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Proposed measures to scale back costs associated with completing the Green Line Extension project were presented to the public at last week's meeting held at the Arts at the Armory. — Photo by Josie Grove

By Josie Grove

A raucous crowd packed the Armory for a first glimpse at how a bare bones Green Line Extension (GLX) might look in Somerville. The project must find \$1 billion in savings in its construction, or be eliminated altogether.

Over fifty people spoke at the meeting. Opinions were split: some want the state to come up with the funding to continue project just as it was, and some can make peace with the scaled-back version. Either way, say residents, the Green Line Extension must come. "I think the train is first and foremost important, as long as it's not eliminated totally," said Janet Taylor, who has been hearing about the GLX since she moved to Somerville in 2004. "I feel like everyone in the area has been strung along for so long."

The GLX broke ground in December 2012, funded by a Federal *Continued on page 4*

200 Somerville kids made a lot warmer with donated coats

By Sal Ghamo

On Thursday, March 3, the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts teamed up with Operation Warm to donate 200 coats to the children in Somerville. The event was held at the YMCA. More than 2,000 children will be outfitted with brand-new winter coats because of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts.

The statewide union partnered with Operation Warm, a national, non-profit organization that has provided new coats to more than 1.5 million children in need. In addition to the coats donated to kids in Somerville, the remaining coats will be given to children in Brockton, Dorchester, Fall River, Hyannis, and Springfield through fundraising of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, and a generous donation of \$25,000 from BNY Mellon.

In addition to the 200 coats donated at the YMCA, there are also 100 coats being donated to the East Somerville *Continued on page 12*



200 coats were donated to the children in Somerville thanks to the efforts of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts and Operation Warm. — Photos by Sal Ghamo

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

Where in the world is Joe Curtatone this week? We heard he's in Spain!

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Busy birthday celebrations this week starting with a happy birthday to a great guy and lifelong resident who moved from here recently, John Pratti of Winter Hill. We wish him the very best. He's also a local real estate agent with the Norton Group. Then a couple of good guys down at the DPW: first a very happy birthday to Mike Browne who does a great job for the city and is a nice guy. A lifelong Somerville guy as well. Another great guy down at DPW is Eddie Nuzzo from East Somerville. Very dedicated to the city. Happy birthday to Eddie! Last week we accidentally forgot our own Editor and Chief, Jim Clark. We appreciate his dedication and loyalty over the years and wish him a very happy birthday. Another great guy is former resident Donald Coutoumas, who is here in Somerville quite often, and completely dedicated to his family and friends. Another local real estate agent for many years with Bremis who is celebrating this week, happy birthday to Nick Kondilis. Also this week here in the Ville, celebrating is Marc Piro of the well-known Piro family. We wish him all the best this week as well. Happy Birthday to Dennis Fischman, another well known respected community member

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Climate action film finds enthusiastic audience

Jim says:

Don't blame capitalism, blame yourself every time you drive a car, fly in a plane, buy fresh fruit in winter, or heat your home with fossil fuels. If you use fossil fuels (which includes everyone), you are complicit in climate change

Freebie says:

This is exactly why we need the green line. Attend the meeting tonight!!

Jay says:

There is no issue before us that is of more importance at this time. Another reason to make sure that we have the right leadership in place as we deal with this problem.

Response to: Tackling Somerville's 600,000-ton carbon footprint

A Moore says:

Stop cutting down all these trees that soak up all these carbon emissions. Stop the stupid lawsuits against Wynn so people won't have to drive so many miles to get to a casino. Put stores in this city that people would actually want to go to. The city expansion is causing the problem. The Green line will do very little as it will only be used by a very small percentage of people who will still have to hop in the cars to go and get many of the goods we don't have here as the development does not include all the resources that a family needs to survive here. We could use some smart development and a leader who has some understanding of this.

David Gibbs says:

I applaud this effort. The key to solving a big problem is to break it down into smaller and smaller pieces until each is manageable. It's easy to be overwhelmed by the size and scope of our climate emergency. This approach is exactly the right way to think about it – each of us doing small things that add up big time. Thanks for your leadership on this!

Response to: Somerville deepens its commitment to food education

omar says:

Well covered article. Too bad Somerville has limited outdoor space.

MarketMan says:

Why not expand the gardens to the school rooftops? :-)

Response to: Emphasis on commercial development proposed by Board of Aldermen

A Moore says:

Somerville had a good thing going when it had a good mix of commercial and residential. We should have been back on track with this some 30 years or more. It has been obvious to many taxpayers that commercial development was not being pursued and was much needed here.

Response to: Newstalk – March 2

Jim G. says:

So, roughly 20% of these Democrats who supposedly left the party signed up as Republicans? Where the heck did the rest go? Independent? Green Party? God knows what else? Strange.

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Celebrating Over 100 Years of Service

Public discusses West Branch Library renovation designs

By Haley ED Houseman

The West Branch of the Somerville Library is overdue for a renovation, and the city is looking to plan a “hundred year renovation,” that will look to concerns of the future while preserving the beloved but downtrodden historic building.

A team consisting of the representatives of the city, library staff, and design-LAB architects have collaborated to address the needs of the library and desires of the community.

The planning team began to engage with the schematic design process that wrapped in September of 2015. After waiting for city approval through the winter, they are now picking up the project again as of mid-January for design development.

The meeting held on February 29 roughly marks the halfway point through the process to finalize to design. If all goes well, the project will be in design development for a few couple months, then transition into the construction documentation through the summer and into the fall. There is potential to start construction near the tail end of this year.

At the last public meeting in August, designers narrowed in on a scheme for goals, objectives, and design preferences for the West Branch renovation project. These, determined with input by citi-

zens in attendance, included creating new community space for meetings, small performances and event programming in a flexible space. It also included improving the usability and programming in the existing library spaces.

In hopes of creating a more fully accessible space, they established the need to balance the historic building and a community space that allows for all people to gain access to an integrated entrance and program space.

There were also a selection of operational concerns, including increasing restrooms, modernizing the existing building, and increasing hours the building is open to the public.

The design selected through that meeting process will plan to renovate the library in its entirety, improve usability of existing space, and create a new “community pavilion” with accessible entry integrated into a re-landscaped front entry.

A breakdown of the plan includes all three levels of the West Branch Library. The basement level, currently home to the children’s collections, will become small meeting rooms, collection stacks and a new makers space to foster creativity and innovation in tandem with the knowledge housed in the building.

The first floor, which the current main entrance opens to, will see the biggest change. In addition to the full renovation



Conceptual drawing of proposed community terrace and new wing as possible features of the renovated West Branch Library.

of the existing space, a clear glass-fronted “community pavilion” with an accessible entry/ante room and multipurpose community hall space, will be added to the side and back of the building. The existing space will be repurposed to house the historic reading rooms alongside a new circulation desk, and community services.

The second floor will in turn host the displaced children’s collection and activity areas, as well as workspace for staff, and family rest rooms. There will be new elevator to all floors, accessible from both the new wing and the existing building.

At last week’s meeting, the community gathered for an interactive tour through of the various proposals for exterior spac-

es. After a chance to speak to the design team and ask questions, those present offered their first and second votes on options, as well as provide feedback on individual design options, which varied in the amount of greenery and usage of space.

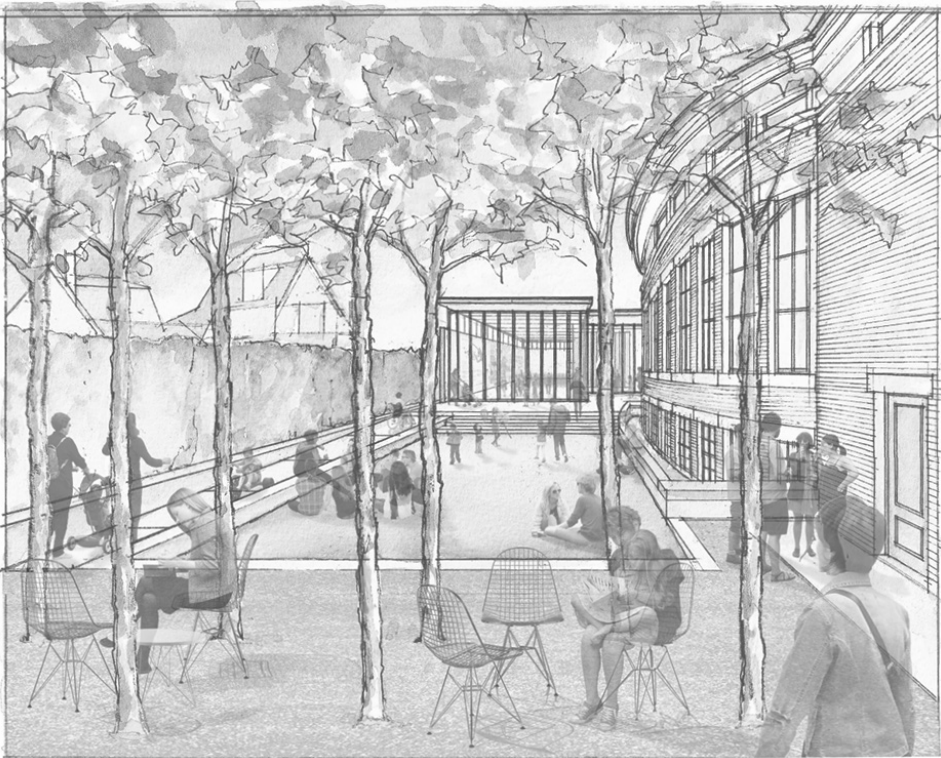
The major concerns were vehicular access, the sacrifice of possible staff parking versus possible green space, as well as the need for bike parking and flooding concerns. Lisa Giersbach and Gigi Saltonstall walked the attendees through the designs and asked questions, with the support of other members of the design team.

The goal for the front of the building is to create a “community front porch” according to Giersbach

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Gigi Saltonstall walked attendees through back area design options. — Photo by Haley ED Houseman



Conceptual drawing for the green space back area.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Disorder in the court

A disturbance at the Somerville District Court was reported to the Police Court Liaison on Wednesday morning of last week.

The officer was informed that an individual, later identified as Philip Decareau, of Medford, was presumably intoxicated and behaving in a loud and argumentative manner.

Other court officers had detained Decareau until the designated Police Department liaison arrived to investigate the incident.

The responding officer reported that he could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage on Decareau's breath and person.

The officer was informed that Decareau had been asked several times to leave the courthouse but refused to do so. At one point he had wandered into a restricted area where prisoners were transported to and from the building.

It was further stated that Decareau caused a disturbance at the public entrance, shouting profanities at individuals and interfering with the security screening process.

Decareau was escorted into a hallway area where his presence would be less disruptive to the functioning of the court, but he reportedly continued to behave in a loud and abusive manner towards those in the area.

The investigating officer learned from Decareau that he had business with the court scheduled for that day, but due to his impaired state it was decided that he should be placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and taken away.

He was subsequently transported to jail for booking.

