



The Somerville Board of Aldermen is putting forward measures that would require 68% of development in the city to be zoned for commercial use.

#### **By Josie Grove**

Amid all the development in Somerville and the large-scale neighborhood planning projects, the Board of Aldermen has decided to take a stand. Last Thursday, the board took up discussion of a rule that would require all large developments in specific development districts neighborhoods to be 68% commercial. While the number is dramatic, "It really doesn't affect much of the city," said Alderman-at-Large William White, who proposed the rule.

The other members of the board, excluding Ward Four Alderman Tony LaFuente, who was not present, signed on to Continued on page 4

## Johnny D's prepares for farewell festivities

#### By Amy Swain

Get ready, Somerville. For the legendary Johnny D's, closing time has come, and they are going out with a bang, a honk and a clang.

The final weekend celebration begins Friday, March 11. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., James Montgomery and his band - including Barry Goudreau, former guitarist for the band Boston – open the festivities. Saturday's fun begins earlier in the day. The final Jazz Brunch will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and bands are scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to midnight. Appalachian folk/country band Yani Batteau and The Styles will kick things off. Chandler Travis





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**Prospect Hill Academy triumphs** page 14 Philharmonic and Neon Grandma will fill up the rest of the evening. Sunday brunch will be a little different, in that there will be no brunch in the typical fashion. Drinks will only be poured from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The big event, however, is on Sunday night. The doors will open at 4:00 Continued on page 9

A Somerville institution, Johnny D's Uptown Restaurant & Music Club, sadly will be closing its doors for – Photo by Bobbie Toner good this coming weekend.

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Yesterday was Presidential Primary Election Day. There was a big turnout and was anyone surprised? Now we don't have to see all those commercials for a few more months, and that's always a good thing. According to an article in the Herald as well as from the Secretary of State's office, more than 16,300 Democrats have shed their party's affiliation and of that 3,500 moved to Republican affiliation. The city of Somerville has also seen a shift in Democratic affiliation as well.

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Coming on March 11, "Flashback Friday" at the Somerville City Club. Do you still have that poodle skirt? Maybe your bellbottoms and platform shoes? What about those ripped jeans or hammer pants? Break them out! Take a journey back in time and dance the night away to songs from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Costume dress optional. Join in on Friday, March 11, 7:00-11:00 p.m. at Somerville City Club, 20 Innerbelt Rd., Somerville. Tickets are \$15. There will be a cash bar, raffle tickets and 50/50's. Adults only. All proceeds benefit The Somerville PTA Scholarship Dinner Dance. For tickets, email Kristine Vallery at afaspta@yahoo.com.

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It appears that Mayor Joe Curtatone is not making friends over in Everett – or with the unions – regarding the proposed Wynn Casino. Mayor Joe has filed a major lawsuit on behalf of the city that will put a crimp in the construction phase with a postponement of a year or so. We're wondering if Mayor Joe and the Board of Aldermen need to vote on paying for a legal representative from the city and how much that will cost us. Union picketers showed up at City Hall on Tuesday in protest of Curtatone's suit against the casino, with an estimated year's delay in construction.

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The mayor's special committee on the high school has made a recommendation to tear down the existing High School – including the \$2M renovated auditorium– and build a new school. Of course, the state would pay about 80%. At least that's what we were told. Our question is where is the city getting all this money from taxes? We guess *Continued on page 11* 

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### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### **Response to:** From bad to worse

#### Freebie says:

Trust me, more and more families like mine are starting to stick around. We have had one of the largest Kindergarten enrollment increases in the state over the last 4 years.

#### Bill Shelton says:

Last night the Board of Aldermen stepped up and made themselves unequivocally heard on this matter. I am so proud of them.

They unanimously voted to send a zoning amendment drafted by Bill White to the Land Use Committee and Planning Board for a public hearing and, ultimately, a vote.

The amendment designates large areas of Union Square, Boynton Yards, Assembly Square, Brickbottom and Inner Belt as "Critical Economic Development Districts" Within those districts, 68% of any new development on parcels of 10,000 square feet or more and three or more housing units must be office, R&D, and biotech uses.

All the aldermen present spoke to the amendment. Their comments are informative and uplifting. They begin at 54:30, here: http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=2186&Format=Agenda

#### Courtney O'Keefe says:

Bill-

Thanks for including this information!

#### **Response to: Still some dishonest people in this world**

#### steve says:

horrible thing... they caught the guy – but its pretty dumb to just leave your rent money and cash envelope right there on the counter! the guy was there to buy a m.o. himself – but well – depending on your situation – temptation temptation!!!!! if shes dumb enough to leave it there im dumb enough to steal it! honest people in the world? it all depends who you ask! watch your stuff every minute – esp your cash!

#### A Moore says:

Some of us seniors do get forgetful. Also some of the medications we take add to that. Not all of us are fortunate enough to stay sharp as a tack. A nice person I know is now taking cancer medication and the warning on the label is forgetfulness.

#### **Response to:** One driver with a very poor aim

#### Joe says:

The number of unlicensed drivers around here has gotten crazy. Or maybe it just seems that way lately.

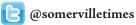
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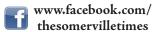
Nope, it's been that way for a long time. And who knows how many are really out there as they are not caught. No license, registration, fake ones and so forth.

## **Response to:** *Medical marijuana making inroads in Somerville*

#### Cooper says:

It's just about time! How many years since the referendum passed? Sick people need their medicine and we are still waiting for the city administrators to do their jobs. Ridiculous.





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### MARCH 2, 2016 3 The Somerville Times -**Climate action film finds enthusiastic audience**

#### By Haley ED Houseman

This Changes Everything is a climate change documentary based on a book by Naomi Klein of the same name. Directed by Avi Lewis, the film sets up the same opposition in the book, that of positive climate action as directly in conflict with capitalism as it exists today. Telling the story in a series of vignettes set across the globe, the story captured the interest of attendees of the screening at Arts at the Armory on Sunday.

At its center, the documentary puts marginalized communities taking action at the forefront, often peoples who have longstanding relationships to the land and its rhythms. It frames the recent move toward globalism as both creating goods for the whole world and now polluting the whole world, often putting goods in the hands of the wealthy and pollution in the homes of the producers.

Setting up all governments, but particularly the world-leading US, as missing in action while the crisis looms, it traces the complex lines of power, capital and production that have positioned climate change as an unfixable collective action problem. But it is not all gloomy. Though the film presents a dire circumstance, it also presents sustainable alternatives that reveal ways in which development can complement rather than oppose climate action.

The documentary spans the many different activist campaigns, climate actions

and lawsuits against both governments and companies. Within its span, it looks at a lawsuit filed by the Beaver Lake Cree Nation against the government of Canada, where First Nation people have been denied access to their lands amid reports of environmental contamination.

The documentary also struck closer to home with moving images of Hurricane Sandy in NYC, with Far Rockaway underwater. Volunteers of Occupy Sandy spoke to the utter lack of FEMA and Red Cross aid in the crisis, an underreported facet of the impact of climate changes and its related disasters. Afterwards, the film presents stories from Greece, from India, from China, even as it addresses the climate deniers of the Heartland Institute in the Midwest.

As people swarmed into the Amory's gathering space, they stopped to sign in, moving briskly through the atrium. Nearly 150 people filled the space as volunteers pulled out extra seating. While there was a line to get in and sign in, "I had zero expectations," said one organizer.

As they managed the line, volunteers seemed surprised and gratified by the turnout. "Maybe we should get another clipboard [for sign in] - Wow, there's so many people!" The activist groups present lost no time in trying to get people involved, with tables set up to pass out information and present petitions for signing. Afterward, attendees lingered to connect and chat with the volunteer groups present.





A very receptive audience turned out to view the screening of the climate change documentary This Chang-– Photos by Haley ED Houseman es Everything that played at Arts at the Armory last Sunday.



The event was organized primarily by Fossil Free Somerville, who has been working for the past two years to encourage fossil fuel divestment in the city's retirement investments, among other projects. Also represented at the screening was the group Somerville Climate Action, which plays a partnership and supporting role in many local climate initiatives. Most recently, they have focused on banning plastic bags in Somerville, a proposal that was voted on by the Board of Alderman with success (plastic bags will be banned by fall 2016). Other activist groups included 350 MA, Solarize

on hand to discuss the recent release of Somerville's Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHG) Report, which sets a baseline for the city's emissions as they work to reduce the load produced by citizens and businesses. While below the national average per capita emissions in the US, there are considerations being taken to reduce specifically the high emitters owned or managed by the city going forward as ambitious target goals are set. Says Sellers-Garcia, "We need to think about transformational changes" to get the city and country we need to go in the future. The report, along with other environmental information, can be found on the Sustainaville initiative homepage: http://www.somervillema.gov/sustainaville/.

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## **Roving shoplifter chooses poor storage spaces**

While walking along Grand Union Blvd. last Friday, two police officers took notice of a man who placed a plastic shopping bag inside a trash receptacle and then walk into the nearby Express store.

A short time later, they report-

Curious as to what the man was doing, the officers waited to see what might happen next.

edly observed the same man exit the store, at which time he removed clothing from inside his jacket and, place them in another plastic shopping bag, which he then stashed in another trash receptacle.

The officers reportedly maintained their surveillance of the man as he went into several stores in the area.

The man eventually retrieved the bags that he had hidden in the trash cans, at which time the officers confronted him and asked to inspect the contents of the bags.

According to reports, the man who was later identified as Oscar Hernandez-Rivera, of Mattapan, had in his possession: eleven Express Polo Shirts val-

ued at \$439.45; five Banana Republic shirts totaling \$224.95 in value; three Nike hats worth a total of \$73.97; one pair of Reebok sneakers valued at \$59.99; and one pair of Adidas Sandals marked at \$29.99.

When asked if he had any receipts for the merchandise, Hernandez-Rivera reportedly told police that he did not.

A police database query revealed that Hernandez-Rivera had several outstanding warrants out for his arrest.

Hernandez-Rivera was subsequently placed under arrest and charges with receiving stolen property over \$250.

The merchandise, totaling \$828.35 in value, was returned to the stores.

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#### Arrests:

Erin Eckert, of 22 Brookings St., Medford, February 22, 4:32 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on warrant charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, attempt to commit a crime, and distribution of a class B drug.

Glenn Ketterle, of 452 Winthrop St., Medford, February 23, 9:00 a.m., arrested at College Ave. on charges of bicycle violation and bicycle violator refusal to identify self.

Filsdym Modan, of 1 Memorial Ave., February 23, 7:14 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a charge of resisting arrest and on warrant charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Anthony Craan, of 476

Turnpike St., Stoughton, February 24, 7:39 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of disorderly conduct, failure to stop for police, witness intimidation, resisting arrest, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Ryan Fletcher, of 3920 Mystic Valley Pkwy., Medford, February 25, 12:12 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of check forgery, larceny under \$250, and larceny over \$250.

James Kalungi, of 137 Pine St., Lowell, February 25, 5:47 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of miscellaneous equipment violation and unlicensed operstion of a motor vehicle.

Steven Shea, of 207 High St., Randolph, February 25, 6:07 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on charges of shoplifting by asportation, receiving stolen property under \$250, and resisting arrest.

