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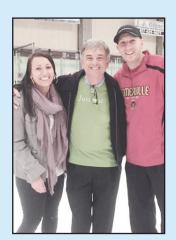
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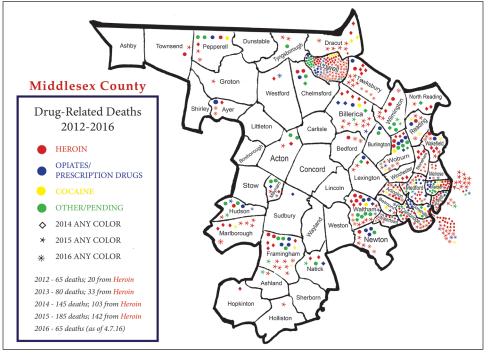


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Spike in overdose deaths prompts 'call to action' by D.A.'s office



The Middlesex County District Attorney's office is teaming up with several partner agencies in hopes of reversing the trending rise in drug overdose fatalities.

By Jim Clark

Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan and Mike Duggan from Wicked Sober issued an important call to action last Friday in response to a drastic increase in overdose deaths in Middlesex County.

In a public statement issued by the District Attorney's office, it was reported that since March 1, 2016 State Police have responded to more than 33 fatal overdoses.

There has reportedly been a dangerous spike in deaths and non-fatal overdoses in Middlesex County this year. As of April 7, 2016, State Police Detectives have responded to 65 fatal overdose deaths, of which 45 have been attributed to heroin use. In 2012, there were 65 total overdose deaths over the entire year.

Based on the combined data from the six largest private EMS Companies in the county, over the last 32 days they have

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Popular mechanics for nut roasting:

Beth Quinn on her booming family nut company

By Margaux Maxwell

Tucked away on Highland Avenue near Davis Square, Q's Nuts is a tiny store packed with shelves of roasted nuts from all over the world. Mexican Chocolate Cashews, Brazil Nuts, and Yerba Mate Chocolate Almonds are just a few of the flavors overflowing behind the glass. These are not the typical nut flavors you find at Fenway Park. Almost four years ago, Beth Quinn opened the family nut store with her husband Brian Quinn because she saw a need for nuts that "taste as good as they smell," says Beth. Now, their nuts are starting to appear all over Somerville and Boston.

Beth and her husband work around the clock selling and roasting their nuts at farmers markets, trade shows and the Boston Public Market, in addition to managing over 150 wholesale accounts and their storefront in Somerville.

"Our nuts have more flavor profile than any other nut company out there. Continued on page 4



Q's Nuts are making a splash all over Somerville and the Greater Boston area.

— Photo by Margaux Maxwell

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On Saturday, April 16, more than 300 youth are expected at the 10th Annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. Somerville, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. The conference, Back From the Future, will feature original performances by Somerville teens based on their own lives, workshops, and a services fair, while also highlighting the growth of Somerville over the past decade. Attendees will share their own experiences in interactive breakout sessions facilitated by youth. The conference, presented by the Center for Teen Empowerment, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Somerville Public Schools, and the City of Somerville, will examine teen violence, substance abuse, social media, bullying and other issues, with a special focus on destigmatizing mental health. Mayor Joseph Curtatone and other elected officials will join the mostly youth audience to listen to teens' stories and ideas.

The Green Line extension meeting is tonight at Somerville High School. Show your support for the GLX. Once again, we need you to come out in large numbers to let the decision makers know that they have to deliver on their promises to build the Green Line Extension, including light rail service to all stations (including Union Square), all the stations (including Route 16), and the Community Path.

This coming up on Monday April 18th is the Patriots Day celebration at Foss Park. The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. The Somerville Historic Committee will have booths and information, as it has in the past. It's a great time for history and a family outing. Bring the kids out to meet and greet the Paul Revere re-enactor ride in on his horse as he travels from Boston through old Somerville – in Colonial days this was part of Charlestown – up through Medford over to Lexington and Concord to warn the Minutemen that the British are on their way.

Our own Dorothy Dimarzo, of "Dorothy's Corner" fame, will be a guest Chef at the *Taste Of Sicily* event taking place this Wednesday and Thursday, April 13–14,

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: The next GLX meeting is the place to be

A Moore says:

We have been getting along fine without it. The money is simply not there. This country has moved up to 10th place for debt. Can't spend what you don't have. There are times when progress is not a good thing. Makes more sense to let it go.

Frankly says:

A Moore just doesn't get it. He spends time complaining about the way things used to be but the green line is such an important part of creating many of the things that were once great about Somerville and can be again. We cant afford not to do it

Oliver Seppo says:

Just drop the stupid green line! Everybody is doing fine without it. It's going to be slow and useless anyway.

J C says:

So 2 out of the 3 of the commenters here seem to be against the extension. Luckily, those who actually, physically, support this project outnumber those who don't. And those who do are the types to make their voices heard while those who don't are the types who skip the meeting and prefer to troll message boards. The mere thought of a green line extension probably added value to the houses of each of the three commenters. But sadly, there are those who cannot see the forest through the trees and also those who vote against their own economic interests. I could see a dairy farmer from Wisconsin saying that this project shouldn't be done with federal dollars, but for anyone from Somerville to take that position, especially if you own a home, is madness. See you at the auditorium.

Freebie says:

I'll be riding my bike to this, let's do this! Public transit is good for everyone – professionals working in Kendall, teens without cars, and lower income families.

M says:

Having the green line in town is kinda like indoor plumbing, you don't "need" it but once it's there you can't fathom how you lived with out it.

KM says:

Oh we need it. There's no denying it. If you live around the proposed GLX area you are sick of waiting a half hour longer than you planned for a "delayed" bus to show up to get to Lechmere. We need to connect the bike paths too its much safer to be on the path than have to battle through traffic and bike lanes that just disappear and reappear at random. Anyway – What happened to that lawsuit in which the commonwealth agreed to extend the green line? When I moved here it was "guaranteed" to go through because of this legal agreement. There has already been so much investment in the area based on this proposed extension its just backwards and irresponsible to cancel it at this point.

Eric says:

Excellent points, Mayor Curtatone. Us, we bought a place in Winter Hill in part because the GLX was planned for 2019 in our area, and was actually funded. Try to buy near Davis Square and you pay 50% more. Right now when we can't ride our bikes to the Red Line at Davis, instead we drive there, park, and ride the T. I hate driving through and adding to the congestion around Davis, but that's the only real option. With a Green line station a 10 minute walk or less away, we wouldn't have to. The GLX has been delayed for far too long: in 2006 the plan was that it would be done by 2014. Less promises, better oversight and planning, more action.

Lucas says:

An excellent summary of all the reasons the GLX should and must happen in a timely manner, including Union Square and a full community path. I fully support this project and expect to see my representatives and the MBTA deliver.

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administered 244 Narcan interventions. This is an average of 7.6 reversals a day. According to the D.A.'s office statement, this conservative estimate gives a glimpse into the severity of the problem and is not necessarily inclusive of all Narcan doses administered by police, fire, or other reversals that may be administered by friends and family.

As announced last week, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Wicked Sober are teaming up with law enforcement, partners in healthcare and service providers in the community to issue a call to action. Wicked Sober has agreed to increase their staff levels for this weekend and numerous community partners have agreed to make themselves available to provide resources for individuals suffering from addiction and for their loved ones. Partner Agencies Include:

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Online: http://helpline-online.com/

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Telephone: 800-736-9805

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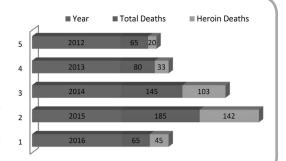
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Telephone: 855-953-7627

Online: http://wickedsober.com/

Middlesex County Fatal Overdose Statistics

- · As of April 7, 2016 there have been 65 deaths in Middlesex County to which State Police Detectives have responded. Of that, 45 have been attributed to heroin.
- + In 2015, there were 185 deaths: 142 of those were from heroin.
- In 2014, there were 145 deaths; 103 of those were from heroin.



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- Chief of Police David Fallon
- 1st Assistant Clerk William Farrell
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By Jim Clark

Return to scene of the crime unsuccessful

The Somerville Police Department was asked to review a surveillance video at the Saks Off 5th store at Assembly Row last Thursday evening.