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Arrests:			
Niles Vibert, of 47 Fremont St., February 29, 6:33 p.m., arrested at Memorial	Rd. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, and drug pos-	session to distribute.	5, 6:03 p.m., arrested at Inner Belt Rd. on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.
		Philip Decareau, of 145 Warren St., Medford, March 2, 10:28 a.m., arrested at Fells-	
		way on a charge of disorderly conduct.	
		Mario Farah, of 37 Mayberry Ave., Medford, March	

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Transportation Administration grant for the first \$1 billion, and the state put up \$1 billion to match it. Last summer, the estimated cost shot up to \$3 billion, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has been working to get the project back under budget.

Jack Wright, the GLX interim project manager, began by explaining that there simply was no more money. "The federal contribution is set, the state contribution is set, and there's a very small margin of other contributions," he said. Since the budget is fixed, Wright's task is to find \$1 billion in savings by redesigning major aspects of the project, including stations, bridges, and the maintenance facility. "The redesign effort is going to touch every part of the project," he said.

The redesign is a balance between saving and meeting requirements, said Wright. The project must fulfill the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) to keep the federal money. To do so, the project has to do everything promised in the grant proposal, including deliver public transit to Union Square and build the community bike path extension. Besides the FFGA, the Green Line needs to be accessible to disabled people, meet state accessibility requirements, and pass state and federal environmental impact assessments.

To achieve cost savings within those limits, Wright and his team developed ten "areas of focus" for cuts, including the

maintenance facility, stations, the community path, construction work hour limitations, retaining and sound walls, and power and signals. "We're looking at simpler, less expensive ways to achieve the same goal," said Wright.

The reimagined stations resemble the outer parts of the existing Green Line, concrete center platforms and street-level crossings, a few with fare vending machines. "Stations were very substantial when we came on board, and the stations you see on the sketches now are anything but substantial," Wright said. "We maintain the functionality and, of course, the accessibility." Some took umbrage at the minimal stations, but concrete platforms are more substantial than some existing Green Line stations, such as Fenwood Road, where passengers get on and off in the middle of South Huntington Avenue.

The size of the maintenance facility has decreased to a forty-car light maintenance station, and while it will save money for the project, Wright explains that the decrease is "a hit to operations."

There will be further adjustments to bridges, power, signals, and the cross-section of the tracks. The look of the community path could change, but Wright's team is trying to include it, since it is part of the FFGA.

Union Square service is also part of the FFGA, but Wright said, "Cost-cutting efforts include all kinds of things, in-

cluding a commuter rail stop at Union Square," although he questions if commuter rail at Union Square would fulfill the federal grant agreement. But, Wright said, "Everything's on the table until we find a fatal flaw."

"We believe we will be able to achieve \$200 million [in savings] and maybe even more on just stations alone," said Wright. "Scaling back the maintenance facility will save \$70 million, maybe even a little more, 80 million. We get close to \$300 million."

The reaction to Wright's presentation was passionate. A raucous crowd, clapping when they said they wanted the train,

a few people giggling at the scaled-down station designs. Yelling for the governor and T officials to be present.

People refusing to accept that the transit system can't get more funding in a climate that cut late night service. Something about asking for more money from the legislature and auctioning off naming rights for the stations. One of the few positive comments came from Lynn Weissman, "I want to commend the process for the transparency."

Several elected officials spoke to express the need for the Green line project. State Representative Denise Provost said, "I'm a little stunned by the austerity of some of these proposals, but I

like the underlying supposition that the project is moving forward." Alderman at Large Bill White was even more frank, saying, "I'm incredibly hopeful but also frustrated. Tonight we don't have torches and pitchforks but I can't guarantee what will happen after the May meeting."

The next steps of the process will happen quickly. After four more community meetings over the next two months, Wright and his team will make their report to the MBTA fiscal control board. "I won't speak for the governor, but there is plenty of support to get to where we need to get to," said White. "There's reason for optimism, there's hope, but there's a long way to go."



Details of how GLX station designs will likely be modified were furnished to the public.

— Photo by Josie Grove

COMMENTARY

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We must save our valuable space for commercial development



By William A. White, Jr.,
President (At Large)

At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen, I introduced a zoning amendment which would have required that in certain parts of our City designated as critical development areas, any developer who wanted to build more than 3 residential units on a 10,000 square foot lot, would have to split the development between 60% high-end commercial development and 40% residential. The high-end commercial development would include office, high-tech, bio-tech and research and development buildings. The critical economic development areas are the area around Union Square by the proposed T stop and the Boynton Yard area, the Brick Bottom area,

the Inner Belt area and the area at Assembly Square that has not been built. It would not apply to any other areas of the City. It also would not apply to the high end commercial developers who did not propose any residential units. After discussion, the Board unanimously recognized that commercial development was so important that we agreed to increase the commercial development requirement to 68%. All members of the Board signed on as co-sponsors of the proposed zoning amendment.

Some folks may say that why all the fuss about this change? The City has been talking about new zoning for almost 2 years. The difference is that this is the first time in recent history that the Board of Aldermen has taken a direct role to preserve our valuable space for economic development. And this is important for us all. The Somerville commercial tax rate is about 60% more than the amount that residential property owners pay. Simply put, that means that the more commercial property there is, the less that our residential homeowners will pay in property taxes. Also, these types of developments bring good-paying jobs to the community

which also spin off even additional economic growth.

All too often, because of the quick and substantial profits that residential developers can make, they can quickly move into desirable areas and outbid other types of developers to acquire land. Then, these developers come to the City with proposed residential developments, freezing out potential commercial developers. If this ordinance passes, the City will let everyone know, both property owners and potential developers, that in these critical areas, the City will require at least 68% high-end commercial. Therefore any residential developer will understand that they must partner with high-end commercial users. Enactment of this ordinance will send a message to high-end commercial developers that the City welcomes them. We might even put in an expedited permitting process for these types of developers to let them know that Somerville is serious in wanting them to locate here.

As we look at the City's financial capital plans going forward, we see large expenditures ahead. A new high school, repairing our libraries, improving our playing fields, proposed police and fire stations, and major improvements to our antiquated water and sewer systems are in the works. The payments on the bonds for

these improvements will add substantial costs to our regular city budget and to our water and sewer fund. Without commercial development to pay taxes covering these future expenses, increased property taxes could end up forcing folks, especially seniors and middle and working class homeowners, to sell. Also, increased taxes would also lead to increased rents, pricing out families and working class residents. This could have tragic consequences to the nature of our community. As the alderman who originally introduced the residential home owner exemption that increased the residential exemption from 20% to 30% and then called for the current increase to 35%, I am glad that our residential exemption now saves every Somerville resident homeowner \$2,624 per year, the largest in the state. My fear, however, is that exemption will not be enough given these future expenditures, so we must do more.

I know that the Board will welcome the input of the public on this issue. Some people have suggested we add hotels, "think tanks," incubation labs and fabrication facilities to the list of high-end commercial activities. I am sure the Board will welcome everyone's thoughts as we deal with this fundamental issue that will affect Somerville's future for generations to come.

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High school meetings and tours to highlight renovation/rebuild options

The Somerville High School Building Committee has two upcoming meetings planned where residents can learn more about options for future plans for Somerville High School and share their comments.

A regular meeting of the Building Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kennedy School, 5 Cherry St. This meeting will include updates on the process so far, information on what's coming next, and an opportunity for public comment.

The Committee will also be hosting tours of the High School on Wednesday, March 16 so that residents can get a look at current conditions and understand the needs of students and educators. Tours will depart from the main office of the High School, 81 Highland Ave., every 15 minutes from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The building tour will also be filmed and posted on the Somerville High School Building Committee website at <http://www.somervillema.gov/highschool/> later in the week. Visit the SHSBC website for more on the High School renovation/rebuild project.



Tufts students and construction workers join forces to protest university hiring practices

By Louise Carpenter

Tufts alumni and administrators were met with an unexpected presence at a university advancement event held downtown Monday evening. As attendees filed into the Four Seasons Hotel for the Tufts Talks series, roughly fifty students and construction workers rallied outside, protesting Tufts’ practice of hiring non-union construction contractors for its major building projects.

Tufts Labor Coalition (TLC), the student group that organized the protest, is demanding that the university administration agree to hire union-only labor for its major building projects. Tufts University is the only known comparable college in the Boston area that has failed to make this pledge.

Edwin Jain, a first-year student at Tufts, explained the implications. “There is a huge difference between union and non-union labor in the construction industry,” he said. “Workers who are not unionized may not receive the necessary safety training or



equipment which can lead to injury or death on the job.” Additionally, workers may fall prey to lower wages, fewer benefits, and little job security, without a formalized avenue to redress grievances, he added.¹

“If this Tufts Talks event is meant to spark conversation and dialogue within the Tufts community, then it should incorporate the voices of construction workers on Tufts campus and beyond,” said Chelsea Hayashi, a junior at Tufts and member of TLC.

Linda Snyder, Tufts Vice President of Operations, has contended that Tufts hires only the best contractors. However, she has refused to provide any documentation of the university’s hir-

ing standards, despite repeated requests for transparency from the Massachusetts Building Trades Council.

“I just don’t understand why Tufts won’t guarantee a family-supporting wage and safe conditions for building trades workers on its own campus,” said Jain. “Given that Harvard signed a Project Labor Agreement all the way back in the 90s, it’s long overdue for Tufts to do the same.”

¹“Socio-Economic Impacts of Construction Unionization in Massachusetts,” Maria Figueroa and Jeff Grabelsky, Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations, March 2010.

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and Saltonstall, so the space out in front of the historic building serves as an accessible terrace that links the old and new entrance, so the two are blended, welcoming, and feel equal. This also opens up additional spaces for programing, like participation in Porchfest, and other community engagement.

The back lawn had a few more varied options, as the attendees went back and forth between what was most realistic, whether it was providing staff parking which could become event space, or green space wholly given over to library visitors for events and causal use.

The library is a challenging site, with historic preservation concerns alongside existing planting by the garden clubs nestled on tight property lines and a driveway. The current outdoor space is relatively inaccessible lawn, which they’d like to reposition as active usage space that engages people with both planting and design.

The design team is looking for ways for the community and

individuals can engage with the space both actively and passively, using built in and movable furniture, and diverse planting to create inviting space.

As the city has asserted they will not be able to offer maintenance for the landscaping, there was a great amount of concern about the possible plantings and the fate of the trees already on the property. There has been discussion of private groups committing to maintain the spaces on a volunteer basis, but as of yet none have formally volunteered.

Going forward, the Board of Aldermen has voted to fund the design project, but have not yet voted on the construction of the project itself. There has been an application to fund about half the project with funds from the Community Preservation Commission, which will be decided this month. With or without that funding, the request for construction funding will move to the Board of Aldermen once the design process is finalized and a design has been selected.