Alfred Garo, of 47 Trinity Ave., Lynn, February 25, 8:48 p.m., arrested at Cummings St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Oscar Hernandez-Rivera, of 201 River St., Mattapan, February 26, 1:54 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250 and on warrant charges of larceny of a motor vehicle, larceny under \$250, daytime felony breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, and operation of a

motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Tonis Perez-Melgar, of 10A Memorial Rd., February 26, 1:54 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on a warrant charge of miscellaneous statutory violation.

James Clover, of 8 Oliver St., February 27, 12:56 a.m., arrested at Franklin St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and leaving the scene of property damage.

Israel Manzanares, February 27, 7:51 a.m., arrested at Pennsylvania Ave. on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and on a warrant charge of assault

and battery.

David McGrath, of 219 Princeton, New Bedford, February 27, 9:27 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, malicious wanton defacement of property, and larceny under \$250.

Manuel Leal, of 199 Pearl St., February 28, 10:54 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of felony daytime breaking and entering, larceny from a building, and possession of a burglarious instrument.

Nyccole Minson, of 45B Memorial Rd., February 28, 5:10 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

### Emphasis on commercial development proposed by Board of Aldermen

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the proposal. The aldermen emphasized that commercial property generates much more revenue for the city, and all said that more non-residential development could help rein in property taxes, particularly as major

"While we did not work directly with the alderman as he developed this particular proposal, the general idea of a 60% commercial development minimum in areas such as Boynton Yards and Innerbelt targets slightly different areas, including some and excluding others that were part of the OS-PCD's plan.

### *"Ultimately, the*

be a more nuanced comparison, such as jobs per unit of housing. White maintains that the square footage is the most important consideration for him.

The aldermen present at last Thursday's meeting supported the proposal, and were clearly pleased that the action had come from the Board of Aldermen."I appreciate OPSCD and their opinions and everything, but we have made this decision for very concrete reasons," said Ward Two Alderman Maryann Heuston. "Ultimately, the zoning in the city does belong to us. We have the last say in it. And we need to be able to leverage that power for outcomes that are important in the city." "I think it is an important statement by this board, and also an proper exercise of the power that the city charter grants us, said White. "We are really the power broker when it comes to zoning, but oftentimes we sit back and let the planning staff provide reports and recommendations et cetera to us."

The proposal will go before the planning board for a joint public hearing, at which point there will be opportunity for the public to give their input. The OSPCD's planning department will also give their opinion. "We are reviewing this proposal, which is a complicated proposal that is likely to have a number of policy implications as it relates to development review in the transformative areas of the city," said Proakis. "As with all amendment proposals, the Planning Division will review it thoroughly and provide recommendations when a hearing is scheduled. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this proposed amendment in detail with the Board of Aldermen and the Planning Board." "This is just the start of the process," said White.

expenditures loom on Somerville's horizon.

"Looking forward, we can see that we have tremendous capital demands. And unless these capital demands are met by more commercial development coming to this city, the burden that is going to be placed on the average taxpayer is going to be quite substantial," White said, referencing the new high school, two library renovations, and sewer system upgrades.

The city's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development has dealt with the commercial-residential balance in their plans for the city. Alderman White's proposal aligns closely with OSPCD's goals.

is embedded in the SomerVision plan that we've been work-

ing to implement over the past four years," George Proakis, the Director of Planning, said in a statement. Limits on residential development in certain areas were outlined in SomerVision, the OSPCD's comprehensive plan, and codified in "special district" provisions in last year's zoning overhaul.

"There are substantial similarities between the two strategies, although the proposal by the Alderman has a few differences," said Proakis. White's proposal for commercial development excludes retail, hotel, industrial, arts, and fabrication. Proakis also noted that the proposal zoning in the city does belong to us. We have the last say in it."

White's plan has taken square footage to be the unit of comparison, while the OSPCD has lately questioned the usefulness of that measurement in comparing residential to commercial development. At a meeting in early February about plans for development in Union Square, OSP-CD staff discussed the difficulty in defining a commercial-residential balance by square footage, and whether there might

## COMMENTARY

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## Investing In Our Common Wealth How long is long enough?

#### By Leland Cheung Cambridge City Councilor

First proposed in 1990, a quarter century has passed since the Green Line Extension (GLX) from Cambridge through Somerville and Medford was first proposed. Four decades to go four miles is a pretty pitiful pace, even by Beacon Hill standards.

The GLX is more than a ride to work; it is the way forward for our region. Collectively, our communities, Cambridge, Medford, and Somerville stand to gain millions, if not billions, in economic benefit. The GLX would provide transit for tens of thousands of people. It would take cars off the road, helping the environment and mitigating our insufferable traffic. The GLX would help address the housing crisis by putting beautiful homes and neighborhoods within reach of the T.

Last week, Secretary Pollack spoke to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and I had the opportunity to ask her about the fate of the Green Line Extension. Pollack's concerns - as someone who, working with the Conservation Law Foundation in 1990, was crucial in convincing the state to commit to the GLX, were deeply unsettling.

It is incredibly alarming to see someone as credible as Secretary Pollack buckling under political pressure and budgetary constraints. Escalating rhetoric coming from MassDOT and the MBTA indicates that they are seriously considering scrapping the project, despite the fact that our communities have been basing their development plans on the assumed extension.

This is a failure of leadership at all levels. The entire process has been riddled from the beginning with poor budgeting practices, recently compounded by the artificially high prices set by predetermined construction firms. This process needs to be reevaluated, with more legislative oversight and engagement.

The MBTA is now wagging the threat of cancellation over our heads; we need to come together to demonstrate our commitment to the project. If you live in Cambridge, Somerville, Medford, or a surrounding community, please take the time to attend one of the community meetings hosted by the MBTA, listed below.

While pursuing my MBA at MIT Sloan, as part of a class project on budgeting, I chose to evaluate the finances of the

MBTA. Our conclusion: the MBTA was staring down the barrel of a classic death spiral cutting services, cutting options, resulting in less ridership and revenue. But public transit isn't simply a line item in the budget; it is the real world manifestation of our collective investment in ourselves. If we want more people out of cars and on the T, we need to invest in the infrastructure that moves you from A to B.

As Congressman Capuano rightly pointed out, abandoning the GLX means walking away from a billion dollars in federal funding. The federal government isn't willing to invest in this crucial project simply for the sake of our convenience, or because of the environment benefit, or because they had extra money to spare; but because it will help fuel the economic engine that drives the entire Commonwealth, and our Country.

Now is the time for our communities to come together, work together, and to fight for our future. I urge you to attend one of the public hearings hosted by the MBTA and MassDOT in the coming months listed below. Let the state know that this investment in our Common Wealth is long overdue.

Wednesday, March 2, 5:30, Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville.

Wednesday, March 23, 5:30, Tufts University, 51 Winthrop Street, Medford.

Wednesday, April 13, 5:30, Argenziano School, 290 Washington Street, Somerville.

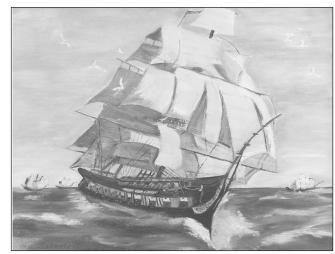
Wednesday, April 27, 5:30, St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 400 Car-

## **The Somerville Times** Historical Fact of the Week



#### The Monument By Bob (Monty) Doherty

It lies on the grounds of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Being the oldest military monument in America, it has a storied past. The memorial commemorates the American sailors who died in the Tripolitan War. It has been alternately referred to as the Tripoli Monument, the Naval Monument, or the Somers Monument, and honors Master Commandant Richard Somers.



While a Lieutenant, Richard Somers was assigned to the U.S.S. Boston, the first ship to blockade Tripoli. During the summer of 1804 after fighting in five battles, he found himself on the Flagship U.S.S. Constitution preparing for what would be his last battle. He, along with two other officers and ten sailors gave their lives trying to destroy the Tripolitan fleet. They all had volunteered for this dangerous assignment. On the night of September 4, 1804, their vessel, the U.S.S. Intrepid, described as a floating mine or fire ship, sailed into the enemy's harbor. Whether from attack or design, the ship exploded prematurely, killing Somers and all on board. The damage to the enemy was considered minimal; but in the eyes of America and its Navy, these men were heroic. Their spirit would forge on with the rallying cry, "Remember the Intrepid."

In 1808, Somers' fellow officers paid for a Roman-built monument in memory of the Intrepid's martyrs. The statue was transported on the U.S.S. Constitution to Boston and later travelled on to the Washington Navy Yard. In 1814, the English damaged the statue during the burning and ransacking of Washington, D.C. Ir NTRE, 1831, Massachusetts' repre sentative, Edward Everett, from Winter Hill, Charlestown, suggested the statue be centered in a park of its own. However, Boston architect, Charles Bullfinch, who designed Washington, D.C.'s Capital, ordered it to be relocated to its western entrance. In 1860, near the eve of the Civil War, the Somers Memorial was relocated to the Naval Academy. James Fenimore Cooper was America's first-born novelist. In 1842, Somerville's first year, Cooper wrote a biography of Captain Somers. He also then called for the remains of Somers and his crew to be returned home from Tripoli. Even to this day, the Intrepid's heroes lay there in unmarked graves. The Longfellow Bridge spans the Charles River connecting Cambridge to Boston. It is said to be Continued on page 15



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## **16th Annual Irish Film Festival in Somerville**

#### By Charles Lane

Irish Film Festival (IFF), Boston presents a riveting lineup of events, screenings and awards at the 16th annual Irish Film Festival, from March 10 through 13 at Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, MA. A complete schedule of events is available at www.irishfilmfestival.com.

Celebrating with a theme of "16 in 16", representing the 16th anniversary this year, the festival features screenings of more than 45 films all presented at historic Somerville Theatre in Davis Square. Visiting Irish filmmakers and directors, special guests and a bevy of after-parties celebrate the culture of film from their homeland. IFF Boston announces its awards prior to the event, allowing directors, producers and actors to attend screenings and take part in post-screening talk backs. Renowned for an intimate atmosphere and extraordinary programming, the festival punches way above its weight, escalating each year. BA Events, who bring the renowned Ras na hEireann to the Somerville Theatre, continue their premiere sponsorship of the festival.

On Thursday, March 10, Director Mark Noonan appears at the screening of his debut feature film You're Ugly Too, this year's Best Breakthrough Feature Award winner and festival opener, a comedy/drama starring Aiden Gillen (Game of Thrones) and Lauren Kinsella (Albert Nobbs). First time filmmaker Kev Cahill's comedy More Than God is awarded Best Short Film and represents the best of Irish shorts 100 years after independence, on the wave of last year's historic gay marriage law. The film follows a religious man's attempts to uncover his wife's suspected affair.

The celebration kicks off with Mayor of Somerville Joseph Curtatone and special guest speaker and New York Times bestselling author Casey Sherman, renowned in Boston and



The 16th Annual Irish Film Festival, Boston kicks off on March 10 at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square, Somerville.

abroad for *The Finest Hours* (currently premiering as a major motion picture by Walt Disney Pictures), *Boston Strong* (the source of upcoming feature film *Patriot's Day* starring Mark Wahlberg), *Black Irish* and more. Sherman also regularly contributes to mainstream magazine publications and most major news networks.

