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Somerville receives public input on snow removal ordinance



Somerville residents gave members of the Board of Alderman a collective earful last week as they voiced their grievances concerning the city's current snow removal ordinance.

— Photo by Claudia Ferro

By Douglas Yu

Somerville residents expressed their complaints about the city's snow removal ordinance last Wednesday as the Board of Alderman held a public meeting at Somerville City Hall to crowd source ideas from the community for the improvement of the ordinance.

Even though New England has experienced a series of historic snowstorms recently, the seemingly flawed snow removal policy is not unique to this year.

"Each year, there comes a point where the city declares 'Mission accomplished,' stops plowing, and we are always left with unsafe conditions on the side streets. Yes, safety vehicles can technically get by, but that doesn't equal overall road safety," Somerville resident Rob Cheyne wrote in an email to the city.

Cheyne, who lives on High Street in West Somerville, said no streets in the community should get ignored especially when city has the equipment to remove the snow.

In addition, Cheyne brought up the issue regarding the emergency parking policy. "Having emergency parking stay consistently on one side of the street for the entire

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Theater@First cleverly presents Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap'

By Laura Stiffler

On a dreadfully snowy evening, much like the ones we have experienced in Somerville lately, newlyweds Mollie and Giles Ralston welcome a group of strangers into their guesthouse. Instead of a routine night for the cast of characters, the radio warns of a murderer on the loose in the snowed-in town. As the story unfolds and characters are met and dissected, there's reason to suspect everyone in Theater@First's beautifully adapted version of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*.

This classic "whodunit" opens Theater@ First's eleventh season at Unity Somerville (6 William St.) from February 27 to March 7.

With a stellar cast of Theater@First new-comers and veterans, first-time director Mike Haddad keeps the audience guessing who the murderer is until the very last moment.

"The Mousetrap is a personal favorite of mine," says Haddad. "It's the Continued on page 12



Theater@First's production of the classic whodunit, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, is set to confound and confusticate audiences during its all too brief run at Unity Somerville.

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The Somerville Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" get-together is 5-7 p.m., Thursday, March 5, at Olde Magoun's Saloon, 518 Medford St., Magoun Square. No cover, free appetizers, excellent networking, gift certificate drawing. RSVP with the name(s) and affiliation(s) for you and your guest(s) to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

It's "Flashback Friday" at the City Club, March 6, 7-11 p.m. 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 60s, 70s, 80s and 90's! (Costume dress optional) Tickets are \$15. There will be cash bar, raffle tickets and 50/50. Tickets are being sold now and at the door. All proceeds benefit The Somerville PTA Scholarship Dinner Dance. They have awarded 5-6 high school students scholarships every year for the last 40 years. They want to start giving these students more. What better way than to have a dance? So come join in for a great evening!

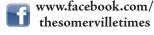
2015 Somerville Pop Warner Registration night fair is tonight, Wednesday the 4th, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Healey School during the Summer camp and activities Fair. Families can also pick up their 2014 pictures if they haven't done so yet. They are looking for football and cheer volunteers. Having served as a non-profit volunteer for children is a great thing to put on your résumé or college application. Sign up today.

Friends and Supporters of Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston are having a reception and fundraiser to support her re-election this year on Tuesday, March 10, 5:30–730 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway, East Somerville. Maryann has been a faithfully strong advocate for her constituents in Ward 2. She's always out front with the issues that affect her ward. The proof is the many votes she receives every year.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: A broken T is a broken economy

meme says:

The T will not be fixed until we remove the politicians that use it for grandstanding and handing favors to their favored supporters and implement a transparent budgeting system and allow the T to attempt to function as a business

kane says:

All expansion of the MBTA should stop now , that includes the GLX. Those funds should be used to repair the existing problems before they take on more . Enough wasted tax dollars.

maria says:

Hopefully that's what Baker will attempt to do now that Patrick is gone.

Some Guy says:

You can hire anyone you like...but the bottom line is that if you do not invest in new rolling stock, new stations and new track, this will happen.

I can bet you that no subways in any other major western city have rolling stock from the early 1970s on there tracks. The Red Line does though.

The red line is not very reliable even when there is no snow. Always trains breaking down, signal failures, points

But this is America – so people want low taxes and no investment in infrastructure BUT they also want PERFECT SERVICE.

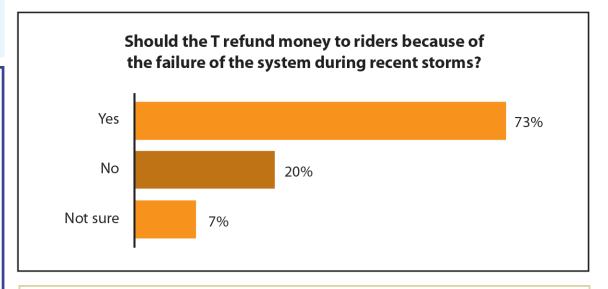
Oliver Seppo says:

They'll do something about it when there is a major disaster with lots of fatalities, like a major underground fire on the red line between Central and Harvard Sq. Something of that sort will promote change.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you think the T should refund money to riders because of the failure of the system during recent storms. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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Administration commended for snow response

By Jim Clark

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and his administration was once again commended by the Board of Alderman for their leadership and hard work during the latest spate of snow emergencies taking place over recent weeks.

The citation, sponsored by Alderman at Large Jack Connolly and endorsed by the entire Board, commended the mayor, his administration, and the Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments for a job well done during the recent historic snowfall.

"With eight feet of snow having fallen here in the city in less than a month and the absolute misery of over two days freezing has sent the misery index completely off the charts," said Al-

derman Connolly. "Two weeks ago we said 'what a nice job' and gave a nice little commendation. Since then the job has only gotten that much more difficult. It was the out-of-box thinking of doing the smart thing like looking to see where the danger was. To see ABC World News show the tape of the drone that looked at all the roofs of public buildings was a real eye-opener, not just to people here but across the country, that we're progressive, we're thinkers, trying to do the right thing."

The mayor thanked the Board and emphasized the importance of the administration and the Board working together in such times of crisis.

"That's what we're supposed to do," the mayor said. "I thank you for all the support."

BOA examines city's domestic violence policy

By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville Board of Alderman heard a report by the Legislative Matters Committee on its findings regarding the establishment of a domestic violence policy for city employees at its regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26.

Speaking on behalf of the committee, Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti reviewed the finding of the Feb. 19 committee meeting for the entire Board.

Rossetti reported that the committee members had been provided with memos and communications from Personnel Director William Roche regarding the efforts to solidify a domestic violence policy for city workers.

Roche's communications confirmed for the committee that there is now a domestic violence leave policy in place.

Human Services Director



Alderman at Large Dennis M. Sullivan commended the state delegation on the role it played in establishing the domestic violence policy.

Nancy Bacci appeared for the Director of Commissions and distributed a report on anti-violence in Somerville. Members questioned parts of the report, including a section pertaining to restraining orders. It was pointed out that the victims'

witness advocate is paid through the Police Department and is multi-lingual.

"We were given data and statistics for the past year," Rossetti elaborated."We will be requesting an annual report as it relates to this important matter."

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season is a huge contributor to this problem. It encourages people to leave their cars buried in snow, which greatly exacerbates the issue," Cheyne wrote in the email, citing that the sides of roads without cars should be cleared of snow between the storms so that cars could park there again.

Cheyne mentioned that in late January there was a single private contractor plow that came to his street and cleared up in one pass. However, the snowplow didn't help clean up the large accumulating snow banks on both sides of the street. The next morning, he woke up to find that his driveway was completely blocked by the snow that a large city plow dumped from the main street, and the sidewalks once again were covered by the toppled snow banks.

In late February, Alderman Bill White forwarded Cheyne's emails about hazardous conditions on numerous streets in the Powder House Blvd. and Route 16 area to one of the mayor's aids. Cheyne, however, received "radio silence" from the city.

The ordinance requires the owner, occupant, tenant, or agent in charge of any land or building abutting a sidewalk in the City of Somerville to remove all snow and/or ice from abutting sidewalks no later than 10:00 a.m. if the snow ceases to fall after sunset and before sunrise of the previous evening, or no later than 10:00 p.m. if the snow ceases to fall after sunrise.

Alderman At Large Mary Jo. Rossetti, who led the public hearing, said the 10:00 a.m. timeframe was a problem for many people for various reasons. "So the committee, without coming to any decisions or consensus, was tossing around one suggestion," she said, explaining that some city officials have suggested residents should clean up the snow 24 hours after the end

Chair of the Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Colin Killick, also spoke at the meeting. For people with disabilities, uncleared sidewalks are a tremendous challenge.

"You may have seen the news. In Quincy two weeks ago, a woman was so desperate to leave her house to get to her doctor's appointment. She built a plow in front of her wheelchair, so she could drive through snow," Killick said.

At the same time, Killick also brought other voices from the disabled community to the public hearing. A report from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services says that their clients are unable to get to important medical appointments, pick up prescriptions from the pharmacy, or get food at the grocery store.

Hala Jadallah, who lives on Holland Ave., showed The Somerville Times pictures of her blocked driveway caused by three snow banks. She said that her mother hadn't been feeling well last month. Every time she went to take her mother to the grocery store, she had to park her car in the middle of the road because of the blocked driveway.

Finally, when Jadallah got home from the meeting that night, she was excited to find out that her street was cleared, as stated in a voice mail she left with The Somerville Times.

Other residents at the meeting also challenged the city to provide better quality community service during the severe

Rossetti announced the next snow removal ordinance meeting was postponed to March 9 due to the snowstorm, and it may take a month for the city to make a final decision on changing the ordinance.



Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti led the public hearing that allowed residents to air their grievances regarding the current ordinance.

Helping hands in our time of need



When the chips - and snow mounds - are down, generous volunteers from far and near lend their time, energy, and heavy equipment to help dig everyone out. Somerville stood on the recieving end this time as a wonderful group of workers from various public works agencies from New York and New Jersey rolled up and pitched in to help with the clean up. We are certain that every one of us expresses our deepest appreciation for the selfless acts of kindness by these fine folks.



By Jim Clark

Jealous driver gives rival the brush

Police were dispatched to the intersection of Cross and Pearl Streets last Thursday on reports of a vehicular accident involving a pedestrian.

Upon arrival, police officers learned that none of the parties involved in the incident spoke English so an interpreter was called in to assist in the investigation.

While awaiting the interpreter's arrival, officers questioned two witnesses to the incident.

One witness reportedly told officers that a man and a woman were standing at the corner talking, when a car pulled up and struck the woman. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Josefina Martinez, then reportedly got out of the car and

began striking the other woman with a snowbrush.