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Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Shepherd’s Pie

What better way to start off your St. Patrick’s Day than with a hearty Shepherd’s Pie and a pint?! This pie is packed with flavor and wonderful textures that will have you craving for another piece. By adding the egg to the potatoes, it creates a firmer yet lighter mashed potato that stands up well to slicing. It’s also excellent for leftovers. If you’re looking for some Irish Soda Bread to accompany with this dish, check out the link for the recipe I shared last year: <http://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/56820>

Mashed Potatoes:

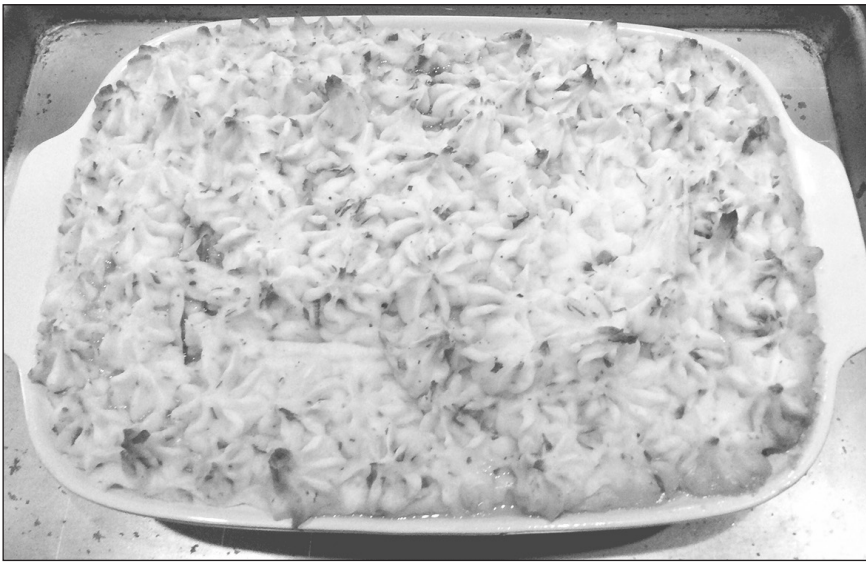
- 5 large Yukon Gold Potatoes, peeled and 1/2” diced
- 4 Tbl unsalted butter, cubed
- 1/2 cup cream or whole milk
- 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

Meat and Vegetable Filling:

- 2-1/2 lbs ground beef 85% lean, or ground lamb, browned and drained
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp Rosemary powder or 2 tsp finely chopped
- 2 tsp thyme leaves, finely chopped
- 1 cup corn kernels
- 1 cup petite peas
- 2 Tbl canola or vegetable oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, small dice
- 3 carrots, small diced
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 3 medium garlic cloves, finely minced
- 2 tsp tomato paste
- 2 Tbl flour
- 1-1/2 cups beef broth
- 1 Tbl Worcestershire sauce

Place the potatoes in a medium pot and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil, then lower the heat to simmer for about 15 minutes or until fork tender.

In the meantime, preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a 12” skillet, add the ground beef, or lamb. Cook the meat for 10 minutes, then drain. Add salt, pepper, Rosemary, thyme, peas and corn. Mix well and turn off the heat and put aside.



Drain the potatoes, add butter, cream or milk, cheese, salt and pepper. Let sit and cool for 10 minutes prior to adding the egg and parsley.

In a small 10” skillet, add the oil, onions, carrots, salt and pepper and sauté until the onions are translucent, about 5-6 minutes. Add the garlic and tomato paste and cook for additional minute. Add the flour, cook for another minute. Add the beef broth and Worcestershire Sauce. Turn up the heat and cook until mixture thickens, about 5 minutes. Add the vegetables to the meat mixture and blend well. Transfer to

a 9”X11” baking dish. Finish the potato mixture by adding the egg and mix well, add the parsley and mix until blended.

Cover the meat and vegetable mixture with the mashed potatoes and spread evenly all the way up to the edges of the baking dish. Place the baking dish on a sheet pan, then place into the center of the oven and bake for 30 minutes or until the mashed potatoes are slightly browned and are firm. Let stand for 20 minutes before serving. Serves 10-12.

Recipe adapted from Alton Brown, 2008 Shepherd’s Pie

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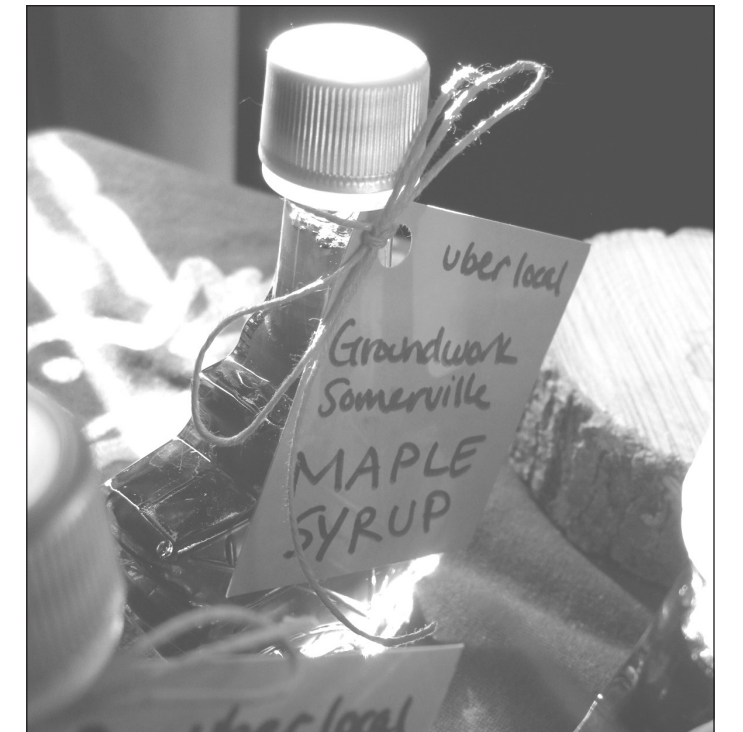
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Somerville residents running for cancer research

By Charles Lane

12 residents from Somerville will run to conquer cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 120th Boston Marathon® on April 18.

The local runners are Micho Pilotte, Erica Omobono, Jennifer Primeau, Kathryn Nathan, Christopher Pollard, Scott Aland, Heather Hagerty, Sara Marden, Laura Burke, Miranda Hooker, Amy Holmstrom, and Jackie Silago.

These 12 residents, along with more than 550 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, will run Massachusetts’ historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston with a goal to raise \$5.4 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 27th annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge. One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team funds Dana-Farber’s Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research. The Barr Program supports uniquely promising science research in



its earliest stages, providing researchers with critical resources to test their leading-edge ideas. Findings from Barr Program research can provide the results necessary to seek additional federal funding as well as novel clinical insights.

Since its inception in 1990, the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised nearly \$75 million for the Barr Program. Dana-Farber Trustees J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver founded the Barr Program in 1987 to honor Mrs. Weaver’s mother, Claudia Adams Barr, who lost her battle with cancer 30 years earlier.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association

(B.A.A.), which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers its members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon men’s champion Jack Fultz, and team training runs, plus volunteer opportunities for non-runners. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have been affected by cancer. Runners of all abilities participate with the goal to help put an end to cancer.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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



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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' votes on roll calls from the week of February 29-March 4.

CHANGE LANGUAGE (S 2140)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill changing language in state laws including replacing "mentally retarded" with "individuals with a developmental disability" and "handicapped" with "disability."

Supporters said it is time to remove these outdated phrases from state law. They argued the words stigmatize people and said these changes would have a positive impact on countless people's lives.

("Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

HIRING PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY (S 2142)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill requiring the state's Supplier Diversity Office to develop standards to identify and recruit qualified applicants with disabilities. The proposal also requires all state employees involved in hiring decisions to be trained and educated about the details of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Supporters said the unemployment rate for disabled persons is 80 percent. They noted the state should add disabled persons to its current laws that help veterans and minority and women-owned businesses.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

MAKE BUILDINGS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (S 1323)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a proposal that makes several updates to the state's Architectural Access Board's responsibilities. The board makes rules and regulations designed to make public buildings accessible for safe use by persons with disabilities. The bill expands the board's authority to include regulation of spaces around public buildings including parking lots, passageways and sidewalks.

Supporters said the bill would ensure the state meets all the requirements of the Americans with Disability Act and makes public buildings and surrounding areas safer and more accessible to persons with disabilities.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

HEALTH DISPARITIES (H 3969)

Senate 36-0, approved a bill creating a state Office of Health Equity to coordinate an effort to reduce and eliminate disparities in access to quality health care based on race, ethnicity, gender and disability status. The office would set goals for the reduction of disparities and prepare an annual plan to accomplish its goals.

Supporters said minorities still have disproportionately higher rates of chronic disease and mortality than other persons and the bill would help save and improve lives. They noted twice as many minorities die from prostate cancer than the statewide average; black adults have the highest death rates of stroke or cardiovascular disease; and black and Hispanic babies have higher infant mortality rates.

The House has approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House

for consideration.

A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS (H 4030)

- The House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow cities and towns to exempt up to 50 percent of property taxes for seniors over 65 whose annual property taxes exceed 10 percent of their annual income. The house or condo would have to be owner-occupied and applicants must have lived in the city or town for at least 10 consecutive years.

Supporters said this targeted tax relief would help thousands of senior citizens living on fixed incomes remain in their hometowns. They noted that the bill is a local option one that leaves the decision up to local communities.

SCOTUS (S 2146) - Sen. Kenneth Donnelly (D-Arlington) withdrew his resolutions urging members of the U.S. Senate to fulfill their constitutional responsibility by holding a hearing and a vote on President Obama's expected nomination of a Supreme Court justice to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia. The Republican leadership in the U.S. Senate has vowed not to take up the president's nominee and feels that whoever wins the November 2016 presidential election should nominate the next justice.

Donnelly said that he has decided to take a different approach and send a letter to the U.S. Senate. He told members they are all welcome to sign the letter.

When the resolutions first surfaced two weeks ago, supporters said it is unfair and undemocratic that the court remains short a member until next year. They argued that Obama is still the president and the U.S. Senate should fulfill its responsibility and vote on his nominee.

Supporters of delaying or withdrawing the resolutions said the Massachusetts Senate should focus on working on state issues. They noted there are many important bills being worked on that should take precedence over these toothless resolutions.

MORE TOBACCO RESTRICTIONS (S 2152)

- The Public Health Committee unveiled a bill imposing additional restrictions on tobacco use. The measure would prohibit sales of e-cigarettes to minors and include e-cigarettes in the state's smoke-free workplace law; increase the age of sale for tobacco products from 18 to 21; prohibit tobacco vending machines; and prohibit sales of tobacco in pharmacies.

TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION - The Transportation Committee held a hearing on several bills last week including:

NO TOLLS ON MASSPIKE (S 1877) - Eliminates all tolls on the Massachusetts Turnpike.

MANDATORY EDUCATION FOR USED CAR DEALERS (S 1903)

- Requires used car dealers to complete an eight-hour course of educational training related to the rules, regulations and laws about the used car industry. The course would be taught by an organization certified by the National Independent Automobile

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Dealers Association. The measure also requires dealers to pass a written test and subsequently attend four hours of continuing educational training every two years.

YOUNG DRIVERS (H 2935) - Takes away the driver’s license for at least three months of any drivers under the age of 18 who are convicted of possession of alcohol, marijuana or of any other controlled substance. Violators would also be required to attend a substance abuse program for not less than three months and pay a fine of not less than \$1,000.

EXEMPT SCHOOL BUSES FROM TOLLS (H 3049) - Exempts all school buses from paying tolls.