On Friday, March 11, witness the New England premiere of Director's Choice Award winner *Older Than Ireland*. This landmark documentary delves into the story of a hundred years of a life as seen through the eyes of 30 Irish centenarians. Director Alex Fegan and Producer Garry Walsh will be on site for the screening. Director Andrew Kavanagh will appear at the screening of his short film and true story *City of Roses*, this years Director's Choice Short Film Award. *Continued on page 17* 

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26 Fairmount Ave	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 2h bath Colonial	60	\$1,389,900	\$1,350,000
Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:				
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
400 Broadway U:8	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	98	\$289,000	\$282,000
136 Broadway U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Half-Duplex	61	\$299,900	\$295,000
136 Broadway U:1 63 Waterhouse St U:5	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Half-Duplex 3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	61 39	\$299,900 \$315,000	\$295,000 \$310,000
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63 Waterhouse St U:5	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	39	\$315,000	\$310,000
63 Waterhouse St U:5 80 Webster U:1H	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden 4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	39 48	\$315,000 \$395,000	\$310,000 \$390,000

37 Dimick Street U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	16	\$538,000	\$545,000
26 Dartmouth St U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	55	\$539,900	\$538,500
47 Glen st U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	82	\$555,000	\$528,000
47 Glen St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath Townhouse	70	\$557,999	\$548,000
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Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
198 Summer Street	2 unit, 9 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	33	\$699,000	\$660,000
42 PURITAN RD	3 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	34	\$749,900	\$675,000
46 Church St	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	5	\$829,000	\$876,000
9 Parkdale Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$850,000	\$910,000
40 Atherton St	2 unit, 9 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	66	\$889,000	\$875,000
426 Norfolk Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	143	\$998,876	\$985,000
41 Columbus Ave	2 unit, 17 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	51	\$1,099,000	\$1,000,000
103 Marion Street	3 unit, 19 total room, 12 total bedroom 3 Family	83	\$1,249,900	\$1,050,000
98 Highland Rd	3 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	126	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
235-237 Holland Street	4 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 4 Family	36	\$1,675,000	\$1,625,000
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## Aeronaut: The laboratory for the machine

#### By Sal Ghamo

The idea breathes in every full glass of brew. The stills hide in plain sight, their responsible for the IPA's dripping off your collection of empty glasses, and now the steel reflection on those stills bounces between your grip and drags your focus to the back wall. Nostalgia screams it's light across a canvas, because where most pubs would have a cliche painting of some suds on the wall, this machine of an environment projects Super Mario onto it for the people to play. Live music, real music is everywhere. It's a sound that can only very suitably be measured in RPM's, because when you walk into Aeronaut Brewing Company you're witnessing the engine of a brewery, you're floating under the experimental hood, the laboratory for the machine.

I sat down with Ben Holmes along side two stout beers and an array of crudely sketched ideas for the day. The plans are scattered on drawing boards that are left out in the open for the people to see. Ben Holmes is one of three cofounders at Aeronaut. Ben went to Cornell studying physics. He spent a fair amount of time teaching physics in the Middle East in Qatar, after which he went to NASA to work for a year on Planetary Weather. Ben enrolled at MIT to study computer science, and left the institution twice by choice. The first time was to start a photo sharing startup with a friend and now Aeronaut co-founder Daniel Rassi.

He later went back to MIT to finish up some biotech material he was working on. In total, the Brewery was started by MIT PhD students Ben Holmes and Ronn Friedlander, as well as Yale PhD student Steve Reilly, and computer scientist Daniel Rassi.

The foundation and style of the brewery is partially dictated by the pre existing structure, which used to be an envelope company.

Ben briefly explained the history associated with the location. He stated, "There was a good period of time in the U.S. where if you got an envelope that stored an X-ray, a secure safe envelope, it was made in Somerville Massachusetts in an envelope company that was the size of ten football fields. The Ames envelope company was the largest employer in the entire city of Somerville. It disappeared 2005-2009." Ben explained to me how when envelopes became less popular they tried rebranding as a marketing company, but that didn't end up working out. Ben continued the explanation saying, "So it closed down, and all these beautiful empty warehouses that were used to process pulp into the paper that made secure



commented on Aeronaut's staff

medical envelopes became Aeronaut. Amongst 300,000 square feet of open space, Aeronaut was the last 10,000 to be filled."

I wanted to know if the space

and style of the brewery was on

purpose."It was on purpose that

we would rent a 12,000 square

foot warehouse, and open it up

to people's dreams, projects,

and ideas." Ben said, "It was also

on purpose that it was divided

down the long axis so that peo-

ple could be close to the manu-

factory. If you look around you'll

see Barismo, Somerville Chocolate, and if we walk down a little

bit you'll see Aeronaut Labs, and

you'll find that it's all open and

transparent. On the other side

you have projectors, and our

white boards from our brewery

meetings of the day. It was on

purpose to go to a place that was

exceptionally open and multi

purpose." The one component in

this enormous project that the

team did not have the ability to

know was what the purpose of

the all this space would be day

to day, prior to it's use. This con-

cept actually applies to "the user

experience" at Aeronaut. The

brewery acts as the studio for

stating, "they give everybody a shot and continually give individuals a space and a platform to host their own events, have lecture series, film making opportunities, and even internship opportunities." Aeronaut also plans to have open mic nights where people would perform in short sessions on Tuesday nights so they could get accustom to the sound system and the stage in general. Aeronaut isn't just a music venue though. Ben commented, "You don't just come here because of the act. [When you're here] Aeronaut becomes a cultural institution where you hang out for the feeling of it, as opposed to a late night venue where you go there because of the act."

This brewery isn't just a sanctuary for scripted acts, it's a platform for creativity that's driven to bolster the progression of the community. It does this by giving passionate individuals a platform to work, it's an opportunity to show their guts, an opportunity they may not have had elsewhere. Aeronaut is a functional bar for people, and you don't necessarily know what that function is going to be until you walk through the door. Ben said this about the brewery, "People come to Aeronaut because that's their community. We run the bar, we make the beer, we host the music, we create the art, we run the science lab, we host the manufacturers, we spend all our lives here, not exactly to create events, but more because it's just, it's our role in this community we have here. It's part of how this culture works." The rhythm that's developed in this community is entirely organic, it's a kind of free verse poetry. Other bar scenes might be the T.S. Eliot or the Robert Frost of Somerville,

— Photo by Sal Ghamo

but Aeronaut is the Bukowski, never afraid to speak the truth, and never afraid to let people be that truth.

The team is composed of 30 plus individuals. They make the beer, run the bar, clean up at night, book the bands, because as Ben stated, "Everyone understands the idea is to foster collaboration. We're all doing this thing for a higher purpose, which is to maintain a community space. We're supporting musicians, supporting artists, supporting fun community activities, and creating opportunity that's extremely open and extremely flexible." On February 3 at 5 p.m. Aeronaut held a fundraiser called Warren Aid. An amazing community figure named Continued on page 17



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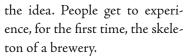
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> **Sunday March 13** Roy Sludge Trio 8 p.m.



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It's a platform for creative people, and in a way, you can see everything being built. Ben stated, "It's supposed to be looking fairly un produced, so that you can see the elemental bits and pieces that are actually doing the work." Erica Jones, a team member at SCATV and also the individual in charge of Aeronaut's Instagram page, has been a huge asset in building The Duck Village series (a pop up recording and broadcast venue for performing arts in the Aeronaut Brewing Company's taproom at 14 Tyler Street, Somerville). Erica briefly

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for House 151-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill al-Somerville: lowing a home improvement contractor to pay his or her



#### Rep. Christine Barber

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

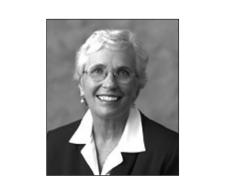


**Rep. Denise Provost DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Twenty-seventh Middlesex. - Consisting of precinct 3 of ward 2, all precincts of ward 3, precinct 3 of ward 4, and all precincts of wards 5 and 6, of the city of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex.



#### **Rep.** Timothy Toomey

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



House 151-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill allowing a home improvement contractor to pay his or her registration fee to the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation using a credit card. The contractor would also be responsible for paying any transaction fees charged by the credit card company. Current law allows these fees to be paid only by check.

Supporters said this pro-small business bill would cost the state nothing while expediting this process and bringing this payment system in the 21st century.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

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

#### PARK IMPROVEMENTS (H 3821)

House 153-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill creating a grant program to fund the rehabilitation and improvement of Olmsted Parks in cities and towns across the state. The program would establish a fund to accept money from public and private sources. Olmsted Parks are municipal parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted including the various green spaces of the Emerald Necklace in Boston and Brookline, Atwater Park and Forest Park in Springfield, Glen Magna Farms in Danvers, Lynn Woods in Lynn, Groton School in Groton, Elm Park in Worcester, D.W. Field Park in Brockton, Ruggles Park in Fall River and Buttonwood Park in New Bedford.

Supporters said this program would help rehabilitate and maintain these parks, which are historic components of the nation's system of conservation land.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

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

#### REQUIRE INSURERS TO COVER LIPODYS-TROPHY (S 2137)

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would require insurance companies to provide coverage for the treatment of lipodystrophy, a medical condition that can cause abnormal fat accumulation around the head and neck or excessive fat loss in the face and limbs. Lipodystrophy is associated with frequent injections at the same point on the body, such as injections of insulin, and it can be a side effect of the antiretroviral drugs used to treat HIV. **IMPROVE PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY (S 2138)** - The Senate gave initial approval to a bill that would ensure that confidential healthcare information is given only to the patient being treated and not to other family members who are on the same health insurance plan.

Supporters said some people on these plans do not seek medical or psychiatric care because they fear that confidential information will be provided to their spouse, child or parents who are also on the same plan. They argued that this proposal would encourage people to seek care for problems like sexually transmitted infections (STI), substance abuse, depression, domestic violence and other conditions a patient might wish to withhold from family members.

#### SMOKING BY POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS

(H 2257) - The House gave initial approval to legislation amending the current law that prohibits smoking by any police officer or firefighter hired after 1988. Current law also requires the firing of anyone who violates the ban. The bill would give violators an alternative to dismissal from their jobs by allowing them to enter a smoking cessation program and permitting their firing only upon a second offense.

**SCOTUS** - The Senate postponed action until March 4 on resolutions urging members of the U.S. Senate to fulfill their constitutional responsibility by holding a hearing and a vote on President Obama's expected nomination of a Supreme Court justice to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia. The Republican leadership in the U.S. Senate has vowed not to take up the president's nominee and feel that whoever wins the November 2016 presidential election should nominate the next justice.

Supporters of the resolutions said it is unfair and undemocratic that the court remains short a member until next year. They argued that Obama is still the president and the Senate should fulfill its responsibility vote on his nominee.

Supporters of postponing consideration of the resolutions said that the Massachusetts Senate should focus on working on state issues and noted there are many important bills being worked on that should take precedence over these toothless regulations.

