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Somerville youth say 'no' to tobacco on National Kick Butts Day



A number of positive thinking Somerville kids took their anti-smoking awareness campaign to the public as they participated in the national Kick Butts Day last week. — Photo by Douglas Yu

By Douglas Yu

Eleven-year-old Mariana Plata never met her grandfather, because he had lung cancer due to smoking when he was alive. More importantly, this young mind realized that the danger of tobacco is affecting not only adults, but her peers as well.

On March 18, Plata was among the 12 youths from Somerville who joined the national Kick Butts Day, an annual campaign that encourages thousands of young people nationwide to promote public awareness of the danger of cigarettes, especially to minors.

This year, Kick Butts Day focused on how the tobacco industries spend billions of dollars on marketing their products to appeal to alternative customers: young adults.

"Big tobacco is targeting youth as replacement smokers," said Lovelee Continued on page 6

'This Into That' at Nave Gallery Annex

By Gabriela C. Martinez

At a new exhibition at Nave Gallery Annex, one man's trash is an artist's treasure. This Into That: Found Object Art, Assemblage, and Other Transformed Work features artwork assembled out of old items, many found at thrift stores or recollected by the artists themselves throughout their lives.

The exhibition includes artwork made in different mediums, such as sculpture, photography, video art, and dioramas. The artists integrate vintage items or aged materials in order to create a larger dialogue that enables viewers to reflect about the past and the evolution of societal values throughout time.

"I am fascinated by the everyday lives of people and the way we can read into those lives by



On the job at the SHS vocational fair pages 12–13 the images and objects people leave behind," said Audrey Bell, one of the featured artists. The gallery space in Nave Gallery Annex, located in a small one-story house on Chester Street, is small and cozy, much like a friend's home. Caleb Cole, the exhibition's curator, succeeded in finding diverse *Continued on page 6*

Found: an exhibit featuring the creative works of local artists who locate, assemble and transform ordinary objects into delightful and thought provoking works of art. — Photo by Gabriela C. Martinez

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Groundwork Somerville presents its 15th Anniversary Fundraising Gala and Volunteer Appreciation on Friday, April 3 from 7-11 p.m. at Cuisine en Locale, 156 Highland Ave. in Somerville. Celebrating all night with live music by The Ways and Means Committee, along with prizes, and amazing food.

Coming up on Saturday, April 11 at 6 p.m., "Under the Roof Benefit 2015" for the Somerville Homeless Shelter's 30th Anniversary. The Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC) will host the dinner at the Center for Arts at the Armory in Somerville. To mark this milestone, a number of founding members of the SHC will be in attendance and honored for their initiative, vision, and compassion. While they are still "working to put themselves out of business," they are committed to helping those in need for as long as there are homeless and hungry people in our community. Visit www.shcinc.org to learn more about the SHC or this event. For questions, please contact Kathryn at 617-623-6111 or kbenjamin@shcinc.org. They hope you will participate in this terrific event.

Also coming up on Saturday, the 11th, it's Masonic Open House here in Somerville as well as around the Commonwealth. All lodge buildings will be open from 9 to 3 p.m. King Solomon's Lodge AF & AM, which was chartered in 1783, is located at 125 Highland Avenue (rear). The Lodge officers will be on hand to welcome and give a tour of the property and explain the historical pieces that the lodge has in its possession. Free parking. Come up the driveway to the main entrance across from the Veterans Post.

Speaking of the Masonic Lodge, a very special night is being planned for this Friday evening at the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown. King Solomon's Lodge owned the land and built the monument back in 1794. King Solomon's Lodge, along with MIT lodge and Boston College Lodge, will actually have a degree at the monument and an actual meeting, the first of its kind. The three lodges afterwards will dine at the original home of King Solomon's Lodge for many years at the Warren Tavern in Charlestown.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Studying how we can protect our people from highway pollution*

Freebie says:

If the fitness and air quality aspects of cycling don't convert you, how about the fact that every study ever done shows cyclists actually contribute more to the local economy than drivers? Stop being lazy. http://www.citylab.com/cityfixer/2015/03/the-complete-business-case-for-converting-street-parking-into-bikelanes/387595/

A. Moore says:

Too many words like might in there and no negative impact. It sounds like this is in city shopping. Something quite a number of us can't do here. All of our shopping is at malls where we can park in the handicap places and have access to the stores. Somerville is not very ADA friendly. Once all the affordable places went out of Somerville many of us seniors had to leave the city to shop. The only place we go in Somerville to eat is the Mount Vernon for the same reason. Not that it is often. Obviously you are still temporally able bodied and won't understand if you a real lucky for a long time. This is in reply to your comment. I had no problem know the problems of traffic here 50 years ago on health without the fancy studies. It is just common sense. Asbestos and lead in the air here was known, what else we didn't know. The highways are here regardless if we want them or not. That is a given. We have no say. A big help to bikers here would be to pave the streets that need paving. That alone is a benefit. The worst part of many streets here is the part the bikes are on. They were dug up and ill repaired, have big holes in them. The cars can take that much better than bikes can. Much will change here as the gap between the older generation and younger generation widens.

Oliver Seppo says:

Come on folks, just walk around with suitable masks on your face. Is it that difficult to understand? Somerville could provide them to residents who live near large roads, for example. And they probably could get federal funds to help with that. I was in Saigon recently. Air is terrible, most people go around with masks. No biggies.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether, since it was a record breaking snow fall this year, the extra school days lost should be excused rather than be made up. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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The Somerville Times City calls for 'Pothole Patrol' to repair roads

By Jim Clark

The massive snowstorms that crippled the northeast this winter caused more damage than is readily apparent to many. Until, that is, they get into their cars and attempt to negotiate some of the rougher stretches of roadway that have been mercilessly chewed up and spat back out by the virtual army of snow plows and earth movers that were utilized to dig Somerville out of its semi-glacial state during the aforementioned climatological calamity.

As the weather conditions improve, so must our major roadways and cross streets, according to the Board of Alderman when they addressed the issue at their latest regular meeting.

A long established post-winter

tradition, the calling for a 'pothole patrol' to seek out and repair the most offensive and damaging of the dastardly divots.

The Board unanimously approved the order to task the Commissioner of Public Works to arrange for the "Pot Hole Patrol" on the major roadways and cross connector streets on a daily basis in order to maintain good condition of the city's streets, especially now that the temperature has warmed to some degree.

Alderman at Large Jack Connolly spoke up in favor of the order saying, "It's a time-honored tradition, but a very necessary one. The asphalt that had been frozen solid is now beginning to crumble."

Connolly further expressed his confidence in the DPW's ability to make the proper repairs.

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Filling in after the dig out. A lot of road repair is necessary due to the withering effects of this year's snow removal efforts.

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New grants awarded to relieve homelessness

By Tom Bannister

Federal grant funding amounting to more than \$2.1 million has been awarded for homeless assistance programs in Somerville and Arlington. Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced the funding last week by the federal Continuum of Care Program Competition for FY14.

According to the announcement, the Somerville-Arlington Continuum of Care (CoC) was awarded \$2,125,646 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). That funding will help fund permanent and transitional housing for homeless individuals and families, as well as case management and other services including job training, money management training, health care, mental health counseling, and substance abuse treatment. It also includes a planning grant for

the Somerville-Arlington CoC. "I'm thankful that the Obama Administration is giving our local providers the financial support they need to serve the most vulnerable members of our community," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Our core value of making our community an exceptional place to live, work, play and raise a family must be extended to every resident, regardless of their station in life or challenges they face-otherwise it is an empty promise. As we do our part on the local level to tackle the regional problem of housing affordability, we must reach those members of our community who have become victims of homelessness, and especially work on preventing homelessness."

The Somerville-Arlington CoC is the local organization that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless individuals and families. The City of Somerville serves as the lead for the CoC. In February, the City conducted a survey of young residents up to the age of 24 who are currently homeless or may be at risk of becoming homeless, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and utilizing youth ambassadors from Youth Harbors, Teen Empowerment, Wayside and Just a Start. City officials estimate that there are approximately 76 homeless youth currently in Somerville between pre-kindergarten and high school. The local survey coincided with the annual federal point-in-time count held on the overnight of Feb. 25 to Feb. 26 that captures the number of individuals and families in emergency and transitional shelters and on the street in Somerville and Arlington for that night.

The projects and programs



awarded funding are: Better Homes, \$175,771, permanent housing; Better Homes 2, \$437,550, permanent housing; Capitol Square Apartments, \$9,643, permanent housing; Cross Street Housing, \$14,341, permanent housing; FirstStep, \$153,666, supportive services; Next Step, \$23,540, transitional housing; Passage Case Management, \$198,316, supportive services; Passages Expansion Case Management Program, \$40,773, supportive services;

Shelter Plus Care. \$147,066, permanent housing; ShortStop THP, \$240,315, transitional housing; Sobriety and Stability, \$141,689, permanent housing; Sobriety and Stability II, \$246,362, permanent housing; Somerville Better Homes 3, \$141,245, permanent housing; Somerville Stepping Stones, \$77,462, permanent housing; St. Catherine's Transitional Program, \$51,943, transitional housing; Somerville CoC, \$25,964, planning grant.

Senator Jehlen appointment

By Rebecca Danvers

Last week Senator Patricia Jehlen was appointed by Senate President Stan Rosenberg to the National Conference on State Legislatures (NCSL) Committee on Education and to the Council of State Governments (CSG) Eastern Region Committee on Education as the alternate.

Senator Jehlen will represent Massachusetts at national conferences with legislators from across the country to discuss issues currently facing our residents. The Senator will share ideas, learn from lawmakers around the country, and illustrate how the Commonwealth continues to be a leader among states in conversations surrounding education.

"Congratulations to Senator Jehlen on her appointment to the NCSL and CSG committees," said Senate President Stan Rosenberg. "Senator Jehlen's intellect, work ethic, and experience will be a tremendous contribution to the both committees."

"It is an honor to be appointed to both of these committees," said Senator Jehlen. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with colleagues from legislatures across the country to develop best practices in state education policy."

Founded in 1975, the National Conference on State Legislatures is

a national organization formed to support, defend, and strengthen state legislatures. The NCSL has "helped states remain strong and independent

by giving them the tools, information, and resources to craft the best solutions to difficult problems." The NCSL has fought against unwarranted actions in Congress and saved states more than \$1 billion.

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The getaway they couldn't get away with

Police were called to an Appleton St. location last week following a report of a suspicious person ringing a doorbell.