According to reports, the video from a few days earlier showed two males and a female arriving in a car. The female reportedly entered the store while one male waited outside on the sidewalk, and the other remained seated in the driver seat of the car with the engine running.

Police said that the female selected two Michael Kors handbags (total value \$300 each) and one Roger Vivier handbag (\$2000) and left the store without making any attempt to pay for the merchandise. The male and female then entered car and left the area.

As the officer who reviewed the video spoke with the store security personnel, his attention was drawn to the surveillance monitor where he saw the same male and female from the shoplifting incident enter the store.

The officer exited from the side door onto Canal St. and

observed the same car as before outside Saks with a male seated in the driver seat with the engine running. According to reports, the operator was continuously looking to his left and right and appeared to have been acting as a lookout.

At this time the police officer called for backup, and three other officers arrived on the scene.

The male and female reportedly exited the store and ran towards the parked car. They immediately entered the vehicle and drove towards the inter-

section of Canal St. and Grand Union Blvd. where they were stopped by police officers.

The driver, identified as Brian Lounsbury, was placed in hand-cuffs and detained.

As the female passenger, later identified her as Kathleen Sullivan, stepped out of the vehicle, one of the officers yelled, "Knife!"

The passenger from the back seat, later identified as David Downey, attempted to exit the vehicle without being asked to, and was reportedly spotted throwing a knife inside the car.

In addition to the knife, three crack pipes were reportedly found in the car, along with a small baggie that appeared to contain heroin.

All three individuals were placed under arrest. Downey was charged with violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and possession of a class A drug. Lounsbury was charged with possession of a class A drug. Sullivan was booked on a warrant charge of receiving stolen property under \$250.

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Arrests:

Najoua Harb, of 9 Independence Dr., Methuen, April 4, 8:24 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of larceny over \$250 and removal of theft detection device.

Derek Mardirosian, of 139A Alewife Brook Pkwy., April 5, 9:57 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of credit card fraud under \$250.

Sonam Tsering, of 11 Century St., Apt. 2, April 7, 10:18 a.m., arrested at Edgar Ave. on

warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and assault and battery on a family or household member.

David Downey, of 21 Grove St., Saugus, April 7, 6:43 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and possession of a class A drug.

Brian Lounsbury, of 156 Washington St., Winthrop, April 7, 6:43 p.m., arrested at

Canal St. on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

Kathleen Sullivan, of 78 Bunker Hill St., Charlestown, April 7, 8:15 p.m., arrested on a warrant charge of receiving stolen property under \$250.

Bonnie Dwyer, of 341 Broadway, Cambridge, April 7, 9:40 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Saul Medina-Rodriguez, of 353 Meridian, East Boston, April 9, 1:16 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and on a warrant charge of trafficking in cocaine.

Darrin Lyttle, of 75 Cross St., April 10, 12:34 a.m., arrested at Cross St. on warrant charges of defacing property, attempt to commit a crime, and larceny over \$250.

Charles Cashman, April 10, 3:15 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of threat to commit a crime, trespassing, disorderly conduct, and wit-

ness intimidation.

Donnel Sheffield, of 944 Broadway, Chelsea, April 10, 4:54 p.m., arrested at Heath St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Michael Phillion, of 88 Summer St., Medford, April 10, 11:46 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of operation of failure to stop or yield and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Popular mechanics for nut roasting CONT. FROM PG 1

At this point, we have over 30 flavors, while most nut roasters just use the Bavarian vanilla cinnamon recipe. Our nuts are also different because we source from local vendors which supports the local economy: we get herbs and florals from Soluna Garden Farm in Winchester, our chocolate from Taza in Somerville, our ice cream from Christina's in Cambridge, and our spices for North Atlantic Spice in North Truro," says Beth. "We also bake our nuts instead of deep fat frying them like most roasters. It's a long arduous process, but I think it's worth it."

Originally the Quinn couple was working odd jobs at restaurants, custom motorcycle shops, variety stores and flea markets selling old furniture and books when idea came to them as they were smelling nuts in Boston's Downtown Crossing. Since their opening, their popularity has skyrocketed more than expected. Q's is frequently packed with customers filtering in and out of the store, and their pack-

aged nuts are starting to appear at cafes, craft breweries and grocery stores throughout Boston.

Much of their success can be attributed to their branding efforts to let people know Q's is the place to go for their nuts. They had been roasting at farmers markets for years before opening the store, which helped them build a positive name. They also attend trade shows throughout New England for small artisans and are able to connect with the local vendors at the Boston Public Market.

"The food world is small," says Quinn.

Putting community at the heart of her business model also means she includes her children, Cailla, 29, and Aedan, 21, in the business. Many of Quinn's recipes have been inspired by family. For example, their Coquito flavor came about when their daughter's boyfriend brought them a Puerto Rican eggnog drink during the holidays. They loved the flavor combination, and decided to incorporate it



Beth and Brian Quinn took a simple idea and made the most of it, finding success along the way. — Photo by Margaux Maxwell

into their menu. Their children have contributed to other Q's creations and have always worked at the store.

"We want to teach our kids that money doesn't grow on trees and how much goes into running a business," says Quinn. Quinn says she is looking forward to opening another storefront, but is still deciding where to locate it. She is also excited to develop new recipes this season.

"We are growing and we will continue to grow," says Beth.

Q's nuts is located at 349 Highland Ave. in Somerville, MA and at the Boston Public Market at 100 Hanover Street in Boston, MA. To see other locations where Q's Nuts can be purchased, visit http://www.qsnuts.com/Locations.aspx.

Getting spring started in Union Square

By Sal Ghamo

On Saturday, April 9, Somerville residents busted a move at the Union Square Dance Party. The Kids Union and Arts Union teamed up for an outdoor dance party on the Union Square Plaza. The crew spent all winter hosting indoor dance parties for kids, but they've had a big hankering to get outside and dance in the fresh air.

Aaron Cohen, the front man in this collaborative effort, talked about the origin of the dance parties and how they are a serviceable venue that the community can benefit from: "I started doing the dance parties in January at Thunder Road. It was basically because I didn't want to stand out in the park with my kid when it's freezing cold. We wanted a place to go inside, so we started doing dance parties inside."

This is regarded as an important outlet for people who want to do something leisurely in conjunction with having a fun experience with the whole family. "It's kind of just looking



The Union Square Dance Party provided kids with an opportunity to cut loose and have some fun, while letting parents hang out and enjoy themselves too.

– Photos by Sal Ghamo

for stuff for kids to do on the weekend that isn't too expensive, but it's also an opportunity for parents to socialize. A lot of times parents don't feel 100% comfortable hanging out with their kids at a bar," Cohen said. On Saturday in Union Square Plaza, there was beer on draft and music appropriate enough for all ages to get funky.

Nina Eichner, The Special Events Manager of The Somerville Arts Council, elaborated on how this collaboration came

to fruition. "Aaron partnered with us through our Arts Union Series to have this event be a free public event outdoors. We do a lot of events in the spring and in the fall in Union Square, [as well as] different festivals," Eichner said.

According to the organizers, the dance parties are an extraordinarily cost-effective way to give kids an opportunity to express themselves and celebrate their community. The events are enjoyable for all members of the family because kids can take an extroverted approach to the party, while parents are able to sit back, have a drink, and enjoy the festivities.

The next dance party will take place on Sunday, April 24, starting at 4:00 p.m., and there will be no charge.



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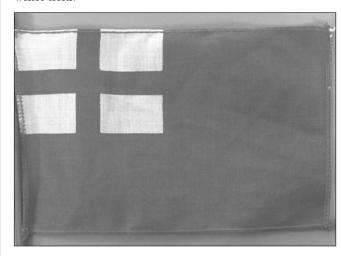
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Out of Many, One

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Most people realize that Somerville is and always has been a land of immigrants. If you didn't come from a foreign country, then your ancestors probably did. Early on they came here in what was called the great migration, which took place during the 1620's and 1630's. Governor John Winthrop and his Puritan followers were looking for the "pot of gold" at the end of the rainbow ... freedom of life

They sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to America under a flag that represented two nations, England and Scotland. The English flag was the red cross of Saint George on a white field.



The Scottish flag was the white X-shaped cross of Saint Andrew on a field of blue.