## VACCINATE AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH (S 2074) - The House gave initial approval to Senate-ap-

proved legislation requiring hospitals to provide parents of newborns educational information on pertussis, commonly referred to as whooping cough and the availability of a vaccine to protect against it. It would also require the information to include the Center for Disease Control's recommendation that parents receive the preventative vaccine, called TDAP, during the postpartum period to protect their newborns from the disease

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

**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of February 22-26.

HOME CONTRACTOR LICENSES (H 4022)

Supporters said this requirement would help improve the lives of many people afflicted with the condition. They argued that fat accumulation from lipodystrophy sometimes causes serious head and neck pain, the inability to sleep, and posture issues. They noted that excessive fat loss can result in "facial wasting," a clear sign to others that an individual has HIV. They said that many insurance companies currently deny coverage for this treatment and that some companies falsely describe the treatment as cosmetic surgery.

(A"Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

Supporters cited the decrease in the number of people who have been vaccinated against whooping cough and the recent rise in the number of cases of the disease in the Bay State and nationally. They noted that infants are the most vulnerable to this serious illness, which often leads to hospitalization and can be fatal.

LIQUOR FOR NONPROFITS (H 248) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow nonprofit organizations to accept donations of alcoholic beverages from individuals, manufacturers, wholesalers, and/or package stores, to be served at their charitable

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events. Under current law, nonprofits are required to buy alcoholic beverages for their events from a limited list of wholesalers.

Supporters said current restrictions place an enormous financial burden on nonprofits because they require them to spend significant sums on alcoholic beverages from a small, restrictive list of suppliers rather than using beverages donated from any source available to the public.

EYEWITNESSES (H 4014) - The House gave initial approval to a bill designed to improve the accuracy of eyewitness identification procedures. The measure requires local police and state police to implement a written policy consistent with one to be developed by the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association for local officers, and by the colonel of the state police for state police officers.

The proposal prohibits the lineup supervisor from knowing the suspect's identity. This is designed to prevent the supervisor from providing intentional or inadvertent verbal or nonverbal cues to influence the information provided by an eyewitness.

Other provisions include requiring that there be at least four non-suspects in any live lineup and five non-suspects in any photo lineup; requiring that these non-suspects match the description of the perpetrator provided by the eyewitness; instructing witnesses that the perpetrator may or may not be present in the lineup; and requiring that any procedure in which law enforcement officials present an eyewitness with a single suspect for identification must be conducted within two hours of the witness' original observation of the offender.

Supporters said incorrect eyewitness identifications account for the majority of wrongful convictions overturned by post-conviction DNA evidence. They argued that inaccurate eyewitness identifications can result in a loss of critical time when police focus attention on innocent people rather than on justifiable suspects.

#### BAN LEAD IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY (H 253)

- House gave initial approval to legislation that would require all children's jewelry sold in the Bay State to meet certain federal safety standards.

Supporters said a child who swallows or licks jewelry containing lead or cadmium is at high risk of developing very serious and potentially life-threatening health problems including kidney, bone and liver disease.

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POET LAUREATE (H 2927) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would create the position of Poet Laureate of the Commonwealth. The poet laureate would serve a two-year term and would act as a public emissary and advocate for poetry in the state. The unpaid position would be filled by gubernatorial appointment. This proposal has been offered for many years without significant opposition but it has never garnered enough support to be passed by both branches of the Legislature.

**SPECIAL DAYS** – The House gave initial approval to several bills designating special days in Massachusetts including the last day of February as Rare Disease Day (H 2709), September 13th as Uncle Sam Day in commemoration of Sam Wilson, who was born in Arlington (H 2742), the third Saturday of October as Massachusetts Minutemen and Militia Day (H 2790), June 16 as Domestic Workers' Rights Day (H 2793) and the first Monday of May as School Crossing Guard Day (H 3626).

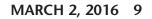
IT'S (ALMOST) OFFICIAL!- The House also gave initial approval to proposals designating the Spring Peeper as the state's official amphibian (H 2729) and Bell's Seasoning as the official seasoning (H 2796). Bell's Seasoning, created in 1867 by Boston inventor William Bell, is manufactured in East Weymouth.

Most of these types of measures are filed on behalf of students in schools as a way of teaching them about the legislative process.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"I thought the previous administration stunk, and I don't think they knew what they were doing and I don't think they cared." — Rep. Angelo Scaccia (D-Boston), the longest serving members of the House, complimenting Republican Gov. Charlie Baker's Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders, and criticizing ex-Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick's administration handling of key issues in the Office of Health and Human Services.

"Insurance companies, without this legislation, will continue to deny coverage based on nonsense claims that treatment for lipodystrophy is a so called 'cosmetic' procedure. This is disingenuous and insulting for those who suffer from this condition." - Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) on Senate passage of his bill that would require insurance companies to provide coverage for the treatment of lipodystrophy, a disease that can be a side effect of drugs used to treat HIV.





"Doing so will benefit young adults remaining on their parents' health insurance plans, along with victims of domestic abuse and others who may wish for the services they receive to be kept confidential." - Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow) on Senate passage of his bill that would ensure that confidential healthcare information is only given to a patient being treated and not to other family members who are on the same insurance plan.

"These students invested their hopes and dreams in this program, but instead paid thousands of dollars for an ineffective, low-quality education that failed to provide a path to a nursing career." — Attorney General Maura Healey on her lawsuit against Hosanna College of Health, alleging that it operated without a license, misrepresented its training programs and targeted the Haitian community.

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 February 22-26, the House met for a total of five hours and 2 minutes and the Senate met for a total of two hours and 4 minutes.

Mon. February 22	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.
Tues. February 23	No House session No Senate session
Wed. February 24	House 10:59 a.m. to 3:29 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. February 25	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. Senate 1:34 p.m. to 3:31 p.m.
Fri. February 26	No House session

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#### Johnny D's prepares for farewell festivities CONT. FROM PG 1

p.m. for two short sets by Revolutionary Snake Ensemble and Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society Brass Band. That is the time to get your drinks (the kitchen will not be open), and get ready for the parade. The bands will be takin' it to the streets, along with the patrons. The owners will be there, marching from the club into Davis Square and locking the doors behind them. The first 500 people to arrive will get a printed Second Line handkerchief to wave in the parade.

All nights are free entry to the public. Johnny D's will not be taking reservations

this weekend, as they will presumably be chockfull of loyal customers. Tables will be first come, first served, and there is plenty of standing room. Friday and Saturdays are 21+ after 9:00 p.m.

The owners and staff encourage everyone to come celebrate with them: "This will be a memory for a lifetime and it would mean so much to us if you came along our last journey. Johnny D's greatness is a culmination of all of us. We thank you all for being the best customers and supporters ever and we look forward to celebrating and bidding a proper farewell with you!"



## COMMENTARY

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## Tackling Somerville's 600,000-ton carbon footprint



#### By Joseph A. Curtatone

Given Somerville's industrial past, we're no strangers to cleanup operations. Almost every development in the city involves some type of brownfields recovery and we've been steadily reviving the water quality in the Mystic River for decades. I remember in my youth when litter was a lot more prevalent, not just in Somerville but everywhere, and your nose used to fill with soot from the local air pollution. Our city and American society in general has gotten a lot cleaner in my lifetime ... except when it comes to greenhouse gases.

Maybe it's because we can't see carbon dioxide and methane, and because their impact is global, that we've been slow to identify and fix greenhouse gas pollution. Yet make no mistake, greenhouse gasses are every bit as much pollution as pouring filth into our waterways or filling up our air with smog. We need to reduce and ultimately eliminate our local carbon footprint. Somerville has set a Net Zero 2050 goal. That means we will be carbon neutral by mid-century. We can and will do it. We don't have to wait for federal and state government to take action. This is an area where we can lead the charge at the local level.

I'm proud to say we've reached our first major milestone toward our Net Zero 2050 goal with our first municipal Green House Gas (GHG) Inventory. The inventory includes both private and public emissions and we collected the data for calendar year 2014. It's a critical step because you can't solve a problem you don't understand. A GHG baseline gives us a way to target our cleanup efforts and measure our progress. Hopefully this kind of data will be standard for every city and town within the next decade, but Somerville is an early adopter on this and it gives us a head start on doing our part at a local level.

Our GHG emissions for 2014 were 609,565 metric tons. More than two-thirds of it comes from building needs like electricity, heating and cooling. It would take a forest 185 times Somerville's size to absorb all our carbon emissions for one year. That translates to almost 600 square miles of forest needed to pull in the carbon just from our one small city. That's almost twice the size of the area inside Greater Boston's 128 belt. Obviously we don't have that kind of space, so innovation and conservation will be our keys to success.

We broke the measurement up into community and local government inventories. On the community side, we pumped out 609,565 metric tons of GHG. To avoid those emissions, it would take 139,000 homes converting to solar systems, which is four times the number of homes in the city. Building energy accounted for most of those emissions (64%), with fossil fuels we use for home heating - natural gas and oil - leading the carbon load. Another 34% of our community emissions come from transportation, with 98% of those coming from road vehicles. It is a leading reason why it is critically important to reintroduce rail mass transit through the heart of our densely populated city. People are driving more and pumping more carbon into our atmosphere because they don't have a more viable public transportation alternative. More GHG-friendly cars will help the issue, yet the Green Line extension will put a huge dent in those emissions.

The local government inventory is much lower at 23,260 tons. Emissions from the City government operations are 4% of our community's emissions. A whopping 85% of that comes from our municipal buildings, followed by public lighting and on-road vehicles at 6% each. When we look into the municipal building emissions, 65% of those come from our schools,

and most of that is from the oil and gas we burn for heat. Part of taking this inventory means tackling our GHG elephants when we identify them. Currently we are looking at major renovations to or a complete rebuild of Somerville High School. One of the driving factors in seeking a modern building, in addition to meeting educational needs, is increasing energy and fuel efficiency of one of the City's largest buildings. We can-and we must-meet our community responsibility to educate our children and be responsible global citizens at the same time.

We are taking other actions to reduce our carbon load now. All of our street lights will be converted to energy efficient LED bulbs in 2016, reducing our GHG inventory by approximately 600 metric tons, and we will continue to add electric vehicles to our municipal fleet. Each small step we take in the right direction adds up to a larger gain. Residents can get a free home energy assessment through the Continued on page 20

## Waiting for the STEAM Academy



#### By William C. Shelton

Some people fondly remember high school as a time of increasing freedom, new learning experiences, youthful hijinks, and shared adventures. Others less so.

enable focus.

And being unable to focus produces in the ADDer a painful tension and restlessness that can be relieved by creating one's own stimulus. So I was frequently in the principal's office and detention-the former stimulating, the latter, worse than class.

Much of my homework never got done. Trying to solve equations whose methodology I didn't absorb in class, or reading boring text to prepare for novative learning environments, offering kids who struggle within a traditional classroom, as I did, the opportunity to excel.

STEM is an acronym for "science, technology, engineering, and mathematics." It came into popular use when the National Science Foundation began spreading the word that we have to step up our educational effectiveness to be economically competitive and prepare our young people to earn a good living.

what they've learned.