As police arrived, a man, later identified as William Laporta, of Woburn, was spotted jumping into a car that then sped away with its emergency lights blinking. Police gave chase and stopped the vehicle.

The driver of the car was identified as Mary Donnely, a Somerville resident whose license had been revoked.

Officers questioned the reporting party and were told that her doorbell was rung by Laporta, who reportedly told her that he was looking for his grandmother's friend and then left.

A short time later, the reporting party said she witnessed Laporta running from a neighbor's yard carrying an open black bag. Laporta reportedly jumped into the awaiting vehicle that took off even before the man had closed the car door.

The officers then went to the residence that Laporta was allegedly seen running from to investigate. A resident said that he had been sleeping, but after being questioned by police he discovered that several items had been taken from his home including a Playstation gaming console, an Apple TV device, an iPad, a black bag and an Apple MacBook Pro. A roommate at the residence also reported a missing laptop computer.

Officers reportedly located all of the missing items in the suspects' vehicle.

Laporta and Donnely were then placed under arrest. Police reports indicate that Donnely, after receiving her Miranda rights warning, said to officers, "He ran from the house carrying a bag, but I didn't know what was in it." When asked if Laporta was in possession of the bag when she first picked him up she said that he was not, according to reports.

Laporta was charged with felony daytime breaking and entering and receiving stolen property over \$250.

Donnely was also charged with felony daytime breaking and entering and receiving stolen property over \$250, as well as speeding, and motor vehicle lights violation.

Unwelcome guest wakes shelter

Police officers were dispatched to St. Patrick Women's Shelter on Washington St. Sunday evening on reports of an unruly resident.

Upon arrival, the officers were met by a staffer who reportedly told them that an occasional resident of the facility, Anna Nikitenko, had gotten into a verbal argument with another resident and that because she would not be reasoned with the police were called. The staffer also said that Nikitenko had been recently banned from the facility for 72 hours because of her behavior towards the other residents.

The staffer also said that the woman Nikitenko was allegedly arguing with had separated herself from the fracas by going into her room. The officers tried to speak with Nikitenko, but she reportedly behaved in a boisterous and hostile manner with them, even though most of the facility's residents were already in bed.

Nikitenko was advised that a temporary ban was in effect and that she would have to leave the facility. The officers made suggestions for alternative shelter locations, but Nikitenko reportedly responded with resistance, hostility, and name-calling.

Nikitenko eventually went to her bed area and packed up her personal belongings, but once she appeared to be finished with the packing she reportedly stalled and continued to berate the officers and facility staffers. that Nikitenko was so loud that several other residents were wakened from their sleep. According to reports, when asked to quiet down Nikitenko got even louder.

Nikitenko was subsequently placed under arrest, trespassing and disorderly conduct. Police reports indicate that she was extremely uncooperative during the booking process.

Officers noted in their report

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SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Rashid Alnuamani, of Washington St., Boston, March 16, 3:55 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug, trespassing, shoplifting by asportation, resisting arrest and violation of city ordinance non-payment of fares.

Matthew Marujo, of 30 Linden St., March 17, 11:06 a.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on warrant charges of distribution Somerville Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Michael Costa, of 157 Chelsea St., Everett, March 19, 8:18 p.m., arrested at 256 Broadway on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and improper operation of a motor vehicle.

Michel Dacosta, of 157 Chelsea St., Everett, March 19, 10:45 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of operation of a mowith a suspended license. **Anna Nikitenko**, of 270 Washington St., March 22, 11:12 p.m., arrested at home on charges of trespassing and

Incidents:

disorderly conduct.

Theft:

March 17, 4:03 p.m., police reported a theft at 314 Broadway.

March 19, 1:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Sycamore St.

at Kilby St.

March 21, 9:27 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 380 Somerville Ave.

Vehicle Theft:

March 19, 7:28 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Grant St.

March 19, 1:18 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Myrtle St.

March 20, 10:08 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Beacon St. Somerville Ave.

March 19, 10:59 a.m., police reported an assault at Somerville Ave.

March 22, 1:33 p.m., police reported an assault at North St.

Destruction of Property:

March 18, 5:55 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 400 Highland Ave.

March 19, 8:23 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at McGrath Hwy. March 20, 5:27 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Mystic Ave.

of a class B drug, and resisting arrest.

William Laporta, of 208 Washington St., Woburn, March 18, 9:09 a.m., arrested at 5 Appleton St. on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering and receiving stolen property over \$250.

Mary Donnely, of 242 Highland Ave., March 18, 9:09 a.m., arrested at 5 Appleton St. on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering, receiving stolen property over \$250, speeding, and motor vehicle lights violation.

Anthony Gulla, of 70 Gore St., Cambridge, March 19, 3:49 p.m., arrested at 180 tor vehicle with a suspended license, number plate violation, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Alexis Rodriguez Perez, of 52 Clarkwood, Mattapan, March 20, 3:48 p.m., arrested at 499 Foley St. on charges of possession of a class B drug and distribution of a class A drug. Crystal Bielakowski, of 158 Everett St., Boston, March 20, 5:27 p.m., arrested at 634 Mystic Ave. on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering. Felix Fantasia, of 55 Eleanor St., Chelsea, March 22, 2:02 a.m., arrested at 263 Washington St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle

March 20, 1:48 p.m., police reported a theft at 81 Highland Ave.

March 20, 10:29 p.m., police reported a theft at Line St. March 21, 10:41 a.m., police reported a theft at 444 Somerville Ave.

March 21, 5:20 p.m., police reported a theft at Elm St.

Breaking & Entering:

March 18, 9:09 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Appleton St.

March 18, 1:34 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Evergreen Ave.

March 21, 1:55 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering

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March 20, 1:44 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

March 21, 12:56 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 100 Foley St.

March 21, 10:49 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Jaques St.

Assault:

March 17, 1:00 p.m., police reported an assault at Cambridge St.

March 17, 2:25 p.m., police reported an assault at Kent St. March 18, 9:10 p.m., police reported an assault at Prescott St. March 18, 11:57 p.m., police reported an assault at 282

Trespassing:

March 19, 3:49 p.m., police reported a trespassing at 180 Somerville Ave.

Disorderly Conduct:

March 17, 10:11 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 700 Grand Union Blvd.

Drug Violation:

March 17, 2:18 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 775 McGrath Hwy.

March 20, 3:48 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 499 Foley St.

Fiery car crash in Somerville

By Jim Clark

A five car pile-up occurred at the intersection of McGrath Hwy. and Medford St. last Friday, culminating in one of the cars being totally engulfed in flames.

Emergency responders rushed to the scene in response to the incident that took place just before 8 a.m.

Authorities report that three people were hospitalized as a result of the crash, one of which was a 16-year-old boy who had been walking in the area prior to being struck by one of the cars.

Superintendent of Schools Tony Pierantozzi issued a statement on Friday regarding the student who was injured: "The investigation of this morning's multiple-car accident at the intersection of McGrath Highway and Highland Avenue in Somerville confirmed that a 16-year-old male student who attends Full Circle High School in our District was injured as a result of the crash. The student was reportedly walking in the area of the intersection when the accident occurred. He was transported to a local area hospital with serious injuries. His injuries are not considered life-threatening."

Pierantozzi went on to say, "Our thoughts are with the student and his family at this time. We are hoping for the best possible outcome for all involved, and are prepared to offer whatever support we can to the student, his family, and to the Full Circle community. School counselors and administrators will be available to assist any student or parent/guardian who needs support."

State police have reported that the accident occurred when one driver developed a medical emergency and struck another car driven, which shortly thereafter burst into flames. Both drivers were taken to Massachusetts General Hospital with serious injuries.

These two drivers were taken to the hospital, along with the teenage pedestrian who had suffered a few non-life threatening injuries. The drivers of the three other vehicles were not injured, according to reports.



Friday morning's five-car melee resulted in no fatalities and relatively minor injuries to those involved in the crash. - Photo courtesy of Somerville Fire Department

No charges are expected to be brought against any of the drivers involved in the incident.

Quick reactions by witnesses to the event may have prevented further tragedy from occurring. Ronaldo Freitas was dropping off his boy at school just as the crash took place. He reportedly ran to the burning car and assisted in getting the driver, who was unconscious at the time, out of the vehicle.

Somerville firefighters treated several injured victims in addition to extinguishing the vehicle fire. Somerville Police, MA State Police and Cataldo Ambulance were all on the scene as well, helping the victims of the accident and diverting traffic until the scene had been cleared.

State police are handling the investigation into what precisely happened on Friday morning.

Authorities have emphasized that everyone involved in the incident was relatively lucky, in that injuries could have been a lot worse.

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US2 Says Thanks, Somerville

We write to thank the community members, the City of Somerville, Mayor Curtatone and his dedicated staff, city consultants, and all of those who took part in the City's recent design charrettes and prior visioning sessions and workshops, for your efforts to guide the future development of Union Square.

As developers, we were drawn to Somerville as a city that had

collaborative approach you have established. A community driven master planning process will ensure that the creativity, originality, history and diversity of Union Square is amplified. After all, places remembered best aren't defined by buildings and streetscapes; like Union Square, they are defined by the people who call them home.

From December 17 through last Wednesday, March 11, the City ran 10 separate meetings aimed at creating a vision for Thank you. Union Square that capitalizes on all of its innate strengths in ways that will bolster the community and drive a responsible development program. Over

the course of those meetings, we gained important insights into the neighborhood's values and goals. Some of our ideas were better received than others, but all were informed by the constructive participation of so many who call Somerville home. We look forward to continuing the dialogue and producing a plan that meets Somerville's objectives and is economically viable.



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Somerville youth say 'no' to tobacco on National Kick Butts Day

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Heller, Program Director of the Somerville Cares About Prevention. "And the number one reason why young people smoke is because they think everybody is doing it."

Somerville Cares About Prevention is a community-based coalition, created to help youth reduce substance abuse, as well as to influence them to make positive choices. Heller pointed out there is a common misconception that makes an impact on young smokers: most people smoke.

In fact, in Somerville alone, only eight percent of young adults smoke, according to Heller. "There is a steady decline in the number of youth smoking each year," she said. "In just two years, it went from 89 percent that don't smoke to 92 percent."

In 2013, Hillel Alpert, a researcher at the Harvard School of Public Health, told Scientific American that tobacco companies continue targeting youth in the U.S. by adding flavors to small cigars and other tobacco products. Years ago, a North Carolina-based tobacco company, R.J. Reynolds was forced to stop selling their candy, fruit, and alcohol-flavored cigarettes

since research found a link between their products and a rise in youth smoking rates.