INFORM PARENTS WHEN YOUNG DRIVERS GET A TRAFFIC TICKET (H 2948) - Requires police officers who issue a traffic ticket to any driver under age 18 to also mail a copy to the driver’s parents or guardian.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Unfortunately, the tobacco industry continues to pose a serious public health risk to our residents. This legislation is an important step to further reduce nicotine addiction among young people.” — *Attorney General Maura Healey on legislation regulating tobacco including prohibiting the sale of all tobacco and e-cigarettes to anyone under the age of 21.*

“Women and people with disabilities shouldn’t have second-class status.” — *Sen. Michael Barrett (D-Lexington) on legislation that would bill create a state Office of Health*

Equity to coordinate an effort reduce and eliminate disparities in access to quality health care based on race, ethnicity, gender and disability status.

“Housing is more than just four walls or a roof over someone’s head. It is the building block to vibrant communities, healthy families, upward mobility and a strong economy. However, we are at a point in time in which our seniors, families and young professionals are finding it increasingly difficult to find housing that is affordable.” — *Sen. Linda Dorcena-Forry (D-Boston), co-chair of the Massachusetts Special Senate Committee on Housing, about its report on how to address both short-term and long-term housing needs in the Bay State.*

“The enthusiasm we’re seeing only confirms our belief that millennials are ready and willing to engage with government, if we connect with them on the channels they use on the issues they’re passionate about.” — *Senate President Stanley Rosenberg on the Senate’s Twitter Town Hall and College Student Roundtable seeking input from millennials.*

“Within the last year, Massachusetts has been named the most livable state, the best state for education, and ... the most innovative state in America.” — *House Speaker Robert DeLeo in an address to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?
Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is

done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of February 29-March 4, the House met for a total of one hour and 41 minutes and the Senate met for a total of four hours and 11 minutes.

Mon. February 29	House 11:01 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:19 a.m
Tues. March 1	No House session No Senate session
Wed. March 2	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. March 3	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 3:02 p.m.
Fri. March 4	No House session No Senate session
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Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
27 Shore Dr	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	115	\$589,900	\$570,000
40 Adrian St	8 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	116	\$799,900	\$736,000
31 Dickinson St	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Colonial	102	\$1,099,900	\$1,000,000
26 Fairmount Ave	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 2h bath Colonial	60	\$1,389,900	\$1,350,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
400 Broadway U:8	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	98	\$289,000	\$282,000
136 Broadway U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Half-Duplex	61	\$299,900	\$295,000
63 Waterhouse St U:5	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	39	\$315,000	\$310,000
80 Webster U:1H	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	48	\$395,000	\$390,000
93 Governor Winthrop Road U:93	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Townhouse	33	\$399,900	\$410,000
6 Century St U:A	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	142	\$424,900	\$412,500
54 Fremont Street U:54	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Detached	62	\$529,000	\$515,000
18 Belmont St. U:6	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Low-Rise	202	\$529,900	\$520,000
26 Dartmouth St U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	55	\$539,900	\$538,500
47 Glen st U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	82	\$555,000	\$528,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
31 Grant St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	176	\$669,000	\$610,000
198 Summer Street	2 unit, 9 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	33	\$699,000	\$660,000
42 PURITAN RD	3 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	34	\$749,900	\$675,000
46 Church St	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	5	\$829,000	\$876,000
9 Parkdale Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$850,000	\$910,000
40 Atherton St	2 unit, 9 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	66	\$889,000	\$875,000
426 Norfolk Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	143	\$998,876	\$985,000
18-20 Dickinson St	2 unit, 10 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	47	\$1,095,000	\$1,160,000

COMMENTARY

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Now that's Somerville: Hundreds turn out to support Green Line Extension



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Last week was an important milestone in the most recent chapter of the Green Line Extension story. The state's new project management team hosted an open house event to update the public and share their preliminary efforts to save money and get the project back on track. Once again, our community rose to the occasion admirably. Hundreds filled the Arts at the Armory. The message Somerville residents sent was clear and unmistakable: Find a way to get

this done. Finish what you've started. Build the Green Line.

It can be frustrating to think about the fact that the Green Line Extension was supposed to be finished years ago, and many Somerville residents are just wondering when it will start. The silver lining here is that the project is already underway. MassDOT just published an analysis showing that the Commonwealth has already invested more than \$700 million in the project. You can see the evidence at the Ball Square bridge; the drainage pipes behind Joy Street, and many other locations up and down the project corridor.

Remember that the project budget is made up of two major sources: \$1 billion in competitive grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration, and \$1 billion in state special transit bonds. With \$700 million in

"sunk costs" already spent, Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollock has wisely framed our choice as follows: if we can get our project budget back in line and move the GLX forward again, we're not just honoring and leveraging the \$1 billion in federal funds that so many worked so hard to win. We're honoring and leveraging the \$700 million that the Commonwealth has already spent.

At last week's meeting, our residents, our neighbors and our regional allies articulated a dozen important reasons to complete the Green Line Extension: cleaner air; reduced traffic; economic growth; increased mobility; environmental justice; legal commitments. Many folks said it reminded them of 2004, when 700 of us missed the historic Red Sox-Yankees Game 4 of the American League Champion-

ship Series to demonstrate solidarity around the Green Line.

The past few months have been difficult, as our region and our Commonwealth have collectively tried to understand what went wrong, and how we might fix it keep the Green Line moving forward. I've heard people wonder whether our grassroots, mom-and-pop advocates were so jaded and cynical by this point that they wouldn't mobilize. What we saw last week was the people of Somerville and our neighboring communities send the message that they will not give up.

Don't get me wrong, our community appreciates the need for fiscal responsibility. Since September, we've always said that we commend Governor Baker and his team for working to get costs under control. But responsibility doesn't need to mean austerity. Residents who

made comments at the Armory last week rightly observed that we can't cut so much out of the Green Line Extension that folks can't access the stations.

One great thing about the new team at MassDOT is that they are literally asking for our residents' help to understand the opportunities to save money while maintaining the spirit of the GLX. They know that we live with this rail corridor every day, and that we've been putting our blood, sweat and tears into the Green Line for a long, long time. So while last week was an important moment in the story, it's not the only opportunity for you to contribute to solving our current challenge. There are four upcoming meetings where you can show your support: see www.greenlineextension.org or www.somervillestep.org for details. Trust me, you won't be alone.

'Villens United by Chris Haskell

Superheroes: The new American gods



It's a good time to be a nerd. Fanboy fantasies are becoming reality as superheroes have leapt off the comic book page and conquered both movies and television. The much anticipated *Batman vs. Superman* movie hits theaters later this month. It's a dream come true for both the casual superhero fan and old school comic book readers like myself. An epic heavyweight battle that looks to answer the great age old nerd debate of who would win in a fight between The Dark Knight and The Man of Steel. (I'm geeking out just thinking about it). *Batman vs. Superman* is just one of several Superhero movies that will dominate the

box office this year with *Captain America: Civil War* and *Suicide Squad* scheduled for summer releases.

Twenty years ago the idea of superhero team and team-up movies was just a dream that my friends and I would fantasize over at the comic book shop. Old school comic book fans like myself would show up religiously every Wednesday to pick up the latest tales of our favorite superheroes and frivolously argue about who we would cast as our Avengers or Justice League.

Years passed and filmmaking technology and special effects had evolved to a point to where studios were able to bring our favorites like SpiderMan, The X-men, and many other superheroes to the big screen. Just as the printed page fell out of favor with the younger digital generation, the superhero genre found new life through other mediums such as television and block-

buster films. The popularity of the Marvel movies over the last few years has attracted a new younger audience while still pleasing the most hardcore fans who have been lifelong readers. Even lesser known characters such as the Guardians of the Galaxy have been box office hits enjoyed by people of all ages that have been very profitable for Disney and Marvel.

So what is it about these tales of super-heroism and evil villainy that we find so appealing? While we all dream of flying through the sky and hurling a broken down Orange Line train car into the sun, the real draw to these stories are the flawed heroes who overcome great personal struggles that often mirror our own. These sci-fi soap operas at their core are fantastical lessons of ethics and morality; much in the same way the stories of Aesop's Fables or religious texts have been for generations. They take us on

incredible journeys across exciting new worlds and pose interesting moral quandaries that we average human beings may never have to face.

We the viewers empathize with the heroes' struggles. We grow with the characters and learn lessons alongside them that shape them to be the hero they are. Superhero stories mirror the one thing we all share, the internal desire to make the right choices and be a better person.

Superheroes have become our modern day pantheon of American Gods. Tales and feats reminiscent of the ancient Greek demi-gods with colorful characters in bright costumes and capes with cutting edge science. They have become such a staple of our culture that even someone who had never read a comic book or seen the movies could tell you that Superman is from the planet Krypton. Everyone knows the characters

and what they stand for without necessarily being a fanboy or fangirl. A genre that was once targeted solely at young men has now caught on with a large female audience. The comic book companies in turn are creating more powerful female superheroes to match today's stronger, more independent woman. With Disney and Warner Brothers producing most of the new Superhero movies it's easy to see how the genre has finally caught on with everyone in the family and why the capes are now more popular than ever.

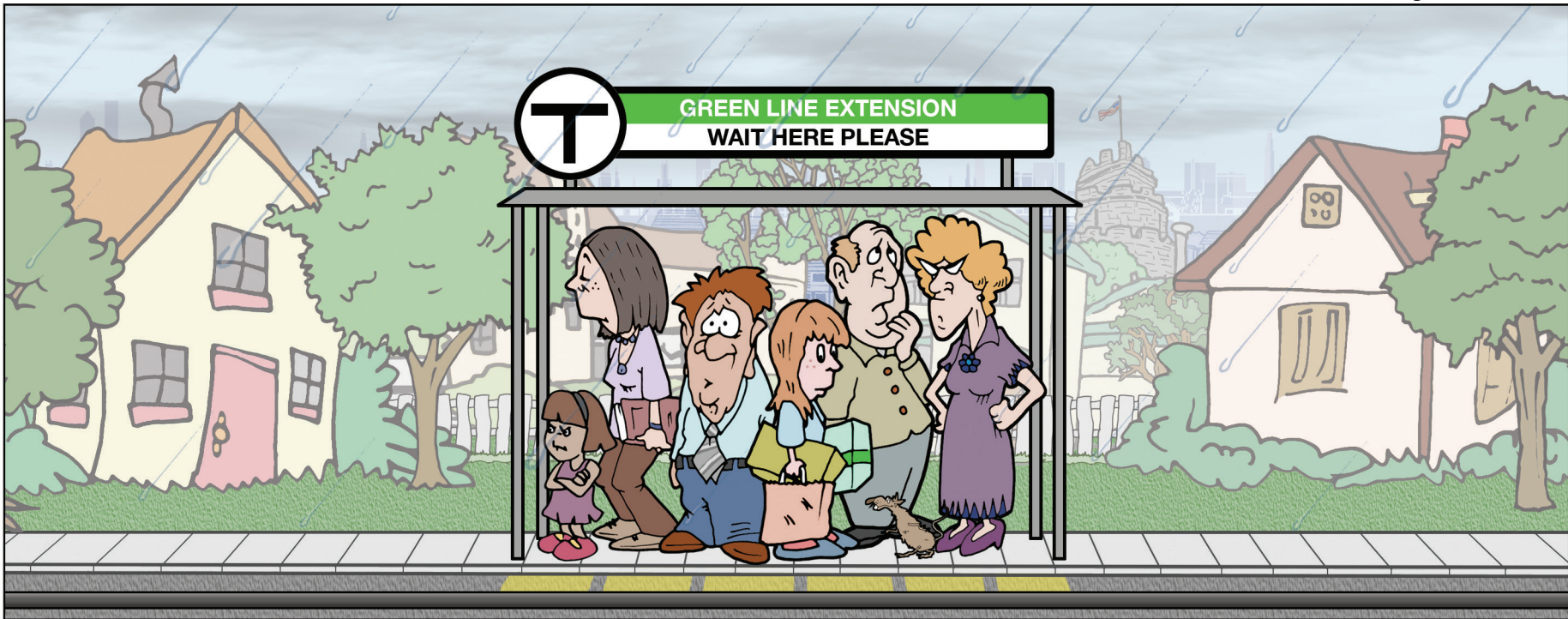
I believe that deep down there is a superhero in all of just waiting for the darkest hour to strike in order to tap into the best of us. Although you may never blow up a planet or walk through walls, sometimes all it takes is for the right choice to be made at that right time to make a hero. Just ask yourself: *What would Superman do?*

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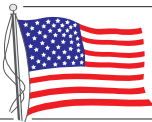
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Illustrated by Jim Clark



The GLX may be saved by scaling back on stations, but at who’s expense?