According to witness accounts, Martinez got back into her vehicle and attempted to drive away as the woman she allegedly hit went into a store on the corner to try to get help.

Witnesses reportedly prevented Martinez from driving away, so she once again got out of the car and went into the corner store and repeatedly tried striking the other woman again with the snowbrush.

The witness reportedly told officers that the man that the victim was talking to was Martinez's husband, and that Martinez believed that he was cheating on her with the victim.

A second witness corroborated

the first witness' report, adding that Martinez nearly hit the individual that helped to prevent her from driving away. She also reportedly said that several individuals in the store helped to keep Martinez from striking the victim with the snowbrush.

Once the police interpreter arrived, Martinez was questioned and she said that she did not hit the victim with he car or the snowbrush, but that she merely approached her husband and the victim in order to speak with them, police said. Martinez also reportedly claimed that her husband ran away.

The victim was taken to the hospital by ambulance to have her injuries evaluated.

Martinez was placed under

arrest and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

A follow-up interview with the victim took place at the hospital. She reportedly said that she had met Martinez a few months earlier, and had visited her home a few times.

On one occasion, the victim reportedly took notice of a table in Martinez's residence that appeared to be dedicated to many candles and saints. When asked what it was, Martinez reportedly told her that she was practicing voodoo.

The victim said that after this she avoided Martinez and never visited her again, but she began receiving threatening phone calls from her. The victim said that Martinez accused her of being involved with her husband and that because she knew voodoo she would dig up a grave and put the dirt in the victim's house in order to kill her.

The victim said that on the day of the reported incident she was on her way to visit her cousin and ran into Martinez's husband and stopped to talk to him. She said that Martinez's husband saw the car coming and pulled her away as it approached, thereby minimizing her injuries, having only been struck on the leg.

The victim's statement matched those of the witnesses on the scene, and police advised her that she should probably seek a restraining order against Martinez.

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Arrests:

Tanya Venezia, of 179 Temple St., W. Roxbury, February 24, 8:11 p.m., arrested at Everett Ave. on a warrant charge of failure to return leased motor vehicle.

Stanley Enayo, of 88 Bradford St., Everett, February 26, 12:34 a.m., arrested at 23 Cummings St. on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

Valery Aristil, of 88 Bradford St., Everett, February 26, 12:34 a.m., arrested at 23 Cummings St. on charges of possession of a class A drug and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

Josefina Martinez, of 7 Lincoln St., February 26, 12:45 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on multiple charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Joseph Kovalski, March 1, 4:52 p.m., arrested at 5 Washington Ave. on charges of assault and battery on a police officer and protection of incapacitated persons and on warrant charges of destruction of property under \$250 and as-

sault and battery.

<u>Incidents</u>:

Theft

February 23, 10:51 a.m., police reported a theft at Lowell St.

February 24, 10:33 a.m., police reported a theft at Giles Pkwy.

February 24, 1:51 p.m., police reported a theft at Main St.

February 24, 2:54 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

February 24, 4:16 p.m., police reported a theft at 40 Holland St.

February 25, 11:13 a.m., police reported a theft at Hawthorne St.

February 26, 9:38 a.m., police reported a theft at 682 Mystic Ave.

February 26, 5:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Perkins St.

February 26, 5:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Winslow Ave.

February 26, 8:08 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

February 27, 1:40 p.m., police

reported a theft at 22 McGrath

February 27, 3:23 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middle-

February 28, 8:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

Robbery:

February 24, 3:45 a.m., police reported a robbery at Kilby St.

Breaking & Entering:

February 24, 7:29 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

February 24, 8:59 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Dickinson St.

February 27, 2:03 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Kilby St.

Vehicle Theft:

February 24, 10:43 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Perkins St.

Assault:

February 23, 8:32 p.m., police reported an assault at Jasper St. February 23, 9:30 p.m., police reported an assault at Somerville Ave.

February 26, 12:45 p.m., police reported an assault at Cross

February 28, 1:07 a.m., police reported an assault at Concord

February 28, 5:13 p.m., police reported an assault at Glen St.

Destruction of Property:

February 23, 10:23 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Partridge Ave.

February 23, 1:15 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Ellsworth St.

February 23, 6:29 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Sunnyside Ave.

February 25, 10:11 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 403 Highland Ave.

February 25, 1:18 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Franklin St.

February 26, 7:16 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Sargent Ave.

February 26, 10:08 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Chandler St.

February 26, 11:42 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Sterling St.

February 27, 4:27 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Glen St.

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February 27, 4:30 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Glen St.

February 27, 7:20 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Willow Ave.

February 28, 3:30 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Sullivan Sq.

February 28, 3:45 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Dane Ave.

February 28, 7:34 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Perkins St.

March 1, 12:40 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Holland St.

Counterfeiting/Forgery:

February 26, 3:28 p.m., police reported a counterfeiting/forgery at Preston Rd.

Drug Violation:

February 24, 10:31 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 220 Washington St.

February 26, 12:34 a.m., police reported a drug violation at 23 Cummings St.

Drones over Somerville

By Douglas Yu

A once cool gadget for cinematographers to shoot impeccable 360-degree birds-eye views of natural landscapes now has been put into use to identify at-risk collapsing rooftops in Somerville due to excessive snow.

Somerville-native aerial photography start up, Above Summit, successfully pitched the idea to the city to measure the snow on 33 public properties' rooftops, including Somerville High School and the Public Library. They did it through flying their drone up in the air with a GoPro camera.

Co-founder of Above Summit, Jovan Tanasijevic, a veteran architect who had worked at various architectural firms for over 10 years, said he did not have a vision of using drones for community services when he first launched the company about a year and half ago.

"Above Summit is focused on aerial cinematography, mainly providing dynamic shots. I think what drove our company to be where we are today is being able to do shots that have never been done before," Tanasijevic said.

Director of Communications of Above Summit, David Avery, said the company called the City of Somerville to see if they were interested in the idea of using drones to inspect the buildings.

"I think the idea sort of got in there [City Hall]. And we got a call from the city on Thursday after the mayor's meeting, because someone brought the idea up," Avery said. "Curtatone is a big fan of innovation, local businesses and technologies. He's all about safety for his workers."

Above Summit was given a list of 33 public properties selected by the city to inspect. However, the photography company was not the one who made the decision on which rooftop was at risk and needed to clean up.

"We just provided the content,"



Jovan Tanasijevic shows off the drone that was used recently to help assess snow ac-- Photo by Douglas Yu cumulation on rooftops throughout the city.

Tanasijevic said. "We covered a property from multiple vantage points and let civil engineers from the city decide which building is good to go, or is in a critical site."

On Monday, Feb.23, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) announced that they had received 153 reports of collapsed or damaged buildings due to excessive snow and ice on roofs since Feb.9.

Prior to this weekend's storm, Somerville residents are encouraged to have snow and ice cleared from roofs, according to the city.

Earlier this month, Mayor Joe Curtatone announced the closure public schools in Somerville in order to protect the students' safety for two weeks. "We understand the past couple weeks have been incredibly inconvenient and frustrating. It's been difficult for us too. Rest assured the public's health and safety for our school children and staff is at the center of everything we do," Curtatone said during an interview with CBS news.

Other local politicians also resonated with the city, praising the approach of using technology to ensure public safety.

"I'm very pleased to see the city being proactive and using the drone technology. I know some

adjusters, who are in insurance business, are doing the same thing," Alderman, Jack Connolly told The Somerville Times.

Connolly mentioned that the advantage of using drones instead of letting engineers assess the buildings by themselves is not putting them in physical jeopardy. "And the engineers can see so much more. I think for the three hours that cost \$1,500 to see all the city's public buildings, that was terrific," he said.

For the staff of Above Summit, an increasing hub for startups and small businesses like Somerville means a lot to them.

"Somerville has been growing rapidly for the last 5 to ten years. It's great to be part of that ecosystem. We're proud to be able to contribute to the city," Tanasijevic said, adding that Somerville has been his home for over seven

In responding to how Somerville families cleaned up the snow on their own rooftops, one local Twitter user, @mem_somerville, told The Somerville Times that they "used the old-fashioned method of looking out the attic window, then sending housemates out with shovels."

But now, Somervillians may have a safer and more technologically savvy choice in a sever winter like this in the future.



The view from above: Somerville on ice.

— Photo courtesy of Above Summit

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle Feathers #73

Hidden Henry Hansen

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

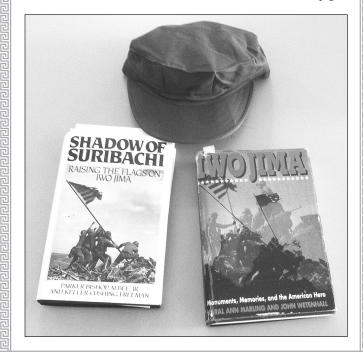
It has been seventy years since the United States landing on Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945.

At an appalling cost of nearly 6,800 lives and 17,000 injured, the month-long struggle proved to be the toughest in Marine Corp's history. The battle was highlighted by the early American flag raisings on the island's highest peak, Mt. Suribachi. It was a photo of the second and larger flag raising by Associated Press photographer, Joe Rosenthal, that became a national, iconic image. Two American flags would be flown on that day. First, a small flag was raised under fire and combat. Hours later, a larger, more visible flag was raised after the elevation had been secured.



On February 23, six-year veteran, twenty-five year-old Sergeant Henry Hansen of Somerville, along with his lieutenant and another sergeant, led their forty-four man platoon in seizing the hill. After Hansen shot holes in a long section of water pipe, he fed a rope through and secured the ensign. Together, the three men then raised the first American flag over the soil of the Japanese empire. This was the first foreign flag to do so in a thousand years and was recorded by a marine photographer. The Marines had lost 2,000 men in the first three days, while fighting their way to the foot of Suribachi. They reached its base on February 22, George Washington's birthday.

As far as Hansen was concerned, this Continued on page 6



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send letters to the editor to The Somerville Times. Please email your letters to News@TheSomervilleTimes.com or mail them to 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The Somerville Times Reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and length. All letters must include an name and contact information. Contact information will not be shared with the public. We look forward to hearing from you.

Green Space and Somerville's Proposed New Zoning

Somerville is overhauling its zoning code. The current one dates back to 1926, with several revisions since. This is a rare opportunity for people concerned about the lack of green space in Somerville to make a difference. We need your help.

The National Recreation and Park Association recommends a minimum of 6.25 acres of open space per 1,000 people in an urban area; Somerville has 2.1 acres per 1,000 people, which includes paved school yards and cemeteries.