"Sweet is not equally safe," Heller said. "Last year, we told young people that tobacco was marketed in candy-like flavors to appeal to young people. And we encourage young people to make the right decision for themselves."

Along with Plata, Luca Duclos-Orsello, 13 years old, is another community member who participated in the national Kick Butts Day in Somerville this year. On an unusually windy day, these kids voluntarily chalked messages, including "we are not replacements," and "National Kick Butts Day" on ground that stretches for four blocks, all the way from the front door of Somerville City Hall to the Somerville Public Library.

"A lot of people who smoke know smoking is a problem, but they are not going to stop." Duclos-Orsello said. "We want to tell Somerville that most people don't smoke. But there is help if they do, and we hope to stop kids from smoking before they become addicted to it."

It was Duclos-Orsello's second time to join the campaign.



'This Into That' at Nave **Gallery Annex** CONT. FROM PG 1

into the intimate space. A lover Judging from the large amount of thrift store finds himself, Cole of entries Cole received after felt inspired to dedicate an entire exhibition to artwork made out of found objects. It was the various possibilities for experimentation and storytelling that

set pieces that could fit nicely attracted him to the concept.

When he recalled his first time writing messages right outside of the Somerville High School, he mentioned he was asked many questions by the students at the high school."They started becoming aware of the danger of smoking, which makes me very happy," he said.

Before marching toward the next block in the biting wind to draw their messages, these children, aged 10 to 13, briefly stopped by the mayor's office to give him a pin that read "Fight Big Tobacco."

However, they are not the only group that stands up for the idea of tobacco-free young adults. Somerville Positive Forces (SPF), a local youth organization working to promote a positive community to



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support happy healthy youth, has two other groups of advocates: SPF 100, which consists of high school students, and SPF Alumni, made up by college students. The group that Duclos-Orsello and Plata were part of is SPF Junior.

"Peers listen to peers. And that makes a big difference to

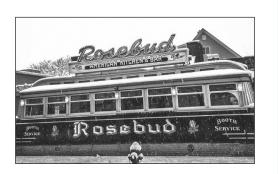
them when other young people are making healthy choices and trying to let other young people do the same thing," Heller said, describing the National Kick Butts Day's impact on young adults. "The youth can be very strong assets in making positive change to the community they live in."



The Rosebud

If you grew up in Somerville, chances are you probably grabbed a burger and a beer at the Rosebud and perhaps even attempted disco dancing at the Surrey Room after a few more beers.

When making your way through the entrance of the restaurant, your eyes immediately go to the dessert case where it's filled with an array of old fashioned and enormous pies. A true feast for the eyes! When greeted, request a seat in the diner car section. The car is tastefully renovated in red and black and looks as if it were original. The back of the car is now open and flows into larger dining room and extends into what used to be the Surrey Room. There's plenty of seating along with a room length bar that is well stocked with an extensive beer list on draft as well as bottles and cans. The whiskey choices are, let's say, one of the largest I've ever seen in one place. There's a cocktail section that has the old classics



lini. The smoked 1/2 chicken was full of flavor, juicy and very tender served with sweet potatoes, baby bok choy, and an earthy, mushroom gravy.

Looking for a weekend brunch with a Southern twist? They have that covered too. It's a nice addition to the bustling brunch scene in Davis Square.

Although you won't find any disco dancing going on here today, I'm sure you will want to make this a regular stop, as you reminisce about the good old days. Accompanied, of course, with some great barbecue. And yes, they have a bottomless cup of coffee to go with those great pies!

placing an open call, the concept also attracted many artists, both local and international.

The exhibition will be open until March 28.



mixed with some unique and new style cocktails. They also provide a great wine list for the wine lovers out there.

The staff is knowledgeable and can make worthy suggestions. I've been here multiple times over the past few months and noted the food to be consistently very good.

The one appetizer that's a must try is the smoked chicken wings. They are crispy on the outside, juicy on the inside and topped with an agave glaze. I would also recommend getting here on the early side to experience the St. Louis style ribs, (before they're gone). They are smoky and moist with a hint of heat and just the right amount of sweetness. The smoked boneless pork chops are tender and smothered in a tangy mustard sauce served over cheesy grits with fresh and crisp broccoRosebud American Kitchen & Bar 381 Summer Street (Davis Square)

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Youth Health and Empowerment Summit recap

By Patrick McDonagh

"They call me a broke boy." These words echoed mid-song through the event hall from mics of local rappers involved with The Hip Hop Transformation (THHT). Stories from event organizers and involved teens resonated with these words and the emotions one might feel when called a "broke boy."

The Somerville Teen Empowerment Summit was held to combat these oppressive feelings: lack of voice, social oppression, depression, and similar community specific problems. Event organizer Heang Ly explains a recognizable common motivation while talking with attendees. Individuals' motivations for attending often derived from hopes of providing a voice for others where as they had none.

"A lot of them [youth workers] come into this work because of their own personal experiences," said Ly. "Not feeling like they had a voice, not feeling like they had resources or someone listening to them. That is definitely my story. Coming as a refugee from Cambodia and really trying to figure out the two cultures, and feeling oppressed and not heard."

Her parents emigrated after surviving the Khmer Rouge regime, most notable for their Cambodian genocide during the mid to late 70s. Ly was five when her refugee family moved in 1983.

After having been asked about her motivations for organizing and attending the Summit, Ly answers, "My parents motivated me. Just what they had to experience, what they had to go through. So just them, having to go through all of that atrocity and genocide, really made me feel like they persevered and were resilient. Why can't I be the same? Again, at the same time the cultural stuff from them also was part of what made me feel unheard. It's a double edge sword, but both sort of motivated me. Going to college made me feel like I had a new door step." Ly's motivation for social work and summit organization stems from family perseverance. The Summit was a primarily youth facilitated, community-centric gathering of local health and wellness organizations, social workers, students, and motivated individuals. Funded by the Center for Healthy Communities of Mount Auburn Hospital, the Summit gathered motivated youth active in community support projects for the first event of its funding district's kind.

The Summit, held at Dante Alighieri Society in Cambridge on March 19, housed the 17th zone out of the Community Health Network Areas (CHNA's) Mount Auburn funds.

Individuals involved in the program pronounced the acronym as "Chin-aw-17" (CHNA17). Caitlin Abber, a CHNA17 representative, explained: "The regional center for healthy communities out of Mount Auburn Hospital supports a number of Community Health Network Areas across the Massachusetts region. Community Health Network Areas are regional community health coalitions whose mission is to promote community health through identifying local health issues, bringing people together to talk about those issues, strategize on how to address those issues, and implement those strategies; often through grant-making, track it, and share the results."

Abber works with a community health organization that serves Arlington, Belmont, Waltham, Watertown, Cambridge, and Somerville; each represented at the Summit by youth activists.

Organizations presented their community work. The majority facilitators of the conversation were young people. Young community members presented at the event's resource fair, discussing their work at table conversations, and with other Mount Auburn grant recipients.

\$10,000 was allocated to community organizations by Mount Auburn. Those in the CHNA17 area received the grant after acceptance of their application. The Summit showcased these grant-funded projects and provided opportunity for local social service networking.

CHNA17's goal coming out of the event was to establish a "robust network of people who are invested in youth work," Abber said.

The event's keynote speaker, Johnathan Barry, encouraged attendees to find their motivation. Utilizing a close family member or important person in one's own life, participants reflected on positive experience to evoke positive emotion, a meditational grounding technique Barry utilizes to combat depression. He addressed the crowd regarding his motivation: "I'm here because of a lot of important people who have come before me, and we're all here because of a lot of important people that have come before us."



Health and Empowerment was the focus of the Somerville Teen Empowerment Summit that took place last week in Cambridge. — Photos by Samantha Fleishman

and Somerville High School sophomore Odalis Fuentes, 16-year-old mother with a one-year-old baby boy. "I'm a teen mother," said Fuentes. "I looked into Teen Empowerment because I felt like I had a voice to share, my experience as a teen mom. I feel like in Somerville most of all [attention] is for drug abuse and alcohol abuse, and I feel like teen mothers are set aside and considered less of a problem. Now as years go on I see more teen moms are coming up. I feel like as a teen mom

I want to put my voice out there to say, 'You're not alone.'''

Fuentes, Ly, Barry, Abber and many others' trajectory into social services follow a similar path to the field: Service members providing opportunity for others when their opportunity was missing during youth. Goals of building a young network of organizers striving for social change will motivate future funding, opportunities, events, and projects post CHNA17's summit success.



Similar circular motivation was expressed by Teen Empowerment member





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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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

\$361 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (S 21)

Senate, on a voice vote without a roll call, approved a \$361 million supplemental budget to fund various state programs and agencies until fiscal year 2015 ends on June 30.

Provisions include \$50 million for state costs of removing snow and ice during the severe winter; \$35 million for the Department of Children and Families for foster care, adoption, shelter services, substance abuse and education and counseling services; \$34.7 million for the operation of the Committee for Public Counsel Services that pays for lawyers to represent indigent persons in criminal and civil cases; and \$51.5 million for emergency housing services.

Other sections mandate a review and study of the current law that requires persons who are applying for a reverse mortgage to be counseled in person rather than by phone; allow cities and towns to waive penalties for homeowners who were not able to pay their property taxes if a local community closed its offices on February 2 because of the snow storm; and increase from two years to five years the period when cities and towns could gradually pay the costs associated with snow and ice removal this winter.

Proposed amendments that were defeated on voice votes without a roll call include \$943,000 for the METCO program that allows urban students to attend suburban schools; \$50 million for additional unrestricted local aid to cities and towns; and requiring that applicants for some state university tuition and fee waivers be a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LIMIT SALE OF E-CIGARETTES - Attorney General Maura Healey unveiled a proposed set of regulations to prevent the sale of e-cigarettes to minors. Provisions include prohibiting the sale of e-cigarettes to anyone under the age of 18; prohibiting sampling, promotional giveaways and other free distributions; prohibiting the sale of nicotine liquid or gel without child-resistant packaging; and prohibiting the product to be sold in stores with vending machines open to persons under 18.