Our View Of The Times



Last week’s big Green Line Extension meeting at the Arts at the Armory packed the house and clearly demonstrated that residents here are heavily invested in the future outcome of the MBTA’s efforts to keep the project alive, in whatever form it may ultimately take.

Judging by the efforts of those making the presentation, serious efforts are being

made to preserve the project and make sure it goes onward to completion.

The crux of the matter, of course, is the budgeting issue that came to light in the last year or so and threatened to potentially stop the project dead in its tracks.

Many modifications to the original plan were mentioned at the meeting, notably the scaling back of GLX stations, the

community path that would run alongside the railway, as well as a streamlined maintenance facility – all in an effort to get the budget to a workable level, thus ensuring the completion of the project.

It is likely that most residents can live with lower expectations as far as certain amenities are concerned. Smaller, less luxurious GLX stations are a small price

to pay for making sure the trains will indeed roll. After all, the ride is the thing.

Of course, we all hope that the leaner designs won’t go too far in sacrificing comfort and convenience for GLX users. Perhaps some flexibility for future enhancement of the stations should be worked into the present plans. This seems like a reasonable idea, don’t you think?

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

for many years. We hope he has a great birthday as well.

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

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

Our paper received a call the other day from a resident here in the city who told us they contacted a Boston media outlet about some irregularities on Election Day, with at least one polling place. It seems the individual – who wishes to remain anonymous – witnessed a group of residents who were escorted into the polling place by a chaperon and were

told how to vote, in particular they were told to vote for Hillary Clinton. When we checked with some of the polling stations we found out that Dan Rae of WBZ was investigating it and was questioning some people. We hope if it’s true that something is mentioned to the main office of that agency here in the city, which is a nonprofit agency that was started here in the city back in late 60’s and early 70’s. Does that ring a bell with anyone? Let’s see what happens!

The East Somerville Reunion is being planned for this coming June 25 at the Somerville City Club, across from Holiday Inn. They have a Facebook page set up to take reservations: East Somerville Reunion 2016. The first reunion was very successful, with well over a 100 people attending, and lots of old friendships were restarted. If you grew up in East Somerville in the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s you should set aside the date and make your plans to attend. You won’t be disappointed. The reunion people are looking for financial support, so go to their Facebook page and help if you can. This is an exciting event, sort of like a High School reunion, but different age groups are coming together with one purpose: to celebrate their youth

growing up in East Somerville. Many thanks to the committee for doing this, the second reunion.

The Somerville Democratic Ward and City committee will be meeting at the Cafeteria at Somerville High School on Sunday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m. for our 2016 Caucus to Elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention, and for our reorganizational meeting of our seven Ward Committees. All Democrats are invited to attend and run as delegates. All recently elected members of the Ward Committee are invited to participate and vote in the reorganization. All interested parties may attend.

The Highland Masonic Building Association is once again hosting their annual “Giggles Comedy Nite” on Wednesday, April 20 at the Prince of Pizza on Rte. 1 in Saugus. The public is welcome. A private room with some of Boston’s finest comedians, great pizza and – best of all – a silent auction is being held afterwards. Everyone wins. Contact Donald Norton at 617-623-6600 x 11 for information. Tickets at the door or reserved are a \$25 donation to the HMTA insurance fund (not a tax deduction).

Cirque Us! will be performing for the first time at a fundraiser show in support of their new tour that will kick off Summer 2016. The show will be held at Aircraft Aerial Arts in Somerville on Saturday, March 19. The first ever performance from Cirque Us! will feature high-flying aerialists, wacky clowns, contortionists and tight wire-walkers. Proceeds will raise money for the Summer 2016 tour, which will hit many towns in the New England area. There will be two performances beginning at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Doors to the event will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the show. Advance tickets are \$10 and \$15 for tickets at the door. Join Cirque Us! for a fun-filled performance and an opportunity to support the arts. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.thecirqueus.com.

Somerville Adult Evening School classes in March, April and May. Don’t delay. Sign up today! Yoga, Thursday nights 7-8:00 p.m., 5 classes for \$40, Walk-in’s \$8 and \$7 for seniors and students; Zumba, Somerville High School, Tuesdays, 6-7:00 p.m., 5 classes for \$40, Walk in’s \$8 and \$7 for seniors and students; ESL, learn to speak English, Tuesday nights 6:30-

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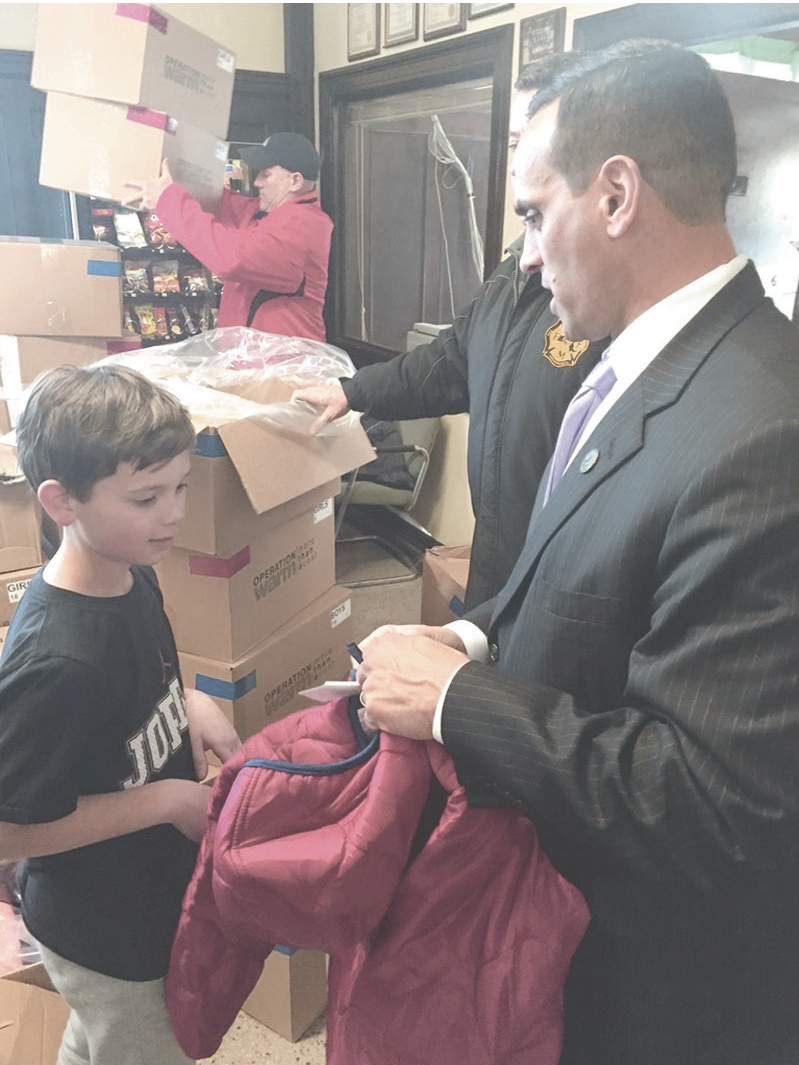
200 Somerville kids made a lot warmer with donated coats

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Community School. In 2012, Operation Warm and the International Association of Firefighters launched a partnership that spans the US and Canada. The organization has provided more than 1.7-million coats to children in need. The coats are all USA made, and children being fitted for them have the option of picking their favorite color, and writing their name on the interior tag.

After unloading the fire truck at the YMCA, the mayor of Somerville, Joseph Curtatone, addressed the children

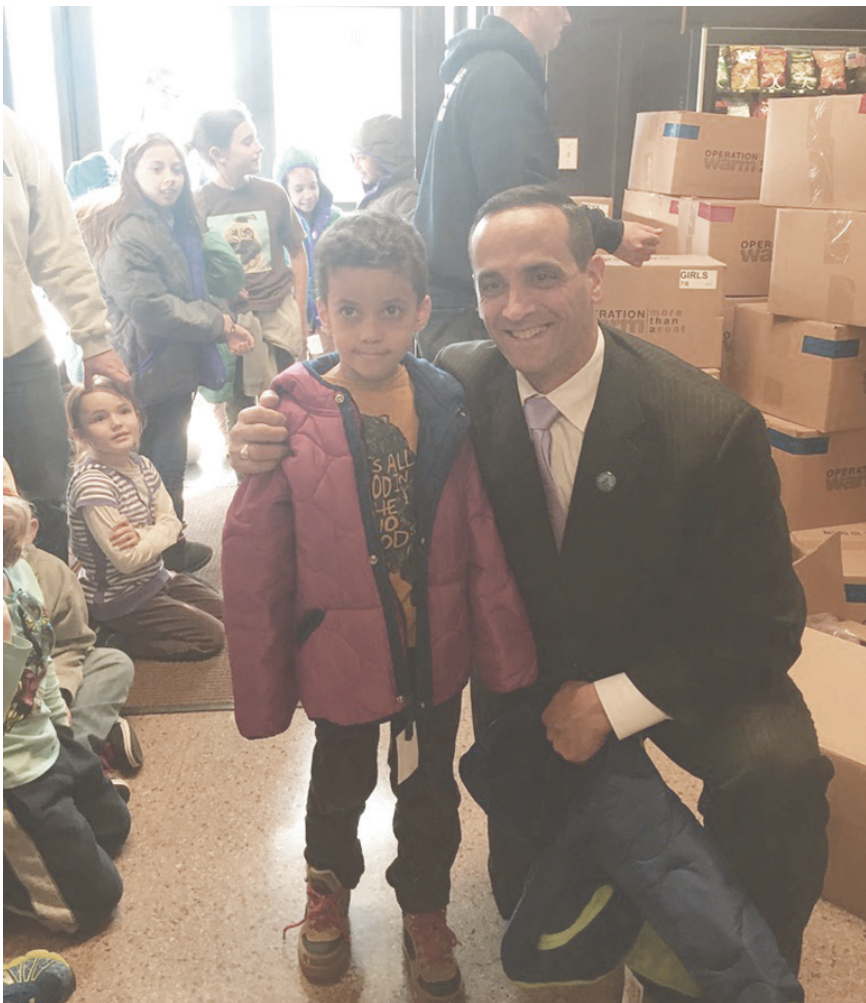
and thanked the firefighters in Somerville who took on this very special project. He gave a special thank you to Tom Ross, the head of the Firefighters Local Unit, and Jay Colbert from the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, whom are both in huge part responsible for raising more than \$70,000, and buying more than 2000 coats. Keeping kids healthy and in school is the primary goal, and everything happening in Somerville is going in the direction of achieving that goal.