SomerVision sets a goal of adding 125 acres of open space, but the requirements in the proposed zoning cannot meet this goal. Even if those open space requirements were maximized in the areas where major new development is planned, only 45 additional acres could be created.

Our concerns:

We need a requirement for green space that is distinct from open space. Both green and open space are important, but they fill different needs. Based on an extensive body of peer-reviewed studies, city dwellers need proximity to "natural" or "green" settings to maintain their mental and physical well-being; students learn better when they have access to natural outdoor space; air quality and environmental health is improved. Defining paved alleyways in the same category as a grassy park is confusing and misleading.

We need a typology of green space that allows for different categories and recommended minimums for each. While the proposed zoning draft does have different categories of open/green space, a range of types is not required, nor are the categories extensive enough. Playing fields, parks, wooded areas, roof gardens, community gardens, rain gardens, waterways, lawns, commercial building landscaping, etc., are all important and should be considered as distinct requirements.

Zoning should allow developers to meet green and open space obligations by making cash contributions to a fund that pays for much-needed, high-quality green space areas. All developments should be required to make some level of contribution to this fund. A formula would need to be developed. Consolidating green spaces into larger, more functional areas increases their impact and benefit to the environment (reducing storm run-off, increasing cooling effect, etc.) and to human enjoyment. Who wouldn't prefer a large walkable park to many small strips of landscaping? The City already allows a similar substitution in the case of afford-

We need to invest greater value in space that has high environmental value even if it isn't public. Areas such as roof gardens that may not be public or easily accessible should be encouraged through zoning, as they serve an important function to improving the health of our environment by lessening stormwater run-off while cooling buildings and the atmosphere.

To pay for additional open and green space, we need zoning that promotes office and R&D space development. The draft zoning favors housing, which pays a tax rate only 61% that of commercial property, but generates twice the municipal costs. Our lack of a commercial tax base creates a chronic fiscal deficit, making funding green space an unachievable goal. Office and R&D, not housing, should dominate development around new T stops in particular.

Ways you can help:

Attend the public hearing on the proposed zoning on Thursday, March 5th in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall at 6 p.m. Speak up! Bring your friends!

Forward this document to your friends and neighbors in Somerville.

Attend Ward meetings (see here for http://www.somervillema. gov/alerts/ward-mtgs-proposed-zoningcode-overhaul)

Speak to your Aldermen:

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Write letters to the editor of local pub-

Comment on the zoning document through March 27th: http://www. somervillema.gov/zoning/

Contact reneetscott@gmail.com to stay involved and learn how you can help shape the future of Somerville's environment.

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action was entirely fitting for a soldier who was accustomed to flags. He had grown up in the shadow of Prospect Hill in Somerville, where General George Washington had ordered and observed the first American flag raising 170 years before. He was also his company's flag, or Guide Arm Bearer, during training.

After the first flag raising, both his lieutenant and platoon sergeant were ordered back aboard ship to report their actions, leaving Henry as senior man that afternoon. Four hours later, he and others were filmed and photographed raising the second, larger flag, and taking down the first, smaller Hansen was killed two days before from a maflag. He participated in both actions, but was only credited for the first raising.

His favorite headgear was an identifiable soft, field cap, which he wore during both flag raisings. He was the only marine to do so. If you look at Joe Rosenthal's famous still photo, you will not see him; but if you observe the Marine's "filming" of the flag raising, you can



clearly spot him wearing his trademark field cap.

Hansen's Lieutenant, who helped raise the first flag, and the second flag's filmmaker were killed on March 3, Somerville's birthday. Sergeant Henry chine gun burst, on March 1, 1945, the tenth day

Seventy years ago, Sgt. Henry O. Hansen raised "The Flags of Iwo Jima."

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A Separation of Powers



By Maya and Brien Tal-Baker

One in a series of columns regarding Somerville's new draft zoning ordinance.

Somerville's current multiplicity of initiatives, including transportation infrastructure overhauls, the zoning ordinance rewrite, and large district master plans, has cast a shadow of confusion over the differences between Planning and Zoning.

They both have similar goals and arise from similar entities. But they are very different instruments in a city's toolkit for achieving a built environment that supports its constituency's health, safety and happiness. In simplistic terms, Planning is a process to define a city's built-environment needs, and Zoning regulates how that environment is built to meet them.

Two other activities, development and spatial design (architecture, landscape, urban planning, etc.), also revolve around buildings' creation and land use, but with different goals, constraints and influences. And they aren't inherently required to serve a constituency's interests.

They are both incredibly valuable. Without development, projects would never have sufficient capital to be built. Without design, projects would not fit their specific circumstances and better achieve their often complex and contradictory goals.

A city's development most effectively supports its community's needs when each of these activities interacts with the others while maintaining independence. Like government's separation of powers, this creates a system of checks and balances in which all interests have a seat at

For large developments, there's a tool called a Land Use Plan that is sometimes employed to bridge between a comprehensive plan, like SomerVision's general framework, and a developer's specific proposal. It is a sketch of sorts, visually defining the relationship between the plan's broad intentions and a particular place.

Although developers may consult on

it, the city should prepare this plan through a community process, in order to ensure that the developer's interests do not dominate those of the municipality and its people. The draft zoning ordinance's Special Districts represent this to some degree. But Land Use Plans could be further developed through mapping and graphical representation of the areas themselves.

For example, SomerVision calls for 125 acres of new open space. Other cities' zoning ordinances, including Boston's, have an open space zoning district to ensure a minimum non-buildable green space in the city. The draft zoning ordinance doesn't have an open space district. Rather, open space is distributed throughout other districts' requirements, leaving it largely in the hands of private owners and developers.

This makes ensuring where or how much open space will actually be built more difficult. An overall neighborhood plan can identify areas lacking open space or determine strategic locations for larger parks, then insert that plan in the zoning map as open space districts.

A specific, physical land use plan that arose from SomerVision might also alleviate pressure on the proposed zoning ordinance to be excessively prescriptive, that is, to overly limit creativity and options. Without the land use plan, zoning must be incredibly specific in order to achieve general planning goals amidst market forces and particularistic interests.

But the kind of specific, prescriptive form-based zoning that defines the draft ordinance is not always effective in achieving site-specific outcomes, high building performance or long-term flexibility. Instead of defining goals and allowing flexible responses, it prescribes a limited set of approaches to achieve implied intentions.

For instance, it seemingly requires shading devices or recessed windows on all south-facing facades. Although its apparent intent of lowering summertime temperatures and reducing energy costs is praiseworthy, the requirement is not always necessary. An adjacent building or tree might shade the window. In such cases, the zoning would force residents to add unnecessary architectural elements

The discrete list of building types in the zoning (Cottage, Fabrication Loft, etc.) appears to discourage alternative types and the adaptation of existing historic buildings. For instance, this could make conversion of an abandoned church to a residential use difficult or impossible without making it resemble one of the limited building types presented in the ordinance.

Although the intent of these strictures is benign, they can make historic preservation through adaptation extremely difficult, potentially leaving unique, beloved buildings abandoned when they could be reused and maintained.

These are just a few of the practical concerns that may arise when zoning regulates physical design decisions rather than performance standards. A different set of concerns arises regarding character and innovation.

Somerville's planning staff report that the limited list of allowable building types and physical features comes from studying a large proportion of Somerville's existing building stock. Implicit in this approach are the assumptions that what already exists in large quantities is good for everyone. Not apparent is whether great ideas from beyond Somerville are excluded by these restrictions.

This conservative, top-down approach seems at odds with a city boasting of its creative economy and encouraging an innovation culture. Although limited allowable building types and definitions can prohibit such unwanted projects as a large multi-unit apartment building on a street of single- and two-family detached residences, it comes at a cost.

It suggests a lack of trust, perhaps warranted, and significantly restricts adaptation, creative problem solving and tailoring of buildings to their physical context and performance goals. Somerville has a lot of great things going for it, but to continue improving our city we need to look beyond our existing urban infrastructure.

Protecting Somerville's historic character is a fine sentiment, but is misplaced when uniform character does not exist. Somerville is eclectic. Though predictability is form-based zoning's strength, it cannot accommodate uncommon situations when it is too prescriptive.

Despite these shortcomings, well-written form-based zoning has numerous potential benefits. It can better define density and combat sprawl, increase walkability, resurrect historic neighborhoods, improve the public realm and increase appropriate predictability. It can be an incredibly effective

implement in a city's toolkit.

But its capacity is limited, and it cannot serve all the built environment's needs well. We should use additional tools, such as Land Use Plans, and favor development teams willing to balance their own interests with the city's. We should engage strong architects and designers with a track record of contextual responsiveness, while giving them room to explore innovative solutions tailored to planners, developers' and the community's needs.

It's a constant balancing act, and the simultaneous redevelopment of Somerville's neighborhoods and its zoning ordinance will require continuous readjustment and community input. In taking on both enterprises, the city is making brave moves to create a better future. Decisions being made now will affect future generations, so let's be thoughtful as well as ambitious in our visioning.

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Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on roll calls from prior sessions on the debate on joint House-Senate operating rules for 2015-2016. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

6-HOUR NOTICE (H 2017)

House 34-120, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a proposed Republican rule that would require copies of all bills that are to be voted on by joint committees to be made available electronically to the committee's members at least six hours before the vote.

Supporters said this would help ensure that committee members have sufficient time to review the often complicated and lengthy bills and allow them to make a more informed decision on how to vote. They noted that currently some votes are scheduled quickly with little time for members to read the bills.

Opponents said the proposed rule is redundant and not necessary because the list of bills before each committee is already scheduled well in advance and published on the state's website.

(A"Yes" vote is for the rule. A"No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES (H 2017)

House 34-120, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a proposed GOP rule that would require all House-Senate conference committees to resolve and agree on the wording of any section of a bill that the House and Senate have both already approved when the language in each branch's version is similar or almost identical. Conference committees, comprised of a small number of senators and representatives, are appointed by each branch to draft a compromise bill when different versions of a measure are approved by the House and Senate.

Current rules allow the committee not to act on those sections, essentially defeating them. Current rules do stipulate that matters on which there is identical language cannot be altered by the committee and must be included in the final bill sent to the governor.

Supporters said this would ensure that conference committees work to reach a consensus on specific policy issues when both the House and Senate versions of the bill contain virtually identical language rather than holding these matters out of the final bill sent to the governor.

Opponents said including identical language is fine but argued when there are any differences in the two versions, the committee should not be forced to agree on language.

(A"Yes" vote is for the rule. A"No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE (H 2017)

House 34-120, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a proposed GOP rule that would create a nonpartisan Legislative Budget Office to assist any joint committees in research including the analysis, appraisal and evaluation of legislative proposals before the committee. The office would also research and provide the fiscal impact of any bill or budget item. It would have no legislative powers to originate or file legislation and would provide services only when requested by a committee.