As they repeat the cycle, they will take on larger and lengthier projects. To accomplish that, they will need to learn many of the same subjects that they would in a traditional classroom, but in a way that is compelling, proactive, and stays with them. A student can't transform from classroom pupil to independent investigator overnight. So eighth-graders will spend much of their time in struc-

work was a futile exercise producing an abiding sense of failure, I think that's great. And it's great because some kids get lots of homework help at home, while others get none.

You may be wondering how students' learning accomplishments will be assessed without narrowly defined subjects and letter grades. One answer is regular diagnostic tests that gauge their readiness for the MCAS and the SAT.

More interesting is interviews with them and critiques of their project work. These will both guide their ongoing learning and be integrated into individualized transcripts. SSA will recruit through yeararound outreach, offering free in-school, after-school and vacation programming. SSA will select among among applicants using lotteries that are academically, economically and demographically weighted to match Somerville High's student body. So half of SSA enrollees will be in the bottom half of their cohort's MCAS test performance or attendance rates. Half will be girls, and half, boys.

For me it was miserable. I had undiagnosed attention deficit disorder, which I believe is misnamed. It ought to be called "variable attention disorder."

The problem isn't that people with ADD can't concentrate. If something is sufficiently stimulating, we can concentrate longer and more intensely than folks who don't have ADD.

In fact, being able to focus is an ever present need. So our attention is drawn to whatever is most stimulating in the environment rather than what is most important. Classroom instruction, while important, is often not sufficiently stimulating to a test instead of to answer interesting questions created the same tension.

It was easier to relieve or avoid that distress by roaming the city, engaging in conversations, listening to music, or reading science fiction novels. And if I could avoid going to class, I did. My parents and teachers told me that I was "lazy" and an "underachiever." They had the evidence to prove it. If memory serves, when I left school I had a C- grade-point average.

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These days I'm stimulated by contemplating the Somerville STEAM Academy's (SSA's) design and potential. It promises to be one of the nation's most inSubsequently, Rhode Island

School of Design President John Maeda made the case that, "art and design are poised to transform our economy in the 21st century like science and technology did in the last century. Adding art and design to STEM to create STEAM will keep America competitive." Hence: the STEAM Academy.

Instead of requiring students to passively absorb information, SSA intends to make them independent investigators. In order to answer questions or solve problems that they care about, they will design projects that engage them, gather required resources, manage required tasks, and then document and share

tured seminars.

But as they move through high school, they will increasingly perform project and studio work, and then conduct open-ended collaborative projects. Throughout, they will be trained in test taking, communications, analysis, and synthesis. SSA staff will periodically assess which elements of the Common Core students absorbed as they conducted projects, and how future projects can enable them to fill in the gaps. In accomplishing this, the

kids will spend more time in school-from 10:00 to 5:00, year around. But there will be no homework.

As someone for whom home-

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## COMMENTARY

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

#### **Illustrated by Jim Clark**



The mayor is getting an earful lately from those who are against the Wynn Casino lawsuits.

## **Our View Of The Times**



enues generated and jobs to be created would more than make up for certain other inconveniences that might be felt if the casino goes up. Others are not so sure, and plead for cautious action.

It's hard to tell how all this will shake out in the end. It seems like the saga of the Everett casino will be a never-ending one. Let's certainly hope not.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Sometimes it seems like you can't win for

losing. Especially when the fight itself is

Take, for example, the case of the City of

Somerville vs. the proposed Wynn Casi-

no in the city of Everett. There seem to be

plenty of people shouting pros and cons

over both sides of the fence, with solid

sounding arguments to back up their re-

fraught with controversy.

the better question is when was the last time the city recommended a tax reduction?

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The Board of Aldermen unanimously recommended a proposal by Alderman Bill White that the city's stand on 40% commercial and 60% residential be reversed to 67% commercial and 33% residential, which all the alderman present voted to be part of that proposal. A public hearing will soon be held and it looks pretty good that the aldermen who will have the final say will in the end have the final say on the proposed parts of Union Square, Boynton Yards and Innerbelt area.

spective positions.

And some have very strong feelings when it comes to whether or not the project should go ahead as planned or extensively reworked, or even scrapped altogether.

Mayor Curtatone puts forward some very convincing arguments against allowing the planned resort to become a reality.

These issues have been heavily publicized and discussed for years, from the proposed project's very inception.

And now the two opposing sides are at full loggerheads, with very costly lawsuits underway, and a lot of important ramifications in the offing, whichever way the matter is ultimately decided.

A lot of people are saying that the rev-

day for himself as well. \*\*\*\*\*

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. \*\*\*\*\*

Those who might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They offer an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course.

the date and make your plans to attend. You won't be disappointed.

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The Mayor of Medford had her first fundraiser since taking office early in January, and when asked how her two months in office felt, she was very pleased and excited for her term.

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The Norton Group's buyer's seminar went off well. Several residents showed up and the seminar went over big time with everyone being happy with the presentation. Another one will be held in April in time for the market, as well as a seller's seminar.

The Somerville High School Science Department invites parents/guardians, younger students and their families, teachers, and community members, to the 2016 SHS Science & Engineering Fair Exhibition Night on March 3, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Come view student science fair research projects and listen to presentations. View the projects at your leisure from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and an informal awards ceremony will follow at 5:30pm at the SHS Auditorium. A host will greet you at the school's main entrance and escort you up to the science project area. \*\*\*\*\* Tufts Hillel hosts its annual Read by the River event on March 6 for students in grades K-5. The event takes place from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at the Gantcher Center at Tufts University, 161 College Avenue, Medford. Parents must accompany child. Students are encouraged to bring a "Read by the River" Book report that includes the students' name, book title, and short responses to the following questions: (1) What was the plot summary? (2) Who was your favorite character, and why? (3) What was one lesson you learned from the book? Download a simple one-page book report form from the SPS website Calendar of Events event listing (www. somerville.k12.ma.us/events).

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy Birthday to Christine Resmini here in the city. We hope she had a great day for herself. Happy birthday to Peter Miller, a well-known activist and one of Somerville's dedicated residents over the years. Happy birthday also to another local popular guy, Steve Buckley, of the famous Buckley's of East Somerville. We wish Steve the very best of birthdays, especially in his new home still in East Somerville. Happy birthday to Chris Haskell of Winter Hill who is a nice guy and very smart. We hope he has a great

#### \*\*\*\*\*

The East Somerville Reunion is being planned for this coming June 25 at the Somerville City Club, across from Holiday Inn. They have a Facebook page set up to take reservations: East Somerville Reunion 2016. The first reunion was very successful, with well over a 100 people attending, and lots of old friendships were restarted. If you grew up in East Somerville in the 60's, 70's and 80's you should set aside

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"World Cup Bull Riders" is coming to New England at the Shriner's Auditorium, 99 Fordhum Rd, Wilmington, MA. "World cup Bull Riders" is a great event with 30 World Cup Bull Riders competing for the Gold Buckle. Come see three time world champion Kenny Churchill ride. This event has something for every member of the family, like kids pony rides, rodeo Clowns, Live Bands and etc.. The event will take place May 6 at 7 p.m. and May 7 at noon and 7 p.m. In Somerville you can purchase tickets at Vinny's At Night, 76 Broadway. For more information call 857-249-781. \*\*\*\*\*

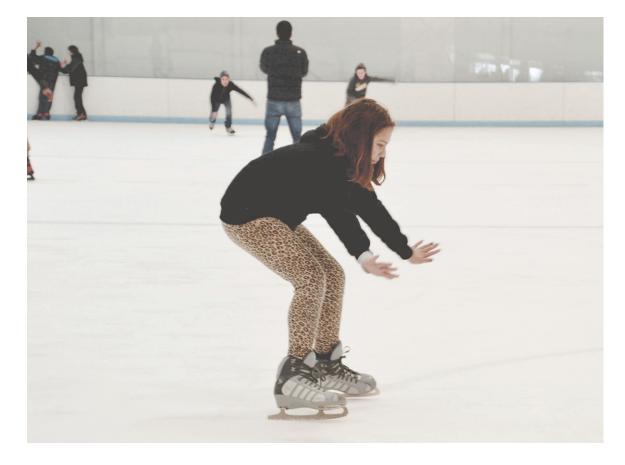
## **ESCS** on ice

Ms. McMartin's 6th grade class from the East Somerville Community School went skating at the Simoni Rink in Cambridge last week. A fun time was had by novices and pros alike.













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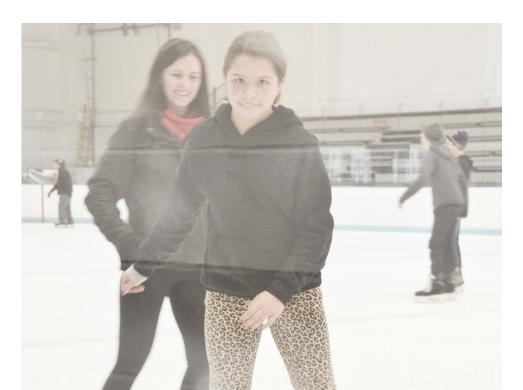


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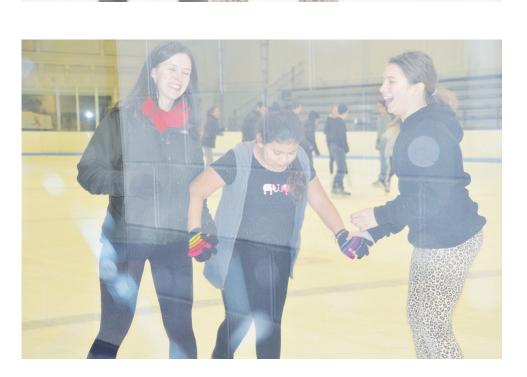
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## **SPORTS**

## **Prospect Hill Academy enters tourney undefeated**

#### **By Brian Harris**

The undefeated Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards will take their perfect record of 16-0 into post-season play on Friday, March 4, at 4 pm at the Clark Athletic Center on the campus of U Mass Boston. This will kick-off the quarter-finals of the 2015-2016 Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO) Girls' Basketball State Tournament. Their opponent will be the winner of a preliminary round contest between two high schools from Hyde Park-the Academy of the Pacific Rim (9-3) and Boston Prep (8-4).

The Lady Wizards are led by Niah Carvalho, a starting

Ms. Cam's

Senior forward, and coached by Brian Harris, who is in his fourth season at the helm after 18 campaigns at Somerville High School. Rounding out the PHA starting five are Junior guard Agar Felix, Sophomore small forward Fabiana Paul, Freshman center Kaleesha Joseph and Freshman guard Ashley Cadet. Carvalho and Paul anchor the defense for the Lady Wizards who are holding teams to fewer than 22 points per game. Felix, Joseph and Cadet are the team's three leading scorers and combine for over 30 points per contest on a team that averages almost 50 points per game. All three are returning all-stars and have again been nominated for those same



The Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards go into post-season play with a perfect undefeated record of 16-0.