These symbols were reminiscent of the Crusades. In 1607 the overlapping of these two flags produced a new flag, The Union Jack. It was the first flag of Great Britain.



A century and a half later at the outbreak of our revolution, Americans were unsure of complete separation from the motherland. Leaders combined the British Union Jack with 13 stripes representing the Continued on page 15

OBITUARY

Robert "Bob" E. Ouellette, 73

April 11, 1942 - April 10, 2016



Robert "Bob" Eliot Ouellette, 73, of Somerville, MA, passed away Sunday morning, April 10, 2016 in Chelsea. He was the son of the late Rosario and Edna (Brunet) Ouellette. Born in Salem, Robert was a six year U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. After his honorable discharge in 1972, Robert lived for a time at home in Salem before moving to Somerville where he lived most of his life. Bob worked for many years at St. Catherine's School in Somerville as building and grounds maintenance retiring in 2014.

Robert is survived by his sisters, Gloria Denis of Seabrook,

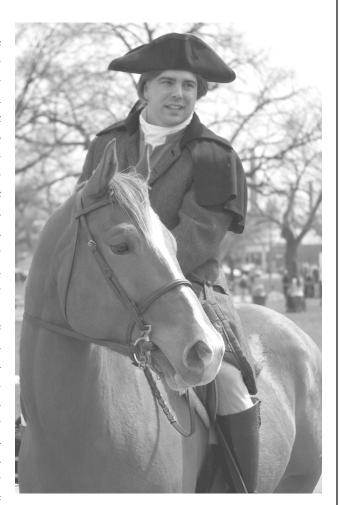
NH, Barbara Blanchette of North Hampton, NH, Joanne Davis and her husband Parker of Salem, MA; and a brother Gerard Ouellette and his wife Janice of North Berwick, ME, and several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, Robert is predeceased by his sister, Patricia Michaud formerly of Ipswich, MA, and his brothers-in-law Robert Denis, and Billy Blanchette.

Relatives and friends are invited to visiting hours in the Berube & Sons Funeral Home, 191 Lafayette St. Salem, Thursday from 3-6pm and to funeral services Friday at 9am followed by a funeral Mass in Ste. Anne Church, Jefferson Ave. Salem at 10am. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Salem. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the American Heart Association PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241. For guest book and directions please www.BerubeFuneral-Home.com.

Patriot's Day Ceremonies on April 18 to Commemorate Paul Revere's Ride

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin, and the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission invite all residents and community members to the City's 241st annual Patriot's Day celebration, to be held at Foss Park on Mon., April 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Co-sponsored by the Preservation Commission, Historic Somerville, the Somerville Museum, and East Somerville Main Streets, the day's events will include Colonial games and songs, light refreshments, youth readings, and a visit from Paul Revere on horseback on his historic ride from Boston to Lexington through Somerville. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with live

music by the Somerville High School band, games and refreshments, followed by a brief speaking agenda with youth poetry readings and the arrival of Paul Revere. Children will receive a "Colonial Times Passport" and are invited to participate in various Colonial-era games such as Hoops, and Jacob's Ladder. Children who complete each of the



six stations will receive a small prize. Volunteers will be dressed in traditional Colonial attire and attendees are encouraged to do the same.

For more information, contact the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission at 617-625-6600 ext 2500, or Historic Somerville at admin@historicsomerville.org, or 617-625-5809.

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15 Wilson Ave	9 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath Colonial	37	\$475,000	\$430,000	
16 Partridge Ave	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Cottage	20	\$549,900	\$642,000	
9 Berkeley St	9 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	82	\$679,900	\$662,000	
50 East Albion St	8 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Multi-Level	19	\$689,000	\$701,000	
193 Morrison Ave	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath	29	\$799,000	\$851,500	
152 Summer Street	10 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	17	\$1,298,000	\$1,350,000	
30 Conwell Ave	8 room, 4 bed, 4f 0h bath Victorian	380	\$1,399,900	\$1,330,000	
63 College Ave	9 room, 4 bed, 3f 2h bath Victorian	1	\$1,690,000	\$1,690,000	

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
13 Tufts street U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	82	\$659,900	\$630,000	
593 Somerville Avenue U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	4	\$678,000	\$678,000	
29 Farragut Ave U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	17	\$749,900	\$775,000	
593 Somerville Avenue U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	12	\$750,000	\$760,000	
25 Clyde St U:3	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	5	\$789,000	\$789,000	
17 Village Street U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	24	\$985,000	\$985,000	
100 Vernon St U:3	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	40	\$999,900	\$1,050,000	
17 Village Street U:4	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	1	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	
17 Village Street U:5	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	3	\$1,225,000	\$1,255,000	

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:				
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
24 Wigglesworth Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	69	\$569,000	\$588,000
47 Gordon Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	7	\$639,000	\$650,000
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The great Trump/racism debate



Those of us who still read the newspaper were treated to a glimpse of a possible future this past weekend. The Boston Globe ran a mock front page of what our headlines would look like a year from now under a Trump Presidency. Mock articles spoke of a stock market crash, trade war, soldiers refusing to kill terrorist's families, and of course, mass deportations.

The genius behind the headlines came when Globe staff writers decided to hold Trump to his campaign promises and wrote prophetic accounts of how the country would be affected if any of those policies were carried out. While The Globe successfully shined a light on the many nonsensical policies of Trump himself, it also subtlety exposed the pure ignorance of many of his supporters and the unjust hate many share towards "illegal immigrants."

Wherever you stand on Donald Trump, it is undeniable that his offensive words and policies have had a racially polarizing effect on our country. Trump's main campaign promise and focus of building a "Great Wall" to keep out Mexican immigrants has itself been the main catalyst of much recent heated racial tensions. Simply put, a vote for Trump is a vote for the border wall.

Despite Trump's plans for the wall being fundamentally flawed from finance to construction,

labor costs, maintenance, etc. (fact - research it); his supporters seem to think it's the most important issue in our current presidential election. It's this fervor for a border wall that has led Trump supporters to overlook their candidate's childish behavior, lack of qualifications, countless lies, and the fact that Trump himself employs many, many illegal immigrants. If he were to deport them, his own finances would take a hit. FACT.

By voting Trump, many are condoning the behavior of a man who has made disgusting comments about/towards women, is currently being sued for fraud, and turned a presidential debate into a penis measuring contest. It's quite alarming to think that anyone is misguided enough to choose him to lead our nation.

With each passing day Trump and his supporters manage to expose more of the ugly underbelly of racism within White America. I recently came across a post on social media where an older white man was feeling "frustrated" because he walked into the Chelsea Market Basket and apparently heard one too many Spanish speaking people for his liking. This may have been why he decided to post "Did I just cross the (expletive) border?"

Yes, I too found the humor in the fact that he was uncomfortable with the number of Hispanics in a supermarket in Chelsea. Of course, I called him out for making such an ignorant and blatantly racist statement, but many of his buddies (also old and white) felt the need to defend his statement and insult me for being "sheltered" and "too PC." This became a hot topic of conversation over the week between myself and many of my Hispanic friends. Needless to say, they were personally offended by the man's comments and all agreed that his comments were clearly both ignorant and racist.

So what gives White Americans the right to decide and defend what is and is not racist towards other cultures? When often asked, many Trump supporters claim one of his most attractive qualities is that "he tells it like it is." (No. He doesn't. Not my opinion. Fact.) Trump has influenced many of his supporters to speak their minds as well, no matter how ignorant and hateful. This "telling it like it is" includes labeling Mexicans as criminals, drug dealers, and rapists; despite the actual percentage of Mexican immigrants committing these crimes being extremely low and Americans committing the same crimes are a much higher percentage.

In my lifetime I have worked alongside and gotten to know many Mexican and Central/ South American immigrants. I can honestly tell you that how they are painted by Trump and his supporters couldn't be further from the truth. Mexican immigrants in particular come here to escape the constant threat of cartel violence and for opportunities for their families and children. Like the Irish, Italians, and others before them, they come to America in search of freedom and a better quality of life; and like the Irish and the Italians some Mexican immigrants do bring crime, but a very small fraction of them do so.