Supporters said this valuable nonpartisan office would be similar to the very important and useful federal Congressional Budget Office that offers help to Congressional committees.

Opponents agreed that a Legislative Budget Office could be a very useful tool but pointed out that several separate bipartisan bills have been filed to create such an office. They argued that House passage of the creation of this entity would circumvent an open hearing on these bills by approving a lengthy proposal as a budget amendment without a hearing and proper vetting.

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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

HOUSE TOP DOGS APPOINTED - Democratic House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) appointed his leadership team for the 2015-2016 session. Reappointed to the same positions they had in the 2013-2014 session were Majority Leader Ronald Mariano (D-Quincy), Speaker Pro Tempore Patricia Haddad (D-Somerset) and Assistant Majority Leader Byron Rushing (D-Boston). Reps. Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham) and Paul Donato (D-Medford) were promoted to identical assistant majority leader positions. Rep. Brian Dempsey (D-Haverhill) was reappointed chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee. DeLeo also appointed his committee chairs and designated on which committee each of the House's 124 Democratic members will serve.

Over the past several years, the House has increased the total number of legislators appointed to positions that provide annual stipends of \$7,500 to \$35,000 beyond their annual base salary of \$60,032. The latest figures show that at least 62, or almost 40 percent, of the representatives receive bonus pay for their service in Democratic or Republican leadership positions, as committee chairs or vice chairs and as the ranking Republican on some committees.

Supporters say legislators in these important positions should be appropriately compensated for their many added responsibilities and hard work.

Critics say the base salary is sufficient.

FORMER PUBLIC SAFETY SECRETARY GETS

BIG PENSION - State Retirement Board officials said that former Public Safety Secretary Andrea Cabral qualifies for Group 4 classification usually reserved for front-line police officers and firefighters who put themselves in harm's way. The board concluded that Cabral, with 28 years in public service, is eligible for the group because of her service as Public Safety secretary, Suffolk County sheriff and assistant district attorney.

House Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) and Rep. Bradford Hill (R-Ipswich) object to Cabral's pension classification. "It is our opinion that she should not be designated a Group 4 employee," the duo said in a joint statement. "This designation is meant for police officers, correction officers, firefighters and other public safety officers that risk their lives on a routine basis."

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Nicola Favorito, executive director of the board, said that the board has no choice but to follow the law, which places Cabral in Group 4. Retirement officials said the amount of her pension has not yet been calculated but is expected to be done soon.

MBTA REFUNDS? - Gov. Charlie Baker said that he is open to the idea of refunding some money to T riders because of the failure of the system during recent storms. "I know they [T officials] are having conversations about what people might be able to do as part of a service recovery plan with respect to the performance of the T over the past several months and I look forward to seeing what they come up with," Baker said.

STATE LOSES OUT ON \$11.6 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS - State Auditor Suzanne Bump released an audit indicating that from 2011-2012, Massachusetts lost out on \$11.6 million in reimbursements from the federal government's Medicaid program for the costs of inmate medical care. The savings would have come from the state billing MassHealth for medical care of eligible inmates at county and state prisons. The Medicaid program does not usually reimburse states for these costs, but an exception allows reimbursement if inmates meet certain program eligibility requirements.

MassHealth is the state's Medicaid program that provides health care for approximately 1.4 million qualified low-income and disabled persons.

The audit found that MassHealth had not coordinated with the Department of Corrections (DOC) and county sheriffs to establish a process to take advantage of this cost-saving Medicaid exemption. As a result, Mass-Health did not seek available federal reimbursement HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

and the state lost the opportunity to receive the \$11.6 million. Bump has called on MassHealth to establish a process with the DOC and county officials to take advantage of the federal reimbursements. She says that this will save more than \$5.3 million annually.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"A slap in the face [to police officers and firefighters]." — Rep. Bradford Hill (R-Ipswich), commenting to the State House News Service on the decision that former Public Safety Secretary Andrea Cabral qualifies for Group 4 classification usually reserved for frontline police officers and firefighters who risk their lives every day.

"Once the issues are diagnosed, I look forward to helping implement a strategy to restore our system to full strength, and restoring our customers' faith in our ability to provide safe, reliable, efficient transit service." — Newly appointed MBTA Interim General Manager Frank

"He's going to be a rising star in this building." — House Speaker Robert DeLeo on Rep. Evandro Carvalho (D-Dorchester).

"It is a slam-dunk for public school systems, especially the neediest systems." — Brockton School Superintendent Kathleen Smith on a pending proposal before the State Board of Education that would provide students in low-performing public schools with breakfast in the classroom at the beginning of each school day.

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 23-27, the House met for a total of 23 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 12 minutes.

Mon. February 23 House 11:09 a.m. to 11:23 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Tues. February 24 No House session No Senate session

Wed. February 25 No House session

No Senate session

Thurs. February 26 House 11:04 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

Fri. February 27 No House session No Senate session

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Net neutrality vote demonstrates how regulation can support innovation and protect consumers



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The FCC took a historic and important stand last week when it voted in favor of innovation and equal access by embracing the value of net neutrality. By reclassifying Internet service providers as public utilities, the FCC has ensured that all internet traffic is treated equally and providers

won't be able to create a virtual fast lane for those with the means to pay more. The FCC's action is a demonstration of how good government regulation can protect both private sector innovation and consumers at the same time.

When the well-known internet companies we know today like Google, Facebook, Ebay and Amazon first launched as start-ups years ago, they did not have to pay more to ensure they had the same broadband speed as already established companies with deep pockets. They were not subjected to higher fees to ensure that their websites would work as well

as those large companies. And they did not have to apply to internet service providers for permission for users to access them via those providers' networks.

The entrepreneurs behind then start-ups had an idea spark, put in the work to match their vision, and launched their product online. In doing so, so they created jobs and revenue for our economy or they spread knowledge and information via sites like Wikipedia or MayoClinic. org. That is the kind of innovation we embrace here in Somerville, with those next-generation companies helping us expand our commercial sector and create a strong, resilient local econ-

omy alongside the terrific local businesses we already have in our community.

That kind of innovation would be severely hindered if start-up companies do not have access to the same internet service as already established companies. It would be like telling Federal Express, UPS or DHL that they could not use our road and airway infrastructure when they first started business. Just as we did not block access to our actual highways, we should not block access to the digital highway for new internet-based businesses.

In some strange corners, net neutrality—like too many issues we face together—is being used as a partisan wedge between the two parties in Washington. This is ironic, given that in a 2005 U.S. Supreme Court dissent opinion, conservative Justice Antonin Scalia pointed out that Internet service providers were incorrectly categorized by the FCC, an error corrected by last week's vote. Joining Scalia in his dissenting opinion were liberal Justices David Souter and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. This is not a partisan issue, and anyone who portrays it as such is playing scare-politics in the name of drumming up votes, instead of doing what is best for our economy and consumers. It's a commonsense Continued on page 17

An imminent train wreck



By William C. Shelton

The disappointment in the room was tangible last Wednesday night. Greg Karczewski, president of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority's chosen Master Developer Partner US2, had just told Somerville residents that his firm intended to build 525 housing units for affluent young professionals

on Union Square's most strategic block.

Stunned attendees who wanted to discuss this were told to go play with Legos®. Their sense of betrayal seemed to correlate in its intensity with how much they had sincerely participated in Somerville by Design, the Union Square Civic Advisory Committee (CAC), and other processes advertised as guiding Union Square's redevelopment.

The SomerVision Comprehensive Plan had set goals of creating 6,000 new housing units and 30,000 new jobs by 2030. The enormous jobs goal is necessary to correct Somerville's gross mismatch between jobs

and workers, the worst in Massachusetts.

Office and lab space that could be built to attract employers would also correct a radically unbalanced property tax base, dominated by residential properties that pay lower tax rates but generate higher municipal costs. The city's resulting reliance on precarious state aid limits its ambitions and increasingly puts tax burdens on its homeowners.

To meet both housing and jobs goals, SomerVision called for concentrating housing development in "Transform" areas like Inner Belt, not in "Enhance" areas like Union Square, which are needed for office and lab space.

Accordingly, it set a goal of only 350 new housing units in Union Square, and 500 new units in the larger Boynton Yards "Transform" district next door.

The Union Square Revitalization Plan reaffirmed that goal. And the Request for Qualifications to which US2 responded to become the Master Developer Partner set a goal of "350 housing units for Somerville residents of all socioeconomic levels..." [emphasis added]. A joint venture between the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) and Cathartes is already contributing 65 units toward that goal—26 market-rate and 39 affordable.

Wednesday night, US2 told a

packed house that they had to build as many as 925 housing units—525 of them on the "D2 block" on the northern edge of the Green Line station—for millennials. The rest would go in the "D3" block on the station's southern side. By "millennials," they mean the youngest generation currently in the workforce.

Their stated rationale was that we need more millennial workers to attract office and lab space tenants. In fact, Somerville already has so many millennial residents that they are displacing every other age cohort, younger and older, and their families. We already have the second highest proportion

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Life in the Will by Jimmy Del Ponte



I figured I'd do a story that could at least get our minds in a summer sort of mood. I'm going to talk about those great old days

when our bikes were so important to us.

They were out the on the streets the day after the big recent snowstorms. They are out there in the rain, wind, whatever. They are bicyclists and they love to ride. The really smart ones are well illuminated and abide by the safety and traffic rules. There was even a contingent of cyclists taking the annual Christmas Illumination Tour.

Before the current influx of bike riders filled the streets of The Ville, every

Somerville Bike Parade

kid in the 60s and 70s had a bike. The lucky ones had new Huffys, Schwinns, or English Raleighs. My dad bought his three kids bikes from Sears and they were awesome.

Hand me downs were fine as long as we got to ride. And ride we did. Just like the cowboys had their trusty horses, every kid in Somerville had a bike. You either had a lock and chain or you would bring your bike inside for the night to protect it.

We would use clothespins to put playing cards in the spokes to make the sound of a motor. We would also put balloons in the spokes to create the sound of a motorcycle. The faster you peddled the louder it got, but it also made the balloons break faster. Cards and balloons in the spokes

sounded wicked cool!

Thanks to my social media friends, I peddled upon a great story of bikes in the Ville from days past. "Before bikes infiltrated the present day Ville, do you remember when we would decorate our bikes and ride them to Somerville City Hall? They gave trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. They had other prizes too. The fire department was involved also!" My friend Michele's little brother won for his tricycle and he and his bike got to ride on a fire truck up to City Hall. That's was awfully cool for a little kid.