#### honors this year.

Additionally, PHA boasts a strong and long bench of specialists who can spell the starters when needed for short or long stretches. These reserves include, but are not limited to, Sarah Blaise, a fleet-footed Senior forward and scorer, Marley Durham, a Junior guard and shut down 1-on-1 defender who excels on the soccer field, Tracy Beauvois, a Junior rebound-machine forward with three point shooting range, Imani Dottin, a Sophomore center who controls the defensive middle and Sarah Merina, a Sophomore guard who has moments of dominance on both sides of the ball. Also contributing when called upon are Karenah Harewood, a senior; Thais Valesquez, Katelynne Quinones, Carla Minoche and Semhar Habtom, all sophomores and Fatima Benmimoun, a freshman.

Assisting Harris with coaching duties at PHA are John Collins, Correen (Roby) Demers and Sarah Wickham on the varsity team, Nayahra Resendes on the junior varsity team and Katie Harris on the middle school team. Collins followed Harris from Somerville High to Prospect Hill. Demers and Katie Harris played for the coach at Somerville High. Resendes is a PHA graduate. Wickham recently moved to Somerville after a college basketball career at the University of Tampa in Florida.

PHA is the #1 seed in Division 1 of the MCSAO. Other schools representing Division I in the tournament in their order of finish are KIPP Academy (Lynn), Pioneer Charter School of Science (Everett), Foxborough Reginal Charter (Foxboro), Boston Collegiate (Boston) and South School Charter Public (Norwell). In addition to Pacific Rim and Boston Prep, Division 2 of the MCSAO will be represented by Kennedy Health Careers (Boston), Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School (Holyoke), Community Charter School of Cambridge and Pioneer Charter School of Science II (Saugus).

The winner of Friday's tilt will be back at U Mass Boston on Saturday, March 5, for a tournament semi-final game that will start at 1:30 p.m.

Dlio **Olio** - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. What was the name of the holiday invented by George's father as an alternative to Christmas in the TV show Seinfield?

2. Also from Seinfield, what was notable about the baby they went to see in the Hamptons?

3. Hormones and glands are what part of the bodily system?

4. The official name of this statuette is the Academy Award of Merit, but is better known as what?

5. What is the bet on the first, second, and thirdplace winners in exact order called?

traditionally celebrated on

7. What movie did Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway star in as real

December 26?

life bank robbers?

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8. Who was the first woman nominated and confirmed to serve as the United States Attorney General?

9. What is used to measure the height of horses?

10. What was the pen name of the author of the poem Jabberwocky?

## Somerville Middle School wins Championship

11. What 13-letter word means lacking life, spirit or zest;languid?

12. Who was the young-6. What British holiday is est man to receive the Nobel Peace prize? Answers on page 17

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Somerville Middle School Team won their 2015-2016 Valley League Championship lead by Coaches Sergio Amaral and John Donovan over the Bedford Junior Bucks in Haverhill on Sunday night. They ended the season with a 10-4-1 record.

## Etienne places at championship meet



Somerville High Senior Gabrielle Etienne placed third in the Shot Put at the New England High School Track Championships held on Sunday, February 28 at the Reggie Lewis Center. Etienne's best throw of 40'9.5" came on her final throw in the competition and moved her into third place. Etienne holds the Somerville High Shot Put record with her throw of 40' 11.5" at the Massachusetts State Finals.



## What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Somerville Neighborhood News #59 was election heavy! Stories focused on engaging young voters to polling to local presidential candidate canvassing teams. In SNN #59, we explore how two thirds of Somerville residents are renters, and many of those are young and have no ties to the city, and no political involvement. Getting young voters to participate is good for them and for the process. Young Somerville takes on the issue. Find out more on this topic in SNN #59!



Another story focuses on local grassroots canvassers. Political icon Tip O'Neill coined the phrase, "All Politics is Local." Even in a presidential election knocking on doors and manning the phones to ask for votes is an integral part of the campaign. SNN hits the sidewalk with some volunteer campaigners.

These stories and more in the latest *Somerville Neighborhood Newscast*. You can watch Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on SCATV Ch. 3 or online at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org. *Somerville Neighborhood News* is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative news-cast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents.

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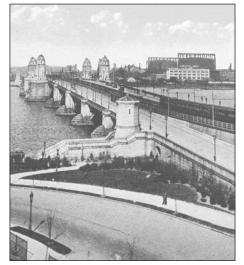
Local Stop & Shop employees took a bus to go to a negotiation meeting at Lombardo's in Randolph on Sunday. Their current contract ended on Saturday, so a negotiation meeting was arranged. While no strike is underway at the moment, the employees voted to authorize one if necessary.

– Photo by Claudia Ferro

## Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

the most beautiful in New England. Currently under detailed restoration, the bridge honors the renowned poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Henry's mother named him after his uncle, her brother, Lieutenant Henry Wadsworth, who died with Captain Somers at Tripoli.

Somerville records cite that their city's naming was "purely fanciful." Numerous encyclopedias and other reference books from the 1800's to current day claim that Somerville was named after Master Commandant Richard Somers. I think they are right.





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PLANNING DIVISION

#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on <u>Wednesday, March 16, 2016</u> at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

40 Pitman St: (Case #ZBA 2014-19-R1-0216) Applicant and Owner, 40 Pitman, LLC, seeks a Revision to a Special Permit under SZO §5.3.8 to construct two head houses for rooftop access. BA Zone. Ward 3.

39 Oxford St: (Case #ZBA 2016-01) Applicants, Kevin Emory & Eamon Fee, and Owners, William & Gail Chambers, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to substantially alter a non-conforming structure to construct a townhouse. RA zone. Ward 3.

<u>363 Highland Ave</u>: (Case #ZBA 2016-14) Applicant & Owner Altitude Properties, LLC seek a Special Permit to expand floor area of office use over 10,000 sf within the same building footprint. CBD zone. Ward 6.

<u>70 Inner Belt Rd</u>: (Case #ZBA 2016-15) Applicant & Owner CoreSite Real Estate 70 Inner Belt, LLC seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) (ZBA2007-63) under SZO §5.3.8 in order to alter the site plan for mechanical equipment. The original SPSR was for the expansion of an existing 22,667 sf data storage use (§7.11.15.1.c) within the second floor of an existing building for a total of 61,436 s.f. Prior revisions include ZBA 2007-63-R0308, ZBA 2007-63-R0808 & ZBA 2007-R2(8/2011) which consisted of increasing the use by approx 141,000 sf and altering the site and facade. JA zone. Ward 1.

<u>7 Gould Ave</u>: (Case #ZBA 2016-16) Applicant & Owner, Alex Van Praagh seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding a second level rear addition. RB zone. Ward 3.

99-101 Bailey Rd: (Case #ZBA 2016-17) Applicant & Owner, Wesley Tate seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by increasing the FAR through the addition of dormers. RA zone. Ward 4.

<u>93 Hudson St</u>: (Case #ZBA 2016-18) Applicant, Al Weisz, and Owners, Rachael & Al Weisz, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1. to alter a nonconforming single-family house to add an approx. 90 sf rear addition and shed dormer. RB zone. Ward 5.

10 Beech St #1: (Case #ZBA 2016-19) Applicants and Owners, Elina & Jonas Heese, seek a Variance under SZO §5.6.5.c to construct a 6-foot fence along the front and left property lines. RB Zone. Ward 6.

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



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#### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the draft Section 61 Finding for the Wynn Everett Casino project (<u>EEA No. 15090</u>).

WHERE: State Transportation Building 10 Park Plaza Boston, MA 02116 Transportation Library (2nd Floor)

WHEN: Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM

PURPOSE: The draft Section 61 Finding for the Wynn Everett Casino project was published in the Environmental Monitor on February 10, 2016. Written comments on the draft are due to MassDOT on or before February 25. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the draft Section 61 Finding, re view the written comments that have been received, and provide the public the opportunity to make additional comments. Comments made during the public comment period and at the hearing will be reviewed and considered in the development of the final Section 61 Finding.



#### **Request for Qualifications**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Manager at Risk for the renova-tion/reuse of the historic 19th century water works building on a 1.1 acre site that is part of the larger Capen Court campus, an affordable senior living complex operated by the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA). The project will create 25 affordable, one bedroom units and common areas. Construction will consist of retaining the existing facades and removing the interior structure and inserting a new 24,000 square foot, 2 story structure plus partial basement. The historic exterior will be restored to National Park Service standards for certified historic structures.

This Request For Qualifications is the first phase of a two-phase procurement process set out in MGC Ch. 149A. The SHA will evaluate Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFQ. SHA intends to invite the three top rated firms to submit a proposal in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be issued in the second phase of procurement. Please contact Dani Letitia at Pinck & Company

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Assembly Row Block 5 (400-499 Assembly Row) : (Case #PB 2014-34-R2-0216) Applicant and Owner, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A #PB2014-34 under SZO §5.3.8 in order to build an approx. 226,637 sf building with façade changes and 132 residential units, approx. 21,000 sf retail space, 103 underground parking spaces, & 86 surface spaces. The original permit was for final level approval of "Block 5" (identified as MBL 85-A-12) of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014. Applicant and owner received approval under SZO Article \$16.8.3 and \$5.2 to construct a mixed-use building with approx. 20.000 sf retail/restaurant space. 104 residential units, 155 hotel units and approx. 181 parking spaces. The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP. The residential development is subject to inclusionary housing requirements. The Applicant and Owner also received waivers (S.Z.O. §6.4.12 & 16.5.5) for fewer loading spaces than required under \$9.16.3 and \$9.7, submission of a landscape and screening plan under §5.3.2.10, and from regulations of forthcoming zoning amendments as permitted by \$16.10.2 of the SZO. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by 10 Emerson LLC: 1) to demolish a c.1870 wood frame house at 10 Emerson Street.



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The draft Section 61 Finding is available from the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office website <a href="http://web1.env.state.ma.us/">http://web1.env.state.ma.us/</a> <u>EEA/emepa/emonitor.aspx</u> or from J. Lionel Lucien, P.E., Manager, Public/Private Development Unit, MassDOT, at <a href="lionel.lucien@dot.state.ma.us">lionel.lucien@dot.state.ma.us</a>.

The location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (<u>MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us</u>). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <a href="http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/">http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/</a> Highway/

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Legal Notices can be downloaded from our Web site: www.TheSomervilleTimes.com 617-445-3335 Ext 328 617-445-3511 dletitia@pinck-co.com RFQ available on Wednesday, March 2nd at 10 AM from Dani Letitia.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAMM) in the category General Building Construction. General Bidders must include a current DCAMM Prime Contractor Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Prime Contractor Update Statement.

General RFQ deadline for submission is March 23rd,2016 at 2:00 PM

For additional information regarding this project contact Dani Letitia, information above.

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The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@ somervillema.gov.

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## **The Somerville Times** 16th Annual Irish Film Festival in Somerville CONT. FROM PG 6

Irish Consul General Fionnuala Quinlan opens the evening's events.

Saturday, March 12 showcases a screening of laboriously created Global Vision Documentary awardee Unbreakable: The Mark Pollock Story. Created over the course of six years, the remarkable film tells the deeply personal story of a couple rebuilding their lives after a traumatic accident. The film challenges and highlights global issues through a uniquely Irish perspective. Director Ross Whitaker makes an appearance at the screening, followed by a talk back. Throughout the remainder of the weekend, popular short film screenings are held featuring contemporary Irish talent.

known Irish comedian and actor Pat Shortt, on site for a retrospective of his film work including the feature *Garage* by 2016 Oscar®-nominated director Lenny Abrahamson and comedic short film *Space Man Three*, offering some behind the scenes commentary on both films. On Saturday night, Simon Fitzmaurice's life affirming coming-of-age road movie *My Name is Emily* makes its U.S. premiere starring Harry Potter's Evanna Lynch.