Now, I myself have written in my column that I believe news



The Boston Globe took a stab at envisioning a future with Trump leading the nation - and some felt that the portrayal was terribly accurate.

media outlets should be unbiased when covering politics, but Donald Trump has gone beyond politics and currently embodies a major problem in our country. The fact that so many refuse to consider the many negative truths about the man, his campaign, and his policies and still follow blindly shows a serious disregard for factual information and pure common sense.

The democratic election process that our government is based upon has been turned into a mockery of itself. Corrupt politicians trying to rig elections and voters who can't be bothered to properly research the issues have turned our presidential election into a trendy popularity contest where apparently there seems to be no such thing as bad publicity.

If you're a Trump supporter you may be offended by what you have read here or in The Boston Globe. But if Trump supporters feel that they can "tell it like it is" and say any ignorant thing that pops into their head, then why should I apologize for presenting them with an intelligent argument chock full of those facts they keep hearing so much about? I'm sure if many of them were able to spend a week living with a Mexican immigrant family you would think differently about them and their place in this country. Then maybe you won't be so upset that they are taking great American jobs such as picking strawberries under a hot sun for \$4/hr. or washing dishes at your local restaurant?

Later 'Villens. Stay classy ... and PC. Hope I gave some of you some food for thought. Like Jesus said ... "Love thy neighbor"....

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I just received my new Water bill, it was ridiculous as usual. I was looking at the sewer charges and over the last two years they have increased \$1.25 per 100 c.u. There has been

an increase per 100 c.u. on every bill. Since I use about 700 c.u.'s a month this increase has cost me about \$85 a bill, but with no end in sight. I was wondering if anyone knew

who was setting these rates.

John Kavanaugh Somerville

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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' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of April 4-8.

SOLAR ENERGY (H 4173)

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for House 152-1, Senate 35-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that would raise the cap on solar net metering by 3 percent while decreasing the reimbursement rate paid to solar energy producers by 40 percent. The bill was hammered out by House and Senate negotiators for four months after each branch had approved its own version in November.

> Supporters said the bill is a fair and balanced one that keeps the solar industry moving forward while watching out for the ratepayers at the same time. They argued that the legislative impasse has delayed more than 500 solar projects worth about \$618 million.

> The lone opponent, noting the bill isn't based on good data, said it will unnecessarily slow the development of solar in the Bay State and make it harder to meet the state's legally-required climate change targets. He argued the bill is regressive and discriminates against community-shared and low-income solar projects, which will hurt mainly middle-income and low-income people who can't put solar on their own roofs.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

CHARTER SCHOOLS (S 2203)

Senate 22-13, approved and sent to the House a controversial and complicated bill that links a gradual increase in the cap on charter school enrollment with new funding of an estimated \$200 million a year in public education. The bill maintains the current statewide charter school cap but increases net school spending for charters from 18 percent to 23 percent for the lowest performing districts over the next ten years, allowing for an increase in the number of charter school seats in these districts. Beginning in fiscal year 2019, this increase in seats will be tied to increases in Chapter 70 funding of public schools.

Other provisions eliminate the cap on charter schools that specifically serve at-risk students; require public disclosure by charter schools of their finances, policies, contracts and board meetings; require charter schools to abide by the same procurement requirements under state law that traditional public schools are required to follow; and give local school committees the power to vote on whether a charter school in their district should receive funding from the district of students that enroll in the charter school. If this district funding is rejected by a school committee, the charter school would be funded by the state.

Supporters said the bill is a reasonable compromise between groups that oppose charter schools and those that support them and brings necessary reforms in admissions, funding, and transparency. They argued the Senate bill would cost \$1 billion over seven years and have a positive effect on all students in charter schools and public schools. They noted that a proposed 2018 ballot question on charter schools would authorize up to 12 new charters a year and would affect just four percent of students in the Bay State at a cost of \$1.5 billion over six years.

Some opponents said the bill essentially places a moratorium on new charter schools and will do very little for the 34,000 students currently on waiting lists for charter schools. Others said the bill does not say from where the \$200 million commitment to public education would

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

SUBSTITUTE BAKER'S VERSION OF CHAR-TER SCHOOLS (S 2203)

Senate 5-30, rejected an amendment that would substitute Gov. Baker's charter school bill in place of the one being debated by the Senate. The key provision of Baker's bill allows 12 new charter schools per year but only in districts performing in the bottom 25 percent on standardized tests.

Supporters of Baker's bill noted there are some 34,000 currently on waiting lists to attend a charter school. They said the governor's bill will dramatically increase the number of students who attend these highly successful charter schools.

Opponents of Baker's bill said it goes too far and kills the more reasonable bill being debated by the Senate. They argued Baker's bill would cost \$1.5 billion over six years and affect a mere four percent of students in Massachusetts.

(A "Yes" vote is for Baker's version. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

NEED LOCAL APPROVAL (S 2203)

Senate 24-10, approved an amendment giving local school committees the power to vote on whether a charter school in their district should receive funding from the district of students that enroll in the charter school. If this district funding is rejected by a school committee, the charter school would be funded by the state.

Amendment supporters said that this gives local cities and towns more control over the funding process. They noted it ensures that local taxpayers are not unfairly forced to pay for a charter school which they did not create and might not want.

Some amendment opponents said the amendment would result in all cities and towns voting not to fund a new charter school because if they refuse to do so, the state is forced to pay. Others said the amendment goes too far and essentially gives cities and towns the power to veto a charter school because the state has consistently failed in funding these schools.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

EXEMPT SOLDIERS FROM AUTO EXCISE TAX (H 4073) - The Revenue Committee held a hearing on a bill that would exempt members of the armed forces serving on active duty from the automobile excise tax. The measure also allows cities and towns to raise from \$10 to \$13 the fee for serving a warrant to any taxpayer who has not paid his or her auto excise tax bill.

FIRST RESPONDER DAY (H 4161) - The House

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and Senate both approved a bill designating the day before Patriots' Day as First Responder Day. Patriots' Day falls annually on the third Monday of April. Further approval in each branch is needed before the bill goes to Gov. Charlie Baker.

Supporters said this will honor these police officers, fire-fighters, EMTs and other first responders who save lives. They argued the day before Patriots' Day is an appropriate one because the Boston Marathon Bombing took place on Patriots' Day and first responders saved many lives on that day in 2013.

ABANDONED PROPERTY (H 1860) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would require property owners to safely secure vacant and abandoned buildings. All owners would be required to pay an annual \$100 fee to register these properties with the state. Owners would also be required to maintain the buildings in accordance with all applicable sanitary, building codes and local regulations.

Supporters said the measure would provide a high level of security and discourage and counter the drug crimes and other illegal activity on the property.

FUND "WATER BANKS" IN CITIES AND TOWNS (H 657) - The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing the charging of a fee by cities and towns that currently have a "water bank" or are planning to have one. Creation of water banks is a local option for communities to collect a reasonable fee to be used to remedy and offset the impacts on the natural environment of new and/or increased water withdrawals, sewering, wastewater and stormwater discharges and to sustain the quantity, quality and ecological health, of the state's waters.

Supporters said the bill would support communities that already have these water banks and encourage the creation of new ones. They argued it is important to maintain the quantity and quality of the state's waters.

BEWARE OF AIR TRAVEL VOUCHERS (H 3214) - The House gave initial approval to a bill prohibiting companies from sending free or reduced cost offers of air travel to consumers unless the voucher discloses the name and contact information of the business entity sending the offer. Companies are also prohibited from using vague language like "some restrictions apply," without specifically including a detailed description of the specific restrictions that applies.

Supporters said that many consumers are being tricked into purchasing these shady offers which often end with the consumer paying way more money than the original offer.

SAFETY OF NURSES AND OTHERS (S 1313) -

The Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has recommended passage of legislation that would require all health care facilities to conduct annual risk

assessments to determine all factors that may put any employees at risk of workplace assaults and homicide. Based on the findings, each facility would be required to develop and implement a program to minimize the danger of workplace violence to employees, including appropriate employee training and a system for the ongoing reporting and monitoring of incidents and situations involving violence or the risk of violence.

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Supporters said that violence in hospitals and other health care facilities is on the rise across the nation. They argued these facilities are no longer automatically safe and said that it is time to ensure hospitals are more prepared to deal with any violence.