Members of the public can submit comments to the Attorney General's office until Friday, April 24, by e-mailing AGOregulations@state.ma.us **ROAD AND POTHOLE REPAIRS** - The Baker Administration announced the Winter Recovery Assistance Program, a \$30 million program for cities and towns to repair potholes and roads and bridges. The funds will be distributed to cities and towns based on the Chapter 90 highway funds formula, which the Baker Administration says is based on a weighted average of a city's or town's population, employment and total mileage of roads. The \$30 million will come from the existing fiscal 2015 bond authorization for the Department of Transportation.

Gov. Charlie Baker said, "After an unprecedented winter of heavy snowfall and frigid temperatures, this additional support will allow municipalities to patch up potholes and address local repairs as needed." The program requires all work on local roads and bridges to be completed by June 30, 2015, and that all work invoices be provided to state by July 31, 2015, in order for cities and towns to get reimbursed.

ANALYZE CITIES AND TOWNS - The Pioneer Institute unveiled MassAnalysis, its new online tool designed to provide detailed fiscal and other information on every city or town in the state.

"Understanding your town's position relative to the rest of the state is key to recognizing and addressing deficiencies," the institute said in a press release. The site can be accessed at http://massanalysis.com

STATE GETS AN "A" FOR TRANSPARENCY IN SPENDING MONEY (S 21) - Massachusetts received an "A" in government spending transparency, according to "Following the Money 2015: How the 50 States Rate in Providing Online Access to Government Spending Data." The report is issued annually by the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MASS-PIRG) Education Fund.

"Massachusetts' commitment to spending transparency is a success story," said MASSPIRG's Legislative Director, Deirdre Cummings. "Back in 2010 when we released our first report, so little spending data was available online that the Commonwealth was graded an 'F.' After steady improvement, Massachusetts this year has reached near the top with an 'A.'" You can see the full report at http://www.masspirg.org

QUOTABLE QUOTES



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call reports on the \$361 million supplemental budget approved by the Senate last week. There were no roll calls on the budget itself or on any of the 23 proposed budget amendments.

TAX AMNESTY FROM MARCH 16 TO MAY 15 -

The Department of Revenue (DOR) announced another tax amnesty program. If you owe the state back taxes, you will be issued a "Tax Amnesty Notice" from DOR. If you pay the full amount of tax and interest due by May 15, DOR will waive all penalties already incurred.

This year's program includes several tax types not included in the amnesty program held last fall including corporate excise tax(including financial institutions, insurance, public utilities and banks), estate taxes, fiduciary income taxes and individual use tax on motor vehicles. A similar tax amnesty program implemented in September 2014 collected just over \$57 million from 61,000 taxpayers. For more information, go to www.mass.gov/dor/amnesty or call DOR's Customer Service line at 617-887-6367 or toll free in Massachusetts at 800-392-6089.

\$30 MILLION FOR CITIES AND TOWNS FOR

"I appreciate the opportunity to join today's important ceremony and will welcome future conversations about ways to make the Commonwealth and our communities better for LGBTQ youth and all our children." — *Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito at the swearing-in of members of the Massachusetts Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning Youth. Polito, a former opponent of same-sex marriage, now supports it.*

"These regulations make clear that in Massachusetts an e-cigarette is a cigarette when it comes to protecting our kids." — Attorney General Maura Healey announcing a proposed set of regulations to prevent the sale of e-cigarettes to minors under 18.

"While we wish Republican Gov. Charlie Baker the best during his stay at his time-share in Park City, Utah, the real question is why he's forgoing the seven open ski ranges we have in Massachusetts right now. Voters are left wondering why just one month after saying our

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local economy needed a boost because of losses suffered during inclement weather, Gov. Baker is taking his tourism dollars elsewhere." — Democratic Party spokesman Pat Beaudry in a statement to the State House News Service.

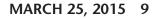
"It's one opportunity I have to get all of my kids in the same place and I'm going to take advantage of it. The Baker family loves to spend money and vacation and enjoy all the retail and hospitality around the Commonwealth and we do, all the time." — *Baker's response*.

"Since adopting the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test, student achievement in Massachusetts has become the envy of the nation and among the best in the world. It is a record that hardly merits scrapping the test, particularly for one that is likely to be less effective at preparing students for college and careers." — Former Sen. Thomas Birmingham on why

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he is against the Common Core standards.

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 16-20, the House met for a total of nine minutes and the Senate met for a total of three hours and 58 minutes.

Mon. March 16	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
Tues. March 17	No House session No Senate session
Wed. March 18	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. March 19	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 1:01 p.m. to 4:56 p.m.
Fri. March 20	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Community Preservation Committee makes recommendations on funding

By Rebecca Danvers

According to information provided by the city, more than \$1.9 million for historic preservation and green space projects including Prospect Hill Tower and Park, the Community Growing Center, and the Somerville Museum has been recommended by the Somerville Community Preservation Committee, which reviewed 15 applications for funding through the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

The Committee's recommendations for \$1,705,978 in historic preservation projects and \$227,463 in green space projects were submitted on Thursday, March 12 to the Board of Aldermen, which must approve the Committee's recommendations. If the Board of Aldermen rejects a selected project or reduces the recommended funding level, the Committee can respond and adjust the scope and terms of any proposed project before a final decision is made by the Board.

"The CPA is a tremendous tool that has expanded our ability to meet the community's goals of preserving our rich history, expanding our green space, and increasing our affordable housing stock, and it allows the community to fund projects that otherwise might not receive the financial support they need," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "I want to thank the Community Preservation Committee and the community for their input and recommendations on how to prudently and wisely spend this funding. These are worthy projects that will strengthen our community and keep us on track to meet our collective goals, and I look forward to the Board of Aldermen's vote."

"Our community has played a critical role in helping the Committee make these recommendations," said Michael A. Capuano, Community Preservation Committee chairman. "We received over 100 pages of written comments on the projects that sought CPA funding, and many members of the public asked questions and advocated for projects at the Committee's meetings."

These historic preservation and green space project recommendations follow the Committee's previous recommendation to appropriate over \$2.2 million in CPA funds to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the city. CPA funds must be used for affordable housing, historic preservation, open space or outdoor recreation projects.

Applications for CPA funding were first released in August 2014 after the Committee approved its final Community Preservation Plan. After an initial eligibility application, full applications were accepted through November 2014, after which the Committee held two community meetings in January and accepted written comments on the applications for two months. The Committee evaluated the applications and public comments at two meetings in February before voting on March 4 on its recommendations to the Board of Aldermen.

Approximately \$4.9 million in CPA funds were available this year for projects, from the 1.5% property tax surcharge, matching funds from the state, and additional appropriation by the Board of Aldermen. If the proposed funding is approved by the Board of Aldermen, \$616,711 in CPA funds collected in FY14 and FY15 would remain and be rolled over into FY16—\$507,880 for open space and outdoor recreation and \$108,831 in flexible funds, per the Community Preservation Plan.

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Urban agriculture is return to our roots and investment in our future



By Joseph A. Curtatone

City and town leaders, legislators, urban farmers and others from across Massachusetts came together last Friday at the State House for a symposium on urban agriculture. The story of urban agriculture in Somerville may seem like a new trend, but it's an idea with a deep history. Growing up in my neighborhood for example, we had families from Ireland, Greece, Portugal, Italy and other countries, who grew foods in their yards, shared it with their neighbors and supplemented their tables with what they had grown. I remember my mother having buckets out back in which she grew tomatoes. Today, Somerville still has backyard gardeners who hail from across the globe, but we also have new enthusiasts: foodies

and locavores who prize local food that is healthier, fresher and more flavorful. As they bring new life and focus to the urban agriculture movement, they are actually returning our city to its roots—urban gardening and farming is part of our DNA. At the same time, with the educational, health, environmental and economic benefits that it brings, investing in urban agriculture is an investment in our future, too.

We are integrating urban agriculture into our planning and putting resources into it because we know the future that we face, as a city in a major metropolitan region. It's estimated that three-quarters of the world's population will be living in city regions by 2050, and the cities that will be successful are the cities that plan for that future. It's cities that are coming up with the innovative solutions that face people today. Urban agriculture is a part of that, from addressing food security and access, to public health, to climate change.

Somerville has been fortunate that the state also sees the value in urban agriculture, and how it helps us address broader issues and local needs. Last year, the state launched one of the nation's first state-funded urban agriculture initiatives through the Department of Agriculture Resources. Through that program, Somerville received an almost \$37,000 grant that supported completion of the second portion of South Street Farm, turning a former lot into the community's first urban farm that is maintained by Groundwork Somerville and their Green Team. That grant also supported the creation of our Innovation Farm, a new hydroponics growing center at the Edgerly School, in cooperation with STEM Garden Institute and Next Wave Junior High School.

These two locations, along with our Mobile Farmers Market that brings fresh foods to food deserts and low-income residents, create a food production and distribution triangle. It's a "learn, grow, sell" model for Somerville students. They learn about science through hydroponic growing at the Innovation Farm, grow fruits and vegetables with the help of the Groundwork Somerville Green Team at South Street Farm, and then sell the produce at the Mobile Farmers Market. And a second state grant has allowed us to grow our distribution network even more with a van and bicycles, expanding the reach of both our locally grown produce and food from regional farms.

This is an important pillar of our Shape Up Somerville initiative that is, at its core, about changing our environment to make the healthy choice the easy choice. If we want people to make the choice of fresh, healthy foods, we need to embrace the movement to reconnect residents with their food source. A tomato plant on the back porch or a few cucumbers and carrots in a small backyard garden goes a long way. It changes the environment people are living in. It puts the healthy option right at home. Producing our own food both makes healthy options more readily available to our residents, and it helps our students learn about healthy foods, passing that knowledge along to their families and others.

Shape Up Somerville and efforts like it elsewhere put cities on the forefront of the battle against childhood obesity. Cities are also leading the charge against climate change, and urban agriculture plays a role in that fight. Urban agriculture reduces urban energy use and cuts down on greenhouse gas emissions, while making us more resilient by enhancing access to food and reducing the impact of heavy rainfall. It's also good for the economy and our local businesses. We have a thriving food-based business community in Somerville, including growers and makers, distributors and restaurants. The local food movement is a huge part of that as we rediscover the value of fresh, wholesome and locally produced food.

Urban agriculture is more than a burgeoning foodie movement. It's an investment in our future, in a way that builds community, fosters innovation, and returns us to our roots. With the continued support of our local advocates, our partners at the state level and beyond, we can all benefit from the continued growth of urban farming.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Union Square redevelopment lacking long-term vision to meet community goals

In February, the City of Somerville's plans for the redevelopment of Union Square took a hard turn in the wrong direction. The City's master developer, US2, announced plans for the development of D2, a former metal scrap yard and future gateway into Union Square next to the planned Union Square Green Line station. US2's plan calls for 525 units of housing for millennials in a first phase of development on this strategic block, which is among Union Square's most important and commercially viable locations, while remaining silent on their intentions for other parcels in the Union Square Revitalization Area.

