the family go. Then, Salinas' father, an El Salvadorian who lives in Kansas City, Mo., agreed to drive to Boston to pick Daniella up Thursday and keep her for the five months Salinas would be recovering at Shriners. Finally, Salinas was able to fly to Boston and get the treatment she needed.

When Salinas arrived with her mother and sister last Thursday, she was greeted by a group that included her father, Rand, McWatters, people from Shriners and even news cameras from Fox and ESPN. Rand found the emotions overwhelming.

"I can't even describe it," Rand said. "It was just so nice to know that they were finally here."

Now at Shriners hospital, Salinas has received good news: While in El Salvador, the doctors in Boston suspected that she may have had an infection in her leg, something that the

doctors in El Salvador doubted. This, however, was disproven Thursday. Shriners ran blood tests and X-rays on her, and though the test results did not come out until a few days later, it was clear to the doctors early on that there was no infection at all.

As a result, Salinas was able to begin her physical therapy this past week, something that would have had to wait a month if the infection were there.

In addition to her care, Shriners is providing English lessons for Salinas, which she started Monday.

Rand said that, despite the cultural barrier (Salinas and her mother speak do not English), she and McWatters have had a great time getting to know the family since their arrival. They visit every other day for two hours, using a translation app on McWatters' iPhone to hold conversations. They said the family is incredibly sweet and that Salinas rarely seen without a bright smile on her face.

"We're so happy," Rand said. "We had this family come here. Really, we didn't know them; we didn't know how well we'd communicate. We didn't know if we'd get along with them and if would it be awkward, but they exceeded our expectations. We immediately bonded with them. We love them. We're so happy.



Thanks to the efforts of Karen Rand, Melissa Stefania Salinas (center) is finally getting the medical care she needs at Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston.

What sweet, wonderful people they are."

In addition to talking about Salinas' day-to-day happenings, Rand connected with Salinas through her own experience of getting a prosthetic leg. She let Salinas feel her leg and showed how she walks and stands on it. She was happy to talk with Salinas about it and give her assurance.

"She's very curious to feel my leg to see how it all works, and, truthfully, I was too," Rand said. "I can remember the first time someone showed me (a prosthetic leg). I had no idea what to expect, so it is nice when someone did."

Salinas and Rand have attract-

ed a lot of attention. Not only will ABC air an ESPN E60 special on Salinas' story this April, but Boston Archbishop Cardinal Sean O'Malley said via email that he intends to visit Salinas while she is at Shriners.

Salinas' first surgery won't will be until April. After that, she will spend an additional four months recovering at Shriners through physical therapy. As of now, she hopes she can go on to work in the medical field in her home country.

For more information, or to show support for Salinas' cause, visit her Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/melissaestefaniasalinasprostheticfund>.

Union Square Post Office, mural face uncertain future

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held a public meeting Thursday, March 6, to hear comments from the public regarding the impending sale of the Union Square Post Office, as well as the fate of the historic mural therein. Members of the Somerville Arts Council, the Board of Aldermen and the community at large attended the meeting to discuss the any adverse effects of the sale.

Under Section 106 of the

National Historic Preservation Act, the United States Postal Service (USPS) identified the city as a consulting party, while its officials tapped the HPC to host the public meeting and provide its own comments regarding the fate of the building and its historic mural.

Because the building has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1986 and has further protection through its designation as a local historic district last July, the Massachusetts Historic Society and the

HPC can directly regulate the exterior. However, the use of the property and any internal alterations are outside of the two groups' jurisdiction.

The main focus throughout the meeting, though, was decidedly the mural that is located on the east wall of the building's interior in the main lobby.

"A Skirmish Between British and Colonists Near Somerville in Revolutionary Times," completed by artist Ross Moffett in the late 1930s and commissioned under the Works Progress Ad-

ministration during the Great Depression, holds significant cultural and historic value that is specifically tied to the city. Moffett, an accomplished artist, has a wealth of work in the Smithsonian American Art Museum, including oil paintings that served as the guide for the mural.

Residents came prepared to discuss the contextual importance of the mural itself, with several art historians explaining the gravity of the situation. The biggest question continued to be whether residents would

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A skirmish over the fate of Ross Moffett's iconic mural may be in the offing as the city, potential developers and concerned citizens negotiate a resolution to the question of where the work of art should ultimately reside.



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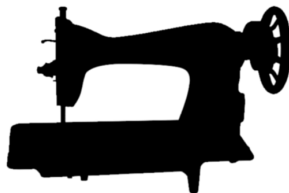
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What moves you?

TEDxSomerville takes place March 30

By David R. Smith

An illustrator, an economist and a nanny walk into Brooklyn Boulders...

No, it's not the beginning of a joke; it's just a sampling of the eclectic line up of the second TEDxSomerville, which will be held at Brooklyn Boulders (12A Tyler St.) Sunday, March 30. The event will feature entertainment, artists and more than a dozen speakers focusing on the theme of "movement," in all its meanings, expressions and forms.

For event founder and TEDx-Somerville Executive Director C. Todd Lombardo, the work he and the other 10 to 12 core volunteers put into organizing the event and selecting the speakers, it's all about highlighting the talents of the people from the city he lives in and loves.

"Somerville has its own microcosm of amazing things," he said. "We can use this as a platform to tell the world about the great things happening in Somerville."

The nonprofit TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) organization started as a four-day conference in California 25 years ago. The annual TED Conference invites the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes. Their talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Al Gore, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Isabel Allende and UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

TEDx, such as this month's event in Somerville, is a program of local events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. While the TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, individual TEDx events are self-organized (the "x" indicates it is an individual event not run by TED), although they are subject to certain rules and regulations.

For Lombardo, TED has been an inspiration for a decade.

"I became a fan in 2004," he

said, explaining that TED Conference attendees were given DVD sets of the talks before they were available online, as they are now.

A work colleague had one of the DVDs and suggested he watch a talk by humorist Ze Frank.

"It was hilarious," he said of Frank. "I watched the video and was blown away. I wanted to know what this TED thing was."

The conference talks began being posted online a few years later, and Lombardo quickly became an avid follower, as did many others.

"People suddenly knew all about it," he said. "It was no longer just for people who attended; it was for anybody who can watch on the Web."

Lombardo organized two such conferences during a year and a half stay in Madrid, Spain, before returning to Somerville.

He said the unifying theme for the upcoming TEDxSomerville event developed over time during discussions among the volunteers.

"The theme of 'movement' kind of bubbled up. There was no formal process; it was pretty organic" he said. "It can be broadly interpreted in so many ways."

Those ways include exploring physical movement, or "movement" in the sense of people coming together to promote a common cause. At its heart, the theme asks the speakers a basic question: "What moves you?"

Selecting those speakers and coordinating the event is a time-consuming process, especially as TEDxSomerville is entirely run by volunteers.

"We had the call out for speakers for about a year," he said. "We tweeted it out and put it on our Facebook page."

A form on the event's website that asked a few basic questions for potential speakers generated 63 responses. In all, Lombardo said they had between 70 and 80 respondents.

"Some were brilliant, some were self-serving," he said, noting the latter category included people who seemed to be more



TEDxSomerville returns to the city on March 30, bringing the theme of "movement" to the event, asking those who participate and attend "What moves you?"

interested in promoting a business or selling a product.

He noted that many of the suggested speakers did not recommend themselves. Yoga instructor Aaron Cantor, for example, was suggested multiple times by students of his. Other times, Lombardo said they reach out to people they have heard about it. Through whatever means the speakers connected with the event, Lombardo said the decision to invite them to participate is usually the result of a fairly simple experience.

"You talk them and start realiz-

ing they have a really cool story to tell," he said.

Tickets to the event are \$49 each, although Lombardo said there will be a limited number of "scholarships" available for those who cannot afford the tickets. Attendees who want to help further defray the cost of the event and increase the number of scholarships can purchase a "Super Awesome Ticket" for \$98.

There are also about 80 spots open for people to watch a live stream of the event, although Lombardo noted it is not the

same experience as being there, especially as the setting for the event, with its rock climbing walls, fits in well with the movement theme.

His hope for the event is that attendees take the ideas explored during the talks from off the stage and into their everyday lives.

"Hopefully this will stimulate some interesting debate in our community," he said.

To order tickets, or for more information, visit tedsomerville.org and check out TEDxSomerville on Facebook and Twitter.

TedxSomerville speakers

Helen Adeosun is passionate about nannies, children, and their care. She firmly believes that nannies and caregivers have the power to grow communities and formed SitterCycle to improve that experience. She is a member of the International Nanny Association, Massachusetts Association of Professional Nannies, a former member of the DC Childcare Collective, and a member of the National Association for the Education Young Children. Helen holds a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and an EdM. from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

As an author, painter, and singer-songwriter, **Miranda Aisling** spends all her time making things. This past year, Miranda captured her creative process in her new book, *Don't Make Art, Just Make Something: the process, struggle, and vital importance of getting started*.

Aaron Cantor is a proponent of physical intelligence and the creator of "Primal Practice," a paradigm-shifting approach to mindfulness and movement training. He leads workshops around the world and makes his home at the Old Oak Dojo, an urban learning center in Boston.

Sean B. Cash is an economist with the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University with expertise in economics and policy of food, nutrition, and the environment. His research focuses on how food, nutrition, and environmental policies affect both producers and consumers.

Matthew Dicks is the author of the novels *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend*, *Something Missing* and *Unexpectedly*, *Milo* and the rock opera *The Clowns*. When he isn't writing, he fills his time as an elementary school teacher, a wedding DJ, a minister, a blogger, a life coach and a storyteller.

Christina Economos, Ph.D. is co-Founder and Director of ChildObesity180 and is an Associate Professor and the New Balance Chair in Childhood Nutrition at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University. As the principal investigator of large-scale research studies, her goal is to inspire behavior, policy, and environmental change to reduce obesity and improve the health of America's children. At ChildObesity180 she blends scientific evidence and rigor with innovation and experience from the private sector to develop, implement, evaluate, and scale high-impact obesity prevention initiatives. She led the groundbreaking Shape Up Somerville study demonstrating that it is possible to reduce excess weight gain in children through multiple

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on one roll call and local senators on four from the week of March 3-7.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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



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

\$1.12 BILLION CAPITAL PROJECTS (H 3920)
House 148-2, approved and sent to the Senate a \$1.12 billion capital spending bill that includes \$354 million for the acquisition of state property, \$50 million for the Massachusetts Cultural Fund, \$60 million for State Police cruisers and \$150 million for library projects. During debate, nine amendments were withdrawn, 15 were adopted and three were rejected. There was little debate on the bill and the amendments.

Hundreds of millions of dollars of earmarks to fund projects proposed by individual legislators for their districts were also included in the package. In reality, the projects are actually more of a “wish list.” The Patrick administration is required to adhere to the state’s annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded.

Supporters said the bill is a fiscally responsible one that will fund important projects while maintaining the state’s excellent bond rating.

Opponents urged the House to rein in spending and said the state’s debt is one of the highest in the nation and will be a huge burden to our children.

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

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

\$13.1 BILLION TRANSPORTATION BOND PACKAGE (S 2023)
Senate 38-0, approved a \$13.1 billion transportation borrowing bill that includes \$1.5 billion over the next five years for local road and bridge projects. The project with the highest price tag is the \$2.3 billion for the South Coast Rail Project that would extend commuter rail service to New Bedford and Fall River. A section supported by former Gov. William Weld would rename Boston’s South Station The Governor Michael S. Dukakis Transportation Center at South Station.

Dozens of amendments costing hundreds of millions of dollars were also included in the package. These earmarks were proposed by individual senators and were designed to fund projects in their districts. The projects are actually more of a “wish list.” The Patrick administration is required to adhere to the state’s annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded.