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SPORTS

Prospect Hill Lady Wizards bring their defense to the championship dance

By Charles Lane

Defense – with a splash of offense when needed – has the Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards positioned to play in this year’s girls basketball championship of the 2016 Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization set for 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11, at U Mass Boston’s Clark Athletic Center.

Defense keyed the Prospect Hill squad in the two basketball challenges this past weekend. Every player who stepped onto the court to represent the Lady Wizards between the lines slapped the floor with her two hands, got into athletic stance and then fanatically moved her feet, legs, arms and hands individually and collectively to a

chant of “Defense! Defense! Defense!” from their teammates, the coaching staff and the many supporters and fans in attendance.

Hyde Park’s Academy of the Pacific Rim ended its season with a quarterfinal setback to PHA by a score of 62-38 on Friday evening. On Saturday afternoon, Everett’s Pioneer Charter School of Science exited the tournament semi-finals falling to PHA on the low side of a 42-24 score.

Prospect Hill’s three usual suspects – Junior guard Agar Felix, Freshman guard Ashley Cadet and Freshman center Kaleesha Joseph – provided the needed offense. In the quarterfinals, the trio combined for 54 points. They added 38 more points in



The Lady Wizards’ defensive skills have established their dominance on the court heading into the championship race.



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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What 1957 war movie co-starred President Ronald Reagan and his soon to be first lady Nancy Davis?

2. When was coffee first sold in sealed tin cans in the United States?

3. What duo started their career as Caesar and Cleo?

4. What is a group of owls called?

5. What was the name of the German carpenter executed for the Lindbergh baby kidnapping?

6. In what city’s harbor is the statue called the “Little Mermaid”?

7. What is a slang term for 50 cents?

8. What is a group of foxes called?

9. What was left as a consolation inside Pandora’s box?

10. In radio terms what does FM stand for?

11. Which song features the words “Newspaper taxis appear on the shore”?

12. What two numbers have a sum of one thousand and a difference of one hundred?

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the semi-final affair. Cadet led all scorers in Friday’s game with 21 points, while Joseph scored 21 to pace PHA on Saturday.

Felix, the Lady Wizards’ outstanding floor general, played consistently in both contests scoring 16 in the first game followed by 13 in the second. As effective as the three were on offense, they performed as well, if not better, on the defensive side of the ball. All three players were MCSAO league all-star candidates last year and have again been nominated for the same honors this season.

Supporting the three, most particularly on defense, were fellow starters Senior power forward and team captain Niah Carvalho and Sophomore small forward Fabiana Paul. Coming off the bench to spell the front-court starters when needed were Senior forward and center Sara Blaise, Senior forward Karenah Harewood, Junior forward Tracy Beauvois and Sophomore forward Katelynne Quinones.

Felix and Cadet owed any rest that they could get in the back-court to the efforts of Paul who also played a couple of rotations on Saturday at guard, and to Junior guard Marley Durham, Sophomore guards Semhar Habtom and Thais Valesquez, and Freshman guard Fatima Benmimoun.

On Friday in the quarterfinals, the Pioneer Panthers faced off against Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School Panthers from Holyoke and escaped with a 43-30 victory behind the play of Senior guard Kirsten Fiote who is the leading scorer at 20 points per game in MCSAO Division I.

Fiote is also Pioneer’s team captain, a 2-year all-star and a MCSAO Division I Most Valuable Player nominee this year. The Panthers were not as fortunate in the semi-finals due in large part to the stellar defensive play of PHA’s Durham who was charged with the task of covering Fiote 1-on-1 for a majority of the game. Durham excelled in the “mano a mano” challenge holding Fiote to a season low total of 7 points.

Prospect Hill Academy (12-0 League, 20-3 Overall) will square off against the Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers Huskies from Boston (12-0, 20-3 with no losses to MCSAO teams in either division) in this Friday night’s championship clash. Kennedy is led by Senior shooting guard Ana Marcelin, Sophomore shooting guard and captain Ashlee Montgomery and Sophomore guard Tyalie Campbell. Marcelin leads MCSAO Division II in scoring averaging 19.6 points per game. Montgomery and Campbell average 7.6 and 12.9 points per contest respectively. Prospect Hill leads Division I in team offense and team defense. Kennedy leads Division II in the same categories.

Two well-prepared teams will face off on March 11 in the MCSAO title tilt. The team with the most points on offense will raise the championship trophy at the end of the unprecedented battle of undefeated MCSAO teams. How many point that team will score will be determined by the other team’s defense.

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Former SHS hockey players competing in national championship

By Tom Bannister

Two Russian students who attended Somerville High School last year and played hockey for the Highlanders, Aleksandr (Aleks) Zakirov and Anton Minaev, are now playing Junior Hockey for the Forest Lake Lakers, a Tier III Jr. A ice hockey team located in Forest Lake, Minnesota, a Northern suburb of Minneapolis-Saint Paul. They and their new team are now en-route to Boston to play for the National Championship, which starts on Wednesday, March 9.

The Lakers play in the United States Premier Hockey League Midwest Division.

Although they still refer to Somerville as their “Hometown USA,” these fast rising super stars are having a remarkable season with the Lakers. The team won their division Championship and continued on to win the Western Conference Championship Series.

The championship elimination series (aka The Beantown Classic) is being held at New England Sports Arena in Marlboro, MA and will begin this Wednesday and end on Friday, March 11. The Best team will be awarded the National

Championship Cup. Their team is led by former professional goaltender and Coach Dennis Canfield.

Coach Canfield has praised Mayor Joe Curtatone and the Somerville School System for prepping these fine young gentlemen for a great future in both academics and professional hockey. Both students thank Mayor Curtatone for providing them with a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the American dream and our culture while living and attending school in Somerville.

The former Highlanders are drawing a lot of attention from the NCAA, NAHL, and the NHL. They have been scouted frequently by many teams and are headed for long professional careers in the NHL.

Aleksandr Zakirov is having a tremendous season as starting goalie and was voted team MVP. He has also received many awards from the League. He also earned the title of team MVP while playing for the Somerville Highlanders.

Forward Anton Minaev has accumulated magnificent statistics and received numerous awards from the league and team. Entering the playoffs, Minaev has four hat tricks in five games.



Former SHS athletes Aleks Zakirov (#35) and Anton Minaev (#28) are now playing for the championship-bound Forest Lake Lakers.

What’s on Somerville Neighborhood News

Somerville Neighborhood News #59 was election heavy! Stories focused on engaging young voters to polling to local presidential candidate canvassing teams.

In *SNN* #59, we explore how two thirds of Somerville residents are renters, and many of those are young and have no ties to the city, and no political involvement. Getting young voters to participate is good for them and for the process. Young Somerville takes on the issue. Find out more on this topic in *SNN* #59!



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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at 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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Assembly Row Block 5 (400-499 Assembly Row) : (Case #PB 2014-34-R2-0216) Applicant and Owner, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review–A #PB2014-34 under SZO §5.3.8 in order to build an approx. 226,637 sf building with façade changes and 132 residential units, approx. 21,000 sf retail space, 103 underground parking spaces, & 86 surface spaces. The original per-mit was for final level approval of “Block 5” (identified as MBL 85-A-12) of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014. Applicant and owner received approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2 to construct a mixed-use building with approx. 20,000 sf retail/restaurant space, 104 residential units, 155 hotel units and approx. 181 parking spaces. The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP. The residential devel-opment is subject to inclusionary housing requirements. The Ap-plicant and Owner also received waivers (S.Z.O. §6.4.12 & 16.5.5) for fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and §9.7, submis-sion of a landscape and screening plan under §5.3.2.10, and from reg-ulations of forthcoming zoning amendments as permitted by §16.10.2 of the SZO. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
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PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD) will hold a public hearing on the City’s 2016 Draft One-Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) pro-gram, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, and the HOME program. The public hearing will be held at the Argenziano School at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington Street, Somerville, MA 02143 on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the proposed 2016 Draft One Year HUD Action Plan (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 21, 2016 by contacting Betsy Allen at 617-625-6600 x2323 or email at ballen@somervillema.gov. Accommodations for non-English speaking or hearing impaired persons are available by contacting (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500; requests for accommoda-tions should be made by the close of business on Monday, March 21, 2016. General questions about the public hearing should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OS-PCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500. Written comments will be accepted until close of business on *Monday, April 25, 2016 @ 4:30 p.m.*, and should be sent to the attention of Elizabeth Twomey at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or via email to ospcd@somervillema.gov.

Joseph A. Curtatone
Mayor

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 16P0498EA

Estate of :

Robert	A.	McInnis
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

Also Known As: Robert A. McInnis, S.

Date of Death: 10/30/2015

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner Kathleen M. McInnis of Somerville MA
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)


[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

[x] Kathleen M. McInnis of Somerville MA
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve
[] with [x] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are en-titled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Rep-resentative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administra-tion. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
LEASE OF ROOFTOP SPACE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES
SHA Job No. 1601

Amended February 10, 2016

The Somerville Housing Authority (the “Authority”) is soliciting sealed bids for the lease and use of rooftop and penthouse space on 24 North St. operated by the Authority at the Clarendon Hill develop-ment in the City of Somerville, Massachusetts. This space is available for the installation and operation of radio communications facilities. These facilities can include, but are not limited to cellular telephone, personal communications systems, paging and land mobile radio. The lease and use of these spaces will be on a non-exclusive basis.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somer-ville, MA 02145. At such time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Invitation for Bids (IFB) copies are available free of charge for pickup on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Authority’s Modernization Of-fice, 30R #1 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. The Authority will e-mail an Invitation for Bids free of charge upon request.