Green Line, expediency is being exchanged for planning. This piecemeal approach prioritizes US2's short-term profits while failing to safeguard the community's larger and longer-term goals for Union Square. This is exactly the outcome we as a community set out to avoid. In fact, the rationale for hiring a master developer in the first place was to protect against "an unfettered market that cannot ensure the realization of the community's goals." This fear, articulated by Mayor Curtatone, appears to be coming true. Over many years, the City and community members have worked together to create a long-term comprehensive plan called SomerVision. The development plans unfolding in Union Square stand in contrast to this vision. Over the past year, residents, business owners, and community organizations have enthusiastically responded to the call for additional public input to guide the redevelopment of Union Square. We have spent countless hours in dozens of meetings and through our respective organizations. We have repeatedly highlighted the importance of attracting and maintaining businesses and good jobs, increasing Somerville's commercial tax base, creating housing options for residents and families of all socioeconomic levels, developing new open and green space, and fostering a more walkable, bikeable, transit-oriented commercial center. We believed this input would be synthesized and incorporated into all aspects of Union Square's development. But US2's initial plans for the D2 block show a lack of accountability for the community's goals.

fore plans for D2 move forward, we call upon the City and US2 to carry out Union Square's long-term goals. Specifically:

• We ask the City to complete the community-driven Neighborhood Plan for all of Union Square and Boynton Yards. + As required in the City's master developer Request for Qualifications, we call upon US2 to complete an implementation plan for the seven disposition blocks in the Revitalization Area—detailing the mix of uses, site plans, phasing and schedule, and finances. • We ask that the City and the Union Square CAC, a City-appointed community advisory committee, articulate a timely and transparent process for developing an accountable and enforceable community benefits agreement as part of the neighborhood planning process. These planning documents

must provide the predictability necessary to attract and retain businesses, assure residents that their goals for Union Square will be realized, and set forth plans for achieving a diverse and equitable development that reestablishes Union Square's historic role as both a neighborhood and commercial center. The 3-day design 'charrette' recently held in Union Square demonstrated how important it is that plans for Union Square's most important location not be accelerated before an overall Neighborhood Plan with broad community support has been created. We won't know what is right here until knowing how it fits into an overall vision for Union Square. Many exciting and interesting ideas came out of the charrette, but those who attended the wrap-up event were left wondering how their goals and concerns Continued on page 20

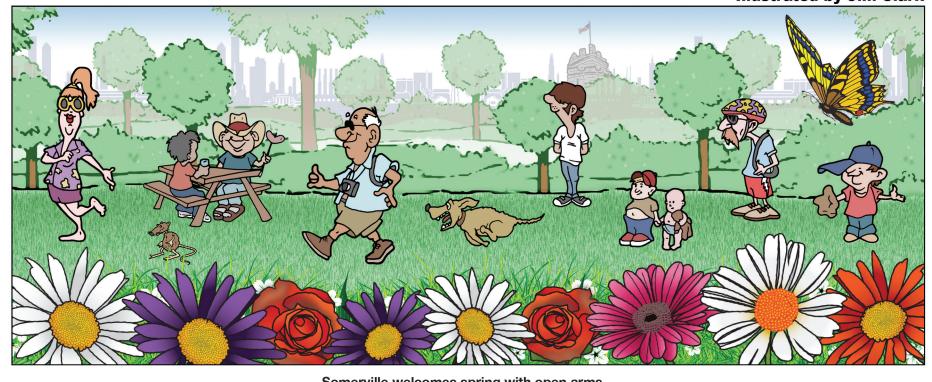
With the rush to push forward this development on the D2 block in anticipation of the

Change in the redevelopment process is urgently needed. Be-

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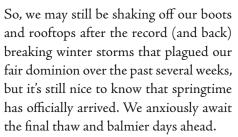
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Somerville welcomes spring with open arms.

The View Of The Times



One of the finer benefits of New England living is standing witness to the

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A campaign kickoff and 36th birthday for candidate Lee Palmer, who is going to run for School Committee in Ward 3, the seat presently being held by Adam Sweeting, who is retiring, is set for Sunday, April 12 at the La Cantina Mexicana from 4 to 6 p.m. (https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/leeericapalmer). Checks can be made out to "CTE Lee Palmer" and mailed to 17 Pitman St., Somerville, MA 02143. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN VENUE to La Cantina massive explosion of nature's rebirth and renewal, seemingly amplified here. Grass, trees, wildlife and flowers seems to go forth and multiply at an astounding rate, as if on cue to the call for "Action!"

How nice it will be to stroll through a park and feed a few squirrels. To replant a garden plot and watch as life springs forth. Or to take the family on a weekend getaway to the beach or mountains.

The seasonal cycle brings its highs and lows. Its pleasures and its challenges. We evolved as creatures in sync with that cycle, so we know how to adapt and make the most out of each day on the calendar. Still, most of us would surely confess to a few choice dates to name as our favorites, if pushed to 'fess up.



As much as so many of us love our winter scenery, sports, etc., there is so much to be said for being able to step out one's front door without danger of slipping and busting a hip. Not to mention the simple pleasure of soaking up some sun and taking in fine fragrance of life anew.

We've really got it made, so let's get out there and start loving us some spring.

who is celebrating this week. Although not from the Ville, happy birthday to Zach Swanfeldt. His family was originally from Somerville. A nice guy who works in family business.

Keep the date of Sunday, April 26 open at the Somerville City Club. The family and friends of former Ward 3 Alderman Tom Taylor, who passed away recently, is having a "celebration of life" for him. The event will take place at the Somerville City Club, 4-8 p.m. It will also be Tom and Celia's 25th anniversary on May 12. The invitations went out on Facebook, but if the family missed anyone please feel free to add yourself to this event. The family will need some help with food, drinks, and desserts. This is open to all of Tom's friends who he had known over the many years.

University's Medford/Somerville campus. Stephanopoulos began his career in Washington, D.C. as an aide to an Ohio Congressman and later worked on Bill Clinton's 1991 presidential campaign. He went on to serve as a trusted advisor in the Clinton administration. He is the author of All Too Human: A Political Education, a number one New York Times bestseller about his work with Clinton. He is also a founding member of the Next Generation Initiative, a nonprofit foundation that helps students deto everyone's hearts, the donations will help supplement Eileen's fundraising initiatives for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as she prepares to run her 6th Boston Marathon. Saturday, April 4, 2 p.m. at Brass Union, 70 Union Square, Somerville. \$10 onsite donation to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Duhamel Education Initiative (DEI) invites you to its annual spring fundraiser, the 19th Annual Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, March 28, 2015

Mexicana – they needed more space:

We want to wish the following Villens here and from here a very happy birthday: Happy Birthday this week to Ed Bean up at City Hall. A nice guy, always friendly and smart with figures. Jimmy Halloran, the son of Jim Halloran, is celebrating this week as well. A great guy, now a family man himself. We wish him the very best. A happy birthday to our good friend, tax advisor and accountant, Diane O'Brien here in Davis Square. She is a great lady, loves what she does and is good at it. We wish her the very best. To another of the Hart family members, a very happy birthday to Rachael Hart-Adams. She's just like her mom, another nice Hart family member. Happy Birthday to Thomas Graney,

ABC News' chief anchor George Stephanopoulos will discuss Who Do You Believe in the 24/7, Multi-Platform World of News? at the 10th annual Edward R. Murrow Forum on Issues in Journalism at Tufts University on Wednesday, April 8, at 3:30 p.m. The forum, which is free and open to the public, will take place in ASEAN Auditorium in the Cabot Intercultural Center on Tufts velop real-world skills and experiences.

On April 4, Brass Union will host the fifth annual Music vs. Cancer event to benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. For the first time, Brass Union will feature live music entertainment provided by B3 Kings, a Boston-bred funk and jazz band, in addition to other acts and deejays. Brass Union will dish out complimentary appetizers and there will be a silent action, door prize and a 50/50 raffle. For those looking to get their game on, there will be a charity shuffleboard tournament. Brass Union's Music Curator, Jeff Wallace, will be spearheading the fundraiser. Wallace's mother, Eileen, is a breast cancer survivor who has been cancer-free for 11 years. A cause close at the First Church Somerville, 89 College Avenue. Each year, the Pancake Breakfast has proven to be a great social affair whose proceeds support a number of special programs for Somerville Public Schools students. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$5 for children 10 and under. The Pancake Breakfast also offers an opportunity to meet and sample the excellent culinary skills of Somerville's School Committee. Breakfast will be prepared and served by School Committee members. Reservations for this event are not required. Stop in and bring family and friends. For information about this and other DEI events, and ways you can support the Duhamel Education Initiative, visit www. duhameleducationinitiative.org.

Learning at the fair

Students and visitors learned about Somerville High School's Center for Career and Technical Education programs at the 2015 CTE Vocational Fair on Saturday, March 21.

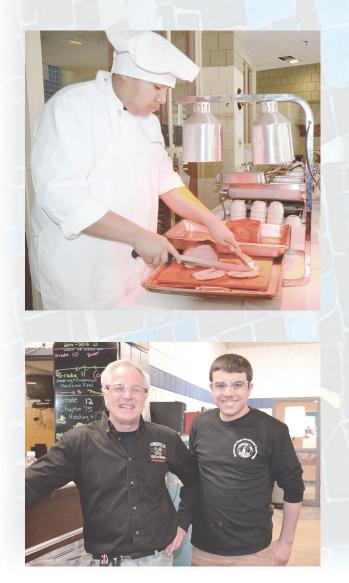
Guests got an inside look at the CTE's 13 trade programs, and had an opportunity to participate in hands-on activities.

The day's events included tours led by CTE Student Ambassadors.

Somerville High School's CTE programs are preparing students for success beyond high school, using the latest technology and the most cutting-edge techniques.





















Photos by Claudia Ferro

SPORTS

Prospect Hill Academy's Middle School team undefeated and dominant

By Brian Harris

Dominant! What else can be said about Prospect Hill Academy's 2014-2015 middle school girls' basketball team coached for the fourth season by their school's seventh grade science teacher, Katie Harris?