Supporters said this will give communities funding for local road and bridge projects they are anxiously waiting to receive. They noted the package also includes billions of dollars for state roads, public transportation and other important transportation projects.

The House has approved a different version of the bill and a conference committee will likely hammer out a compromise version.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

REAL ID (S 2023)
Senate 12-26, rejected an amendment that would require the Registry of Motor Vehicles and Gov. Deval

Patrick’s Department of Transportation to submit a report to the Legislature detailing the state’s progress in complying with the federal REAL ID Act, along with recommendations for any legislative action that may be needed to achieve full compliance. The REAL ID Act establishes federal standards for state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards so that they may be used to board commercial airline flights and to enter federal buildings and nuclear power plants.

Amendment supporters said Massachusetts is not in compliance with the federal law and has until April 20 to do so. They argued it is time to force the state to act on this.

Amendment opponents said the Registry is currently in discussions with the Department of Homeland Security. They said that another problem is that this is an unfunded federal mandate that will cost states \$3.9 billion.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

RULING OF CHAIR ON REPEAL OF PRIVATIZATION LAW (S 2023)
Senate 34-4, supported the ruling of the senate president that refused to allow the Senate to consider an amendment repealing the 1993 so-called “Pacheco Law” that regulates the privatization of state services which cost more than \$200,000. The law includes several requirements including mandating that a state agency compare the cost of using a private company to the cost of the services if the current state employees were to work in the most cost-efficient manner rather than to the actual current cost. The state auditor also has the final say and can reject a contract that he determines has not met all of the requirements or is “not in the public interest.”

Supporters of the ruling said that the amendment is beyond the scope of this transportation bill because the amendment would affect all contracts in the executive branch, not just transportation ones.

Opponents of the ruling said the chair is being inconsistent since an existing provision in the bill provides \$170,000 to remove asbestos and does not relate to transportation funding.

Supporters of repealing the “Pacheco Law” say that it is so restrictive that it has virtually stopped the privatization of state services. They argue that private companies can often provide services at a lower cost than the state and noted that repeal of the law would allow more privatization of state services and save millions of dollars that could be used to fund important programs.

Opponents of repealing the “Pacheco Law” say that prior to passage of the law former Gov. William Weld’s administration implemented extensive privatization of state services without any oversight or regulation of the process. They argue that the law has worked well and is designed to ensure that the quality of privately delivered services is equal to services that would be delivered by the state.

(A “Yes” vote is for the senate president’s ruling. A “No” vote is against it.)

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Sen. Sal DiDomenicoYes

Sen. Patricia JehlenYes

BAN“UPSKIRT” PHOTOS (H 3934)
Senate 39-0, approved and Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill banning the covert photographing, video-taping or electronic surveillance of someone’s sexual or intimate parts, regardless of whether those parts are naked or covered by clothing or undergarments. The House approved the proposal on a voice vote without a roll call vote.

The measure was filed and taken up one day after the Supreme Judicial Court had ruled that a man who took “upskirt” cell phone photos on the MBTA did not violate state law because the women did not have a legal expectation of privacy and were not nude or partially nude.

Supporters said the Legislature is acting at lightning speed to close this giant loophole in the law before another perpetrator gets away with this outrageous activity.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenicoYes

Sen. Patricia JehlenYes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ALLOW LIQUOR STORES TO OPEN EARLIER ON SUNDAYS (H 228) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow liquor stores to open at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Current law prohibits stores from opening until noon.

DRIVER’S LICENSE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 3285) - The Transportation Committee heard testimony from both sides of a bill that would allow the Registry of Motor Vehicles to issue driver’s licenses to immigrants who meet other criteria but do not have a social security number. The legislation would establish a special driver’s license for those who are unable to provide a social security number but take driver’s education, pass a driving test and carry insurance.

Supporters said this exemption will ensure that these immigrants have driving skills which will make the roads safer. They noted that currently they are driving without any training or insurance because they are not allowed to get a license.

Opponents said that these immigrants are illegal and should not be allowed to get a driver’s license. They argued this exemption would result in the state becoming a haven for noncitizens to obtain a license.

LOBBYISTS, SALARIES AND MORE - The

Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight held a hearing on several bills including increasing from one year to three years after leaving their jobs the period that former statewide office holders, executive branch commissioners, cabinet secretaries and legislators must wait before going into the lobbying business (S 1505).

Other measures on the committee’s agenda included allowing employees of state departments and agencies to share in receiving 25 percent of any unspent funds if the department or agency spends less than 75 percent of its annual budget (H 2907); establishing a sunset commission to periodically review all government agencies and authorities and recommend to the governor and the Legislature whether each should be continued as is, re-organized or abolished (H 2849); and prohibiting employees of any state authority from earning more than the governor, whose current salary is \$151,800. State authorities include the MBTA, MassPort and the Health Connector. The bill allows the hikes if the authority provides a 30-day public comment period and holds a public hearing.

REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE TO OFFER SEVERAL MORE BENEFITS - The Committee on Financial Services held a hearing on proposals including requiring health insurance companies to include coverage for telemedicine, the practice of physicians using telecommunication and information technologies to provide health care remotely (S 467); mastectomy and a minimum of 48 hours in-patient care following the procedure (H 931); nicotine-based and non-nicotine-based smoking cessation products (H 945); prescription eye drops (H 903); annual physicals (H 968); and eating disorders (H 937).

WAIVER FOR LANDLORDS (S 1954) - The Committee on Public Health held a hearing on legislation that would grant local boards of health or the state Department of Public Health the power to grant a waiver relieving landlords of their obligation to provide heat during unseasonably warm outdoor temperatures. Under current law, landlords are required to provide heat between September 15 and June 15.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Toll revenue cannot be used to meet our obligation to pay for transportation staff on the operating budget. Therefore, the one revenue source we can and we will turn to is Registry fees.”—*Transportation Secretary Richard Davey on his soon-to-be announced proposal to raise fees at the Registry of Motor Vehicles.*

“The potential is there for significant infringement of Fourth Amendment rights and privacy rights.”—Sen.

Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) on his proposal to regulate the use of drones by law enforcement.

“It’s probably, if it’s not customary, it’s certainly not unusual for governors to think about whether they might have something to contribute some day as president. But I have no plans and I have no plans to make plans.”—*Gov. Patrick on whether he plans to run for president.*

“One recurring theme among those who spoke was: If illegals don’t follow the rules by the very fact they’re illegals, what makes anyone think the rules will be followed once they get a license to drive?”—*Chip Faulkner, Associate Director, Citizens for Limited Taxation, on the hearing on a bill that would allow Registry of Motor Vehicles to issue driver’s licenses to immigrants who do not have a social security number but take driver’s education, pass a driving test and carry insurance.*

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 March 3-7, the House met for a total of 12 hours and 18 minutes and the Senate met for a total of six hours and 12 minutes.

Mon. March 3	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:26 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Tues. March 4	No House session Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
Wed. March 5	House 11:05 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. March 6	House 11:04 a.m. to 5:13 p.m. Senate 1:04 p.m. to 6:56 p.m.
Fri. March 7	No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Open data only the beginning of the discussion



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Data isn't the end of debate. It's the start. When I see a statistic like Somerville's birth rate surpassing Massachusetts' falling rate, or the city having a lower unemployment rate than the state and the nation but 85 percent of our workers leaving the city to go to their jobs, those aren't answers. Rather, they beg questions: Why is our city's

birth rate growing? How do we have a low unemployment rate when most of our residents leave the city for work? We have to start by collecting the data—making decisions without data is like driving a car blindfolded. But once we have the data in hand, we have to ask the right questions, and asking the right questions means making that data available to everyone.

That's why we've launched our new Key System Indicators website at somervillema.gov/dashboards that includes data ranging from maps of property values and crime in Somerville to graphs showing the rise in affordable homes or the factors in our Happiness Survey that

predict whether someone will move or stay in our city, as well as much more data collected by our SomerStat department. And that's just the start. We will be adding new data on an ongoing basis. And because the site is open source, it was developed at no cost beyond staff time by the city.

Making this data publicly available in a clear, transparent and easy to browse format makes it easier for the public to hold us accountable for our performance. If our schools' test scores were to fall or crime rates were to rise, then residents would see where we have to focus our efforts. Or, as is currently the case, when our school's growth scores

soar over the past two years and our crime rate is down by one-third over the past five years, residents can have a window into the impact of our efforts.

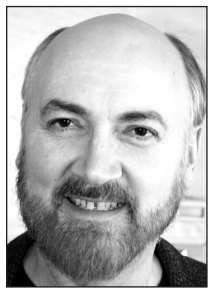
Open data also makes it easier for the public to get involved in the decision-making process, undertaking their own analysis of the data and asking the questions that arise. Tapping into the talent, creativity and intelligence of our community is one of our core values. The answers to the challenges that face our community are not always obvious, but digging into data can reveal solutions that also sometimes run contrary to what we might think without the right data available.

Take road paving, for example.

The first instinct is to apply our street repaving funds only to streets in the worst condition. But while we do repair those streets, the data clearly shows that we save taxpayers' money when we spend on preventative maintenance for streets that are in good condition as well. Every \$1 spent on keeping a road in good condition avoids from \$6 to \$14 needed later to rebuild the same road if it has significantly deteriorated. That's just one example of a counterintuitive solution, and when we make data open and transparent to the community, it can lead us to even more unexpected insights because the public can delve into the

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Inherent Union Square planning conflicts can produce creative solutions



By William C. Shelton

Rich opportunities for Union Square revitalization continue to emerge. But fully realizing them will require decision makers to resolve inherent, but as yet unarticulated, conflicts among their own visions and among key planning documents.

The Federal government is rec-

ommending full funding of the Green Line extension in New Starts, the Federal Transit Administration's primary grant program for major capital investments in rail, bus, and ferry development. Last week, MBTA officials learned that \$100 million of funding is in this coming fiscal year's federal budget and will probably be approved.

The funds would be available as early as October, expanding work already underway. Construction crews have been widening three bridges, improving drainage, and building walls.

MBTA staff members are enthusiastically committed to the

project. They estimate that the link to Union Square may be completed by 2018 or perhaps even earlier.

Developer behemoths like Boston Properties and Forest Cities did not respond to the city's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Union Square master developer partner. But nine reputable development teams did. It's unlikely that any other revitalization project in Eastern Massachusetts outside of Boston's and Cambridge's prime development areas could have generated this level of interest from this caliber of applicants.

Three of the teams appeared

before the Union Square Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Wednesday March 5th, another three last Tuesday (March 11), and three more will do so this coming Tuesday (March 18), all at Argenziano School. Turnout has been impressive, as have been the quality of the presentations and the manifest commitment of the development teams.

I personally was delighted to hear from a presenter that city officials have emphasized the primacy of commercial development.

Selecting among highly qualified teams is not the only challenge that the CAC and Somer-

ville Redevelopment Authority members will have to meet in making their recommendations. A more fundamental one is what they want Union Square to be.

The Union Square Zoning Plan (2009), Somervision Comprehensive Plan (2012), Union Square Revitalization Plan (2012) and the Request for Qualifications (2013) each represents a highly competent effort by city staff that directly involved or was based on public participation.

Explicitly or implicitly, they each offer a quantifiable vision for Union Square development. But they

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

The 'r' in Somerville is silent



Before all the yogurt joints, restaurants and bars with great big windows, there were the native people of Somerville, or "Summahville," as we pronounce it. A lot of us are still here raising our third-, fourth-, fifth-generation kids. Those of us who grew up on the streets of Somerville in the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s had our own way of talking (before we went to school and learnt to talk right!). You know what I'm sayin'? Bordering cities may have had similar phrases, sayings and styles of language, but we "stahted" it!