TAX MILLIONAIRES ANOTHER 4 PERCENT

(H 3933) - The House and Senate will convene in a constitutional convention on May 18 to consider a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow the state to have a graduated income tax and impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current 5.10 percent tax, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million. Language in the amendment requires that the revenue goes to fund quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation.

Supporters say the amendment will affect only 14,000 extremely wealthy individuals and will bring up to \$1.9 billion in additional tax revenue. They argue that using the funds for public education, public colleges, and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation will benefit millions of Bay State taxpayers.

Opponents argue the new tax will result in the loss of 9,500 private sector jobs, \$405 million annually in personal disposable income and some millionaires moving out of state. They argued that the earmarking of the funds for specific projects is illegal and said all the funds will go into the General Fund and be up for grabs for anything.

The proposal could eventually go on the 2018 ballot if approved by 25 percent (50 members) of the 2016 Legislature and the 2017-2018 Legislature. The amendment is being spearheaded by the group Raise Up Massachusetts, which recently gathered the necessary signatures to bring the measure to the Legislature.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I'm the queen of boring amendments today." — Sen. Wed. April 6 Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston) who offered several amendments to the charter school bill.

"The bill has more poison pills [in it] than Dr. Kevorkian's Apothecary." — Senate GOP Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) arguing that the charter school bill has many flaws.

"Harvard Pilgrim Health Care has long stood for lesbi-

an, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality because we know the importance of making all of our employees and members we serve feel welcome and valued. The transgender protection bill would ensure that all Massachusetts residents are treated fairly in all aspects of their lives, and would echo the policies we already have in place and that we know work well at our company." — Karen Young Vice President and Chief Inclusion Officer of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

"The buying and selling of human lives is an abhorrent practice that is still taking place in Massachusetts, and we owe it to those who find themselves unwilling participants in it to take steps to stop it." — Gov. Baker on his administration's new policies to stop human trafficking.

"The Wampanoag people have lived off this land for 12,000 years. And though some doubted we would ever see this day come to pass, here we are on track to open a first-class resort and be the first to market." — Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Chairman Cedric Cromwell on the groundbreaking ceremony that begins construction of the historic tribe's billion-dollar First Light Resort and Casino in Taunton.

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 April 4-8, the House met for a total of five hours and 57 minutes and the Senate met for a total of nine hours and 49 minutes.

House 11:04 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.

Senate 11:14 a.m. to 11:23 a.m

No Senate session

Mon. April 4

Tues. April 5

No House session
No Senate session

Wed. April 6

House 11:04 a.m. to 4:10 p.m.
No Senate session

Thurs. April 7

House 11:01 a.m. to 11:43 a.m.
Senate 11:03 a.m. to 8:43 p.m.

Fri. April 8

No House session

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Dear Editor,

I am humbled by the support of the many people from Somerville who stuck it out for nearly four hours to participate in the 7th Congressional District Bernie Sanders caucus on Saturday, April 9. It took three very stressful ballots, but the effort was worth it. I was elected as a delegate to represent our district and Bernie Sanders at the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia, July 25 – 28, 2016.

Congratulations also to the two women delegates elected, Zakiyyah Sutton and Kyéra Sterling who will be joining me at the convention. All of us will fight hard for Bernie's platform and his nomination as the Democratic Party's candidate for president of the United State at the convention.

With so many "Feeling the Bern" in Somerville and throughout Massachusetts, our grassroots political revolution is gaining steam. It's a very exciting time to be active in politics!

Sincerely, Rand Wilson Somerville

COMMENTARY

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The simplest way not to harm a commuter: follow the rules of the shared road



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The telltale signs that spring is upon us are all around: longer days, daffodils, leaf buds forming on the trees. Yet in Somerville we have additional signs of spring: our streets fill up with bicycles and our sidewalks fill up with pedestrians. We have built a city where you can get around without a car and that is exactly what people do when the weather gets warmer. Yet that also means we've got vehicles, bikes and people on foot trying to get where they're going in a congested space. People's attention slips and tempers flare. What we want is everyone to arrive at their destination safely and my challenge to everyone (including myself) is to put courtesy first while we're doing it.

We have 52,500 registered vehicles in Somerville, and those vehicles are not here for show. People need them to get around. Increasingly, the same thing is true of bicycles. We even had a lot of bikes out on the road throughout the mild winter we just experienced. Yet we get legions of cyclists when the warmer weather hits. Just one example, we see more than 500 bikes per hour along Beacon Street during peak commute times. According to the League of American Bicyclists, Somerville ranks as the top city in the northeast (4th in the nation) for its percentage of bike commuters - 7.8%. That means thousands of Somervillians ride their bikes to work.

We have an even higher number of on-foot commuters: 12.2%. For that we rank #6 in the nation among cities with a population of less than 100,000. And to get where they're going, those thousands of walking commuters need to cross the streets where all those cars and bikes are travelling. We really are in this together. That's where courtesy, and common sense,

comes into play.

Nobody wants to hurt anyone out there, or get hurt. Simplest way to keep everyone safe is to follow the rules of the road. Red lights mean stop, even for bikes. Cross the road at designated crosswalks. Don't drive or park in a bike lane. As much as anything else, the rules of the road are designed to create predictability. The less chaos you have to deal with, the safer you will be. For the City's part, the Somerville Police will be out as always enforcing the rules—for everyone (cyclists get ticketed too). But we'd rather not have to stop or ticket you. So let's break it down for each group.

Since we started taking bike counts in 2010, we've seen an 80% increase in the number of bikes on our streets. To accommodate that, we now have more than 40 miles of streets marked for bike traffic and offstreet paths. We also have the Hubway bikeshare program. That means in addition to riding alongside vehicle traffic, cyclists now have additional bike traffic to be alert to. We have

too many bikes on the road for you to be freelancing out there. Ride on the right. Obey traffic signals and signs. Stay off the sidewalks in city squares. Use lights and reflectors at night. Cars can't avoid you if you're coming at them from all directions—and if they can't see you.

Another key thing to remember is that just as cars can be scary and dangerous to cyclists, bikes can be scary and dangerous to pedestrians. Our elderly residents don't need to be dodging bikes, and cyclists need to be vigilant around young children, who can be unpredictable. When you're on a bike you need to yield to pedestrians same as you would if you were driving a car.

Pedestrians need to remember that just because cars and bikes are supposed to yield to them, that caution is warranted. You need to check the street for oncoming cars and bikes before you step into it. Don't assume they see you, especially at dusk or in foul weather, and know that cyclists can't stop on a dime if they're right on top of

you. Jaywalkers in particular are hard for them to react to in time. Some joggers like to use the bike lanes, running opposite the flow of traffic. That creates an unsafe situation for cyclists, who have to veer into car traffic lane to get around you. Run on the sidewalks as much as possible.

As for cars, there's an added responsibility that comes with operating the biggest, fastest vehicles on the road. When cars hit other cars or bicyclists or pedestrians, the consequences can be fatal. Yet mobile devices and passengers can easily distract us from the road. Please commit to stay focused and obey the notexting-while-driving law.

Drivers should also be aware that at some of our major intersections, we've instituted something called bike boxes. It's safer for bikes to get to the front of the line at a stoplight so that all the cars can see them. So motor vehicles need to stop behind the bike box to allow bikes that space. On the bright side, if we had thousands more cars on our roads rather than bikes, it would create

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Housing the beloved community



By David Gibbs

Back when SomerVision planners asked Villens what they loved most about their city, the two biggest responses were "community" and "diversity." Skyrocketing housing costs are reducing our economic diversity, and the displacement of long-term residents is unraveling our community.

I've been thinking lately about how our inclusionary zoning policy, as presently structured, may be undermining community as well, both morally and economically. Morally, it divides us into "us" and "them"—the "poor" who need "subsidized" housing, and the "rest of us" who presumably can afford "market rate" housing. And it may actually be reducing housing affordability.

Affordability demographics

Economic inequality data tell us that, while the ranks of America's poorest households are increasing, its middle class is shrinking. And Boston Magazine reports that, "Boston's cost of living is 39.7 percent above the U.S. average ... while our median household income remains stubbornly on par with the rest of the country."

According to the MIT Living Wage Calculator, a family of four in Middlesex County, composed of two adults working 40 hours/week, 52 weeks/year, and two school-aged children, needs \$71,233 before taxes to make ends meet. The Crittenton Women's Union Economic Independence Calculator gives a comparable figure of \$74,664.