Twelve teams, separated into a North and a South league with six teams each, started out even in the early Winter. The PHA Lady Wizards finished the regular season crusade undefeated at 10-0 and crowned Massachusetts Charter School Basketball League (MCSBL) Division I North Champions.

Led by eighth grade captains Ashley Fortune and Aida Girma, the starting five was rounded out with fellow eighth graders Ashley Cadet, N'Yshma Leroy and Kaleesha Joseph. Also earning several starts during the season was another eighth grader, Sharmy Ertillen.

All six were seasoned veterans, having played with Ms. Harris on the previous year's middle school team. Other eighth graders on the roster were Samaya Belizaire Arrendel, Naoomi Raymond, Juliana Riviera, Ashley Vixama, Jasmine Thomas and Gwen Dorvil. Representing Prospect Hill's seventh grade class were Janide Bernadin, Raheal Getahun and Kaylene Noel.

On the first weekend in March, the Lady Wizards traveled north to Lawrence to represent Prospect Hill in the annual Charter Cup Invitational Tournament hosted by Community Day Charter Public School in Law-



The Dominating Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards basketball team.

rence at the Parthum School. In the tournament seeding round on Saturday, March 7, PHA went 2–0, downing Pioneer Academy 24–9 and MATCH 26–7, to gain the #1 seed for the eight-team single elimination championship round on Sunday.

Ms. Harris' squad had lost in last year's finals in the Charter Cup. This year's team had vowed that the outcome would be different this time.

In the quarter-finals, Marblehead Charter was overwhelmed by PHA and outscored 24 to 4. Davis Leadership Academy fared no better in the semifinals, finishing the game on the shortend of a 26–6 score. The host team and last year's champion Community Day, supported by an enthusiastic and noisy crowd, squared off against PHA in the finals. The Lady Wizards went down early 6-2, then led by dazzling play from tournament MVP Ashley Cadet, who silenced the crowd and never allowed another point. The final score in the championship game was Prospect Hill 39 and Community Day 6.

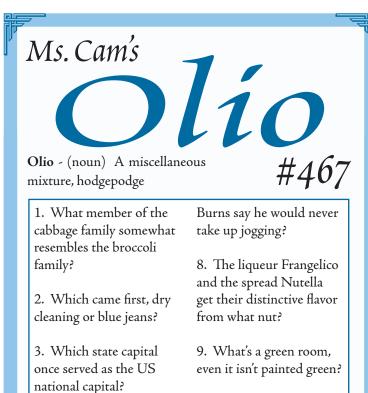
Two days prior to the start of the Charter Cup, PHA opened play on their home court as the top seed in the MCSBL playoff semifinals. PHA's opponent at the Capuano School in Somerville was Davis Leadership Academy. Behind 20 points from center, Kaleesha Joseph, PHA defeated Davis Leadership 44–21 and earned the right to host the MCSBL Championship Game.

A week later at the Capuano School, the Lady Wizards, led by Ashley Cadet's 18 points, outscored Community Day Charter 36–20 in the championship tilt.

The Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards thus ended the recently concluded Winter basketball campaign 17--0 and undefeated. Dominant!

Brian Harris is the Girls' Varsity Head Coach at Prospect Hill Academy.

Bob Schofield to be honored



4. Where is the world's highest waterfall?

5. How many quarts are in a gallon?

10. In mathematics, a collections of things is called what?

11. Young female chickens are called?



6. Politics make strange what?

7. Why did George

12. "My love is like a red, red rose" was penned by what Scottish author?

Answers on page 16

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In honor of his dedication to the youth and to the city of Somerville, Bob Schofield has been selected to receive the 2014 District B Joao Rodrigues Distinguished Service Award by the Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association. Schofield, with his wife Eileen, will be in attendance to receive the award at the MSSADA annual banquet to be held this week in Hyannis. Schofield has been a huge supporter of youth programs in the city of Somerville and this is a great honor for him and the community of Somerville.

6th Annual Mayor's Fitness Challenge



By Tom Bannister

The 6th annual Somerville Mayor's Fitness Challenge kicks off on Sat., March 28 with a family-friendly event featuring fun physical activities, healthy food tasting, health and wellness information, and free Fitness Goody Bags for participants. The four-week challenge runs through April 25 and offers both a Team Fitness Challenge as well as a non-competitive "Lifestyle Pledge," with rewards for participants ranging from better health to discounts at local businesses.

Highlights this year include an invitation from Mayor Joe Curtatone for community members to join him for two free fitness events:

• Skate with Joe! Join the Mayor at the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink on Thurs., April 2 at 7:30 p.m. for an hour of free and fun skating.

• Jump with Joe! Join the Mayor at Sky Zone in Everett (69 Norman St.) from 7 to 8 p.m. for some unique fitness at this indoor trampoline park owned by a Somerville resident. (All ages and fitness levels are accommodated.)

Individuals who join the team challenge will earn points for weight loss and changes in Body Mass Index (BMI), while those who take the Lifestyle Pledge will earn Wellcoin points by participating in events and programs and logging healthy eating choices throughout the challenge. Wellcoin is free and offers incentives through local businesses and www.wellcoin.com).

Throughout the program, teams and individuals will earn discounts to local restaurants and businesses. All participants will receive extra points for attending validated events and programs, including fitness activities, City-sponsored events, and much more!

Various fitness programs will be held throughout, and special events will be held as follows:

• Fitness Challenge Kickoff: Sat., March 28, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., SHS Field House, 81 Highland Ave.

• Skate with Mayor Joe: Thurs., April 2, 7:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Ice Rink, 570 Somerville Ave.

• Historic Walking Tour: Sat., April 11, 10:30 a.m., Walking Tour with historian Robert Doherty, meet at 7 hills Park

• Jump with Joe!: Wed., April 15, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., Sky Zone jump, 69 Norman St. Everett

• Shape Up Somerville/Recreation Road Race: Sun., Apr. 19, 10:30 a.m., Somerville High School Concourse, 81 Highland Ave. (Pre-registration required. See www.somervillerec.com)

• YMCA Healthy Kids Day: Sat., April 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., YMCA, 101 Highland Ave.

• Awards Ceremony: Sat., April 25, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Mystic River Boathouse

Get the scoop on how the Challenge works and updates on events and opportunities throughout the challenge at our new Mayor's Fitness Challenge website,

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

This week on Somerville Neighborhood News #36: Did you miss the meetings in Union Square about what's in store for the neighborhood? Did you know there was a protest? What are people upset about, what does City Hall think and how is master developer US2 reacting? Find out in the upcoming special edition of Somerville Neighborhood News, devoted entirely to Union Square redevelopment. SNN #36 airs on March 24 at 7 p.m., on Channel 3 if you have cable TV, or online at http://www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.



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restaurants in its Reward Center (for which will be live by kickoff day: www. more information and to sign up, visit somervillema.gov/fitnesschallenge.

Rotary Club of Somerville announces competitive \$10K scholarship

The Rotary Club of Somerville is happy to announce a competitive \$10,000 scholarship to be awarded to a high school senior who is pursuing higher education. The award, funded by Rotary District 7930, serves to recognize an outstanding high school senior who has demonstrated his/her commitment to Service Above Self in his/her town, school or community. It is designed to encourage the recipient to dedicate his/her personal and professional life to improving the quality of life of people in his/her local community and beyond. Potential applicants will be interviewed by the Somerville Rotary Club and one applicant will be submitted to a final pool of applicants to be considered by the Rotary District. Children and grandchildren of Rotarians are not eligible. Potential applicants should contact their high school guidance counselors or contact Paul Kaufman at 617-625-7604 for more information. Applications must be submitted to the Somerville Rotary Club by May 1, 2015.



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

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on <u>Thursday, April 2, 2015</u> at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

<u>39R Medford Street</u>: (Case **#PB 2014-32**) Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd., d/b/a Verizon Wireless, LLC and Owner, Sure Lock Building Trust, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §7.13.1 in order to modify an existing wireless facility to include an interior electronics room, generator with conduit, HVAC condensers, GPS antenna, and related equipment. TOD 100. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 3/18/15 & 3/25/15. 3/18/15, 3/25/15 The Somerville Times



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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 <u>Wednesday, April 1, 2015</u> at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

120 Washington Street: (Case #ZBA 2015-11) Applicant, Mark Food Enterprises, and Owners, ITS Realty, LLC, seek a Variance for parking relief to expand the restaurant seating count. IA Zone. Ward 1.

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 <u>www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning</u>. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. 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 <u>dpereira@somervillema.gov</u>.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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An exploration of the history and musical culture of New Orleans, the birth of a new music called Jazz, the many colorful songwriters of this music, and its evolution to Swing and Big Band music.

Using recorded music, film clips and still images, Mr.Comtois helps participants examine how the politics and social conditions of late 19th Century New Orleans were integral in the creation

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 15D0444DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Ana C Guevara De Perez vs. Jose M Perez Lopez

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for <u>Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B</u>

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .**SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Ana C De Perez

215 Pearl St. Apt. 3 Somerville, MA 02145

your answer, if any on or before **04/07/2015**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: February 24, 2015.

<u>Tara E. De Christofaro</u> Register of Probate

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP # 15-89

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

Ticket and Permit Processing and Management Services

The anticipated contract is for 3 years, from 9/01/2015 through 8/31/2018.

An Request for Proposals (RFP), including all specifications, may be obtained online: http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after March 25, 2015.

Sealed bids will be received **until Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.** The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3400, or email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information, and bid packages.

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

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of a whole new musical culture, and how that culture spread throughout the United States. An emphasis will be placed on the musicians who created Jazz, how that music spread rapidly throughout the United States, the conditions that led young people of the 30s and 40s to embrace it, and its patriotic use for a war-weary nation.

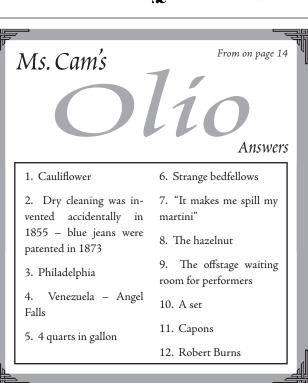


About The Instructor: Kevin Comtois is an Adjunct Instructor, History and Government, Northern Essex Community College, where he has been teaching History and Government since 1999. He has taught at Quincy College and Central Catholic High School where he also served as Social Studies Department Chair. Kevin earned his B.A. in Political Science from Westfield State College and his M.A in American Civilization from the University of Massachusetts Boston. In 2005 Kevin was a recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to study Jazz with Dr. Gerald Early (an expert on the evolution

of Jazz in America) at Washington University, St Louis. Kevin is also an amateur musician and songwriter. In 2011 Kevin taught an Honors Colloquium at NECC titled the Social and Political History of American music.