"The Recreation Department used to have Bike Day. Officer Bill Kelley and Recreation Department employee Bill MacDonald were the Continued on page 17



COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times

Getting rid of the snow is just the beginning.



Once the snow has melted - or has been "eaten" by the dragon - a long laborious process still awaits those who care for the functioning of our city's infrastructure.

Potholes in our streets and other types of damage caused by all the scraping, digging, and shoveling will have to be dealt with. Public buildings will need shoring up, their roofs checked and repaired where necessary, etc.

We have to hand it to those tireless workers who have seen us through one of the most difficult meteorological events in recorded history. All in all, we have weathered the storm very well, in spite of enormous challenges thrown at us. Our gratitude goes out to those who gave their all in will continue to do so as the city

strives to return to normalcy in the wake of the disaster.

When all is said and done, these public servants have done an unquestionably outstanding job in seeing to our welfare and safety. Yes, there have been frustrating isolated incidents where a few residents have been inconvenienced by the activities of the cleanup crews. Unfortu-

nately, this sort of thing is unavoidable in emergency situations. It's up to us to be patient and supportive of those who are doing their best to see us through it all.

Just as we have pulled together in times of war, we should support our "troops" who are out there do what they must do to keep the city running efficiently.

And they'll be at it for some time to come.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

associated with us. Another local guy from a well-known East Somerville family, Steven Buckley is celebrating with what we hear is a big move for him at Assembly Row. We wish him the very best. To one of the many good guys and a dedicated city worker, Mike Browne is celebrating his birthday this week. He was one of many who spent long hours and days keeping our city streets plowed. Also another dedicated city employee/official, Eddie Nuzzo is celebrating this week as well. Another dedicated guy. To all the others celebrating this week, we wish them the very best of birthdays.

We heard that the long-time chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals has resigned recently, Herbert "Butch" Foster served for many years as the Chairman. Some very controversial decisions were made under his leadership. The question is who is the mayor going to replace on the Board and who will be the new chairman? We bet this resignation comes as a surprise to many around the city. It did to us.

The Somerville Redevelopment Authority has not only one vacancy to fill, but two. It seems that local Attorney Mike Dwyer resigned, or did he? The

other vacant seat was the seat held by James McCarthy, who recently passed away. Leaving two vacant seats on a very important board should be interesting. We hear the mayor will be proposing replacements this week.

The Old (1970s) Powderhouse School is back in the forefront now. It seems like a couple of years since Tufts withdrew from consideration. Now the administration has asked for new bids. Whatever happened to the neighborhood advisory committee? We looked online and the same people from before are still on the committee, or maybe City Hall hasn't updated the list?

Have you noticed that the postal service is on an every-other-day delivery schedule? Yup, this from the government agency that once boasted the slogan "Through rain, sleet, snow" delivery every day. It seems that this has been going on for a few months. Have you noticed that one day you don't get mail, and then next day you get enough mail for two or three days in elastic band?

Stand at the corner of Pearl and Medford Streets and you will notice that there is a one lane opened on the bridge, but someone somewhere has traffic moving a little strangely. It seems that in the morning the bridge is only open to traffic moving east to west (coming out of Boston), with very few cars coming in, but traffic west to east is backed up past the lights at School Street going into the city. In the evening its the opposite, with that one lane opened to traffic west to east, again with traffic backed up down Pearl Street.

We heard that in Ward 1 two individuals are talking about running for alderman against the incumbent. In Ward 3, the anticipated vacancy of Adam Sweeting might see two candidates so far for his seat. In Ward 4 we also heard about two potential candidates for the School Board, and in Ward 5 the present incumbent, Mark Niedergang, might see an opponent with Courtney O'Keefe. Her name keeps popping up. In Ward 6, with the present Alderman Gewirtz on a leave of absence, two or maybe three are eyeing her position, including the current School Board member Paul Bockleman. We hear the Alderman at Large race might see a challenge by Sean Fitzgerald again. Other names are being mentioned and one individual who asked not to have her name mentioned - at least not yet

- is considering running in Ward 6. There's plenty of time to consider running. To find out what you have to do call the Election Commission at 617 625-6600.

Be a writer...write now! Are you an aspiring writer? A beginner's journalism course is being taught by popular Somerville Times columnist, Jimmy Del Ponte. Enrollees will have their stories published in The Somerville Times in a new segment that will be named by the students (their first writing assignment). The course will be held after school in room 239 at Somerville High School, Wednesdays from March 11 through May 6. Limited to 10 Students. Contact [Delponte@ somervillema.gov, or 617-625-6600 x 2616 for more info. Sponsored by the City of Somerville Executive Office of Communications. ******

Wednesday, March 11, 5:00-6:30 p.m., at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powderhouse Blvd.: Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds. A family workshop focused on student learning and family fitness. A light supper will be served from 5:00-5:30 p.m. (registration required), followed by Family Fitness

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Theater @First cleverly presents Agatha Christie's **The** Mousetrap'

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Fight Club of plays. I also chose it because I thought it was a perfect piece for the space at Unity Church and the time of year." Heddad is right on point.

Set in the parlor of Monkswell Manor, the scene remains the same throughout the two acts. Simple and aged, the Victorian couches and tables accompanied by a constantly roaring fireplace pull the audience away from the minimalist Unity Somerville theater and into a whole nother world.

The quality of the play and set are not the only great things about this production. Perhaps most importantly, are the characters and cast who keep the audience fully engaged from start to finish.

"One of the reasons I love this show is that all of the characters have wonderfully crafted arcs. It is morbidly interesting to see how these individuals react as the weight of their confinement presses upon them and secrets start coming to light," Haddad says about the cast of incredibly exotic, diverse and strange characters.

It's obvious to even the untrained eye, the cast of Theater@First are a group of hard-working and passionate actors. Devoted to their roles, the cast "talked a lot about our characters and their motivations and you can really see the thought and consideration put into each character," says Sarah Brinks who plays Mollie Ralston. The motto of Theater@First is "more theater, less drama" and it certainly rings true with their version of Agatha Christie's classic.

A show not to be missed, The Mousetrap has red herrings, changing theories, suspicious characters and high levels of suspense, as you might suspect and desire. However, there is also a welcome element of humor and characters to entertain, feel affection for and most definitely mistrust.

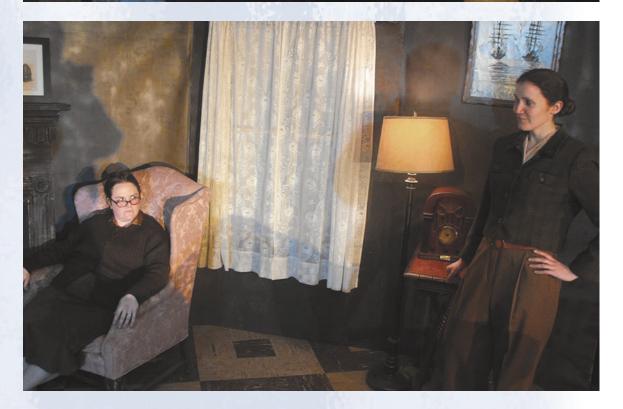
Sarah Brinks is a true force as Mollie Ralston, Renee Johnson convincingly unpleasant as Mrs. Boyle, Andrew Lebrun a great detective, who shows necessary resourcefulness and power from the moment of his arrival and Emma Joyce, a wonderful oddball capturing the sincere discomfort of Christopher Wren.

The full cast of eight will keep audiences guessing and while you may figure out one or two of the surprises, you won't get them all!

Shows start at 8 p.m. with a matinee show at 4 p.m. on March 7. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. For tickets and more information about The Mousetrap and Theater@First, visit www. theateratfirst.org.









Armory Café's next Somerville Songwriter Session

set for this coming Saturday



Sam Bayer

Boston musician Sam Bayer is your literate, exuberant guide to an imaginary world where housewives win the Nobel Prize in physics, poker-playing children gamble over their bedtimes, and metaphorical elephants pirouette in the den, four and a half minutes at a time. More at www.sambayer.com.



Somerville Songwriter Sessions at the Armory Cafe presents a concert with Boston singer-songwriter Sam Bayer, New York sing-

er-songwriter Krista Baroni and Wellesley singer-songwriter Beth

The concert will feature a solo set by each artist, followed by a round robin song swap. The show begins at 8 p.m. and there is a

suggested donation of \$10. The Armory Cafe is at 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville. For more information, call 617-718-2191 or visit artsatthearmory.org or www.facebook.com/SomervilleSong-

Somerville Songwriter Sessions at the Armory Cafe presents contemporary folk singer/songwriters in concert on the first Saturday of each month. The Armory Cafe features live music in an intimate

setting, a menu featuring sandwiches, soups, desserts and coffees,

By Rebecca Danvers

writerSessions.

and plenty of free parking.

DeSombre on Saturday, March 7.

Photos by Steve Black



Mya Adriene Byrne

Mya Adriene Byrne is a guitarist, singer, songwriter, poet, and producer/engineer based in New York City. Since the fall of 2012, Mya has become a steady figure in the national folk music scene, performing her own music constantly, both solo and with her band of friends. She is also a dedicated member of Scott Wolfson and Other Heroes, a collective project centered around their eponymous leader's compositions. More at myabyrne.com.



Photo by Richard Cuccaro



Beth DeSombre

Beth DeSombre sings new songs that spring from old traditions, telling the stories of people and places along life's crooked highways. Sing Out! Magazine describes her songs as "smart and uplifting ... focusing on the quiet meaning to be found in ordinary life." Christine Lavin calls her songwriting "wonderful," and the folk-pop duo The Kennedys laud her "catchy melodies and insightful lyrics." More at www.bethdesombre.com.



— Photos by Dan Tappan

SPORTS

Little League clinic, tryouts this weekend

By Tom Bannister

Even though there's still snow on the ground it's not too early to start thinking baseball! Somerville Little League and the Tufts University Varsity Baseball Team welcome all baseball players registered with Somerville Little League to a free one day baseball clinic on Saturday, March 7.

Come on down and work on those baseball skills with the Tufts baseball players and coaches. The clinic will be held at the Steve Tisch Sports and

Fitness Center and Cousens Complex at Tufts University from 2-3:30 p.m.

The clinic is open to all Somerville Little League players registered to play for the 2015 season. One can register online at www. somervillelittleleague.org, in person at the Tufts/SLL clinic.

On the next day, Sunday, March 8, official tryouts and player evaluations will be held at Somerville High School, Brune Field House, from 12-3 p.m.

For more information, email Sean Fitzgerald at seanjfitz@ comcast.net.