Please direct questions, or requests for IFB documents, to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Rd, Somerville, MA 02145. Attn: Frank Smith, Tel. 617-625-1152, Fax: 617-623-0137 or e-mail to franks@sha-web.org.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday March 21, 2016** at the Senior Cen-ter, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Winter Hill Brewing Company for an Ex-tension of Premises (Outdoor Patio) at 328 Broadway, Somerville, MA

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Jenneen Pagliaro**
Executive Secretary

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|March 9

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

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

Thursday|March 10

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

Friday|March 11

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

Sunday|March 13

Central Library
UNIDOS kindergarten family get together
2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|March 14

Central Library
Sing Along with Matt Heaton
11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|March 15

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

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 12-14
Tammy McKanan-617-591-0216
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
High School Anime Club
2:45 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 16

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

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

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Wednesday|March 9

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

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Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Backroom Series The Alan Kelly Gang
|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The A-Beez – Funk & Soul
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

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

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

Thursday|March 10

Johnny D’s
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Sick Sad & Lonesome grassy Thursdays|7p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Backroom Series: Bow Thayer, Christian McNeill & Anders Parker|7 p.m.
L80’s night with Scattershot|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
G-ROCK Music Presents: The Indigo Girls and Bonnie Raitt Tribute
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Bull McCabe’s
Dub Down Reggae
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Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory
Next Rough Cut Media Screening at Armory Cafe
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
The Encyclopedia Show|7 p.m.
255 Elm Street

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Resonance |8 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

Friday|March 11

Johnny D’s
Open House Weekend
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters
|6 p.m.
That One Eyed Kid, The Gypsy West,
Left Hand Does \$10 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series Billy Wyler & The Lonseome Draw|7 p.m.
Cover Up|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Bob Marley Tribute Duppy Conquerors (Reggae)|8 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Shit-faced Shakespeare|7 p.m.
255 Elm Street

Saturday|March 12

Johnny D’s
Jazz Brunch
Open House Weekend
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents Shotgun Waltz, Unnamed Colors, Deep in Green \$10 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.
The BagBoys|5 p.m.
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Backroom Series Pesky J. Nixon & Scott Wolfson & Other Heroes|7 p.m.
Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Renegade Cartel, Belico Blackop, Stevey Owens, Louis King+ Thomas California
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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

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

Thunder Road
The Jon Butcher Axis: Experienced!
Celebrating The Music Of Jimi Hendrix|8 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Feast of the Blessed Booty|9:30 p.m.
255 Elm Street

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
The Damon Grant Project|8 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

Sunday|March 13

Johnny D’s
Bar Serving The Last Bloodies & Mimosas 11a.m - 2 p.m.
Join the Second Line Brass Parade on Sun, March 13 – Johnny D’s Final Day
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m.
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.
Back Room
Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 p.m.
Burren Acoustic Music Series|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Dub Apocalypse
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Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country &

Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Game Night
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Samba Bar & Grille
Live Band & DJ
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Thunder Road
Ben Knight Band (Blues Rock)|7 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Monday|March 14

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Carter’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Tuesday|March 15

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Diamonds In The Rough with Bucky Bear|7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA’s Lounge
Open Mic Night
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
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Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Ghetto People Band
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First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night
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Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Thunder Road
Ebass Open Mic Hosted by George Woods|7 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Heavy Metal and Pizza in the Lounge|8 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
First and Last Word Poetry
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 16

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

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Backroom Series |7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Jamie Shaler
Christopher Thomas Elliott
Kyle Crossland
Eddy Marshall
Boycott
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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Arts at the Armory
Red Cross Blood Drive
2 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|March 9

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

Thursday|March 10

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

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

Saturday|March 12

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

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Winter Farmers’ Market
9:30 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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

Sunday|March 13

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

Monday|March 14

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

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

Tuesday|March 15

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

Wednesday|March 16

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

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

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

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

Berklee College of Music Series – 2 dates – This is a free event. Outings to see the country’s next big vocal, instrumental and theatre stars! Pre-registration is required. Very limited seating. Please call 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 P.M.: Eighth Annual Guitar Night: R&B / Funk Showcase; Monday, March 21 at 7:30 P.M.: Maggie Scott: Vocal Jazz Series

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

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

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration – Monday, March 14 at the WHYC – 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. - \$10 fee limited seating and transportation. For more information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling

isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our “Friendly Caller” Program. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted.

The St. Patrick’s Day Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Monday, March 14th is BOOKED SOLID.

The St. Patrick’s Day Super Bingo scheduled for Thursday, March 17 at our Ralph & Jenny Center is SOLD OUT.

Please note that the trip to the Boston Flower & Garden Show scheduled for Friday, March 18th , is SOLD OUT but you can still put your name on the waiting list.

The Older American’s Month Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Thursday, May 5 is SOLD OUT.

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

The Lowell Spinners outing scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th is SOLD OUT.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

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

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

STAY ACTIVE:

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

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. 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.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:
8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H)

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday|March 9

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

Thursday|March 10

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)
10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 Knitting for Babies (RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)
7:30 Berklee College of Music – R&B / Funk

Friday|March 11

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

Monday|March 14

9:00 Gardening Group (H)
1:00 Bereavement Group (H)
4:30 LGBTQ Advisory Group (H)
St. Patrick’s Day Celebration at the WHYC

Tuesday|March 15

9:00 Living Frugally (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:30 Low Vision Group (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
6:00 Caregivers Group (H)

Wednesday|March 16

10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (C)
1:00 Forget Me Knot Group (H)
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads
St. Patrick’s Lunch & Show at the Aquaturf Club

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6:30am	Exercise With Robyn
7:00am	The Struggle
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Legacies
9:30am	A Taste of Theater
10:00am	Color In Your Life
10:30am	Rare Groove Revolution
11:00am	Chef's Table Series
12:00pm	Free Speech TV
1:30pm	Physicians Focus
2:00pm	Health Is Wealth
2:30pm	Blokesworld
3:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
4:00pm	Free Speech Television
5:00pm	SCATV Sessions: Tongue In Cheek
5:30pm	The Folklorist
6:00pm	Haitian Poetry
7:00pm	Creative Somerville Series
7:30pm	MAPS On TV
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits
8:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage
11:00pm	Walter Ness Presents

Thursday, March 10

6:00am	JuPrey Promotions
7:00am	The Struggle
7:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Esoteric Science
9:30am	Somerville Pundits
10:00am	Dead Air Live
11:00am	Hollywood Makeover Show
11:30am	Person 2 Person
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series
2:00pm	Eat Well Be Happy
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm	Free Speech Television
5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
5:30pm	Creative Somerville Series

6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live Call-in)
7:30pm	Let's Talk About Real Estate
8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live Call-in)
9:30pm	Words On Film
10:00pm	Throwback Thursday!
11:00pm	Rare Groove Revolution
11:30pm	MAPS

Friday, March 11

6:00pm	Fakkahar Speaks
6:30pm	Life Matters
7:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
7:30am	Hollywood Makeover Show
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Walter Ness Presents
10:00am	Somerville Pundits
10:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board
11:00am	Duck Village Stage
12:00pm	Free Speech TV
1:00pm	Health Is Wealth
1:30pm	MAPS
2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
2:30pm	Taking Back Your Health
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm	Reeling Review
5:30pm	Words On Film
6:00pm	Let's Talk Real Estate!
6:30pm	Talking About Somerville
8:00pm	Cinema Somerville Presents
10:00pm	Fallon's Daily Toast
11:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board

Saturday, March 12

6:00am	Life Matters
6:30am	Eat Well Be Happy
7:00am	Sci-Fi Journal
8:00am	Physicians Focus
8:30am	The Folklorist
9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
9:30am	Start Up TV
10:00am	Tele Galaxie
11:00am	Haitian Poetry
12:00pm	Taste of the Theater
12:30pm	Hollywood Makeover Show
1:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
1:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board

2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage
3:00pm	Telemagazine
4:00pm	Chef's Table Series
5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
7:00pm	JuPrey Promotions
8:00pm	Copyright and the Artist
9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D
11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)

Sunday, March 13

6:00am	Faith Show
6:30am	SCATV Bulletin Board
7:00am	Nossa Gente's e Costumes
8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
10:00am	Fakkahar Speaks
10:30am	International Church of God
11:00am	Chef's Table Series
12:00pm	Sci-fi Journal
1:00pm	Neighborhood News
1:30pm	Let's Talk Real Estate!
2:00pm	Legacies
2:30pm	Taking Back Your Health
3:00pm	JuPrey Promotions
4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade
5:00pm	Dead Air Live
6:00pm	Abugida TV
7:00pm	African Television Network
8:00pm	Telemagazine
9:00pm	Cinema Somerville Presents
11:00pm	Dog House TV
11:30pm	Words On Film

Monday, March 14

6:00am	Health Is Wealth
6:30am	Fallon's Daily Toast
7:00pm	Healthy Hypnosis
7:30am	Taking Back Your Health
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show
10:00am	SCATV Bulletin Board
10:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News
11:00am	Taste of Theater
11:30am	Art At SCATV
12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
1:00pm	Visual Radio

2:00pm	The Literati Scene
2:30pm	Hollywood Makeover Show
3:00pm	Exercise With Robyn
3:30pm	MAPS
4:00pm	Free Speech Television
5:00pm	Telegalaxie
6:00pm	The Struggle
6:30pm	Start Up TV
7:00pm	Let's Talk About Real Estate
7:30pm	Music Mania Television
8:00pm	The Somerville Line
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11:00pm	Talking About Somerville
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Tuesday, March 15

6:00am	Art At Scat
6:30am	Esoteric Science
7:00am	JuPrey Promotions
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Chefs Table Series
10:00am	Eat Well Be Happy
10:30am	Cooking With Georgia and Dez
11:00am	Hello Neighbor
11:30am	Hollywood Makeover Show
12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
1:00pm	Color In Your Life
1:30pm	Somerville Pundits
2:00pm	Exercise With Robyn
2:30pm	Health Is Wealth
3:00pm	Taking Back Your Health
3:30pm	Physicians Focus
4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
5:30pm	Duck Village Stage
6:30pm	Person 2 Person
7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
7:30pm	Greater Somerville
8:00pm	Dead Air Live
9:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
9:30pm	Dog House TV
10:00pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
10:30pm	Words On Film
11:00pm	The David Pakman Show

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Wednesday, March 9

12:00am	Senior Circuit "Veterans' Services"
12:30am	Somerville: Past & Present
8:00am	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program #6
9:00am	Special BOA Meeting - Lincoln Park
12:00pm	Connecting Communities
12:30pm	Mayor Curtatone's Press Conference
12:52pm	The Mayor's Report
1:05pm	Talking Business
1:41pm	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16
2:49pm	Voices of Somerville
3:19pm	SomerViva em Português
4:00pm	City Hall Mural
6:00pm	Special BOA Meeting - Lincoln Park
8:30pm	Mayor Curtatone's Press Conference
8:52pm	The Mayor's Report
9:05pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 10

12:05am	Voices of Somerville
12:38am	ADA Public Meeting 1/26/16
8:00am	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program #6
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout
9:00am	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis
9:30am	Voices of Somerville
12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Veterans' Services"
12:30pm	Special BOA Meeting - Lincoln Park
3:00pm	SomerViva em Português
3:45pm	City Hall Mural

Upcoming Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 11

12:00am	Union Sq. Civic Advisory/LOCUS Meeting
2:33am	SomerViva em Português
3:04am	Mayor Curtatone's Press Conference
7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE
9:00am	Connecting Communities
12:00pm	Special BOA Meeting - Lincoln Park
2:24pm	Connecting Communities
2:54pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
3:19pm	Voices of Somerville
4:00pm	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program #6
6:30pm	Voices of Somerville
7:00pm	Connecting Communities
7:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis
8:00pm	Talking Business
8:36pm	City Hall Mural January 2016
8:44pm	The Mayor's Report
9:00pm	Mass DOT Public GLX Meeting - 3.2.16

Saturday, March 12

12:00am	Special BOA Meeting - Lincoln Park
2:24am	Voices of Somerville
3:00am	Connecting Communities
9:00am	City Hall Mural
9:08am	The Mayor's Report
12:00pm	Ames Historic Project - Family Interview
12:32pm	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis
1:01pm	Special BOA Meeting - Lincoln Park

6:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis
7:00pm	Voices of Somerville
7:30pm	Mass DOT Public GLX Meeting - 3.2.16
9:30pm	SomerViva em Português
10:01pm	Special BOA Meeting - Lincoln Park

Sunday, March 13

12:30am	Talking Business
1:06am	Mayor Curtatone's Press Conference
1:30am	Voices of Somerville
2:00am	Connecting Communities
2:30am	City Hall Mural
2:38am	Special BOA Meeting - Lincoln Park
9:00am	Connecting Communities
9:30am	SomerViva en Espanol
12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Veterans' Services"
12:30pm	Union Sq. Civic Advisory/LOCUS Meeting
3:03pm	Voices of Somerville
3:33pm	City Hall Mural
4:00pm	Fit-4-Life Home Exercise Program #7
6:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis
7:00pm	Senior Circuit "Veterans' Services"
7:30pm	Voices of Somerville
8:00pm	SomerViva en Espanol
8:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY

Monday, March 14

12:00am	Aldermen at Work
12:30am	SomerViva em Português
1:00am	Union Sq. Civic Advisory/LOCUS Meeting

9:00am	SomerViva en Espanol
12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY
3:30pm	Special BOA Meeting - Lincoln Park
6:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol
7:00pm	Voices of Somerville
7:30pm	City Hall Mural
7:38pm	The Mayor's Report
7:51pm	Mayor Curtatone's Press Conference
8:13pm	Union Sq. Civic Advisory/LOCUS Meeting

Tuesday, March 15

12:00am	Aldermen at Work - Lance Davis
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10:20pm	SomerViva em Português
10:51pm	The Mayor's Report

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Wednesday, March 9

9:00am:	Girls' Basketball Clinic w AG Maura Healey
10:00am:	SHS Girls Basketball v Newburyport
12:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball v Weston
2:00pm:	SHS Football 2015
3:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
3:30pm:	Argenziano School MLK Concert
5:00pm:	Girls' Basketball Clinic w AG Maura Healey
6:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball v Newburyport
8:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball v Weston
10:00pm:	SHS Football 2015
11:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City

Thursday, March 10

12:00am:	Argenziano School MLK Concert
1:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester
3:00am:	Public Domain Theater
9:00am:	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS
9:30am:	Student of the Qtr. - Brown School
10:00am:	Student of the Qtr. - Healey School
11:00am:	Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School
12:00pm:	Student of the Quarter - WHCS
1:00pm:	SHS Football 2015
2:00pm:	Capuano Kindergarten Winter Concert
3:00pm:	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert
4:00pm:	SHS Hockey v Cambridge
6:00pm:	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS
6:30pm:	Student of the Qtr. - Brown School
7:00pm:	Student of the Qtr. - Healey School
8:00pm:	Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School

9:00pm:	Student of the Quarter - WHCS
10:00pm:	SHS Football 2015
11:00pm:	Capuano Kindergarten Winter Concert

Friday, March 11

12:00am:	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert
1:00am:	SHS Hockey v Cambridge
9:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball v Medford
10:30am:	SHS Boys Basketball v S. Boston
12:30pm:	Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer Finals
1:30pm:	Girls' Intramural Middle School Soccer Finals
3:00pm:	SHS Boys' Basketball Playoff vs Andover
5:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v S. Boston
7:00pm:	Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer Finals
8:00pm:	Girls' Intramural Middle School Soccer Finals
9:30pm:	Girls' Basketball Clinic w AG Maura Healey
10:00pm:	SHS Boys' Basketball Playoff vs Andover

Saturday, March 12

12:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester
2:00am:	Public Domain Theater
4:00am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City
10:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball v Peabody
11:30am:	SHS Football 2015
12:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Medford
1:30pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett
3:00pm:	SHS Boys' Basketball Playoff vs Andover
5:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
6:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Peabody
7:30pm:	SHS Football 2015

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9:00am:	Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School
10:00am:	Student of the Qtr. - Brown School
10:30am:	Student of the Quarter - WHCS
11:00am:	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS
12:00pm:	Student of the Qtr. - Healey School
1:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
1:30pm:	SHS Hockey v Cambridge
3:00pm:	SHS Boys' Basketball Playoff vs Andover
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7:00pm:	Student of the Qtr. - ESCS
8:00pm:	Student of the Qtr. - Healey School
9:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
9:30pm:	SHS Hockey v Cambridge
11:00pm:	El Sistema Concert

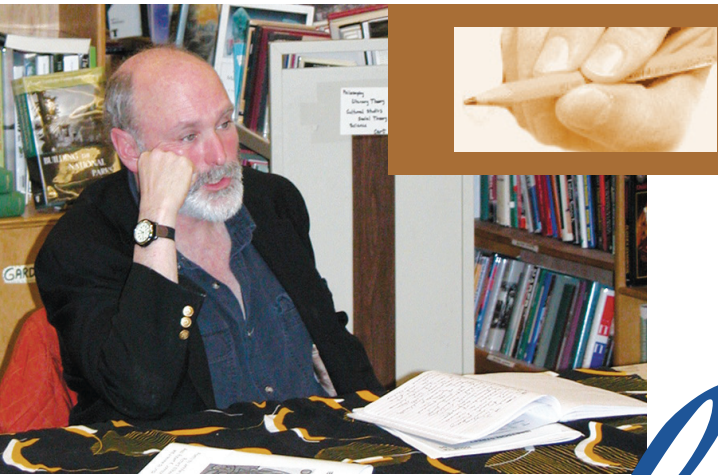
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9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City
10:00am:	Girls' Basketball Clinic w AG Maura Healey

11:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Burke HS (Rd. 2)
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Tuesday, March 15

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3:00am:	SHS Hockey v Winthrop
9:00am:	Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School
10:00am:	SHS Football 2015
11:00am:	SHS Hockey v Cambridge
12:30pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Peabody
2:00pm:	Girls' Basketball Clinic w AG Maura Healey
3:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball v Newburyport
5:00pm:	Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School
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1:30am:	SHS Football 2015



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Poet Ifeanyi Menkiti

Hosts Poet Aeronwy Thomas:

Dylan Thomas' Daughter

I was searching through the archives and I thought this piece would be a good one to reprint for Off the Shelf as we come closer to poetry month. Aeronwy Thomas has died since I wrote this article – so I am glad that I had the opportunity to meet her and write about her.

I found myself on a cool evening in April walking to Dunkin' Donuts in Harvard Square with Aeronwy Thomas, daughter of the late great Welsh poet Dylan Thomas. Aeronwy Thomas, a well-regarded educator and poet in her own right, is on a national tour talking about her father Dylan, who wrote some of the most revered verse in the 20th Century, as well as a critically acclaimed play *Under Milk Wood*.

Somerville resident, Wellesley College professor, and owner of the famed Grolier Poetry Book Shop, Ifeanyi Menkiti hosted a reading with Aeronwy Thomas, her husband Trevor Ellis, and Peter Thabit Jones, a respected Welsh poet and editor of the *Seventh Quarry Magazine*. I asked Menkiti why he decided to host this event organized by publisher Stanley Barkan of Cross - Cultural Communications. Menkiti said, "I Love Dylan Thomas' sense of community. His work releases a poetic impulse across the world. It travels across borders. In the publication *Wellesley Week* Menkiti adds: "Whether one reads his poems alone, by oneself, or hears them read aloud by him or others, or perhaps hears read aloud the captivating words of *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, one always comes away with a sense of ineffable magic in the air – a sense that words are potent things."

Dylan Thomas (who died at 39 in 1953) first gained significant praise for his poetry collection: *18 Poems*. He is also well known for his poem to his dying father *Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night*, as well as many other works. He died in New York City at St. Vincent's Hospital in Greenwich Village from suspected chronic alcohol poisoning.

Thomas' Daughter Aeronwy first read the poems of her famous father 20 years after his death in 1973. She was sheltered from his "wild public" lifestyle. Now she is the midst of a whirlwind national tour, *Dylan Thomas Tribute*, where she and Jones read from Thomas' poetry, their own poetry, and discuss Thomas' body of work and his life.

The evening started out on Plympton Street in Harvard Square at the Grolier, but the actual reading took place at Harvard's Adams House several doors down the block. In addition to the reading by Jones and Thomas, Tino Villanueva, Aldo Tambellini, Kristine Doll, Pavel Grushko, and Aled Llion Jones read translations of Dylan Thomas' work.

Jones' read a poem of his own during the evening that concerned, of all things, a rat (rats do make appearances in Dylan's work as well):

"Rats swam the canal of my childhood fears.../a rat's meal is my thought/it eats in my sleep."

Aeronwy Thomas read her own poem that harked back to her childhood memories of the great poet titled *Later Than Laugharne*:

"...The memories race back—
... And the thrill of peeping through
the keyhole (I was always the most naughty)
to see my father writing his poems about
gulls, hills, cormorants on estuaries
which he saw through his wide-vista window,
as he sat, bent, writing in crabbed letters,
pressing against the hard surface of the
kitchen table that was his desk..."

Aeronwy's husband Trevor sang traditional Welsh folk songs that were a welcomed addition to the reading.

After the event, I managed to interview Thomas about her late father. As for Dylan Thomas' ill-fated love affair



Aeronwy Thomas (above), father poet Dylan Thomas (below).

with alcohol, Aeronwy said his trips to the United States did him no good. When he was in his native Wales he was surrounded by family and friends and drank the weak beer of the local pubs. He wrote in his "shed" every day. In the United States he was offered hard liquor like whiskey and Martinis, etc. He was unmoored, away from home and structure, and this lead to his downfall.

As far as Bob Dylan, who lifted Dylan Thomas' first name for his last, Aeronwy Thomas admires his song lyrics. But she did say that Bob Dylan did admit to lifting Thomas' name, but now he states that he has done more for Thomas than Thomas did for him.

I asked Thomas about the movie adaptation of *Under Milk Wood* that starred Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor. She said that she was grateful someone made a movie of her father's play. She feels Burton was a classic narrator. She did have some reservations about what she characterized as "additions" to the work, but overall she was happy with the movie.

The evening ended with a small wine and cheese buffet. Thomas signed books and was surrounded by admirers and well wishers. After this long evening no one would blame Aeronwy Thomas if she did "go gently into that good night" to get a well-earned sleep.

DO NOT GO GENTLE INTO THAT GOOD NIGHT

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
Though wise men at their end know dark is right,
Because their words had forked no lightning they
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright
Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight,
And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way,
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight
Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
And you, my father, there on the sad height,
Curse, bless me now with your fierce tears, I pray.
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Belal Sohel is a student at Somerville High School – Class of 2016. Belal sends us this poem...



Alien

I am an alien
Who has drifted upon the shores?
I'm not sure what's in store
The teeming masses the ocean of humanity
That swirls around me
No buffering my fragile boat
Where is my anchor?
Where is my anchor?
I have left so much behind
And I am seeking that much more

— Belal Sohel

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Answers

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| 2. In 1879, by Chase & Sanborn | 8. A skulk |
| 3. Sonny and Cher | 9. Hope |
| 4. A parliament | 10. Frequency Modulation |
| 5. Bruno Hauptmann | 11. Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds |
| 6. Copenhagen, Denmark | 12. 550 and 450 |

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