Foundations of Knowledge is an educational program that brings a series of low-cost, themed lectures to you each month. A nominal fee of \$20 will include five, one-hour long lectures in any one subject area. Or, if you prefer to take in a variety of different subjects, each lecture we present costs \$5.

For details and information, please contact Janine Lotti at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2300.



HAPPENINGS: ENIO CENTER R

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

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

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

Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT – Monday, March 30 - Check in time: 8:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 8:15 at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. - A \$25.- fee includes transportation, \$10.- food coupon and \$10.- free bet / Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Somerville's All City Band – Tuesday, March 31 – 3:00 P.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Please join Rosemary Sears and Richard Romanoff and talented musicians representing all of Somerville's elementary schools as they present a wide variety of selections you are sure to enjoy. This is a free event. Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

Painting to Music - Monday, April 13 - 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Connect with your creative side. Learn more about the benefits of mindfulness. Music will assist in creating a focus and a way to express connection to pleasant memories and thoughts. This is a free workshop. Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 for more information or to register.

Adult Day Health – Tuesday, April 21st – 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center - The 2nd in a 4 part series on "Caregiver Education" - Guest speaker, Denise Thorud from the Windsor House Adult Day Health workshop will cover an overview of adult day health services as well as suggestions and tips. This event is open to the public - to register for this event please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

Vocal Jazz Festival – Tuesday, May 5 – Join us as we head to the Berklee College of Music Friend Recital Hall for a great time. Leaving Holland Street at 3:00 P.M. with an approximate return time of 7:00 P.M. - \$15. per person covers bus transportation and entertainment. Please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series – Starting Monday, May 18 - at our Holland Street Center. An educational program that brings a series of low-cost, themed lectures to you each month. A nominal fee of \$20. will include five, one-hour long lectures in any one subject area. Or, if you prefer to take in a variety of different subjects, each lecture we present costs \$5. If you do attend the 3 lectures in the same subject area you will receive a "Foundations of Knowledge Subject Matter" Certificate. Attend all lectures and receive a "Foundation of Knowledge Humanities Aficionado" Certificate. Series themes include, but not limited to: Art & Art History, The Many Voices of Music and American Literature. Please contact Janine Lottie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more details and to sign up for these wonderful lectures.

Sin to Swing: The Evolution of Jazz in America - The first in our Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series - Monday, May 18 starting at 9:30 A.M. in the atrium of our Holland Street Center featuring Instructor Kevin Comtois. An exploration of the history and musical culture of New Orleans, the birth of a new music called Jazz. A nominal fee of \$20. will include five, one-hour long lectures in any one subject area. Or, if you prefer to take in a variety of different subjects, each lecture we present costs \$5. Please see "Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series" for more details and please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot in the wonderful series or if you would like more information.

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

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

The trip scheduled to Wildwood, NJ on May 11th -15th is SOLD OUT. But we have added a second bus and it is filling up fast. Only 13 seats left! Please call Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your seat. LGBT EVENTS

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, April 13 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. Hot & Cold lunch options available - food provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder services – suggested donation of \$2.00. RSVP required by 2:30 P.M. Thursday, April 9th. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext 2316 or MBastardi@Somervillema.gov This event happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. LGBT Advisory Group – Monday, April 13th - 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

days and will resume Mondays after the first of the New Year.

Please note in the "Upcoming Schedule" section several changes in the times that our Cross Street Center and our Ralph & Jenny Center are open over the next couple of weeks.

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H) Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H) Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M., \$10/week for shoes and dues

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M. *Fit 4 Life classes \$10/month, pre-registration required.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday March 25

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

Thursday March 26

9:00 Yoga (H) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 10:00 Current Events (H) 11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ) 12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

Friday March 27

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

Monday March 30

10:30 Moonlighters (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) Mohegan Sun

Tuesday March 31

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 3:00 Somerville All City Band (C)

Twin Rivers Casino, Lincoln, RI – Monday, April 27 Check in time: 9:30 A.M. at Holland Street and 9:45 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 7:00 P.M. - A \$25.- fee includes motorcoach transportation & a yet to be determined package. RSVP to Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300. Washington, D.C. Patriotic / Americana Tour - Thursday, April 30 to Sunday, May 3rd - Visit Historic Washington, D.C., WWII Memorial, Arlington Cemetary, Vietnam, Korea, Iwo Jima, FDR, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. Illuminated night tour of the monuments and many more stops. Trip includes: professional tour director, hotel accommodations, transportation, 3 breakfasts, 1 luncheon, 2 dinners, including dinner theatre, admission to Washington touring, including tour mobile transportation, tax & gratuity. \$589.double or triple occupancy, \$749.- single occupancy, deposit of \$150.- per person with the final payment due on April 1st. Check in time will be 6:00 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center on Thursday, April 30th with an approximate return time between 10:00 - 10:30 P.M. on Sunday, May 3rd. Please contact Connie at

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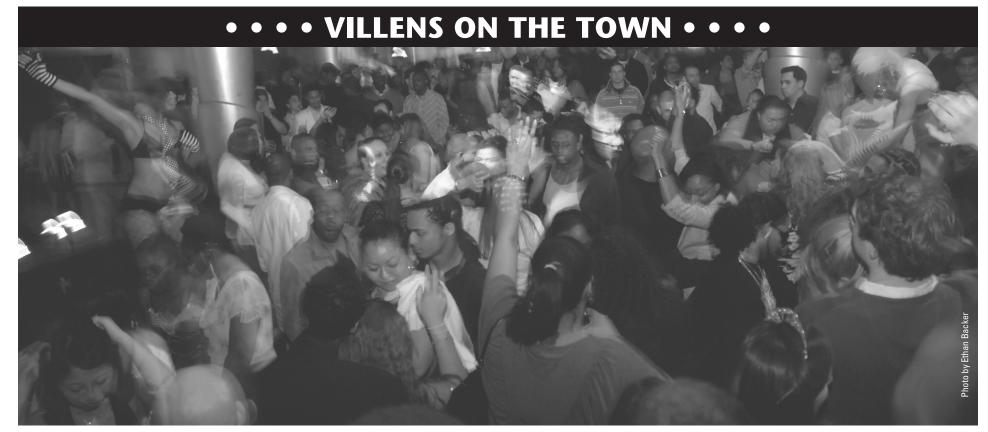
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East Branch Library Preschool: Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball-617 636-9033 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday | March 26

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

Friday | March 27

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

Monday|March 30

Central Library Sing-along with Matt Heaton 11:15 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday | March 31

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 11-13 Tammy McKanan 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Wednesday|March 25

Johnny D's The Gibson Brothers (Bluegrass) / Twisted Pine 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Primary Portraits 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Animatic Boston 7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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

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Somerville Theatre Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night 8 p.m. The Moth: Grandslam Championship III: Blue Moon

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square **Arts at the Armory** The Ultimate Moms' Night Out! 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall

The Loop 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday March 27

Johnny D's Fat City Band We Dig Free Fridays Presents: Segue plus Rolling Nectar 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m. New Million Box, Spongy, Steve Walther Orchestra |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Young Love & The Thrills 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Arts at the Armory Boston Theater Company's Teen Touring Troupe presents: The Tempest 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Bluegrass Fridays

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|March 28

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch Jeff Jam Dance Party Luther "Guitar Junior" Johnson & The Magic Rockers plus Matthew Smart Band 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. presents Whiskey James, Waves Crashing on Face, Goose \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Somerville Theatre Heritage Blues Orchestra 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Sunday March 29

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m. SYM|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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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

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Central Library

Somerville High School Anime Club Meeting Emmanuel- 8572583920 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

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

Wednesday|April 1

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MUSIC | **ARTS**

Afropop Night: Markus James + Balla Kouyate (Blues/Rock/West African) New York Funk Exchange (Funk/ 33920 Soul/Dance) PLUS The Soul

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Arts at the Armory The Two Ricks 10:30 a.m.|Café Jeremy Lyons 1 p.m.|Café David Tanklefsky & Friends 4:30 p.m.|Cafe 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Arts at the Armory Jazz with Morningside Music Studio 1 p.m.|Cafe Proper Ladies 4 p.m.|Cafe Doñagdeo: Mapping The Unseen 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Old School Game Show's "Stylin,'Profilin'& Piledrivin' Steel Cage Smacktacular 8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Somerville Theatre Zakir Hussain & Celtic Connections 7 p.m.|55 Davis Square

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Monday March 30

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

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

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

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

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

Arts at the Armory Doñagdeo: Mapping The Unseen 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday | March 31

Johnny D's Feufollet (Cajun/Roots/Rock) / The Hoolios 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Natalie Flanagan & The F-Bombs, Randy Black & The Heathcroppers, Trusty Sidekick |7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room 8:30pm - Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz

Back Room

8:00pm Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: End of Session Showcase 3:30 p.m. Mezzanine Doñagdeo: Mapping The Unseen 7 p.m.| Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday|March 25

Central Library Bereavement Support Group Dave Quemere 781-455-6661 x 4079 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio Belly Dance performance preparation with Nadira Jamal 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Level 3|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday | March 26

Central Library Affordable Homeownership Opportunity: Fair Housing Commission Vicki Wairi- 617.625.6600 x 2588 6p.m.-7:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

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

Saturday March 28

Central Library Emerson Film Crew Ron Castile- 617-623-5000 x2910 9 a.m.-5 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory Cooks and Gardeners Book Sale lames Fox 10 a.m.- 2 p.m, 191 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmers' Market 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

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

Sunday March 29

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

Third Life Studio

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

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Central Library Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 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

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were incorporated in the abstract building massing studies that were presented. This was an important start, but needs to result in an implementable plan that is accountable to the community's long-term goals providing the framework to guide