Shape Up Somerville, **Recreation Road Race**

By Rebecca Danvers

The 6th annual Shape Up Somerville/Somerville Recreation Road Race is set for Sun., Apr. 19, beginning and ending at the Somerville High School Concourse at 81 Highland Ave.

The day begins with a one mile children's "Fun Run" at 10:30 a.m., the day's events also include a 5K race and walk at 11 a.m., and a celebration for runners at Casey's Grill at 173 Broadway.

Registration is open to all community members at a price of \$5 for youth under age 10, and \$20 for adults. Applications are available at www.SomervilleYouthRecF.org, www.somervillerec.com.

assistant coaches.



Top male and female finishers in each category will receive awards. For additional informa-

Coaching Opportunities in SYSL's In-Town Soccer Program

Somerville Youth Soccer League (SYSL) is seeking community members and soccer enthusiasts

to assist us with our successful in-town (intramural) program—U5/U6 and U7/U8 coaches and

tion, please call the Somerville Recreation Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 2980.

Ms. Cam's Mís Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous #464

1. What Great Lake has more shoreline than the entire U.S. Atlantic shoreline?

mixture, hodgepodge

- 2. What explorer introduced pigs to North America?
- 3. How many U.S. states border the Gulf of Mex-
- 4. What school did Harry Potter go to?
- 5. How did John Milton use the word Pandemonium?
- 6. In what James Bond movie did Bond fly "Little

Nellie?"

- 7. Who wrote Breakfast at Tiffany's?
- 8. What is the name of the bridge that connects a palace with a state prison?
- 9. What is a goalie doing when he smothers a puck?
- 10. What is another name for a carousel?
- 11. In what song are the stars at night big and bright?
- 12. Who lives at 742 Evergreen Terrace in fictional Springfield?

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The U5/U6 In-Town Program is an organized, co-ed soccer program for kids ages 5 and 6; it's an opportunity for kids to meet new friends, learn the fundamentals of the game (dribbling, passing, receiving, and shooting), and understand the importance of good sportsmanship; 3v3 format with no goalkeepers; 1 practice each week; 1 game each Saturday; 10 week season in Spring (April-June).

About the U7/U8 In-Town Program

About the U5/U6 In-Town Program

The U5/U6 In-Town Program is an organized soccer program with separate boys and girls leagues; players continue to improve their fundamental soccer skills with lots of ball touches in a 4v4 format with no goalkeepers; 1 practice each week; 1 game each Saturday; 10 week season in Spring (April-June).

If you are interested in coaching our U5/U6 teams, please contact SYSL U5/U6 Program Director (Karen Gardner) at u6coordinator@somervillesoccer.us

If you are interested in coaching our U7/U8 teams, please contact SYSL U7/U8 Program Director (Brandee Hall) at u8coordinator@somervillesoccer.us

Culinary entrepreneurship program launched

By Tom Bannister

The City of Somerville has announced that the Somerville Arts Council, in partnership with Kitchen Inc. (a culinary incubator in Union Square) and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, has launched the Nibble Entrepreneurship Program (NEP), an 8-week workshop and mentoring program designed to educate and empower immigrants interested in launching culinary careers while strengthening the city's existing reputation as a hot and diverse food destination.

Built upon the Somerville Art Council's "Nibble" cultural economic development work, which includes ethnic market tours, pop-up restaurants, cooking classes and numerous culinary-cultural events, the pilot NEP program launched this month with 8 participants who hail from Brazil, Somalia, India, and Columbia, among other countries. Experts from local food businesses including Taza Chocolate and Machu Picchu, as well as organizations like Accion and various city departments,

will advise our participants on subjects including: selecting menus, food sourcing, business planning, marketing, licensing/permitting, and financing while having 1-on-1 mentorship from City and Kitchen Inc. staff, and successful immigrant food entrepreneurs. By the end of the program, participants will develop and implement final projects, ranging from pop-up restaurants and storefronts to creating a small product line or vending at a city festival. This hands-on experience will offer a steppingstone toward long-range aspirations while offering the public rich, multicultural programming.

"Somerville has become a regional food destination, and our immigrant community is huge part of why we're increasingly becoming known for our eclectic cuisine," says Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "We have residents from all over the world who create authentic cultural experiences through food, which is a boon to diners —and a boon to our local economy. We want to create pipelines for more immigrants to enter the local food landscape." While many culinary entrepreneurs



hope to start their own restaurant, one of NEP is to share opportunities in the food sector that are less expensive and risky (the majority of restaurants fail within the first year). Some of these alternatives include catering, retail, and temporary businesses, including pop-up restaurants, street vending and farmer's markets. Many of these alternatives could involve utilizing the services at Kitchen Inc, a non-profit culinary incubator that helps food businesses grow, including Union Square Donuts, which recently graduated from the shared kitchen space at Kitchen Inc to their retail location. A long-term goal of the Arts Council, Kitchen Inc. and the NEP team is to launch a café at ArtFarm, with a rotating cadre of immigrant cooks who graduate from the NEP program.

"In the true entrepreneurial spirit of Somerville, Kitchen Inc. is thrilled to be partnering with the Somerville Arts Council with this unique opportunity to encourage and educate new culinary entrepreneurs," says Kitchen Inc. general manager Ciaran Naigle. "Finding adequate retail space is incredibly difficult around metro Boston. We want to teach our participants about alternative tracks to enter the food business that may better match with long-term goals and provide more opportunities to experiment and create unique experiences for the consumer."

Beyond Kitchen Inc. and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, The Somerville Arts Council's NEP program has numerous partners including the city's SomerViva/ Communications department, the city's Inspectional Services Division, The Welcome Project/LIPS, Accion, Taza Chocolate, Spindler Confections, Machu Picchu, and Casa B.

For more information, you are encouraged to contact Rachel Strutt at Rachel@somervilleartscouncil.org or at 617-625-6600 x 2985 or visit www. somervilleartscouncil.org.

What's on Somerville **Neighborhood News**

Make sure to check out some of the latest news headlines from Somerville Neighborhood News, a news production of SCATV.

Here is one featured news segment:

There's no Business like Snow Business

By Laura Onveneho.

After weeks of immense back-to-back snowstorms, Somerville has now been hit with an unprecedented record of snowfall of over 95 inches, and that's taking its toll on locally owned businesses. Some local businesses say they have endured losses in revenue because of the weather that has resulted in limited mass transit, poor road conditions, parking problems, and clogged sidewalks.



"The people that come don't buy as much as they normally do," McKinnon's Meat Market owner Jimmy Kontos told Somerville Neighborhood News (SNN). "It's extremely difficult to carry bags for two or three blocks to your car, so they buy what they need for the day or a couple of days and as a result the volume goes down."

Kontos said he's worked in the business for fifty years, and that the last severe snowstorm he could remember was the blizzard of 1978. This season has been different because it wasn't just one storm; it was "continuous," he noted.

The lot behind his store in Davis Square, where many customers usually park, is rented by the city. And until recently, it was piled high with snow. Kontos said he felt it took the city too long to clean it.

"If there was any way they could remove some of the snow – and again, it's too much snow in a short time, and I understand it's difficult - but it would help matters, at least for us it would, and for everyone in the Square, for that matter,"

For this complete news story and others, please visit www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org. Every two weeks we bring you investigative stories about Somerville happenings. You can always send us a message for news you think should be covered at news@scatvsomerville.org.

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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 18, 2015</u> at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

12 Berkeley Street: (Case #ZBA 2015-07) Applicant & Owner, Brent Hardenbergh, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a dormer. RA Zone. Ward 3.

18 Ivaloo Street: (Case #ZBA 2015-06) Applicant and Owner, Mika Cheng, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to alter windows and doors, a Variance to legalize a second dwelling unit, and a Special Permit to not provide one parking space. Zone RB / Ward 2.

53 Josephine Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2015-09) Applicant Christopher Royer, and Owner, Christine Dall and Randall Conrad, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to renovate/reconstruct after a fire. Alterations include front porches, rear decks, dormers, and window alterations. RA Zone. Ward 5.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by: 1) Douglas Beaudet to demolish a c.1852 workers cottage at 18 Kent Court; 2) Shangzhe Xuyu to demolish a c.1874 workers cottage at 14 Kent Court; and 3) Kevin Slattery to demolish a c.1874 workers cottage at 35 Moreland Street.

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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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday March 16, 201**5 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Fu Xing Ge Inc. d/b/a Yumi, for an Entertainment by Devices at 263 Elm St, Somerville, MA

For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD) will hold a public hearing on the City's 2015 Draft One-Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, and the HOME program. The public hearing will be held at the Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood Center (150 Glen St. Somerville, MA 02145) on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the proposed 2015 Draft One Year HUD Action Plan (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016) and to receive input and comments on this proposed plan.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available. Requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Monday, March 16, 2015 by contacting Betsy Allen at 617-625-6600 x2323. Accommodations for non-English speaking or hearing impaired persons are available by contacting (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500; requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Monday, March 16, 2015. General questions about the hearing should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500. Written comments will be accepted up to Monday, April 20, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to the attention of Kesh Gedeon at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or email to OSPCD@somervillema.gov.

Joseph A. Curtatone Mayor

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For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek
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For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

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For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

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For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 15P0671EA

NOTICE

In the matter of The Fernandez Irrevocable Trust
To all persons interested in the matter of The Fernandez Irrevocable
Trust of Somerville in the County of Middlesex.

A Petition has been presented by John G. Dugan, in the above-captioned matter praying to modify the trust by adding John G. Dugan of Franklin MA as co-trustee with Maximinor Fernandez Jr., Authorizing and directing the co-trustees to list and sell the property at 34 Garrison Ave., Reforming the first paragraph, Article Fourth and Article Eighth of the Trust as provided in Exhibit B, Authorizing and directing the co-trustees to distribute the entire Trust property to the trustees of the Fernandez Family 2014 Irrevocable Trust, and following distribution, terminating the Fernandez Irrevocable Trust.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT MIDDLE-SEX PROBATE AND FAMILY TRIAL COURT, 208 CAMBRIDGE STREET, CAMBRIDGE,MA 02141, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORE-NOON (10:00 a.m.) on March 23rd, 2015.