Both these calculations are bare-bones. They do not include savings, whether for emergencies, college, a family vacation, or retirement. And they assume constant employment.

In 2013 about 53.7% of Somerville's 32,500 households had incomes of \$75,000 or less.

So more than half of the city's residents did not have income to support even a bare-bones budget, and they might qualify for rental subsidies.

Those qualifications are largely drawn from Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines. Policies based on those guidelines reserve a certain amount of housing for extremely-low-income households—those making 30% or less of Area Median Income (AMI).

In Somerville this translates to a family of four making \$29,450 a year or less. Additional subsidies are reserved for very-low-income households, earning up to 50% of AMI, or \$49,050. A few more go to low-income-households, earning up to 80% of AMI, or \$73,050.

With the Federal poverty limit at \$24,300, we're not used to thinking of households earning up to \$73,050 as "Low Income." Our perceptions haven't caught up to four decades of wage stagnation. These "low income" households are doing better

than their many poorer neighbors, but they're still struggling in this housing market.

The Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group Report, issued this past fall, recognized this reality. It said that, "While there is an extraordinary demand among the lowest income households, there is also a real need for housing accessible to middle income households—those between 80% and 110% AMI."

Affordability economics

By focusing inclusionary zoning only on extremely-low- and very-low-income households, we incentivize developers to build the least possible number of "affordable" units they can get away with. It is so expensive for a developer to build a unit for a household at 30% AMI or lower that many will not even consider it.

About \$290,000 of a unit that costs \$300,000 to develop must be subsidized. So under current inclusionary zoning policies, we're asking the developer to essentially build the "affordable"

unit for free. This necessitates the developer's significantly boosting the price of the "market rate" units.

But the subsidy needed to pay for a unit affordable at 100% of AMI is only about 22% of total development costs. In other words, roughly 5 units affordable at 100% of AMI can be built for the cost of a single unit affordable at 30% of AMI.

Affordability policy

So if we want to enable the people, across all income groups, who have built the community that we love to continue doing so, what should we do? We could begin by thinking of housing as something that we all need and deserve rather than as widely divergent "affordable" and "market rate" species.

We could expand the range of incomes that qualify households for subsidies. We could increase it even beyond that suggested in the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group Report, say to 170% of AMI when it comes to subsidized home ownership programs.

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



It's not just another three-day weekend, folks. It's a huge part of our national – and regional – heritage.

Patriots' Day was established over 100 years ago to commemorate the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War. Re-enactments are staged and speeches are given, and a generally festive

air of patriotic zeal pervades.

It is also the day when the Boston Marathon is run. Almost as venerable as the holiday itself, for many the event is a symbol of the resilience of the American spirit. And ever since the terrible events that transpired three years ago, that spirit has been bolstered by the resolve by all of us to remain ever

vigilant and "Boston strong."

It's also just a nice time to get outdoors and enjoy some of the fine early spring atmosphere. After the tough winter we all went through, an opportunity to drink in the warmth and regenerative power of the season.

So be sure to give some consideration to what the occasion is all about, and may-

be join in the festivities at Foss Park on Monday morning. We can't guarantee it, but we'd bet dollars to teabags that a warm tingle of patriotic exuberance may wash over you. Especially if you willingly give yourself over to the moment.

If nothing else, you might snag a selfie with Paul Revere. Now, that will be something to show your grandchildren!

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

7:00 p.m. at The Fireplace New England Grill, 1634 Beacon St., Brookline, MA. Eight courses of Sicilian traditional dishes will be offered to the fortunate patrons who attend. \$60 per person (wine and beverages not included). Gluten free options are available. Call 617-975-1900 to make reservations or visit www.fireplacerest.com.

The Somerville High Scholarship Foundation is once again having its huge drawing coming up in May 13 at the Highlander Café at Somerville High School. Refreshments will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. Drawing at 8:00 p.m. Several door prizes will be given out during the drawing for the \$10,000 grand prize. Tickets for the drawing are \$100 each. You can purchase one or share the cost of one with many in your home/office or with friends. It's a great fundraiser for the kids. Over the years the SHS Foundation has benefitted many students. Make your check out to S.H.S. Raffle and send it to SHS Raffle c/o Joseph Favaloro, P.O. Box 440275 Somerville 02144. It's been a great organization here in the city since 1990 and has grown over the years, serving many Somerville graduates to further their education. See you at the drawing. It's

Somerville Recreation will be holding a road race in conjunction with the Mayor's Shape-Up Somerville Initiative. The race to be held on Sunday, April 24, with the kids race at 10:30 a.m., while the adults 5K race starts at 11:00 a.m. The proceeds will go to the Somerville Youth and Recreation Foundation (SYRF). This non-profit foundation was formed exclusively for charitable purposes. For more information go to www.SomervilleYouthRecF.org.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to Ida Fasano, a great friend and a well known real estate agent, now 30 years in the business. She's a great lady. We wish her the very best while she's enjoying nice sunny weather in FLA. She's coming home soon. Happy birthday to Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne, a very nice lady. We hope she has a great birthday for herself. Our good friend Chris Pedersen, we can't say enough nice things about this guy. What a good person and kind heart. We wish him a truly happy birthday. A well known local guy from a great family, happy birthday to Greg Shackelford IV. We hope he has a great day as well. Cheryl Constatine Leatham is celebrating this week as well, happy birthday. Local realtor Winsland George is also celebrating this week. Big time happy birthday to Linda Rock-Coutoumas, who is celebrating this week. We wish her the very best. And a guy who grew up in Winter Hill is celebrating:wishing Mike Dilulio a happy 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. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in Newstalk. We guess it's because we like them.

Special guest comedian and local celebrity Jimmy Del Ponte will be with us for the 4th Annual Highland Masonic Building Association "Giggles Comedy Nite" on Wednesday April 20, at the Prince of Pizza on Rte. 1 Saugus. The public is welcome. A private room

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide 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. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

rity Jimmy Del Ponte will be with us for the 4th Annual Highland Masonic Building Association "Giggles Comedy Nite" on Wednesday April 20, at the Prince of Pizza on Rte. 1 Saugus. The public is welcome. A private room with some of Boston's finest comedians, great pizza included for \$25 and a silent auction with many donated items will be available afterwards. Everyone wins. Contact Donald Norton at 617-623-6600 x 11 for information. Tickets at the door – or you can reserve – are again only \$25 donation to the HMTA insurance fund, which is not a tax deduction. Last year well over 100 attended a great night of laughs, food and good friends.

Please join The Welcome Project for their largest fundraiser Continued on page 17

End of season celebration

A banquet was held at the Somerville City Club celebrating the end of the season for Somerville High School Girls Basketball season.

The event included the younger girls on the Somerville Pride teams and Somerville High JV and Varsity.

The food was catered by On the Hill Tavern.

All the girls got T-Shirts, many received awards, and entertaining highlights from the Somerville High Girls Varsity team were shown.

Goodbyes were said to the Senior players.













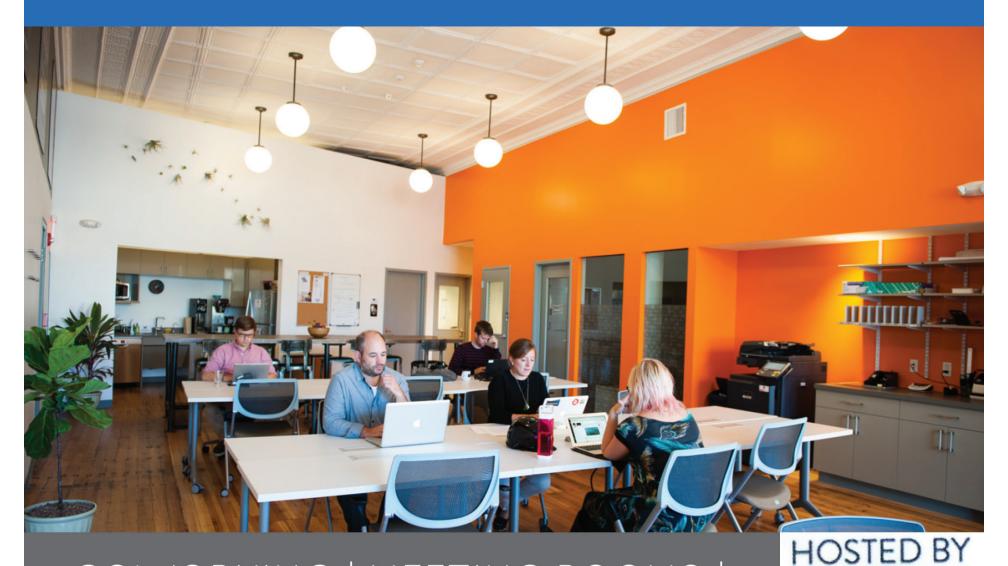
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SPORTS

Lyric's Champs Skating Club season wrap-up

By Eric Saulnier Somerville Fire Department

This past weekend, Lyric's Champs Skating Club finished our second successful season of ice skating lessons. Lyric's Champs provides one-on-one ice-skating instruction in a sensory friendly environment to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as well as other developmental disabilities.