I was goofing around on Facebook and asked this question: If someone asked you to describe "how to talk Somerville,"

what would you say? Of course we had to go old school and dig up some phrases and sayings we used when we were kids. Needless to say, the first thing that came to mind was "wicked," as in "wicked cool," and "wicked -----!" Remember, this is "sposta" be in good fun!

First of all, the next town over is "Meffa," not "Medford." When we are planning on an activity past noontime, it's "this affta." If we don't like something someone has just told us, we will say "gedoudaheah!" ("Get out of here"). If you are frightened at something you may be "a-scared." Years ago, and some still do it, we may not wave with our hands, but just give a simple tilting up of the head (a nod) as a greeting. We went "ova" our friend's house and then we went "up the square." Believe it or not,

some people still call it "David Square!" The "r" in Charlestown is also silent.

If you told me something astounding, I may say "for real?" If we didn't know a young lady's name, we would call her "girlie." We ate "suppah," not dinner, and we sat in the "parlah," not the living room. We would never say "you fellows," but we would say "yous guys." I can't explain this next one, but when I say "three for five," a lot of you will know what I am talking about. If a stranger is staring at you in an uncomfortable manner, you might say, "What are you looking at?" If he is also from Somerville, he will say, "Nothing much!" We would never say, "I beg to differ." We would say "noffanuttin" ("not for nothing").

"Let's go to Tello's or Chess King" meant



you needed a new Members' Only jacket. "You hittin' Studley's for Plunkett?" meant "Are you going down Studley's nightclub to see singer/guitarist Jimmy Plunkett," who used to pack the joint weekly with his sing-a-long drinking ditties. We also had a habit of adding an expletive in between syllables. If you were upset at me, I would be "JIMMY DEL @\$%^&* PONTE!" A mad

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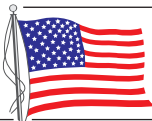
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne proposed alternating snow-emergency parking from odd to even sides of the side street from year to year. Good luck with that.

The View Of The Times



A Board of Aldermen public hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. this Thursday (March 13) at City Hall to discuss a resolution for the city’s retirement board to divest from any investments tied to the fossil-fuel industry.

The hearing was held after 129 registered voters submitted a petition asking for the hearing to take place. Based on comments from aldermen while discussing the petition at the board’s Feb. 27 meeting, during which there was some difficulty scheduling the hearing because a number of them made a point saying they wanted to be present, the resolution should be a slam dunk for Fossil Free Somerville, which organized the petition effort and describes itself in a press release as “a grassroots organization dedicated to locally oriented action designed

to combat climate change and challenge the companies that drive it.”

The group would like to see the city, again from the release, “immediately cease any new investments in fossil fuel companies, and fully divest from direct holdings and commingled funds within five years.”

The “comingled” part of the proposal will be the most interesting part should the resolution turn into action. Who exactly will be responsible for delving into the six degrees of investment separation is not clear, and nor is the issue of how future “comingled” investment will be detected and kept away from the city’s pension portfolio. Of course, all of this rests on the assumption that the city even has investments tied to the industry.

And how effective will such a mea-

sure be? After all, Exxon Mobil was listed by Fortune magazine this past July as the world’s most profitable company, with sales of \$44.9 billion in 2012. Where there is profit, there will be people (investors) who will want a piece of it. Nature abhors a vacuum; so does Wall Street.

The main way to tackle the fossil-fuel industry is still good old capitalism. If a company can make and market vehicles, for example, that are affordable, serviceable and attractive to consumers, that would wean people off of fossil-fuel dependence. That would lower profits and dividends, so divestment would then be both ecologically and fiscally responsible.

Still, the city and its residents will be able to pat themselves on their backs for making a symbolic gesture, even if it’s

complicated in its actual execution, towards the environment and the need to discuss and act on climate change as a matter of scientific fact and not political, partisan debate.

To everyone who bikes or walks to the meeting, with your cloth shopping bag in your backpack and your (paper, not Styrofoam) cup of fair-trade coffee in your hand, your conscience is clean, even if fossil fuels aren’t.

While doing something instead of nothing is still something, it will be interesting to see just how many hybrids there will (or won’t) be in the City Hall parking lot Thursday.

It’s kind of like a smoker who is adamant that no portion of his 401k be in any way tied to the tobacco industry.

Just sayin’.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy birthday to some of our fans and friends here in the Ville and elsewhere! Marc Piro is celebrating this week. He’s the son of that famous Alderman At Large Peter Piro from years back. Marc is a nice guy, and although he moved his family business over to Charlestown, he still uses the building on Medford Street. To longtime Local Realtor Nick Kondilis, who has worked at Bremis Realty now for many many years, we salute you and say “happy birthday!” Also celebrating this week is Donald Coutoumas of the famous Coutoumas family of old here in Somerville. He’s another great guy and his heart is always here in the Ville. Dennis Fischman, who is very busy with both politics and work, we him wish him best. Linda Pye-Greene celebrates this week, as well; a nice lady and part of a great Somerville family.

And to Jim Halloran, who works for the city and is celebrating this week we wish him HB. And to Jamie Hart, the wife of Ricky Hart, she celebrates this coming Monday, but we wanted to be the first to say “happy birthday!”

The second annual Comedy Night at Giggles on Route 1 Saugus for the Highland Masonic Temple Association is Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. There will be lots of fun, entertainment and surprises for everyone. Contact Steve Dalrymple at 617 628-6251 or Donald Norton at 617-623-6600, ext. 11, for details and tickets. This event is open to everyone.

An open house at King Solomon’s Lodge AF & AM, Masonic Lodge will be held here in Somerville Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The lodge is locat-

ed at 125 Highland Ave. (rear). You have questions? We have the answers to your questions. Come and learn about one of the oldest Masonic lodges in age and a better-than-average lodge in terms of the number of members. There are over 230 members here in Somerville and surrounding cities and town belong here.

The Somerville Council on Aging was one of a small group of centers across the state chosen to offer the National Council on Aging (NCOA) Aging Mastery program. The program begins on March 24. Thirty-five of Somerville’s older adults will have the opportunity to participate in the 16-week educational program. The first eight weeks are structured classes. The next eight focus on additional support activities. The goal of this program is to empower older adults to make and maintain

small but impactful changes in health behaviors. The topics that will be covered include Physical Fitness, Communicating With Your Doctor, Fall Prevention, Use of Medicare Prevention Benefits, Medication Management, Healthy Eating, Planning Your Future, and Sleep Behavior. For each of these modules, participants will receive basic educational materials developed from highly trusted sources, a checklist of potential next steps, and a system for tracking behaviors, giving points for positive action and presenting awards. If you are interested in learning more, contact the COA’s Health and Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600, ext. 232315.

DATE CHANGE — Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 19: Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

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Boiling it down

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Green Team Coordinator Kristin Delviscio said it takes 43 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. While they typically gather about 260 gallons of sap, they only collected about half of that this year. The sap yield was so much lower this year because it has been too cold.

"When it's freezing at night and not freezing during the day is when the sap is flowing up from the roots and into the leaves to feed the foliage that's on its way. It's really like pulling out the tree's blood," Lead Gardens Educator Sadie Richards said.

To take the sap from sugar maples, the Green Team uses a hand drill to make a small hole, into which they put a spigot that allows the sap to flow out. They tap between eight and 10 trees to get enough sap.

Groundwork Somerville Executive Director Chris Mancini has been participating in the annual boil down event long before he started working for Groundwork.

"I have an even longer history with it than Groundwork because I went to graduate school at Tufts, and there were some undergrads there who were doing this project," he said. "They had taken it over from a community member who had been doing it at a very casual level, where he would tap one or two trees. I had met them and joined up because I wanted to be a part of them. It sounded like a very interesting project. They all graduated, but I lived here, so I ran the project as a lone volunteer, although not alone; I had a lot of other volunteers. We did a lot of organizing through Tufts, and then I had gotten a full-time job somewhere else and I knew Groundwork, so I kind of turned it over to them and they took it on. Then four years later I applied for the job as the executive director, so I have a great fondness for this project."

The purpose of the event is to educate, and Mancini said they target the event towards families with kids. Groundwork used to take the boiling demonstration to second-grade classrooms but was unable to this year due to lack of funding.

Mancini said he hoped for a good turnout this year, saying that the previous year about 750 people came to the boil-down over the course of a day.

At the boil-down, high school kids employed by the Green Jobs Program, a program for low-income youth, sold pancakes with cups of syrup (from the supermarket). Three of the volunteers had cooked 200 pancakes that morning over the course of three hours at a kitchen donated by Cuisine en Locale.

Groundwork Somerville will sell the syrup made during the boil-down, which Mancini claims is the "most delicious syrup."

The boil-down is the only one of its kind in Greater Boston, Mancini said, before correcting himself.

"Someone told me there might be another one in Larz Anderson Park," he said, "but we're the main one. We're the best one."





Photos by Jack Adams



SPORTS

N.E. Patriot Logan Ryan at 'Read by the River'

The New England Patriots' Logan Ryan read to a large group of children at Tufts University Hillel's annual *Read by the River* on Sunday, March 9.

More than 850 elementary school students from Somerville and Medford attended the education fair in the Gantcher Center at Tufts University.

Patriots cornerback Logan Ryan read to the crowd and sign autographs for the students.

Developed to promote the importance of early childhood literacy, volunteers from Tufts University and the surrounding area brought elementary school students together for this afternoon celebration. The theme of this year's fair, "Carnival," included booths set up with games

and arts and crafts, many with a literary focus, as well as a scavenger hunt and bean bag toss.

Read by the River is a Tufts Hillel initiative that is made possible by many sponsors, including the New England Patriots, National Amusements, Scholastic, city of Medford, Medford fire and police departments, and the city of Somerville. Local bookstores, Scholastic and Tufts students have donated books for the event and National Amusements has donated free movie passes.

Tufts University is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States and enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence in a wide range of professions.



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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What color was originally associated with Saint Patrick?

2. What county and state celebrates St. Patrick's Day as an official holiday in the United States?

3. What holiday is observed in Somerville public schools on March 17?

4. Where was St. Patrick born?

5. According to legend, Saint Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain what to Irish pagans?

6. What was the name of

St. Patrick's mother?

7. In Irish folklore, Leprechauns spend their time making what?

8. What is the original melody for the song Danny Boy?

9. What Boston sports team did the Dropkick Murphys write *Time To Go* about?

10. Why is Ireland called the Emerald Isle?

11. What is the other name for Ireland?

12. Which part of Ireland is Coddle traditionally associated with?

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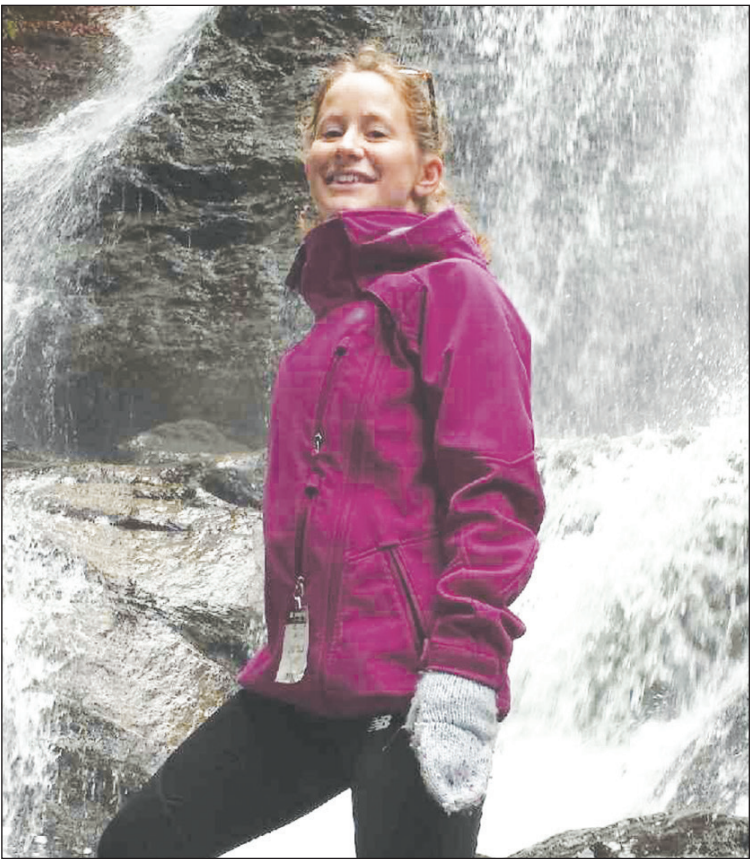
Somerville resident to run marathon for N.E. Aquarium

Meg Rabinowitz ran cross-country at Somerville High School, but she's never attempted a marathon.