Witness, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of said Court at Cambridge Massachusetts, the 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday March 9, 2015** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Rockwell Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Foundry on Elm, for a Transfer of Stock at 255 Elm St., Somerville, MA

For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek
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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday March 9, 2015** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of River Bar, LLC d/b/a River Bar, for a Transfer of Stock at 661 Assembly Row, Somerville, MA

For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Jean Batzek Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday March 9, 2015** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Union Square Group, Inc. d/b/a Brass Union, for an Alteration of Premises, Transfer of Stock and New Stockholder at 70 Union Sq., Somerville, MA

For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

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1. Lake Michigan

7. Truman Capote

2. Christopher Columbus

8. The Bridge of Sighs in Venice

3. Five

9. He is falling on it

4. Hogwarts

10. Merry-go-round

5. It was the capital of

7 8

Hell in the epic poem Paradise Lost

11. Deep In The Heart of Texas

6. You Only Live Twice

12. The Simpsons

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Net neutrality vote demonstrates how regulation can support innovation and protect consumers CONT. FROM PG 10

reclassification that applies the correct, already-in-place classification to Internet providers.

This commonsense step is important for our economy, by upholding equal internet access to start-up companies, and for you, the consumer. No matter what online source you turn to for news, information or entertainment, each website and product is treated equally and neutrally

by your Internet provider. Consumers should not have to shop around for internet providers because one favors the *New York Times* over the *Wall Street Journal*, or vice versa, or because a provider forces these news outlets to either pay more or face slower speeds.

Requiring net neutrality is good government at work. This is government acting in the best interest of both business and consumers, of both knowledge and innovation. The FCC took the right stand in reaffirming the Internet essentially as a public good that we all share equal access to so that we can learn and thrive as we all determine rather than allowing a corporation to censor or manage our use of it. We should keep this in mind

as we face more challenges when it comes to disruptive, innovative technologies, balancing innovation with consumer protection.

The FCC's vote for net neutrality last week shows that government can create regulations that not only avoid stifling innovation but help it thrive, while putting rules in place that protect the public.

It also shows that speaking up—often via the Internet—matters. The FCC received more than four million comments on this issue that they stated themselves swayed their decision. Let's keep our voices raised as the inevitable lawsuits to reverse this decision—as well as the progress toward municipal broadband—are sure to come.

An imminent train wreck CONT. FROM PG 10

of millennials in the U.S.

Building ever more housing for childless households does eliminate the city's costs to educate their nonexistent kids. But it increases transiency, thereby hastening the unraveling of our community fabric.

Molly Heath, a Senior Vice President with James Lang La-Salle, had emphasized Somerville' exceedingly large millennial population at the previous evening's CAC meeting. Her firm successfully manages major commercial properties and recruits tenants. So they carefully track the commercial real estate market.

In an insightful, data-rich and well-designed presentation, she listed what the companies that we want to attract are looking for in their location decisions. Each of their criteria is either one that Union Square and Somerville already possess, or one that is created through building design. In response to a pointed question, she said that the only objection she hears from potential tenants about Union Square is that there is no space for them

The following evening Greg Karczewski began the presentation of his company's Union Square development program with a slide titled "Your goals." First on the list was building an additional 9,000 new Somerville housing units before 2030.

In fact, the SomerVision R&D space and siting it where

Steering Committee has not increased its goal from 6,000 to 9,000 units. If reconvened, it would reject the increase. The Board of Aldermen did not approve it. And it is not my or my neighbors' goal.

The Mayor decreed it. He took it from Massachusetts Area Planning Council's population projections for the 101 cities and towns within its purview.

MAPC's report describes its projection methodology. But within it I can find no consideration of how dense a city already is. Or whether a city has the fiscal strength or physical room to absorb a 27% increase in its housing, much less within fifteen years. Or that every additional housing unit contributes little to, or worsens, our municipal costs-to-revenues imbalance while worsening our jobs-to-workers imbalance.

MAPC periodically prepares job-growth projections as well. It takes a town's own estimate and tweaks it based on considerations that include compatibility with its own regional projection. The result for Somerville is not only the highest of all 101 municipalities. It is two-and-a-half times that of the second highest town's rate, and nine times that of the regional average.

When you stop laughing, consider that we're not going to achieve even a fraction of that if we don't start building office and R&D space and siting it where

it's most attractive to tenants.

Which leads us to *Dimensions* of *Displacement*, a report prepared by MAPC, with support from SCC and city staff. It embraces the 9,000-unit projection and seems to argue that because the Green Line is coming, more people will want to live here. So we should build more housing to stabilize prices.

In fact, the housing market is regional. There is no amount of new units that we could physically cram into Somerville sufficient to equilibrate supply and demand at a price point significantly less than where we are otherwise headed. We've done our part while other towns maintain one- and two-acre house lot minimums.

Massachusetts' obligation to extend the Green Line does not exist to make New England's densest city denser. It exists to ease that city's transportation benefits-to-burden ratio, the worst in the Commonwealth. It goes back to a long overdue 1966 MBTA plan and 1990 consent decree.

Maintaining housing affordability is essential. But it will require permanently removing an additional portion of our housing stock from the inflationary spiral. We must not distort our tax base with so much housing that we lack the fiscal strength to do that, or to pay for 'Villens job training and placement in companies that we could attract if we

built the space they need next to transit nodes.

I was disappointed that *Dimensions of Displacement* did not discuss that other way that lower income 'Villens can avoid displacement while empowering themselves—jobs with a future. Low-wage, low-mobility retail, restaurant and service jobs now dominate Somerville's employment base. But the companies we could attract offer a range of jobs and career paths, starting with workers who possess a high school diploma or less.

Dimensions of Displacement does include some important insights. Among them is that people are willing to walk up to a half mile to a T station. Conversely, major employers want to be as close to mass transit nodes

Siting unneeded millennial housing on the same block as the Green Line would not only displace office and lab space. Many Union Square parcels are of a size or configuration that can't support office and lab space. Inevitably, they too will be developed as high-priced housing. Adding them to US2's proposed housing would ensure that unaffordable housing, which we don't need, largely preempts job and tax-revenue creation, which we desperately need.

Perhaps in anticipation of attendees' outraged reaction, and wishing to diffuse it, those who planned last Wednesday's meeting had set up tables with maps of the Green Line station site. Lego blocks represented the exact amounts of housing, retail, and office space that US2 intends to build there.

Presentations by Mr. Karczewski and his architect were followed by Russell Preston, a consultant hired by the city to facilitate community participation. He directed attendees to place the Legos in the configuration that they would like US2 to build.

Four different audience members said that they would prefer to continue discussing US2's plans, evoking audience applause. Mr. Preston told them that they would have to play with their Legos and save discussion for another time. His response may have avoided mayhem, but it intensified discontent.

An imminent train wreck is now in motion. How it might be avoided is not clear because zoning for the Green Line station blocks are in limbo. The Master Developer Agreement states that US2's development plans for those blocks must "proceed in advance of completing the Neighborhood Plan."

Perhaps the aldermen will assert their authority. Or the citizenry, theirs.

Hyperlinks to all information sources referenced in this column will appear in its online version.

Somerville Bike Parade CONT. FROM PG 10

two people behind it. Both encouraged bike safety and bike registration. I believe it was often held at the concourse at City Hall."

"We used to put the twist lights on the back (they came in red or green), we put spaghetti strings on the handle bars, and of course a horn in front. We used to drive around the old tower at the Somerville Ave. fire station, or as we called it, the fire barn"

"Bike safety courses were set up in playgrounds. Someone from the city would come to Prescott School yard and make a course out of white chalk. Then we took turns riding the course and got a score. The winners got ribbons." A friend tells us, "I won 2nd place in 1958. Officer Kelly was in charge. I rode my bike from Woodstock playground to City Hall." When the Schwinn Sting Ray craze started in 1963, kids started customizing their bikes with wing handlebars and banana seats. We used to get our bike accessories at Goff's Auto Store on Elm Street (I think it's the eye Doctors now). That's where we bought streamers, raccoon tails, horns, reflectors and lights. We also used to take parts from old bikes and customize our own creations. I once had a

double fork extension that made my bike look like a really neat "chopper." We didn't have those "kid carriers" back then. If you wanted a ride you either sat on the cross bar or stood on the front or back axle. A small kid could fit into those huge paperboy baskets!

Somerville has a rich bike history that goes back far beyond helmets, spandex outfits, and bicycle lanes.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | March 4

East Branch Library

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

East Branch Library Origami Instruction with Gustavo

Meghan Forsell 617-623-5000 x2970 3 p.m.- 4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Thursday | March 5

Central Library

Garcia Barragan

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West Branch Library

Lego Club Annamarie Almeida|617-623-5000

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

Central Library

Lego Club Cathy Piantigini 617-623-5000 x2950

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday March 6

Central Library

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

Monday March 9

Central Library

Sing-along with Fred Griffeth 11 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|March 10

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 11-13

Tammy McKanan 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West Branch Library

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

Wednesday | March 11

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

Young Life Club Meeting Sarah Brasington|617-930-8336 2:45 p.m. - 4p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

MUSIC | ARTS

Wednesday | March 4

Johnny D's **TBA**

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

Exile on Elm Back Room

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

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

Arts at the Armory

Youth Arts Arise: Primary Portraits

3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday | March 5

Johnny D's

Bill Blumenreich Presents: Nashville Nights With Scott Reeves Of General Los Fletcheros

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

BYOBluegrass Jam grassy Thursdays|7:30 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.

Back Room Scattershot

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

Live DI 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

Ioshua 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

Arts at the Armory

Singers' Open Mic with Bill Duffy 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday | March 6

Joan Osborne-Acoustic Duo Featuring Keith Cotton – Love and Hate Tour plus Derik Hultquist / Ruby Rose Fox We Dig Free Fridays Presents: Sirsy plus Live Nude Girls 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Dave Foley Band |6 p.m. Mike Barry, The Condescendants \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's

Dave Wells 10 p.m.

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Joshua Tree

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Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory

Pocket Aces (Eric Hofbauer/Aaron Darrell/Curt Newton)

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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Davis Square Theatre

The Smoke People Album Release, w/ Clear Audience, Dave Buda 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Saturday|March 7

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Paul Speidel Band 20th Anniversary

Playin' Dead

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin & Wicked Heart |6 p.m. Baltic Sun, Graham Moseley Brown, Ghost Hammers \$5 cover 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Back Room Jimmy's Down

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

On the Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's

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

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Arts at the Armory

The Two Ricks 10:30 a.m.|Café Jeremy Lyons

1 p.m.|Café

Somerville Songwriter Sessions 7 p.m.|Café

SexyFunTime*, a party for your inner kid: interactive comedy, dancing, games 7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 High-

Davis Square Theatre Comedysportz Boston

7 p.m.|255 Elm Street Sunday | March 8

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew **Smart Band**

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Johnny Come Latelies 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse

Burren Acoustic Music Series

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 & DI 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Arts at the Armory Winter Recital for Janet's Planet: Music Lessons For Humanoids

Swinging Jam Session 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday | March 9

Johnny D's

Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy

Conquerors 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Bur-Run

Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway 617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Tuesday March 10

Johnny D's

Andy McKee (Acoustic Guitar Phenom) plus Trevor Gordon Hall 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar **Dubious Brothers**

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

p.m.