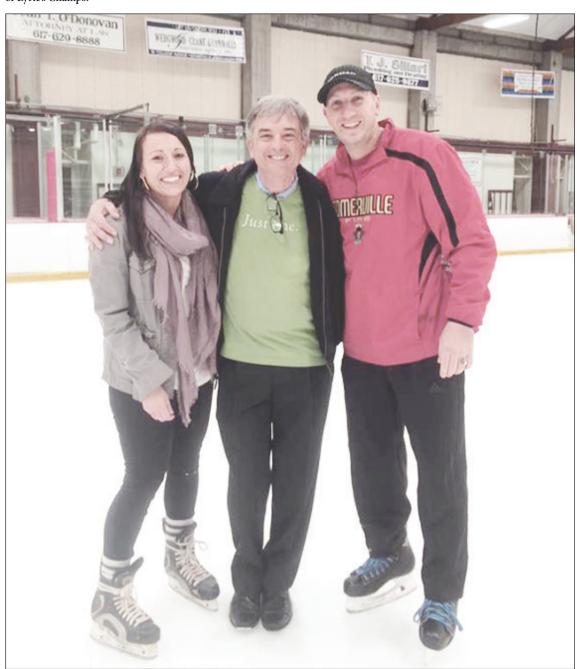
For the second year in a row, we were able to provide a five-week program completely free of charge due to the support of some wonderful people in our community. This season, our program grew from ten skaters to twenty skaters, which means that our volunteer staff doubled

in size as well.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our volunteer coaches who took the time out of their day each weekend for five weeks to help these wonderful kids get on their feet. I would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Harrington of The Ryan Harrington Foundation for providing each skater with his or her own Lyric's Champs Skating Club hockey jersey. Another thank you goes out to the Higgins family of The Brian Higgins Foundation who all served as on-ice coaches (yes all of them)! A big thank you to The Somerville Fire Department Local 76 union for their generous donation that allowed us to provide pizzas, snacks, and drinks for



Above: Skaters and volunteer staff. Below: David Harrington of The Ryan Harrington Foundation with Eric and Linda Saulnier of Lyric's Champs.



Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. When was the first
- 2. Who was the 1980 female winner to be officially disqualified for not running the full length of the race?

Boston Marathon run?

- 3. In *The X -Files*, what is Mulder's first name?
- 4. Forrest Gump's mom says, "Life is like a box of..." what?
- 5. In the 1950s hit song, who did Running Bear love?
- 6. What Memphis recording label recorded both Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley?

7. What did the father of Glenn Close do for a living?

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- 8. Who was the first musician to write down blues music and the first musician to publish it?
- 9. The father of Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull was know by what name?
- 10. In the comic strip *Peanuts*, Schroeder is a big fan of whose music?
- 11. How did Bono, the lead singer of the Irish rock band U2, get his name?
- 12. Who was the lead singer of INXS?

Answers on page 17

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the skaters after each session. Finally, a special thank you to Brian O'Donovan and the great folks at Somerville Youth Hockey for donating the ice which allowed us to keep this program free of charge.

They say it takes a village to raise a child and it certainly takes a village to make something like this come together as well. When I come calling for help, it never ceases to amaze me, the outpouring of love and support we receive from the good people of our community. It truly makes me proud of our wonderful city and the people who make Somerville what it is.

If anyone is interested in supporting any of these amazing non-profits that do so much for our community, please visit their websites. www.ryanharringtonfoundation.org, www.brianhigginsfoundation.org, www.somervilleyouthhockey.org.

Thank you once again from my family, to all of you and yours!

Week of the Young Child

Somerville will celebrate 'Week of the Young Child' on April 13 with a celebratory event at City Hall focused on children's civic engagement. Pre-kindergarten students from around the City and their teachers and families will join local dignitaries and early education leaders from around the state at Somerville's City Hall on Wednesday morning, April 13th, for a special one-hour event highlighting the Week of the Young Child. The event will provide some of Somerville's youngest residents the opportunity to sing, tour various city hall offices to learn about city management, participate in a civic engagement activity, and be part of a proclamation reading by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone.

Rock & Roll Rumble Semifinals

Boston Emissions presents 2016 Rock & Roll Rumble Semifinals Night #1 with Worshipper, Abbie Barret, usLights, Eric Salt & The Electric City on Friday, April 15, and Night #2 with Weakened Friends, Salem Wolves, Analog Heart, The Devil's Twins on Saturday, April 16 at ONCE Lounge and Ballroom, 156 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Doors: 8:00 p.m., show: 9:00 p.m.

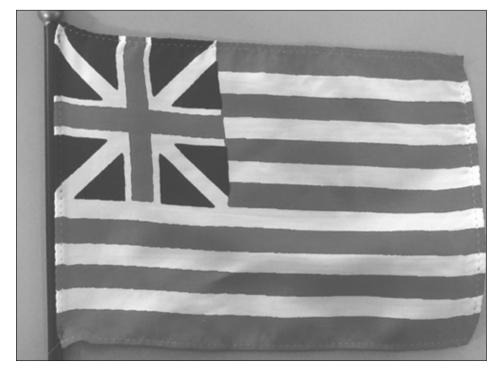


(ends at 1:00 a.m.) each night. \$13 in advance, \$18 day of show. Online ticket sales: http://www.ticketfly.com/event/1091467. In association with Cuisine en Locale. Phone 617-285-0167 for more info.

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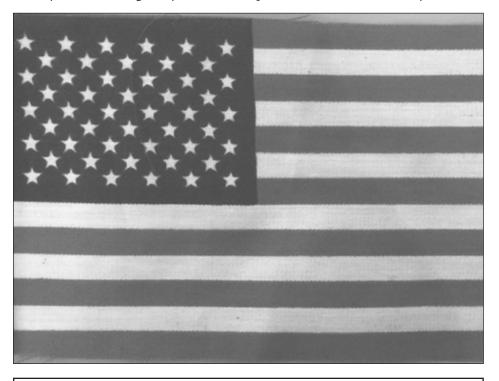
American colonies to form America's first colonial flag, the Grand Union. This flag had seven stripes of red alternating with six stripes of white and was first

flown at the fort on Prospect Hill. It was raised on a 76-foot flagpole, fashioned from the mast of the captured English ship, HMS Diana.



On January 1, 1776, the first day of the "Spirit of 76," in the presence of General George Washington and his troops, a flag-raising ceremony gave birth to the American Army. In the ensuing eight-year war, the British lost its hold on our country and on our flag. Early on, as time

went by and our country grew, stars replaced the British Union Jack. Today our flag has a sea of fifty stars, which complement the original thirteen stripes of the Somerville Standard. They both bring to life the image of the American motto, E pluribus unum ... out of many, one.



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5th Hyperlocal News & Media Meetup

Somerville Community Access Television is happy to host the 5th Hyperlocal News & Media Meetup on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. This quarterly meetup will be followed by a tour of SCATV. Our featured guests are the founders of Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism – find out more about who BINJ is and how you can get involved in their local news efforts!

Hyperlocal News & Media Meetup

Knowledge exchange, networking & community building











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In addition to the special talk from BINJ, you will meet people doing work in the hyperlocal journalism field and learn more about what is happening in and around the greater Boston area in terms of community journalism and alternative media. We will explore best practices in the local news/media, collaborations/partnership ideas, marketing tips and have a chance to build a stronger community media field! Please come to also show support for the hyperlocal news efforts.