Until now.

The 29-year-old Somerville native is one of 25 members of the New England Aquarium team running in this year's Boston Marathon April 21. It's a special opportunity for her, not only because it is her first year in the marathon, but she also works for the Aquarium in the marketing and communications department.

She and her teammates are running to support the Aquarium's community outreach program, which serves 45,000 Greater Boston-area children by bringing tide pools and aquatic animals into daycare centers, schools, YMCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs and other community settings. Each runner has a \$5,000 fundraising goal. The Aquarium is an official charity of the 118th Boston Marathon.



Meg Rabinowitz will be running in support of the New England Aquarium.

"This is my first marathon ever," she said. "It really means a lot to me to be a part of this historic year, especially after being so close to the tragedy during last year's event."

"I was involved with a wheelchair team that was fortunate to finish just before the bombs went off. Coming back to do the whole thing from start to finish is a testament to the running community as a whole. Running is a very individual sport, but the running community is a huge support system for everyone."

Rabinowitz, who only recently moved to Brookline, has fond memories of growing up on Winter Hill, where her mother still lives, and of being co-captain of the SHS cross country team during her senior year. She also ran indoor and outdoor track and participated in the city's annual road races to benefit the high school athletic association.

This year has been tricky for training with the deep cold and frequent snow, but she has her techniques, which includes wearing warm, moisture-wicking layers.

"I learned this in high school; you can't just layer up with any

old stuff," she said. "You really need to layer on lightweight-but-warm items that will keep you cozy but will dry quickly as you start to sweat. Even though it's cold out, you are still working up a ton of body heat, but you need to regulate."

Rabinowitz is excited about combining her love of running with raising money for her other passion, the Aquarium.

"I get to reach for this huge personal goal, all while doing it for an organization that I love," she said. "It's not hard for me to explain why running my first marathon and doing it for the Aquarium is so significant. I've loved this place since childhood."



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Post Office, mural CONT. FROM PG 5

prefer the mural be removed should the building become private and inaccessible to the public after the sale.

By the end of the meeting, the only shared and consistent preference was to keep the mural in its current location and try to ensure that the building would remain publicly accessible for a comparable amount of time each week as it is currently. However, should the building be sold to a private developer and closed off to the public, members of the HPC and those in attendance were split on what should be done with the mural.

Removing Moffett's work would be a weighty task, and several people in attendance argued that the mural was specifically made for the Union Square Post Office and relocation would likely undermine the context of his work.

As a note, the mural is the legal property of the USPS, though the organization's officials have agreed to restore the piece, whether it is retained in its current environment or moved to an alternative public place per the recommendation of the city.

At the time of the meeting, many aspects of the deal were still undetermined, including whether the building had been sold, who the prospective buyers were and what types of steps the city had taken by way of zoning to protect the interior.

So many aspects of the current state of affairs was unknown that some in attendance raised the question of if the USPS already sold the building, which would potentially be in violation of its own due process. In Janu-

ary, federal officials held a congressional hearing to try to block the sale of historic post offices until a review was completed.

However, the Bronx General Post Office, as well as several other similar buildings, have already been sold by the USPS.

Those in attendance, as well as HPC's Vice Chairman Abby Freedman, pointed out the similar issues that other cities and towns across the country have experienced in the years since the USPS began to contract and sell its properties. As part of the New Deal, post offices built in the 1930s were decorated with Depression-era murals like Moffett's in Union Square.

Although the post offices from that time are often protected by certain clauses of the National Historic Preservation Act, the National Post Museum has cited that many of the murals have disappeared or are in need of substantial restorations. The recent recession, as well as other factors hindering profitability for the USPS, has further compounded the threat to these historic pieces.

The HPC drafted and sent a letter that included the public's comments, as well as its own, to state officials, who will then discuss the matter with federal agencies and the USPS.

As for the fate of the Union Square Post Office and Moffett's mural, nothing seems to be sure quite yet, but all in attendance agreed that every possible action must be taken to protect the mural and other aspects of the building's interior.

SHS quiz kids score big



Photo by WGBH/Lisa Abitbol

Somerville High School beat Nantucket High School in a first-round match on WGBH's High School Quiz Show, which aired Saturday, March 8. Pictured are team members Celine Lessard-Brandt, Miles Bain, Graham Lessard-Brandt and John Iacovino.

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leverage points within an entire community.

Craig Foley is the chief of energy solutions for RE/MAX Leading Edge, and a co-founder of inCharge Energy. He is the architect of RE/MAX Leading Edge's successful green brand and strategy.

His combination of real estate and energy management skills give him a unique perspective about sustainable energy solutions. He is the author of the first report on high-performance homes in Massachusetts which was published in February 2013.

Kevin Gendreau has worked as an animator/VFX supervisor on over 40 television and film projects, and was part of the Emmy-winning visual effects team on the TV miniseries *Dune*. He has also provided animation for planetarium shows, a Rolling Stones concert tour and the Jet Propulsion Lab's "Moonrise" project.

Since 2005 **Mimi Graney** has served as the Executive Director of Union Square Main Streets, a neighborhood-focused economic development organization. Among her projects are the Union Square and Somerville Winter Farmers' Markets, neighborhood advocacy on issues such as the Green Line Extension, zoning and urban design, as well as the co-working space called Design Annex. She's perhaps most famous (or infamous) for the annual Fluff Festival, a madcap happening honoring the inventor of Marshmallow Fluff that's become a quintessential New England event.

George Proakis, AICP, is the director of planning for the city of Somerville. He supervises the team that completed the 2012 SomerVision comprehensive plan. He is now coordinating the development of the new Somerville by Design neighborhood planning process that has created significant community participation in planning for Gilman Square, Magoun Square, Ball Square, Davis Square and East Somerville. He is working on zoning to conserve Somerville's neighborhoods, enhance transit centers and transform Somerville's old industrial districts like Inner Belt and Assembly Square while also protecting arts and maker spaces in Somerville.

A former therapist with a master's degree in social work, **Cortney Rowan** has honed an empathy-driven approach to human-centered design that builds trust and gains access. Showing a talent for connecting with people from an early age, she has spent the last 10 years in management consulting addressing systematic challenges and helping companies manage their people through large-scale organizational changes. She is a senior design strategist at Altitude, Inc., a Somerville-based design and innovation firm where she regularly blends her talent for understanding people with her desire to build solutions that provide greater reach and impact.

Brynmor Williams is an award-winning filmmaker specializing in short-form documentaries. His interests lie in developing new ways of producing and sharing the stories we tell. He directs, shoots and edits most of his work and *Unchastened* is an example of his style of storytelling.

Bekka Wright is writer and illustrator of the Web comic *Bikeyface*. Through cartoons, *Bikeyface* is a witty, entertaining, and sometimes irreverent approach to bicycling for transportation. Inspired by her daily experiences biking in and around Boston, the Web comic ultimately aims to raise the profile of everyday bicycling and bring ideas to a broad audience.

Rabies clinic, Saturday, April 5



The City of Somerville will host its 14th annual rabies clinic for cats and dogs on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Department of Public Works, 1 Franey Road. Rabies vaccinations and on-site licenses for dogs will be available at the clinic. Vaccines are offered at a cost of \$10, and dog licenses at \$20 for spayed and neutered dogs with proof, and \$30 for all other dogs.

Prior vaccination records are not required and all vaccinations will be valid for one year. All Somerville residents are required to license their dogs, and a current rabies vaccine certificate is required to obtain a license.

For more information, contact the Somerville Health Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 4300.

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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, March 19, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

36 Mead St. (Case #ZBA 2014-05) Applicant and Owner, Open Homes LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a dormer on the right side roof plane, add skylights, and alter window locations on the front and rear façades. RB zone. Ward 7.

240 Elm St. (Case #ZBA 2014-06) Applicant, Fitness Holdings Somerville, LLC, d/b/a Crunch Fitness, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.6.3.b to establish a exercise facility over 10,000 sf and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a to modify parking space requirements for approx 2 parking spaces. Zone CBD. Ward 6.

86 Powderhouse Blvd. (Case #ZBA 2014-07) Applicants & Owner Jose & Maria Barros seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by enclosing the second floor of a rear porch. RA zone. Ward 7.

37-39 Morrison Ave. (Case #ZBA 2014-08) Applicant and Owner, Kimberly Mathai, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by extending an existing dormer, adding a 3rd floor rear deck, and window and door alterations. RA Zone. Ward 6.

457 Medford St. (Case #ZBA 2014-09) Applicant and Owner, Henry Donaldson, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by changing the building type from a side gable to 3-story flat roof structure and expanding rear additions. RB Zone. Ward 5.

22A College Ave. (Case #ZBA 2014-10) Applicant, American Baker's Inc., and Owner, Rosemary Nolan, Tara II Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.a, to establish a fast order food establishment (bakery) and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a to modify parking space requirements for approx 4 parking spaces. Zone CBD. Ward 6.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the 32 Jaques Street Parking Lot & Walkway Improvement Project for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The project consist of: The full depth reconstruction of an existing parking lot and walkways, selective berm replacement, concrete wheel stop replacement and painting of lines.

The work is estimated to cost: \$24,000

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 sec.39M and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §526 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, March 27, 2014 and publicly opened forthwith.

Bids should be mailed or dropped off at: The Modernization Department, Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and received no later than 2:00 P.M., Thursday, March 27, 2014

The Project site will be available for inspection on Thursday, March 20th between 9:30AM and 10:30AM

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at:
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Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Gabe Ciccariello at. (617) 625-1152 Ext. 330

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday March 17, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of TBD Brewing, LLC d/b/a Aeronaut Brewing Company for a Farmer's Series Pouring Permit at 14 Tyler St./30 Park St.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Jenneen Pagliaro**
Executive Secretary

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

2014-11 Article V Section 5-10 "Parking Prohibited at Safety Zones" is amended with the following addition: extend the existing Fire Lane on Broadway, north side, from 435 Broadway, westerly, to the end of the elevated section on Broadway for an additional 24ft easterly.

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Suzanne Rinfret, Acting Director

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday March 17, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of River Bar, LLC for a New All-Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License and an Entertainment license consisting of Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and De-vices at 661 Assembly Row., Somerville, MA.

For the Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE DIVORCE

In compliments to the disposition established legally by a divorce, has been published the following: That MR. MARCEL J. FESTA presented a divorce in city of Providence, Rhode Island, against MS. DAYANE FILS-AIME, appointed by Attorney Emili Vaziri Located on 160 Plain-field Street Providence, RI 02909.

Date the 9TH day of April 2014 at 9:00am has an appointment at Family Court in Providence, Rhode Island.