Sunday, March 13 delivers an array of film screenings marking the 100th anniversary of Ireland's Easter Rising in 1916. Supported by Culture Ireland as part of Ireland's 2016 centenary, the festival proudly hosts the U.S. premiere of After '16 Program, a one-off short film initiative to commemorate, celebrate and ruminate the landmark occasion. Commissioned by Bord Scannán na hÉireann/ the Irish Film Board (IFB), nine short films are scheduled for screening. Also on tap, Neil Jordan's historical biopic of Irish revolutionary Michael Collins celebrates its 20th anniversary at the festival. Collins led a guerrilla war against the UK, helped negotiate the creation of the Irish Free State, and led the National Army during the Irish Civil War. The film stars famed actors Liam Neeson, Aidan Quinn and Julia Roberts. Calling on the women of Ireland, The Woman's' Council - Women of the Revolution screens on Sunday afternoon, showing with recently discovered first Irish sound film *A Night of Storytelling* by Robert Flaherty, from the Harvard Film Archive.

Closing the festival brings festivities stateside with *The Mayor* of Boston, My Son, a documentary about Boston's own Mayor Marty Walsh, followed by the film *Klondike*, a unique Irish language western tale featuring Walsh's own Connemara home town of Ros Muc, Ireland.

A traditional Irish music session closes out the weekend of events at The Burren in Davis Square, 247 Elm Street, Somerville, on Sunday evening. "We are very fortunate to have such a great selection of films and talented film makers again in our midst in Boston," says Festival Director, Dawn Morrissey. "Stay tuned for some surprise guests, we never know who may turn up!"

Tickets to each Irish Film Festival screening are \$15 for opening night and \$12 for all other screenings online or at the box office. An All-Access Festival Pass (allowing entrance to all screenings and receptions) is available for \$85. Tickets are available online or at the Somerville Theatre box office from March 10 through 13. The Somerville Theatre is handicap accessible, street side parking is available. For more information including the complete schedule of events, or to order tickets, please visit www.irishfilmfestival.com, follow us on Facebook, or search the Festival hashtag #irishfilmfest16 on Twitter.

## Aeronaut: The laboratory for the machine 🗠

Warren Goldstein-Gelb, that's helped so many families and individuals in Somerville, suffered from a severe stroke. A friend of Ben Holmes named Chris Mancini, who runs a non profit company called Ground Works Somerville, was looking for a location to host a benefit event to help his family pay for medical costs and help him come back from his stroke.

Special guests include well-

The company decided to host the event at Aeronaut. They worked with Ben's project manager Michael to build the event, and by the end of the event they had raised \$20,000 to help War-

ren and his family. Ben said to me, "In this case, Aeronaut didn't reach out to create that event, but instead made themselves available in a time of need. We facilitated with everything. We found community cooks who wanted to come, we used projectors we happened to have, we used the audio system that we built for bands, we used the bar we built for beer, the doorman we hire cause we host music shows, and in the end all that attributed to servicing a fundraiser event." The days after the event the brewery was hosting filming interns, and the day after that they were hosting the release of a new chocolate Erica built from whole beans of cacao. Ben Stated, "People now identify that if you want to do something that's not by the books in the city of Somerville, you do it in Aeronaut." In other words, the style is idiosyncratic, fitting in the places they don't necessarily "fit in".

Ben introduced me to Aeronaut Lab, a science facility where the team studies and grows yeast. Ben told me a little bit about a recent development in the lab that pertains to community outreach. Ben stated, "We actually just helped a girl with CONT. FROM PG 7

a high school project. She was making pickles in a whole bunch of different acidities and she wanted to figure out which ones spoiled and which ones didn't." Ben also showed me the Tasting Counter, which is an innovative restaurant in Somerville that's a part of Aeronaut. The restaurant was created by Peter Ungár, it holds a seating every night with nine different courses, and nine pairings of wine or beer or sake. It's a fixed menu experience where they cook the food right in front of you.

At the end of the night Ben thanked the band Populace and

Jennifer Matthews for their amazing performances. Ben also thanked everyone in the brewery for their support because that's what Aeronaut's about. It's about the people all working together on a machine that'll never find it's final form because, it'd be a shame if it did.

You can watch the Duck Village Stage Sessions on You-Tube: https://www.youtube. com/playlist?list=PLRDs-5gK-I0rtAPEpYOP1MjaX-FzYFID\_x

Weekly videos will be shown on the big screens at 10pm when they go live on SCATV channel 3.

## Waiting for the STEAM Academy CONT. FROM PG 10

STEAM Academy is the creation of the people at sprout & co., who I wrote about four years ago. Not long after that, they began a series of conversations with parents, city officials and the community regarding opportunities created by Massachusetts legislation that encourages educational innovation. They were interested in how they might incorporate what they had learned from their work and that of innovators nationwide into a new high school with a new pedagogy. The result was a 13-page prospectus. Its July 2012 approval by the Screening Committee authorized them to form an Innovation Plan Committee, composed of teachers, experts, and a Somerville Teachers Association representative. Over the following year they prepared a 300-page Innovation Plan that the Planning Committee approved in November 2013. It includes a commitment to ensuring that operating SSA does not financially harm Somerville High School. It achieves that in a variety of ways. For example, Somerville spends three-to-four times on students who are outplaced in special education programs what it spends on those who aren't. Each such student who goes to SSA instead, represents

senstock, CEO of the renowned High Tech High charter school system, says that he's never seen anything so pioneering, but so well thought out.

Somerville Schools' new Superintendent, Mary Skipper, who was herself the first headmaster of Boston's innovative TechBoston Academy, has been a strong supporter as well as an effective collaborator in improving the Plan. And the School Committee recently reaffirmed its support. The last hurdle seems to be the Somerville Teachers Association (STA), which must approve any ways that the SSA would conflict with its contract. sprout & co. is committed to satisfying whatever concerns that the STA might have. For example, the current SSA proposal would not only pay STA teachers proportionately more for longer hours. It would pay them a cost of living adjustment that tracks the ever-rising expenses associated with living in Somerville. And it would give them more time to plan and more flexibility in what they teach and how they teach it.

sprout & co. staff insist that negotiations with STA are cordial, cooperative, and not adversarial. But as far as I can tell, that's where things have been stuck for being paid for that work. And potential outside funders are becoming impatient.

I think that I would have thrived as a STEAM Academy student, but I'm about fifty years too late. There are plenty of other kids for whom SSA could make an enormous difference right now. The longer that they have to wait, the more of them will forego that life-changing opportunity.

a substantial savings.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) was excited by the Plan's ambition. But although there are almost five dozen Innovation Schools statewide, SSA was the first to fully take advantage of the legislation's provisions for exempting it from unproductive laws and regulations. So DESE took nearly a year to approve the application.

The Plan has won praise from innovative education leaders. Former Secretary of Education Paul Reville says that SSA is what they had hoped the legislation would produce. Larry Rothe past year and half. Meanwhile the sprout staff are working on the SSA without

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	1. Festivus	8. Janet Reno
	2. It was ugly	9. Hands (measurement of length standardized to
	3. Endocrine system	4 inches)
	4. The Oscar	10. Lewis Carroll
	5. Trifecta	11. Lackadaisical
	6. Boxing Day	12. Martin Luther King,
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#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday | March 2 East Branch Library Preschool: Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 115 Broadway

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

#### Thursday|March 3

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

East Branch Library Lego Club 3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

**Central Library** Lego Club 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Friday|March 4

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

Saturday | March 5 Central Library Chinese Storytime with Guei-Bau Lin 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Sunday|March 6

**Central Library** Technology Petting Zoo 2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Indoor Playground -- a Family Fun Day 2 p.m,-5 p.m.]191 Highland Ave

#### Monday | March 7 Central Library Sing Along with Jeremy Lyons 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|March 8

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

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 12-14 Tammy McKanan-617-591-0216

9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue Central Library Book Group for Kids Ages 9-12 Special Event! Zine Workshop with Liz Bolduc! 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Wednesday|March 9

East Branch Library Preschool: Puppet Storytime with Leigh and Friends! 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 115 Broadway

Central Library Teen Empowerment 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday March 2 Johnny D's Box Office Open 4-7pm Bar & Restaurant Closed.

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Highland Kitchen** 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

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

#### Thursday|March 3

Johnny D's Five O'Clock Shadow 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's BYOBluegrass Jam with David Rizzutti grassy Thursdays|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. Backroom Series: 7 p.m. L80's night with Scattershot|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Back Seat Redemption Above The Din (prev. The Heavy Years) The Talk Boys The Rococo Bang 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Bull McCabe's Dub Down Reggae 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory Pub Sing

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Davis Square Theatre

Los Fletcheros|8:30 p.m. 255 Elm Street

#### Friday|March 4

Johnny D's Playin' Dead Farewell to Johnny D's Blow Out! (Night 1) 17 Holland St[617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents presents John E Funk & The Skunks, The Breaks, Amulus \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series |7 p.m. Fightin' Fridays|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Settler 9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195 Thunder Road

Julie Rhodes Album Release (Blues /Rock)|8 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave Arts at the Armory

Boston Area Singer-Songwriters and Red Line Roots 6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Scientist Turned Comedian: Tim Lee|9 p.m. 255 Elm Street

#### Saturday|March 5

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch Playin' Dead Farewell to Johnny D's Blow Out! (Night 2) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Stan Martin & The Moonshiners |6 p.m.

Tad Overbaugh & The Late Arrivals, Bitter Bastids, Speed Fossil \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Backroom Series |7 p.m. Mugsy|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge The Late|3 p.m. Clyde Brown Jive Mcfly Hera Lynn The Womb Bats No Rescue|7 p.m. The Danbees Nicole Alexandra Deaf Rhino Annabel Lee 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

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

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

Joshua Tree DJ El Sid! 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

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

Thunder Road The Lights Out (Indie Rock)l8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre Scientist Turned Comedian: Tim Lee|5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Shit-Faced Shakespeare|10 p.m. 255 Elm Street Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory unconventional - a sunday afternoon with patchtax and andria nicodemou 4 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre The Irish Comedy Tour|7 p.m. 255 Elm St

#### Monday|March 7

Johnny D's Stump! Pub Trivia 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.

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

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

**P.A.'s Lounge** Americana Mondays 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Live Music in the Lounge: Brenna Carroll and G-Force|8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

#### Tuesday|March 8

Johnny D's An Intimate Evening with Rickie Lee Jones 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Lederman & Earley Harmonica Blues Duo|8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **PA's Lounge** Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave Heavy Metal and Pizza in the Lounge|8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 9

Johnny D's Open Mic Night w/ Dr. Grant 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Backroom Series Robbie O'Connell, with Rose Clancy and Gene Clancy |7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Eva Walsh Brenna Carrol In This River Josh Friedman Bob Bradshaw 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul

366A Somerville Avel617-440-6045

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Been Out Here Teen Open Mic

6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 2

**CLASSES AND GROUPS** 

7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Bull McCabe's Pub

**Highland Kitchen** 

Samba Bar & Grille

Arts at the Armorv

Central Library

Board Game Night

Thursday|March 3

Learn English at the Library!