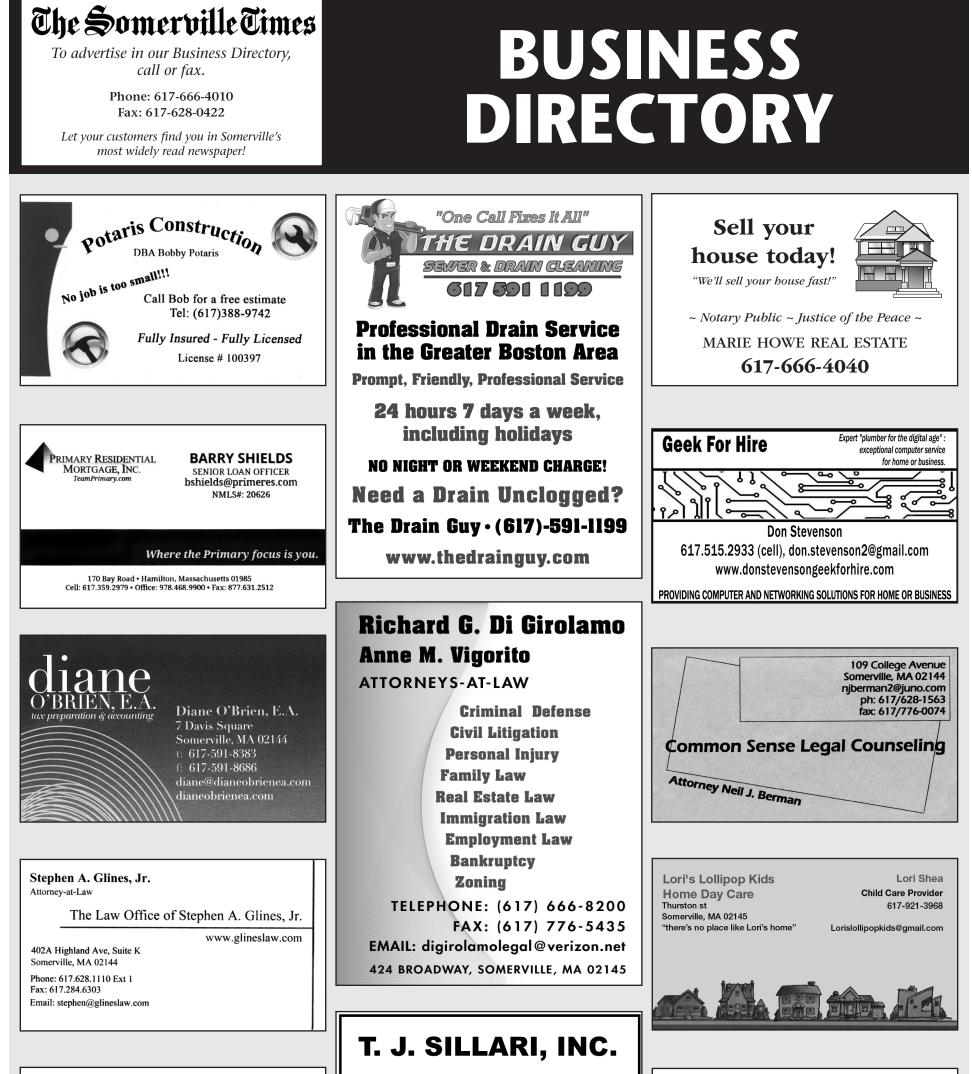
development. It is critical that adequate time and resources be provided to accomplish this. The Green Line will soon arrive in Union Square because Mayor Curtatone, elected officials, the City, and the community had a long-term vision and worked

hard to achieve it. With its impending arrival, we call upon the Mayor, the City of Somerville, and the Redevelopment Authority to show the same persistence and perseverance to ensure the achievement of Union Square's long-term goals.

What is built on D2 will be among the most impactful developments in Somerville's history, and will shape Union Square for the next century. This is an opportunity for Somerville to lead by cultivating a model of innovative, diverse and sustainable 21st

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6:30am	Road to Recovery	6:00pm	TBT: Throwback Thursday a SCATV Production	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
7:00am	Somerville Film Group	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape
7:30am	Life Matters	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Active Aging	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group:
9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:30pm	Culture Club	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:30pm	Esoteric Science
10:30am	Art at SCATV	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group	6:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
11:00am	Abugida TV	11:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	Friday, N	March 27	7:30pm	Fluff Festival	5:30pm	Literati Scene
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6:00pm	Trance: A Romantic Journey	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	1:00pm	Race, Community, and Police Relations	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
7:00pm	Mystic Youth Chorus	2:00pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday,	March 31
7:30pm	Crossroads: a Search for An American Dream	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Evangelico	7:00am	The Struggle
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:30am	Active Aging	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	5:00pm	Somerville Jazz Festival 2014	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	The Struggle
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour	11:30am	Taking Back Your Health	10:00am	Shrink Wrap
10:00pm	Art at SCATV	6:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00pm	Inside Talk	11:00am	Wicked Sober
10:30pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	6:30pm	Art at SCATV	12:30pm	Somerville Film Group	11:30am	Ablevision
11:00pm	Visual Radio	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group:	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
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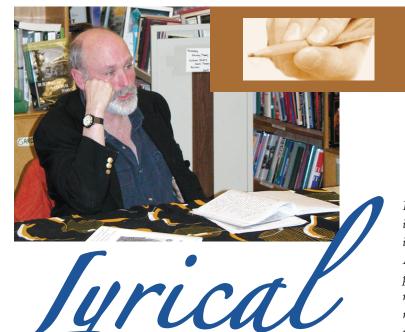
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'Complicity' by Adam Sol A Review

Not only is Somerville's Denise Provost a great state legislator, but she is a fine poet and reviewer. Denise drops in now and then at the Bagel Bards literary group at the Au Bon Pain in Davis Square, and she is a great supporter of the arts. I had the pleasure to publish her poetry in the LYRICAL SOMERVILE and in the literary magazine IBBETSON STREET. Anyway, here is her review of a new book of poetry, Complicity by Adam Sol (McClellan & Stewart, 2014).

I chose to read *Complicity*, the fourth book by Canadian poet Adam Sol, to see what writings might warrant the title of the collection. The title itself inspires a kind of furtive curiosity – in what might the poet consider whom to be complicit?

The answer would seem to be: pretty much everyone, in pretty much every human endeavor, from the civic to the intimate. The poem *Note Found in a Copy of a Midsummer Night's Dream*, for instance, conflates two texts to induce queasiness about relationships between men and women:

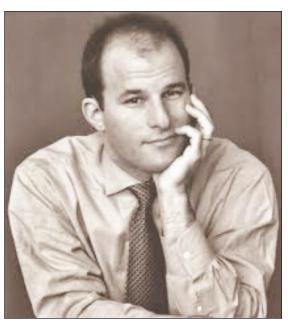
It's the moment when Helena pursues Demetrius into the forest. Use me but as your spaniel, spurn me, strike me

..... Bryan, I love you and I don't want you To feel like you raped me....

Sol displays an utter unsentimentality about human relationships. *Evening Song* presents a single mother, recounting, "Laundry panic/Phone bill panic/Anger panic/ Television/A new scar on my arm" and musing:

Tuesday night. After my shift, I've got the whole bus ride home to decide if I should live.

Sol's poems about people have a current of tenderness running through. Take *Nearly Blank Calendar* in which the bed bath of a disabled man is described with a clinical accuracy verging on reverence. Both the patient himself (Her husband, needing a change,/accepts the spoon/of pudding she nudges/past his teeth./Butterscotch./His surprised eyes....) and his attendant wife (Pillcase.Tissue/Radio.Gave up hope. Breakfast./ Two hours sleep) are portrayed with the kind of compassion displayed in early Renaissance or Flemish paintings depicting the sufferings of religious figures.



We were concerned about an element and wanted to protect the delegates from injury or, worse, embarrassment.... The outcome was that we preserved the peace. We whored our city, then fingered the receipts.

But Sol's poems are not screeds. They are too full of nuance – and anguish – to be so dismissed. *Ivory Fugue* weaves images of elephant-headed Hindu deity Ganesh with clinical descriptions of the slaughter and de-tusking of elephants (courtesy of *National Geographic Magazine*, according to the acknowledgements at the back of the book. The lovely, but excruciating *Poem for Noah Pozner* – the youngest of the school children shot to death in Newtown, Connecticut – ends with words from Noah's mother, taken from an account of an interview with her:

> I just want people to know the ugliness of it so we don't talk about it abstractly, like these little angels just went to heaven. No They were butchered.

Fragments - and larger pieces - of found text are woven into many of the poems in Complicity. It's clear that Sol is an omnivorous reader, but not just that. Above all, he possesses a voracious intelligence, which finds and creates connections from sphere to sphere. His relentless efforts to make sense of the world employ information from many unexpected sources. Sol's poems are not always an easy read, but are also not without humor. Dwarf juxtaposes the changing status of Pluto - planet, or ex-planet - with the worthiness of art as human endeavor. We Oppose the Teaching of Higher Order Thinking Skills riffs on a plank from the 2012 platform of the Texas Republican Party. We may have much to make amends for, much to repudiate. Have we not all be complicit in some folly or another, some failing? Skewering our complicities, Sol yet affirms them as part of our human condition. He may not let us off easy – but he understands; he's complicit, too.

We need a spring poem; we need a poem with flowers; we need a poem with a lot of flowers. Deborah Leipziger, a member of Somerville's literary group the "Bagel Bards" (we meet every Saturday morning at the Au Bon Pain in Davis Square, so why not join us?) sends us a bouquet just in the nick of time. Here is a bit about Deborah below:



Deborah Leipziger is an author and poet. Her poetry has been featured in Ibbetson Street, Voices Israel, Bagels with the Bards, Popt Art, Scribblers on the Roof, The Muddy River Poetry Review, Zingology, Poetic Mindset, Levend Joods Geloof (Netherlands) and on the public television show, Brookline Writes. Ms. Leipziger is the founder of the Jewish Poetry Fest sponsored by Temple Sinai in Brookline.

Daffodil Waves

I.

"The colline were covered in daffodils,"

my Nonna tells me.

II.

Green grows yellow

with swollen seeds.

How suddenly they open

releasing their egg yolk trumpets.

III.

I am the school girl immersing in daffodil waves.

No, those are my daughters amidst the blooms.

How quickly change arrives

unbidden.

— Deborah Leipziger First published in Salamander #37 Fall-Winter 2013-2014

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu Sol has far less mercy towards our more depersonalizing institutions. In writing about the public realm, however, he doesn't come off as cynical, just painfully perceptive. In *Engagement*, he comments on warfare:

Their commanders have intentions and intelligence, but they are wrong.

We've heard the story before. It's wrong. The news will document it, but it will be wrong....

He takes on domestic surveillance in *Security Cameras* ("Sweethearts in school uniforms spoon froyo/ into each other's mouths on a bench across/from the Korean consulate./Death to the infidels."), and skewers the whole domestic security apparatus in *Security Review*:

- Denise Provost



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