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and Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin invite you to the third public meeting for the design of Symphony Park, located on the corner of Pearl and Florence Streets in East Somerville. Based on community input, the park is being designed as a neighborhood pocket park containing amenities for all age groups and abilities. The meeting will take place in the Community Room at Bryant Manor (75 Myrtle Street) at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19. For more information and to view slideshows from the first two meetings, visit the City's website at: <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/parks-and-open-space/symphony-park>. If you have additional comments or questions,

please contact Luisa Oliveira at 617-625-6600 ext. 2529, or e-mail Loliveira@somervillema.gov.

Congratulations to Somerville resident Roland Price on his promotion to vice president of Tufts Health Plan. He currently serves as treasurer and will continue performing the duties associated with that job (talk about wearing two very big hats!). As vice president and treasurer, he will be responsible for corporate investments, treasury and financial risk management, in addition to other corporate finance matters. He also serves as treasurer and manages the endowment portfolio of the Tufts Health Plan Foundation. Prior to

joining Tufts Health Plan in 1995, Roland held corporate finance and accounting positions with organizations in the hospitality and building-material industries, including the roles of assistant treasurer for the Bird Corporation and accountant and treasury analyst for Omni Hotels Corporation. Price earned a Bachelor of Science in Management from Southern New Hampshire University and a Master of Business Administration in Finance from Suffolk University's Sawyer School of Management. He is currently treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of Tufts Health Care Institute. Good luck and best wishes on the promotion!

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LEGAL NOTICE

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Docket No. CP14-96-000

Notice is hereby given that Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC ("Algonquin"), on February 28, 2014, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") an application, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Application") to construct, own, operate and maintain proposed facilities necessary to provide up to 342,000 dekatherms per day ("Dth/d") of firm transportation service to meet immediate and future supply and load growth requirements for Yankee Gas Services Company, NSTAR Gas Company, Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation, The Southern Connecticut Gas Company, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, Inc., Norwich Public Utilities, and Middleborough Gas and Electric. The project is referred to as the Algonquin Incremental Market Project (the "Project") and will create additional capacity from the Ramapo, New York receipt point on Algonquin's system to various Algonquin city gate delivery points in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts by expanding its existing pipeline and compressor station facilities within New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. Specifically, Algonquin proposes project facilities that will consist of the following activities in those states: the construction of approximately 37.6 miles of take-up & relay, loop and lateral pipeline facilities; modifications to five existing compressor stations resulting in the addition of 81,620 horsepower of compression; modifications to 24 existing metering and regulating ("M&R") stations; construction of three new M&R stations, and the removal of one existing M&R station. These proposed Project facilities will provide additional access to growing supply areas, which should provide the Northeast markets with additional economic supplies of natural gas.

Algonquin will need to acquire permanent and temporary property interests from a limited number of landowners for the proposed facilities. The Project is expected to have minimal impacts on landowners, communities and the environment.

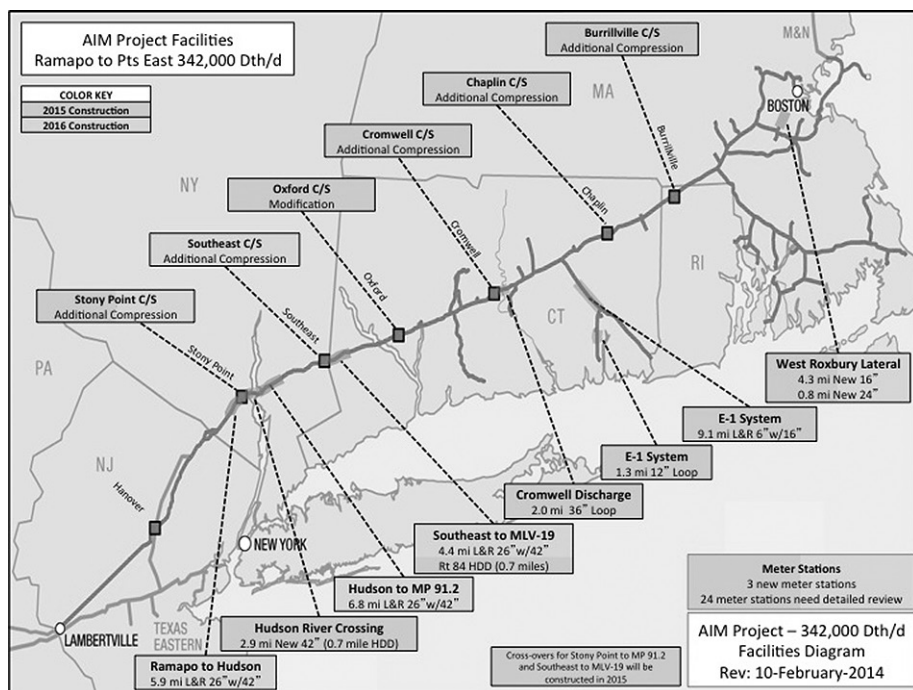
Notice of the Application will be mailed to affected landowners, and local, state and federal governments and agencies involved in the Project. An electronic copy of the Application and supporting documents are on-file in the public libraries and/or local offices in communities impacted by the aforementioned facilities.

For further information on becoming an intervenor in the FERC proceeding and/or to obtain FERC's pamphlet entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?", visit the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) or phone FERC's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-3372.

Algonquin is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Spectra Energy Partners, LP. Algonquin owns and operates an interstate natural gas pipeline system extending from points near Lambertville and Hanover, New Jersey, through the states of New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts to points near Boston, Massachusetts.

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person may tell you to "GET OFF THE TELE-@#%&* PHONE!" Get it? Good. While playing hide and seek in my neighborhood, we would say "Ollie Ollie Entry!" If we wanted you to come out to play, we would go to your house and "call for you." We would stand in front of your house and say, "HI YO, CHARLIE!" If you found yourself in some kind of trouble when you were a kid, you might blurt out something like this: "My father knows Howie!"

If someone asks for directions in Somerville today, you might say, "Go past where the old fire station was," or "Keep going where Bradlees used to be," or, perhaps, "Turn left where Friendly's was." We also still may find ourselves talking like we were still those kids



growing up in East Somerville, Winter Hill, North Street, Union Square or Powder House Park. When these things come out of my mouth, I just smile and enjoy the memory.

So we welcome all the newcomers to Somerville with open arms ... I mean "arms." And to those of you who moved out of Somerville, hop on 93, bang a left at Dunkies, and visit the old neighborhood ... will ya?

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|March 12

Central Library
Middle School Writers’ Den
Alan Ball|617 636-9033
12:30 p.m.-3:30 P.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library
Dr. Seuss’ (belated) Birthday Party!
Meghan Forsell|617-623-5000 x2970
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

Thursday|March 13

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

Central Library
Teen StoryCorps Drop-In
Ron| 617-623-5000-2936
3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday|March 14

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

Central Library
Teen Program
Cynthia|617-623-5000-2969
2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Saturday|March 15

Central Library
Drop-In StoryCorps Interviews
Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000 x2910
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Free Writing Workshop: Pacing Picture Books
Sarah Tuttle|617-415-3317
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Books of Hope StoryCorps Recording
Soul Brown
2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Sunday|March 16

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

Monday|March 17

Central Library
Sing-Along with Fred Griffeth
Cathy x2954
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Tuesday|March 18

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

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

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

Wednesday|March 19

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

MUSIC

Wednesday|March 12

Johnny D’s
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

PA’S Lounge
Full Scene Ahead “CD Swap”
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Closed for renovations
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
Celebration of Hope and Caring
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.|Performance Hall/ Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|March 13

Johnny D’s
Boston Jewish Music Festival presents:
Dudu Tassa and the Kuwaitis with
Somerville Symphony Orkestar.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA’S Lounge
“Campfire” hosted by Ben Bullock w/
The D-Line
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Closed for renovations
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Jim Henson Lecture and Meet-up
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|March 14

Johnny D’s
James Montgomery Band|7:30 p.m.
Free Friday featuring The Resurrectionists & Western Powers|10 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Early St Pat’s! |Full boiled Irish dinner all weekend
Josh MacLederman o’man |6 p.m.
Hear Now Live Present|9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
Closed for renovations
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA’S Lounge
Loren Walker Madsen|Golden Hues of Love|ScuaPhone|Congratulatinos|Kali Stoddard-Imari
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
An Evening with Singer/Songwriter John Copeland
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|March 15

Johnny D’s
World Music Event featuring Lo Jo|8 p.m.
Joshua Tree (U2 Tribute Band)|10 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Early St Pat’s! |Full boiled Irish dinner all weekend
Paddy Wagon featuring Kevin Byrne |5:30 p.m.
One Thin Tir-na-nO’Dime |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Jimmy’s Down
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Closed for renovations
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
Death Pesos|The Pilgrims|New Legs|Straight To VHS
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Joshua Tree
DJ El Sid!
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Samba Bar & Grille
Live Band & DJ
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Rick Schilling
10 a.m.|Café
Jeremy Lyons
1 p.m.|Cafe
David Johnston

4 p.m.|Cafe
Hamlet’s Last Stand
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall

Sunday|March 16

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

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Early St Pat’s! |Full boiled Irish dinner all weekend
St Pat’s Road Race|12 p.m.
Tom Hagerty & The Irish Lads|5 p.m
Kristen Ford Band with guests|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
Closed for renovations
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
The Davis Flea presents a Spring Vintage Market
11 a.m.|Performance Hall
Crossing the Great Divide: Tunes and Songs of Journey with Rachel Panitch & Owen Morrison
4 p.m.|Café
Cafe Raqs
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|March 17

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

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Early St Pat’s! |Full boiled Irish dinner all weekend
JD On Banjo|12 p.m.
Matt Heaton|3 p.m.
Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
6pm: Tommy McCarthy & Louise Costello & Special Guest
6-8pm:Helena Delaney, Johnny O’Leary & Special Guest
8pm-close: Caitlin Nic Gabhann & Ciaran O’Maonaigh
Back Room
Breakfast with: Ryan Fitzsimmons & Tom Bianchi
3-8pm: The Johnny Come Latelys
8pm-close: Dave Foley
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
Closed for renovations
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe’s Pub
ST. Patrick’s Day|Open at 11 a.m.
Ronan Quinn Band 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

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

Tuesday|March 18

Johnny D’s
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Mike Gent & The Rapid Shave
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
Closed for renovations
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Wednesday|March 19

Johnny D’s
Krystle Campbell Memorial Benefit|7:30 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|March 12

Central Library
Somerville Arts Council Space Brokerage Meeting
Gregory Jenkins-617-623-6600 x2985
6 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

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Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 7:30 p.m. Level 2 33 Union Sq www.nadirajamal.com	12 p.m.-12:55 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue Central Library Free Lecture on ADD/ADH and Executive Functioning Skills Anna Feagan 781-444-9115 7 p.m.-9 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629 Third Life Studio Roots and Rhythm 33 Unions Sq. www.libana.com	2 p.m. Mezzanine 191 Highland Ave Saturday March 15 Arts at the Armory Winter Farmers’ Market 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bagel Bards Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Au Bon Pain 18-48 Holland St Third Life Studio Jazz Dance Brunch! A Six Week Jazz Dance Class Series with Jen Farrell January 25 through March 1 10:30am-12:00pm 33 Union Sq	Family Groups 7:00 P.M. 6 William Street Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement. Third Life Studio Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 33 Union Sq www.nadirajamal.com Monday March 17 East Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1)6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. 115 Broadway Third Life Studio Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 6 p.m. 33 Union Sq www.nadiraja-	mal.com Tuesday March 18 Central Library Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue Arts at the Armory Prenatal Yoga 7 p.m. Mezzanine 191 Highland Ave Third Life Studio The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com 7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. 33 Union Sq Wednesday March 19 Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 7:30 p.m. Level 2 33 Union Sq www.nadirajamal.com
Central Library Fair Housing Commission Meeting Vicki Wairi 617.625.6600 x 2588	Friday March 14 Arts at the Armory Prenatal Yoga	Sunday March 16 Unity Church of God Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon		