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers 8:30

Back Room Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Stump Trivia (with prizes)

The Ghetto People Band

Bull McCabe's Pub

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling

Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

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

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

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

PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Stop-Motion Ani-

3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine||191 Highland

Boston lewish Music Festival presents

Wednesday | March 11

Saints and Tzaddiks with Susan McKeown and Lorin Sklamberg

Johnny D's

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Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Highland Kitchen

The Nephrok All Stars

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Teen Open Mic Night

Youth Arts Arise: Primary Portraits 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine

6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

Wednesday March 4

Central Library

Nan Levinson, author of War Is Not

7p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

a Game

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

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com Thursday | March 5

West Branch Library

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

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

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

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First Church Somerville

For more info call: 781-762-6629 Saturday | March 7

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

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Bagel Bards

Holland St

Hall|191 Highland Ave

Sunday | March 8

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Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Third Life Studio

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

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

Central Library Learn English at the Library!

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.| 79 Highland

Central Library

Board Game Night 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio

with Nadira Jamal 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Level 3|33 Union

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union

Monday | March 9

115 Broadway Tuesday | March 10

Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga

7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave **Third Life Studio** The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com

Wednesday March 11

7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Belly Dance performance preparation

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

HAPPENINGS: CENTER SENIO

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

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

Working with Mosaics – Tuesday, March 10 – 10:00 A.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Hands-on workshop with Artist Emily Bhargava of Connectionlab. This is a free workshop & space is limited to 10 - for additional information or to sign up for the workshop, please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

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

Fiore's Restaurant – Wednesday, March 4th – check in time is 10:45 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and 11:00 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 3:00 P.M. Join us for a delicious lunch – choice of Chicken Parmesan, Salmon or Eggplant Parmesan - \$25.- fee, this will sell out fast so please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Previously scheduled for Wednesday the 11th.

Stepping Stones - To Guide Your Way - Monday, March 9th – 10:30 A.M. to Noon – Nancy Duffy, from Beacon Hospice will guide you through the discovery process about end of life planning. Important discussion covering various considerations as we grow older, important documents, end of life care, how to spark conversation with a loved one and how to obtain & complete the document "Five Wishes." Please RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

Boston Flower & Garden Show - Thursday, March 12th – Departing our Holland Street Center at 9:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 3:00 P.M. A fee of \$26.- includes tickets and round trip SCM transportation. Lunch at a waterfront area restaurant is an additional cost. This year's theme is "Season of Enchantment." Gardening, cooking, floral design demos, lectures and so much more. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions please contact Janine Lotti at

617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

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

The luncheon scheduled on Tuesday, March 10 at the Highlander Café at SHS has been CANCELLED.

March Madness Super Bingo scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th at the Ralph & Jenny Center is SOLD OUT.

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

The Wednesday, March 11th trip to see "That Hopey Changey Thing" at Stoneham Theatre is SOLD OUT **LGBT EVENTS**

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, March 9 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. Hot & Cold lunch options available - food provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder services – suggested donation of \$2.00. RSVP required by 2:30 P.M. Thursday, March 5th. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2316 or MBastardi@Somervillema.gov This event happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Advisory Group – Our next Advisory Group meeting will be on Monday, March 9th at 4:30 P.M. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Pizza & Movie Night - Monday, March 16th -5:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. At approximately 5:30 we will be having a pizza & salad dinner with a little time to socialize followed by a showing of a yet to be determined movie. Move details to follow. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS:

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

The Ralph & Jenny Center will remain closed on Mondays and will resume Mondays after the first of the New Year.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

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

Tuesdays:

Strengthening, 9:15 A.M., \$3 per class (H)

Dalcroze Eurhythmics, \$2.00, 1:00 P.M., (H) LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M., (H)

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H)

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H)

Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M., \$10/week for shoes and dues

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

Thursdays:

Strengthening, 9:30 A.M., \$3 per class (RJ)

LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M.

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M.

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M.

Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M.

*Fit 4 Life classes \$10/month, pre-registration required.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday March 4

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Thursday March 5

9:00 Yoga (H)

10:00 Current Events Group (H)

10:00 Cards (RI)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday | March 6 11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H) Monday | March 9

9:30 Veterans Group (H)

10:30 Moonlighters (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

10:30 Stepping Stones – To Guide Your Way

Tuesday | March 10

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:00 Cards (RI)

10:00 Working with Mosaics (C)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)

12:45 Bingo (RI)

6:00 Caregivers Support Group (H)

Wednesday | March 11

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RI)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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pus. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit as.tufts.edu/music/musiccenter or call the Granoff Music Center Box Office at 617.627.3679.

Somerville and Medford State Representative Christine Barber has announced that she will serve on four committees for the 2015-2016 legislative session: Health Care Financing; Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture; Public Health; and Personnel and Administration. Barber said that she is very pleased with these assignments and is glad to have the opportunity to work on issues that are of importance to her communities of Medford and Somerville. Barber noted that a number of environmental issues and concerns have already been brought to her attention by constituents. "I am pleased to jump in, learn more about these issues, and move toward solutions by serving on the Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Committee," she said. For more information or to communicate with Rep. Barber's office, constituents can contact her directly at Christine.Barber@mahouse.gov, or (617) 722-2425.

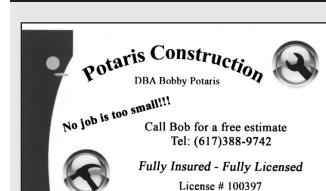
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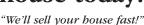
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6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
7:00am	Somerville Film Group	6:00pm	TBT: Throwback Thursday a SCATV Production	1:00pm	Evangelico	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Life Matters	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape
9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	7:30pm	Active Aging:	3:00pm	Telemagazine	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
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A COMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

This week our poet is Lawrence Kessenich. He dedicates this poem to Somerville resident and poet Kirk Etherton.

Lawrence Kessenich won the 2010 Strokestown International Poetry Prize. In addition to the, his poetry has been published in Sewanee Review, Atlanta Review, Po-



etry Ireland Review, and many other magazines. He has had two poems nominated for a Pushcart Prize and one read on NPR's Writer's Almanac. His chapbook Strange News was published in 2008 and his first full-length book, Before Whose Glory, in 2013. Kessenich has also published essays — one of which was featured on NPR's This I Believe in 2010 and appears in the anthology This I Believe: On Love — and he has had plays produced in New York, Boston and Durango, Colorado.

Thoreau's Axe For Kirk Etherton

Kirk dives for rocks at Walden Pond, cleans them, wraps them artfully with pure white twine, the same length as the depth of his dive.

He gave me one last night, a little bigger than my palm, twine knotted lanyard-like with knots he'd invented. The rock is soft gray, speckled with black.

My wife, who loves Walden, wants one, too who wouldn't? A man dove to the bottom of a historic pond, wrapped the rock by hand and, Thoreau-like, gave it away. Kirk's deepest dive is twenty-eight feet. Another man, with wet suit and fins, goes deeper, but Kirk likes going down with nothing but a swimsuit and his lungs. One story has it that Thoreau, sounding depths at Walden with a hand-axe on the end of a rope, lost the axe, which presumably rests at the bottom of pond. I want Kirk to find that axe, clean it up, wrap it artfully with twine the length of his dive and present that to me. But I would give it back to him. For he is the adventurer,

— Lawrence Kessenich

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

New Poet Laureate Wants to Inspire:

Somerville's Nicole Terez Dutton

Last summer, at the defunct Sherman Cafe, Harris Gardner, Kirk Etherton, Greg Jenkins and myself met to establish the position of the first Somerville Poet Laureate. Here is an interview with Nicole Terez Dutton, conducted by Somerville Community Access TV reporter Laura Onyeneho.

Somerville recently opened its arms to the city's first new Poet Laureate. Poet Nicole Terez Dutton hopes to expand poetry through various venues and programs around the city.

"For me personally, it means I have the opportunity to bring attention and to bring my passion to more people," Dutton told *Somerville Neighborhood News (SNN)*.

With the help of the City and the Somerville Arts Council, Dutton will have support to network and build programs, but she must be the one to carry out projects.

"The first thing I want to do is to implement an apprenticeship program so that youth have the opportunity to have workshops and tutelage in poetry. My hope is to implement poetry into the schools and implement a mentorship program where I work with," she said.

At a very young age, the Cleveland, Ohio native was impressed by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver, whom first met while in grade school. Dutton recalls the experience to be "incredibly inspiring."

"Mary Oliver is a fantastic poet who came to my school," she remembered. "She's from Ohio and she sat with us and read her poems and she talked about her life as a poet and that was incredibly inspiring. I remember as a young person how you can be really compelled by someone just taking the time to share themselves. I hope to bring other poets into schools to do that as well."

Dutton began her teaching career in 2007 and currently works at the Solstice MFA Program at Pine Manor College. It's one of the programs Dutton takes pride in, mostly in part of helping writers build their poems through their life experiences.

"It's a treat and a privilege for me to work with people who are really invested in their own growth as writers, to have those types of intensive conversations with them and be able to watch them grow and learn and work so hard towards their own goals," she said.

In 2011, Dutton won the Cave Canem Poetry Prize for her collection *If One of Us Should Fall*. She has recited her collection in open mic events, poetry slams, and poetry salon series. Her work has been well respected among those in poetry in



Nicole Terez Dutton.

creative writing.

"I have always felt that her poetry reflected a greater imagination, a greater capacity for the kind of use of language that to me makes for a great poem, the kind that cracks the reader into a new understanding of reality and teaches a reader how words can be used in new and breathtakingly innovative ways," Tom Daley, poetry writing instructor at the Boston Center for Adult Education, told *SNN* during a "Round Robin" Poetry evening in Boston.

Dutton was the featured poet in January meeting of salon series, led by Daley. The event gives the opportunity for poets to recite and discuss thought-provoking poems. Her participation in the series sparked another goal for her to accomplish as Poet Laureate, and that is to expand the salon series in Somerville.

Somerville resident Jason Henry Simon-Bierenbaum was at the evening.

"I have read her books a few times; I've used it to teach. It was just really nice to see her reading from it, and her warm presence and just hearing some of her approaches," he said.

Dutton is happy to be in a community that supports "growing young poets."

"I want people to know that I am open and I am available," she said. "I am an accessible person and I'm really interested in working with people to get things accomplished, so if people have ideas or if people want to invite me to come to the classroom or they have a notion for other poets to come to where they are to set up events, we can make that happen."

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