(Session 2) 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program

debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 89 College Ave

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Somerville Winter Farmers' Market

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

Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly

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

for people with problems with money and

(Session 1) 6 p.m.- 7 p.m.

**First Church Somerville** 

Saturday March 5

Arts at the Armory

to discuss their work

Sunday|March 6

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**Bagel Bards** 

West Branch Library

40 College Avenue

(Upstairs Parlor).

Pub Trivia

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room

Exile on Elm

Back Room

Back Room Series |7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

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345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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KGFREEZE 345 Somerville Ave

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

DJ 10 p.m.|65 Holland St

#### On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### Bull McCabe's

TBA 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### Joshua Tree

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

#### Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

Arts at the Armory Somerville Songwriter Sessions 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Sunday|March 6

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch Chad Hollister Band + Paper Waves Albion 56 Band 17 Holland St.]617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Songwriter's Circle with Mike Barry, Marc Pinansky, Natalie Flanagan, Joan Anderman|7 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m. Back Room Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 p.m. Burren Acoustic Music Series|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

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

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

#### **PJ Ryan's** Pub Ouiz

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Thunder Road Instant Shawarma (Psychedelic/Funk Rock)|7 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

#### Monday|March 7

**Central Library** Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library

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

#### Tuesday|March 8

Central Library Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Wednesday|March 9

Central Library

Somerville Arts Council Board Meeting 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

## PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 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.

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

**Bereavement Support Group** – Monday, February 1st and running for 12 weeks from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at our Holland Street Center. Have you recently experienced the loss of a loved one and are in need of support? Contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional info or to register.

**Berklee College of Music Series** – This is a free event. Outings to see the country's next big vocal, instrumental and theatre stars! Pre-registration is required. Very limited seating. Please call 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Thursday, March 10: Eighth Annual Guitar Night: R&B/Funk Showcase; Monday, March 21: Maggie Scott: Vocal Jazz Series. 7:30 p.m.

New Berklee College of Music & Tufts University - See the country's next big vocal, instrumental and theatre Stars! These are free events. Pre-registration is required. Very limited seating. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register for the following events: Monday, April 4th at 2:00 P.M. - Anglo Celtic Vocal Ensemble: The Flowers of the Forest at The Berklee College of Music. Wednesday, April 13th at 8:00 P.M. - Songs & Dances of Eternal Beauty featuring the works of Mozart, Ravel, Andre Previn and Bach at the Granoff Music Center at Tufts University. Wednesday, April 20th at 8:00 P.M. - Tufts Chamber Music - Students present works for strings, winds, brass and piano at the Granoff Music Center at Tufts University. Thursday, April 28th at 8:00 P.M. – Tufts Opera Ensemble – a two one-act operas on the follies of young and old love: Haydn's La Canterina and Menotti's The Old Maid and the Thief at Granoff Music Center at Tufts University. Monday, May 2nd at 1:00 P.M. – Italian Classical Art Songs & Arias: Students from Berklee "Introduction to Italian Diction and Art Songs" will present a selection of songs and arias at the Berklee College of Music. Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 P.M. - Vocal Jazz Festival: Concerts of vocal jazz ensembles under the direction of Ned Rosenblatt, associate professor in Berklee's Voice Department at The Berklee College of Music.

contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted. The St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Monday, March 14th is BOOKED SOLID. The St. Patrick's Day Super Bingo scheduled for Thursday, March 17 at our Ralph & Jenny Center is SOLD

Please note that the trip to the Boston Flower & Garden Show scheduled for Friday, March 18th , is SOLD OUT but you can still put your name on the waiting list. The Older American's Month Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Thursday, May 5 is SOLD OUT.

The Pine Grove Dude Ranch trip scheduled for May 15 through May 20 is BOOKED SOLID. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to have your name put on the waiting list. This trip, costing \$449 pp/dbl and \$499 pp/ single includes round trip motor coach transportation, 5 nights deluxe accommodations, 3 great meals each day and a wide variety of entertainment and programs.

#### LGBTQ EVENTS:

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LGBTQ Event Night – An Evening with Pat Jehlen - Monday, March 21, 5:30 PM in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center – Join us as we welcome Senator Pat Jehlen as we discuss the Special Legislative Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Aging Report. More information to follow – if you have any questions or require additional information please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

LGBTQ Advisory Group –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2016. We are looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

**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

#### STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May

#### Mondays:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H) 8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) 12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

#### Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 10:30 Fit-4-Life Cross Street\* (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics - \$2.00 (H) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 10:30 Fit 4 Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life\*

#### Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life\* Group A 9:55 Fit 4 Life\* Group B 11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

\*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration\*\*If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

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

#### Wednesday|March 2

9:00 Trip Meeting (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (C)
12:45 Bingo (H)
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads
Lunch & Bingo at Holland Street Center
Ralph & Jenny Closed

#### Thursday|March 3

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 Knitting for Babies (RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

#### Friday|March 4

10:00 Book Club (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

#### Monday March 7

9:30 Monthly Breakfast (H)10:30 Moonlighters at Clarendon Hill1:00 Bereavement Group (H)

#### Tuesday|March 8

9:00 Living Frugally (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Final Poetry Workshop Celebration(C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:30 Low Vision Group (H) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Senior Health Insurance 101 – Will meet the last Monday of each month until June 27th – 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – Are you covered? Are you looking for affordable insurance? Come and learn about Medicare, Medicaid and much more. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for additional info and to sign up.

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

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#### Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

#### Wednesday|March 9

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

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city - http://www.somervillema.gov/sustainaville/residential-programs.html - and we plan to launch a Solarize Somerville initiative in 2016. Using public transportation as much as possible or walking

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8:00am	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program #5	Friday, Ma	arch 4
9:00am	Press Conference: Wynn Casino Project	12:00am	Voices of Somerville
9:22am	Connecting Communities	12:30am	Union Sq. Civic Advisory Committee
12:00pm	Union Sq. Civic Advisory Committee	2:50am	SomerViva em Português
2:20pm	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis	3:22am	Press Conference: Wynn Casino Project
2:50pm	Talking Business	9:00am	Connecting Communities
3:26pm	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16	12:00pm	ADA Public Meeting
6:30pm	SomerViva em Português	1:08pm	Connecting Communities
7:01pm	Connecting Communities	1:37pm	The Mayor's Report
7:30pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	4:00pm	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program #5
8:00pm	Union Sq. Civic Advisory Committee	6:30pm	MLK Day Celebration 2016
10:20pm	SomerViva em Português	8:00pm	Union Sq. Neighborhood Plan Update
Thursday,	March 3	10:20pm	Connecting Communities
12:00am	Union Sq. Civic Advisory Committee	Saturday,	March 5
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9:00am	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis	2:50am	Voices of Somerville
9:30am	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast	9:00am	Union Sq. Neighborhood Plan Update
12:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:00pm	Voices of Somerville
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March 7	7:30pm	Voices of Somerville
Union Sq. Neighborhood Plan Update	8:30pm	School Committee Meeting
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3	:00pm:	Student of the Quarter - WHCS	11:00am:
4	:00pm:	Capuano Kindergarten Winter Concert	12:30pm:
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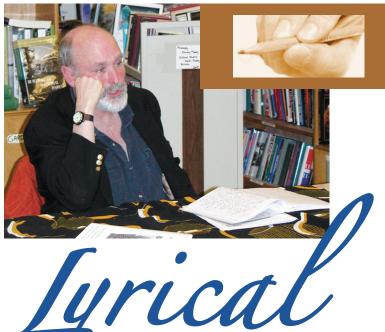
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## The Au Bon Pain



There has always been a cafe in my life, some haunt where I can read the paper, get my head on straight, maybe do some writing and then move on. T.S. Eliot wrote that he could measure his life in coffee spoons. I guess I can relate to that.

Back in the 1980s when I moved from the student ghetto of Allston in Boston to Cambridge, the Au Bon Pain in Harvard Square became my cafe of choice. This sprawling cafe was my home every morning after I left my small rent-controlled flat on Forest Street, a short distance away. The cafe is located right outside Harvard Yard.

On any given morning I would prop myself on a hard metal chair, put my feet up on the railing, and watch the pedestrians of every nationality, every slice-of-life, rush by for points beyond. After awhile I became part of the subculture that existed there, a place marked by chess-masters, homeless people, students, poseurs, stumble-bums, poets, academics, you name it.

There were a number of people who were castoffs from Harvard, unmatriculated hangers-on, people expelled from the academy, or people who graduated but couldn't take the next step. They seemed to be caught in the orbit of the university.

There was one guy I used to talk to who was once a promising lawyer. He showed me a newspaper clipping about a case he argued in front of the Supreme Court. But the years of booze and other demons defeated him and he was left to drift about divorced, and survived on a dwindling trust fund. He was picked up by the cops for disorderly conduct now and then. He told me about his trips to Indian reservations, and would sometimes sell me Native American statuettes that I would present to my future wife.

There was George – a shambles of a man – who picked newspapers from the trash cans and often would discuss current events with me, pointing to a soiled *Boston Globe*. He was forever talking about some scandal at Harvard that he was privy to. It was rumored that he had a daughter who was a Harvard-trained lawyer but that they were estranged for years.

All the while I was taking mental notes—ideas for future poems, trying to get insight into my own confusing life. What to avoid, what to embrace. Later, I moved on to other Au Bon Pains, and wound up as a regular at the one in Davis Square, Somerville, where I started a writing group that has lasted for over a decade.

I don't hang at the Harvard Square cafe much anymore, and many of the characters I have known have passed away or split the scene. But one day while sitting on the second floor of the Starbucks overlooking the Square, I saw what I thought was George, picking through the trash like he was at a buffet. I rushed outside and scoured the Square, but he was nowhere to be found. I never saw him again. But that time in my life at the cafe, those long, hot summer mornings with a spinach croissant and a French Roast, my legs propped up, my limbo before the next phase, stage, or whatever, is something that comes back to me time and time again.

Mary Millner McCullough is a writer, performer, and co-founder of The Streetfeet Women, a multicultural writing and performing company. McCullough's plays have been produced by Our Place Theater Project of Roxbury and the former Theater Cooperative of Somerville. Her play *Sorry Don't Fix It* was selected from



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#### Not Yet

I do not miss you Not yet wind turned your seeds into sails, whispered poems in three stanzas on snow covered limbs that broadcasted nature's majestic translations. I do not miss you Not yet you were our sentinel grown tall, handsome, a steadfast welcome to all arrivals, a sketched image at departure.

I do not miss you

Not yet

your shoulders sheltered fledgling bluebirds your trunk, a highway for squirrels seeking food to be stored,

against winter's scarcity.

I do not miss you

Not yet

spring will host your memorial,

sprout genetic promise,

and when the barred owl calls,

I will be lonely.

— Mary Millner McCullough

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There was Myron, who was something of an expert on Indian artifacts and made a name for himself in the field when he was younger. He was

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