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

<p>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.</p> <p>All clubs and groups welcome new members.</p> <p>Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street</p> <p>Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street</p> <p>Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway</p> <p>Afternoon at the Movies: Monday 31. Holland Street Atrium, 12:30 p.m. The first movie in our Afternoon at the Movies is “Last Vegas” starring Michael Douglas, Robert De-Niro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline. Three sixty-something friends take a break from their day-to-day lives to throw a bachelor party in Las Vegas for their last remaining single pal. Rated PG-13. Please contact Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or for additional information.</p> <p>Book Club: Friday, April 4. The book club meets the first Friday of each month, except for holiday weeks. April’s book is “The Buddha in the Attic” by Julie Otsuka, the story of a group of young women brought from Japan to San Francisco as “picture brides” nearly a century ago. In most cases, copies of the book are available in the COA office. Contact Janine for details at 617-615-6600 Ext. 2321 or email her at jlotti@Somervillema.gov.</p> <p>Culinary Arts Luncheon: Tuesday, April 8. Doors will open at 10:45 a.m. The Highlander Café is located at the atrium of Somerville High School, which is located closest to the library. There is limited seating and a cost of \$9 with a choice of Scallops or Chicken Parmesan. Contact Connie for more information and to RSVP at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.</p> <p>Holiday Inn Dance: Monday, April 14, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 30 Washington Street. \$20. Come and enjoy a terrific lunch, with good music and wonderful friends. To RSVP and for more information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.</p> <p>Twin River Casino: Tuesday, April 15. Located in Lincoln, RI. \$22 cost which includes Motorcoach Bus transportation, \$10 Free Bonus Play and a \$7 food credit. Check in time 8:30 a.m. at the Holland Street Center and 8:45 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time 6:30 p.m. Please contact Flo or Connie for more information or to RSVP, 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</p> <p>The Dance scheduled for Monday, March 24 at the Holiday Inn has been CANCELLED.</p> <p>The Charleston, SC & Savannah, GA trip scheduled for May 4 to May 10 is SOLD OUT.</p> <p>The St. Patrick’s Day Dance at the Winter Hill Yacht Club is SOLD OUT.</p> <p>The March Madness Super Bingo scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 at the Ralph & Jenny Center is SOLD OUT.</p> <p>The Flower & Garden Show outing scheduled for Friday, March 14 is SOLD OUT.</p> <p>No Daytime Programming at all our centers on Thursday, March 20.</p> <p>Due to construction the Cross Street Center remains closed and will reopen on Tuesday, March 25.</p> <p>DON’T FORGET:</p> <p>Low Vision Support Group – Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join the Somerville Council on Aging Low Vision Support Group beginning Tuesday, March 11 (running the 2nd Tuesdays</p>	<p>of each month) from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. Contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.</p> <p>ONGOING IMPORTANT INFO:</p> <p>An ongoing collaboration with the Somerville Fire Department has resulted in a program to distribute and install free, new smoke alarms in eligible households. For more information and an application, call us at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.</p> <p>LGBT EVENTS:</p> <p>LGBT Movies To Come Out to: Monday, 17, 5:30 p.m. – Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street. \$5. A special St. Patrick’s Day dinner of traditional corn beef with all the fixings and a screening of “Behind the Candelabra” starring Michael Douglas and Matt Damon. RSVP by March 13. To RSVP or for additional information please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email her at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov.</p> <p>LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes:</p> <p>Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available – please contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information.</p> <p>LGBT Advisory Group – We meet the 4th Monday of each month. Our next meeting is Monday, March 24 at 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email MBastardi@Somervillema.gov.</p> <p>LGBT Dinner/Dance Committee – A special LGBT Dinner Dance Committee will be meeting Thursday, March 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room at our Holland Street Center.</p> <p>STAY ACTIVE:</p> <p>Wii Bowling League - at Holland Mondays at noon. Free. If you haven’t tried this -come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.</p> <p>Zumba for All with Cheryl - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes. Come at the end of the day, after work. Open to all.</p> <p>Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. Holland and 9:30 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.</p> <p>Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings.</p> <p>Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings.</p> <p>Bowling at Flatbreads - Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>RALPH & JENNY CENTER:</p> <p>Ralph and Jenny Center will be open four days a week (Mon-Thurs).</p> <p>Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 a.m. every day the center is open (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.</p> <p>Do you crochet or would you like to learn? Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.</p> <p>Strengthening Exercises with Geoff. 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.</p> <p>BINGO every day at 12:45.</p> <p>CROSS STREET CENTER:</p> <p>Please note that due to construction the Cross Street Center and its events have been CANCELLED. The Cross Street Center is scheduled to reopen on March 25.</p> <p>March 12 Holland Street Center</p>	<p>Fit 4 Life A 8:45 a.m. Fit 4 Life B 9 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. Fit 4 Life C 1 p.m. Zumba for All 5:15 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300</p> <p>Ralph & Jenny Center Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Bingo 12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223</p> <p>March 13 Holland Street Center Current Events 10 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. BINGO 12:45 p.m. LBT Fit-4-Life 6 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300</p> <p>Ralph & Jenny Center Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Strengthening Exercise 10 a.m. Bingo 12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223</p> <p>March 14 Holland Street Center Lunch 11:30 a.m. Bingo 12:45 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300</p> <p>March 17 Holland Street Center Moonlighters 10:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. Fit-4-Life C 1 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300</p> <p>March 18 Holland Street Center Strengthening Exercise 9:15 a.m. SHINE by appt. 10 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. Fit 4 Life LBT 6 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300</p> <p>Ralph & Jenny Center Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Bingo 12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223</p> <p>March 19 Holland Street Center Fit 4 Life A 8:45 a.m. Fit 4 Life B 9 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. Fit 4 Life C 1 p.m. Zumba for All 5:15 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300</p> <p>Ralph & Jenny Center Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Bingo 12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223</p> <p>DID YOU KNOW? 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Open data only the beginning of the discussion

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same facts and figures that city officials are using when making decisions.

Tools like our new Key Systems Indicator are important for sharing facts far, wide and fast, but like the data itself, these tools are not the end answer. Making city data open and transparent can't replace informed discussion, which is why we also value face-to-face discussion in Somerville.

Innovation is not just a buzzword in our approach to data

sharing, but an activity. It is how we reach out and interact with other city departments through SomerStat's regular meetings, where numbers are crunched and allow our department leaders to make the best decisions through a collaborative process. It is how we reach out and interact with residents through our neighborhood-based ResiStat meetings, bringing and overview of topical data directly to you so you can then join us at more involved discussions to brainstorm with us

helping us to innovate and address concerns and needs. Whether city department meetings or public ResiStat meetings, open data allows us to set the stage with what we know. Then we can ask, "What does that mean?" A ground-up decision-making process that's data-driven is the best way to find creative answers that will help us reach our collective goals for our community.

Open data also helps us innovate by being part of a group of cities that collect and analyze

data. Being in that pool of cities means that data collected elsewhere can also provide important info for Somerville, helping guide our policies to the best practices and results found elsewhere. And by making data open to the public, civic media innovators can take our open data and create useful applications, like the MBTA making its data to the public resulting in mobile apps that let you know when the next bus or subway train is arriving. With Somerville's data

out there, those same innovators could create applications beneficial to the city and its residents.

The civic engagement in Somerville never ceases to leave me in awe of the passion, intelligence and creativity in our city. You are an integral part of how we operate, and I hope you'll keep it up, checking out the new website, attending ResiStat meetings and helping us find ways to be leaner, more efficient and deliver the services that you deserve.

Inherent Union Square planning

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are in conflict regarding density and mix of uses by location.

Speaking privately, individual Committee members have preferences for building heights, massing guidelines, and use mixes that are also in conflict.

Here is a simple example. The SomerVision Comprehensive Plan calls for 2.4 million square feet of new development across all 60 acres of Union Square and Boynton Yards. Adding up the block-by-block new development called for in the RFQ, one arrives at a total square footage of just a little less than that 2.4 million, on only 12-to-15 acres in Union Square. Yet Boynton Yards zoning allows for higher densities than does Union Square zoning.

Given the speed of events, the Committee has not yet had an opportunity to articulate these conflicts, locate them in a whole greater than the sum of

its parts, and seek consensus. This seems a little like putting the development cart before the developer horse, since development teams will vary in their capacities to implement differing plans and visions. But thinking through criteria for development team selection can create a context and forum for building consensus and refining the revitalization plan.

The data and analyses required to support this process already exist, thanks to years of hard work by city staff and interested citizens. What's now required is a focused discussion among all who are willing to constructively participate.

Each stakeholder will have his or her own preferences, and the loudest voices can jerk the conversation in unproductive directions. Participating "constructively" doesn't mean abandoning one's preferences. It requires

intense listening, disciplining expectations to the constraints imposed by hard evidence, understanding how each element of the plan affects every other one, and pushing the conversation toward creative solutions to legitimate conflicts.

No stakeholder will get everything on his or her wish list. And some projects cannot be accomplished until other projects have built required capacity or stimulated market demand. But the process will generate better outcomes than piecemeal development projects and *ad hoc* zoning exceptions have produced in the past.

Once stakeholders agree on objectives, guidelines, and constraints, it is essential that the city put those that can realistically be contractually binding into its Land Disposition Agreement with its chosen developer partner. The most important of

these is what developers call, "the program." That is, how many square feet of each use will be built and tenanted.

This was achieved at Assembly Square by means of a settlement agreement among Federal Realty Investment Trust, IKEA, and the Mystic View Task Force. It specified that the long-term plan would comprise 5 million office and R&D square feet; 1.4 million retail, restaurant, and hotel square feet; 3 million residential square feet; and 1 million "flex" square feet.

The agreement also limited auto trips to 50,000 per day, made the Orange Line station possible with a \$15 million contribution from FRIT, and produced a variety of other benefits. FRIT has fully permitted, at both state and local levels, and is currently proceeding to build out a little more than half of this program, in accordance with an

agreed upon Master Plan.

The city now has a similar opportunity to make the development program and other features legally binding when it selects a master developer partner for Union Square. It cannot and should not expect a developer to build something which foreseeable market conditions would make unprofitable. But it can specify how much of each use will be built by the time the revitalization is completed, and it can select a developer that has the demonstrated capacity to do it all. It can and should specify *what*, but not *when*.

Although the Citizens Advisory Committee is comprised of a fixed set of appointed individuals, it is open to public participation. Any citizen of good will can make a contribution. The price of admission is participation.

Collecting Irish books

By Kenneth Gloss

As with any other area of collecting, books dealing with Irish history subdivide into numerous categories that offer a multitude of collecting specialties.

The Boston area is particularly rich in books about Irish history, because many immigrants wanted to preserve their pasts and the story of their birth country. Many of these books were printed in New York and Boston by people who had come to America.

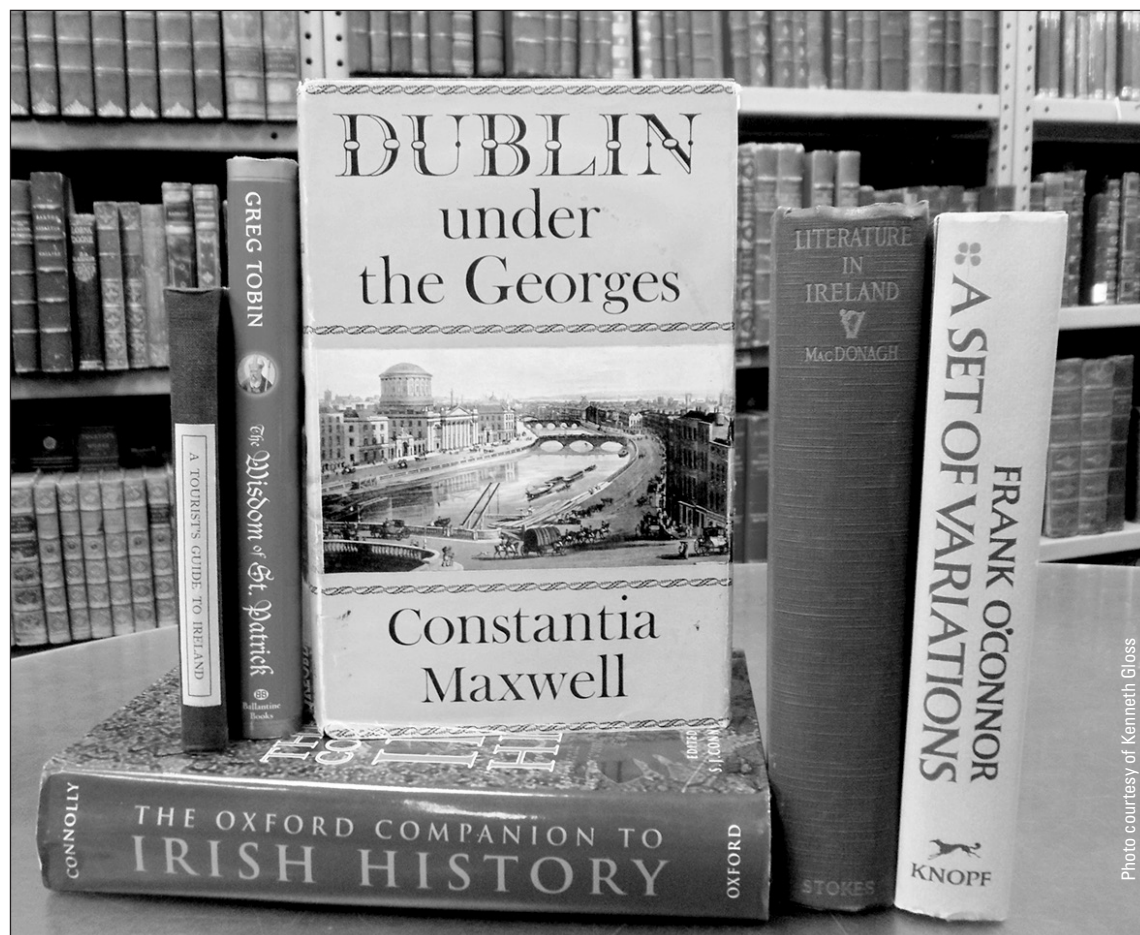
A lot of the historical accounts had religious overtones to them because so much of the Irish culture was rooted in religion. There are books written about the history of the Irish in Ireland, the history of the Irish in Boston - virtually anyplace where there has been an Irish population. There are even collections of books on Irish history in Georgia and in Australia. During the 1700s, prison colonies were established in those places. People wrote accounts of their experiences and their ensuing lives that have now spawned collections. Many collectors look specifically for accounts of life in Ireland, from the Civil Wars in the 1700s, the British takeovers or the potato famine.

The earlier books are often hard to find because back then few people could afford books. Thus, few copies were printed. These books can now be worth thousands of dollars, depending on the subject matter and rarity. Even smaller events in Irish history have merited books and collections. There was an Irish convent in Charlestown in the 1840s that supposedly had abducted a woman and held her

there. The people of Charlestown burned the place down in outrage. The book about that story can run up to \$200.

The real migration of the Irish to America took place in the mid to late 1800s, during and after the potato famines. As Irish people became an integral part of Boston society, there were more accounts of famous Irish who had an impact on life here. Patrick O'Brien (one of the first Irish mayors), Cardinal Cushing and others are mentioned in historical tomes that attract collector attention. There is also a fair amount of historical accounts about the works of the Catholic Church, particularly the Jesuit Order. Stories about how the Catholics established churches, universities and schools abound, as do tales of missionaries who spread the Gospel throughout the country.

One person who has attracted a bit of collector attention is James Michael Curley, former mayor, governor and congressman for Boston. His autobiography, *I'd Do It Again* and his biography, *The Purple Shamrock*, can fetch between \$50 and \$100 dollars. There are a number of signed copies available for those looking for another bit of memorabilia. The fictional account of Curley's life, *The Last Hurrah*, starring Spencer Tracey, served to increase interest in Curley when it was released. For peripheral collection items, Curley's speeches and radio interviews make interesting additions. One speech in particular, delivered near the end of his career and entitled "How to Spend Campaign Funds" shows the true character and humor of the man.



Books about Irish history, culture, and the Irish experience in America provide a rich field of interest for collectors.

I have ten letters of Curley's that I am keeping in my own personal collection. They were written to his wife while he was serving a term in the rat-infested Danbury prison. (He was later pardoned. He wrote in one: "Most of the four-legged creatures here have more honor than the two-legged creatures in Washington.")

For fiction and literature lovers, there are a number of well-known Irish poets and writers whose works are the subject of collections. James Joyce's book, *Ulysses*, is so famous that one could make a collection just out of the various copies of that one book. A first edition of *Ulysses* runs upwards of \$50,000. Later editions can cost \$2-10,000 while an American edition runs about \$500-1000. There are so many copies of Joyce's books, however, that it is possible to start your collection with very little money. I knew one professor of Irish literature who had close to 20,000 Joyce items in his collection.

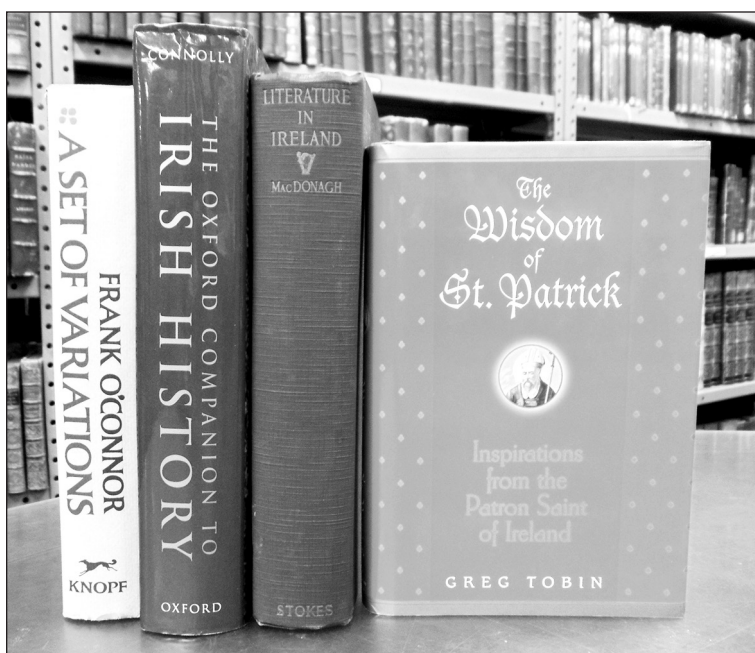
A number of people cross over with their collections, whether they start out with a history or a literature focus. Some collectors have to be selective about what Joyce items they want, purely for financial reasons. However, people who want a general Irish collection have so many varieties of books from which to choose that they can find something at

antique stores, yard sales and bookstores. There are large numbers of ephemeral materials, including posters, flyers and postcards that chronicle the history of the Irish in this area. Some of the materials are very derogatory, written in the days when anti-Irish sentiments were running high.

If you're looking to collect Irish books, Boston is a great area to do so. I have two book dealers from Ireland who journey across the Atlantic to find books that aren't available in Ireland. This helps them expand their collections and to see how the buying tastes of the American public differ from the native Irish. A collection of Irish books can start

virtually anywhere. If you need help pinpointing your collection or finding the right books, just ask a book dealer. They enjoy the hunt for the right book as much as their customers.

Ken Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in the Downtown Crossing section of Boston at 9 West Street. It's America's oldest antiquarian and one of its largest bookstores. Ken has been seen numerous times on PBS' Antiques Roadshow. 2012 is the 65th year of Gloss family ownership. For further information about book collecting and Ken's next free and open talks please visit their website at: www.brattlebookshop.com or call 1-800-447-9595.



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Tuesday March 18

Mike Gent & The Rapid Shave 9 p.m.

Wednesday March 19

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

Thursday March 20

New Samba Kings 7:30 p.m.

Friday March 21

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m.
 The Derangers CD Release w/ the Weisstronauts,
 Dust Clouds of Mars, Matt Heaton & the Electric Heaters,
 \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday March 22

Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m.
 Emily Groghan and guests \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Sunday March 23

Deborah McDonnell Band 5 p.m.
 Fiendish Thingies 8 p.m.



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7:30am	Life Matters	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	12:30pm	Youth Violence in Society
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health	1:00pm	Play by Play
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Chatting with History	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
10:30am	Art at SCATV	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2:30pm	Culture Club
11:00am	Abugida TV	9:30pm	SCATV's 2014 Annual Meeting	3:00pm	Telemagazine
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Friday, March 14		4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
1:00pm	Hello Neighbor	7:30am	Shrink Rap	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
2:00pm	Physician Focus	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:00pm	Press Conference on Gentrification
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	10:00am	High School Peer Pressure	6:30pm	Art at SCATV: Christine Change
3:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	11:00am	Sound Off	7:00pm	Tufts University's Films for Social Change
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	11:30am	Peace by Piece	7:30pm	Everybody has an accent why is mine a problem?
5:00pm	Health is Wealth	12:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)
5:30pm	Peace by Piece	12:30pm	48 Hour Film Festival Project	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Press Conference on Gentrification	10:00pm	Somerville Porchfest 2013
6:30pm	Health and Wellness	1:30pm	A View of Taiwan, a song of the forest	11:00pm	Gay USA
7:00pm	Tufts University's Films for Social Change	2:30pm	Art at SCATV	Sunday, March 16	
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10:00pm	Creepy Castle	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
Thursday, March 13		6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	International Church of God
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	10:30am	Somerville Back in the Day
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00pm	Real Estate Answers Show	11:00am	The Folklorist
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Couch's Corner	11:30am	Basic Buddha
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00pm	Visual Radio	12:00pm	Play by Play
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	9:00pm	Climate Change and Somerville	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
10:30am	Talking about Somerville	10:00pm	Somerville Creative Arts Festival	1:30pm	Somerville Newspaper Reading
11:00am	Tufts University's Films for Social Change	10:30pm	Somerville in Shorts (film series)	2:30pm	Life Matters
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2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	6:00pm	Abugida TV
3:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:30am	Art at SCATV	7:00pm	African Television Network
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				3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
				3:30pm	Esoteric Science
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				10:00am	Contemporary Issues in Science
				12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
				2:00pm	The Folklorist
				2:30pm	SCATV's 2014 Annual Meeting Special
				4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
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				8:00pm	Dead Air Live
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				10:00pm	Penny's Dreadful Shilling Shockers

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Wednesday, March 12		Sunday, March 16		4:45pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards - Brown	4:39am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Malden
9:00am:	Union Sq. Redevelopment Meeting II	12:00am:	The Mystic River: A Natural & Human Story	5:00pm:	Superintendent's Awards: Argenziano School	10:00am:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Norwood
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1:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	2:30am:	Green Line Extension Meeting	6:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City - CTE	2:30pm:	kid stuff - Shape Up
2:00pm:	Congressional Update	9:00am:	Shape Up Somerville – Historic Overview	7:00pm:	SFLC Workshop: Brain Development of Teens	3:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Everett
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6:30pm:	Asian Night: Philippines Tsunami Benefit	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: Diabetes Workout	9:30pm:	Asian Night!	6:30pm:	SFLC Workshop: Brain Development of Teens
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1:00am:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	REPLAY OF 3.13.14		1:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - CTE	8:00am:	SFLC Workshop: Ages & Stages
1:30am:	Somerville Police Chief Search Public Meeting	Monday, March 17		1:30pm:	MIAA 1st Rd: SHS Boys Basketball vs. E Boston	9:00am:	SFLC Workshop: Brain Development of Teens
2:30am:	Shape Up Somerville – Historic Overview	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	3:00pm:	ESCS African-American History Month	10:10am:	Student of the Quarter Awards - Brown
9:00am:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	12:30am:	Sit & Be Fit: Diabetes Workout	4:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Cambridge	10:30am:	Superintendent's Awards: Argenziano School
9:30am:	A Discussion on Somerville Housing	1:00am:	Board of Aldermen Meeting –	5:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Malden	11:00am:	Student of the Quarter Awards- WHCIS
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	REPLAY OF 3.13.14		7:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - CTE	11:30am:	Student of the Quarter Awards - Healey
12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: Diabetes Workout	9:00am:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	7:30pm:	MIAA 1st Rd: SHS Boys Basketball vs. E Boston	12:00pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards - ESCS
1:00pm:	Congressional Update	9:30am:	Congressional Update	9:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Peabody	12:30pm:	kid stuff -Groundwork Somerville
2:00pm:	SomerViva	12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting –	10:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Malden	1:00pm:	ESCS African-American History Month
2:30pm:	A Discussion on Somerville Housing	REPLAY OF 3.13.14		Friday, March 14		2:00pm:	Asian Night!
7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	3:00pm:	The Spirit of Somerville: Eugene Brune Lecture	12:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Malden	3:00pm:	SFLC Workshop: Ages & Stages
Friday, March 14		7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - LIVE	2:30am:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Malden	4:00pm:	SFLC Workshop: Brain Development of Teens
12:00am:	Union Sq. Redevelopment Meeting II	Tuesday, March 18		4:00am:	SHS Boys vs. Malden Catholic	5:10pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards - Brown
1:30am:	A Discussion on Somerville Housing	12:00am:	Congressional Update	9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - CTE	5:30pm:	Superintendent's Awards: Argenziano School
2:00am:	Congressional Update	12:30am:	SomerViva: Espanol	10:00am:	kid stuff - Shape Up	6:00pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards- WHCIS
2:30am:	BOA Public Meeting on Housing	1:00am:	Voices of Somerville	9:30am:	SFLC Workshop: Ages & Stages	6:30pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards - Healey
9:00am:	The Mystic River: A Natural & Human Story	1:30am:	Union Sq. Redevelopment Meeting II	10:00am:	SFLC Workshop: Brain Development of Teens	7:00pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards - ESCS
12:00pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	9:00am:	Voices of Somerville	11:00am:	MIAA Qtr: SHS Boys Basketball vs. Everett	7:30pm:	kid stuff -Groundwork Somerville
12:30pm:	SomerViva	9:30am:	Aldermen at Work	2:30pm:	SHS Hockey vs. Latin Academy	8:00pm:	ESCS African-American History Month
1:00pm:	The Mystic River: A Natural & Human Story	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	4:00pm:	SFLC Workshop: Brain Development of Teens	9:00pm:	Asian Night!
2:00pm:	Union Square Development Meeting II	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: Fibromyalgia Workout	5:30pm:	MIAA 1st Rd: SHS Girls Basketball vs. Woburn	10:00pm:	MIAA Qtr: SHS Boys Basketball vs. Everett
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9:00pm:	Shape Up Somerville – Historic Overview	7:30pm:	The Mystic River: A Natural & Human Story	10:30pm:	MIAA Qtr: SHS Boys Basketball vs. Everett	4:00am:	Asian Night!
9:15pm:	Union Square Development Meeting II	8:30pm:	School Committee Meeting –	Saturday, March 15		9:00am:	Student of the Quarter Awards- WSNS
Saturday, March 15		REPLAY OF 3.17.14		12:09am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. E Boston	9:30am:	Student of the Quarter Awards- Kennedy
12:00am:	SomerViva	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	1:35am:	SHS Hockey vs. Latin Academy	10:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - CTE
12:30am:	The Mystic River: A Natural & Human Story	12:30am:	Sit & Be Fit: Diabetes Workout	2:35am:	MIAA 1st Rd: SHS Girls Basketball vs. Woburn	10:30am:	kid stuff - Shape Up
1:30am:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	1:00am:	BOA Public Meeting on Housing	8:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Reading	11:00am:	ESCS African-American History Month
2:00am:	Shape Up Somerville – Historic Overview	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		9:30am:	SFLC Workshop: Brain Development of Teens	12:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs. Madison Park
2:15am:	Union Square Development Meeting II	Wednesday, March 12		11:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Malden	2:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Medford
9:00am:	A Discussion on Somerville Housing	9:00am:	Student of the Quarter Awards - ESCS	1:30pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Medford	4:00pm:	ESCS African-American History Month
12:00pm:	SomerViva	9:30am:	Student of the Quarter Awards- WSNS	3:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. O'Bryant	5:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Cambridge
12:30pm:	The Mystic River: A Natural & Human Story	9:45am:	Student of the Quarter Awards - Brown	4:30pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Burke HS	6:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Malden
1:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	10:00am:	Superintendent's Awards: Argenziano School	6:00pm:	SFLC Workshop: Ages & Stages	8:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - CTE
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8:30pm:	Union Square Development Meeting II	2:30pm:	Asian Night!	12:00am:	MIAA Qtr: SHS Boys Basketball vs. Everett	3:00am:	SHS Hockey vs. Cambridge
9:30pm:	Shape Up Somerville – Historic Overview'	4:00pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards - ESCS	1:40am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Reading	4:30am:	SHS Hockey vs. Medford



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with Somerville Publisher, Poet, Professor Ralph Pennel

Ralph Pennel, like many Somerville residents I know, has many creative outlets. He brings his creative flair to the classroom at Bunker Hill Community College. He is the fiction editor of a well-regarded online publication the *Midway Journal* and he is a published poet and fiction writer. I recently spoke to Pennel on my Somerville Public TV show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*.

Doug Holder: Since we last sat down for an interview a couple of years ago, a lot has changed for you. You are now a lecturer at Bunker Hill Community College. How has the teaching experience been for you, and do the students differ in any way from the Midwest where you taught for many years?

Ralph Pennel: My experience—teaching World Literature at Bunker Hill—has been great. I am always surprised by the experience the students bring to the classroom. The discussions are always lively—it is obvious that they are working towards something.

Many are working to transfer to a four year school. And their efforts to make that happen in terms of how they prepare themselves for class are apparent. A larger percentage of my students in the Boston, than say the Midwest, come prepared and have fewer excuses. At least in the classes I teach they are more than willing to participate.

DH: You told me that the *Midway Journal*, which you are the fiction editor for, has been redesigned. How does it differ from the past?

RP: Anything on the internet has got a built destruct button in terms of looks and functionality. When we first went live in the fall of 2007 our site was very indicative of sites that were going up at that time. And if course if you don't make any changes to your site it looks outdated. So when we redesigned the site we cleared up some of the functionality issues. There were certain problems with navigating the site. The new site makes things easier. The site just looks newer. The person we hired really had her thumb on what was current. Assuming we are around the next two or three years, we will do it again. We are in the process of growing. We brought in new fiction editors. We have an intern to help with Facebook and Twitter.

DH: Your new poetry manuscript is titled *The World is Less Perfect for Dying In*. Tell us a bit about this.

RP: The manuscript is broken into two sections. The themes are loss, rebirth, literally and figuratively. I am grateful to the Cervena Barva Press for agreeing to publish it.

DH: Has your Midwestern sensibility been jaded by your exposure to the Northeast?

RP: Sometimes I forget that I really have been in the East Coast for four and a half years, and that I lived in the Midwest for most of my life. I don't know if I truly fit in in the Midwest. I tried to be a little more straightforward than folks usually are there—so that brought conflicts. But still people easily identify me as a Midwesterner. Everything in the Midwest is planned on a grid—so it is not as conducive to the out-of-the box creative thinking. When you live on a grid you don't really need to know how to get places. In New England it is more random type of lifestyle.

DH: I read a poem of yours, *Nighthawks*. Why do think so many poets are influenced by the paintings of Edward Hopper?



Ralph Pennel.

RP: I think it is the paradox that is reflected in his work. He uses bright colors often. The thing he does is set his characters in isolation—the isolation of the American image. I think that is an interesting idea for poets. There is also an ironic aspect to *Nighthawks*—it has an every-man level to it. It is heartland America—with failed expectations.

DH: I find in your recent work a premonition of death, and the pull of gravity. Dark stuff—are you a brooding bard?

RP: I take things hard—I am a poet after all (smiles). I am emotional. No one is interested in poems where things go well. There is always hope in my work though—after all there is always birth and renewal.

Planning Our Departure

by Ralph Pennel

Leaving nothing to chance, we start the day
by sharing our only surviving dreams.
Mine is simple. The two of us driving nowhere
with little regard for the drive.
In yours, we are rowing. Taking our time.
Taking turns at the oars.
We make nothing more of them than that,
that we have shared them.
You roll away from me, hand dropping
against the box spring,
as if to usher this bed into motion, into
one last feat of greatness though nothing on it stirs.
While we lie here, storm clouds
settle in above us,
rain gathers in their sagging bellies, felled cotton seed
invades every grassless patch of ground below.
I half expect to find this bed covered too,
mistake loose down against my pillow
for some ambitious seed that made it through
the screen beside this bed, seeking some higher,
safer place to land, who knows what falling is,
how it ends where no light reaches and never has.
Not even in the highest noonday sun when
the shadows are but charcoal blemishes no bigger than a sigh.
So much goes unsaid between us now.
The day passes us by slowly, drifts over
the trenches where we lay, the hours ahead
still unfulfilled except by all we cannot manage
the strength to save, by the rain, cold and hard,
falling from the sky to the earth where we wait.
We insist on waging our losses against an hour more
of sleep, against facing our certain departure from this room,
or from any room just like this where we may have landed
seeking shelter from all we can't possibly begin to begin.

From the masspoetry.org website

One of the many characters in Davis Square, Somerville was poet Ricardo Fitten. He used to sell me a poem for a buck—three for two dollars—outside the Diesel Cafe. He was a former scientist, worked at Mass General Hospital, but fell on hard times. We published a number of poems of his in the *Wilderness House Literary Review* and in the Bagel Bards anthology. He was adopted by many of the artists and folks who hang in the Square. He died of lung cancer this Saturday. God Bless.

Life Gives Us Surprises

“Dare to groan, Oh lithe flesh
of timber, you must twist and untwist.”
Charms-Paul Valery

We are travelers on sun-baked roads
and wet pavements, where our paths turn
upon us, with time, to make us relics.
But there are fragments of perfection
to keep us curious, packets of thoughts
and feelings to quench every craving;
water to ice, rhythm in sound
and meaning in person.

The flesh as the fruit in molecules,
grown on bones and seeds that are
themselves molecules, a united variety
of atoms dancing in space.

I bow to the colors of rainbows
and races; air into water, mud into faces,
and wonder who arranged the genes
and its changes, while she questions
in a dream, how it ever got so crazy.
We daze in rituals and institutions,
then drop into earth with a thud,
silent and cold, to become fossilized
and fornicate.

But birth is hopeful, smiles enchanting,
and crying cleanses the soul; and to all,
we frown and laugh, because departing is
sad and arriving is happy, alternating
our love, I believe, why should I grieve?
Life gives us surprises,
surprises give us life

— Ricard O. Fitten

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