The agenda for the night:

- 1. Hear from our guests from BINJ
- 2. Show examples of work people are doing people should come with questions if they are seeking any feedback re: production, story quality, etc
- 3. Go around and share biggest hurdles and biggest successes from doing a local news or ${\rm TV}$ show
- 4. Get a tour of SCATV
- 5. Mingle!

For additional questions please contact Erica Jones at ejones@scatvsomerville.org.

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREUNDER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 10th, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Collector's Office/Treasury, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Acting Collector of Taxes, the following described parcels of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid in full before that date. Signed: Peter K. Forcellese, Jr. Treasurer/Collector.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 3 TANNERY BROOK ROW #6 CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): LYNN KUOK PARCEL ID: 017A0025D000006 DEMAND: 05/18/2015 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 20041220 SOUARE FEET: 0

TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 36368, Page: 133. Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$2,403.58

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking

\$369.63

\$369.00

\$3,142.21

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Interest to Date of Taking

Total for which Land will be Taken

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 23 WHITMAN ST CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): JUSTINE BELLEW DEMAND: 05/18/2015 PARCEL ID: 011D00019000000 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 02044170 SQUARE FEET: 3,223 TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 51996,

Fiscal Year **2015** Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$2,463.78 Interest to Date of Taking \$379.01 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00 Total for which Land will be Taken \$3,211.79

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 62 ELM ST CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): RICHARD VON TURKOVICH & MYRA VON TURKOVICH DEMAND: **05/18/2015**

PARCEL ID: 031C00019000000 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 07291028 SQUARE FEET: 3,440 TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 56846,

Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$2,622,36 Interest to Date of Taking \$403.69 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00 \$3 395 05 Total for which Land will be Taken

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 13 KINGMAN RD

CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): EDUARDO FONTES PARCEL ID: 082A00005000000 DEMAND: 05/18/2015 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 06253015 SOUARE FEFT: 2.096 TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 46612, Page: 152 and Book: 13540, Page: 527.

Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$1,825.29 Interest to Date of Taking \$62.69 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00 Total for which Land will be Taken \$2256.98

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 18 BRADLEY ST

CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): ALVARO JORGE PACHECO DEMAND: 05/18/2015 PARCEL ID: 061A00008000000 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 04181167 SQUARE FEET: 3,040 TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 28019, Page: 361, and Book: 41241, Page: 613.

Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$4,189.46 Interest to Date of Taking \$714.07 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00 Total for which Land will be Taken \$5,272.53

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 26 CAMBRIA ST #1 CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): NICOLA M PROCIDA & MARIANNE KELLY DEMAND: 05/18/2015 PARCEL ID: 043F00004000001 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 20080900 SQUARE FEET: 0 TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 33358,

Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$2,312,23 Interest to Date of Taking \$393.92 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00 Total for which Land will be Taken \$3,075,15

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Page: 125, Book: 47780, Page: 244.



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

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION**

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

38 Day St: (Case #ZBA 2015-115) Applicant and Owner, Darin Samaraweera, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by adding an additional unit in the basement. The Applicant/Owner also seeks a parking Variance for 2 spaces per SZO §5.5 and §9.5 RB

24 Lexington Ave: (Case # 2016-20) Applicant and Owner, Philip Colleran, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to build extend an existing non-conformity by expanding an existing shed dormer within the right side yard setback at 24 Lexington Avenue. RA Zone. Ward 5.

18-20 Kent Ct: (Case #ZBA 2015-110) Applicant and Owner, Krypton, LLC with Keith Glover, Manager, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §5.1 and SZO §7.11.1.c to establish 6 residential units and a Variance for parking under SZO §5.5 and SZO §9.5. RC Zone. Ward 2.

13 School St: (Case #ZBA 2016-33) Applicant and Owner Pavlos Protopappas and Olivera Berce, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by changing the roof from a gable to a mansard. Zone RB, Ward 2.

5-15 Holland St: (Case #ZBA 2016-36) Applicant & Owner, JTD Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §5.1 & 4.4.1 to alter a mixed-use building to increase the lot area per dwelling unit nonconforming. This approval would allow for a minor site plan approval to subdivide a parcel for future development of the adjacent lot. CBD Zone. Ward 6.

1 Fremont Ave: (Case #ZBA 2016-35) Applicant and Owner Deborah Lucas, seeks a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding a garage, dormer and roof deck. Zone RB, Ward 2.

47 Dane St: (Case #ZBA 2016-39) Applicant Bill Mandell, and Owner 47 Dane Street LLC, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding living space in the basement. Zone RB, Ward 2.

3 Washington St: (Case #ZBA 2016-44) Applicant Union Kitchen LLC, DBA Foundation Kitchen Ciaran Nagle, and Owner Chung Lee, C+S Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Design Review to expand uses from a restaurant to include catering. Zone RC, Ward 1.

65 Oak St: (Case #ZBA 2016-45) Applicant and Owner Bill Agnatovech and Anna Agnatovech, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by a deck. Zone RB, Ward 2.

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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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 437 MEDFORD ST. #4 CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): HARRIET SEVERINO DEMAND: 05/05/2014 PARCEL ID: 048A00024000004 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 20062900 SQUARE FEET: 0 TITLE REFERENCE: Southern Middlesex Land Court Registry District

Book: 127, Page:13, Certificate of Title No.: U23078. Fiscal Year 2014 Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$30.75 Interest to Date of Taking \$9.02 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00

Total for which Land will be Taken LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 437 MEDFORD ST. #4 CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): HARRIET SEVERINO DEMAND: **05/18/2015** PARCEL ID: 048A00024000004 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 20062900 SOUARE FEET: 0

TITLE REFERENCE: Southern Middlesex Land Court Registry District Book: 127, Page:13, Certificate of Title No.: U23078. Fiscal Year 2015 Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$3,829.45

Interest to Date of Taking
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$556.71 \$369.00 Total for which Land will be Taken \$4,755.16

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If you are interested in receiving details about the 'yard sales' and the date/time of the events, please contact Michael Richards, Procurement Analyst, 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information.

> Angela M. Allen **Purchasing Director**

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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 development 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, May 18, 2016 at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. At such time, the bids will be publicly opened and read

Invitation for Bids (IFB) copies are available free of charge for pickup on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at the Authority's Modernization Office, 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-

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor Community Room, Somer-

2-8 Broadway: (Case #PB 2014-12-R1-0316) Applicant & Owner, 8 Broadway, LLC, seeks a revision to the Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to alter the location of a portion of the proposed structure. The original SPSR was to establish 19 residential units under SZO §6.5.D.1 & 7.13.E and under SZO §6.5.D.2 to establish by-right uses §7.13.B, and 7.13.C small and/or medium retail. The applicant received approval under SZO §9.17.2 for reduced parking requirements and compact spaces, 9.15.4 modification of the bicycle parking requirement, and §6.5.G.18 for the reduced lot area and §6.5.D.5 to alter facades and signage. Article 13 Inclusionary Housing apply. TOD 55.

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The simplest way not to harm a commuter...

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massive gridlock. So try to remember, those people on bikes actually do speed up your commute, even if one of them is working your last nerve at a given moment.

So please remember, cars, bikes and pedestrians are in this together. Our citywide policy goal is, by 2030, for 50% of all new trips in Somerville to involve biking, walking or public transit. We're well on our way to it, but it means we all have to adjust to that new normal. Respect and courtesy will get us all a lot farther than road rage. Keep yourself and everyone else safe out there.



1. April, 1897

2. Rosie Ruiz, who blended into crowd about one mile from the finish line

9. Jumping Bull

3. Fox

4. Chocolates

5. Little White Dove

6. Sun Records

7. He was a doctor

8. W.C. Handy, "Father of the Blues"

10. Beethoven's

11. From a hearing aid store in Dublin called Bonavox, adapted from Latin meaning "good voice"

12. Michael Hutch-



An Invitation for Bids (IFB), including all specifications, may be obtained online:

http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids

or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after April 13, 2016. Sealed bids will be received until Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 11:00

A.M. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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

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

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 16-79

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

Installation Services for Greenhouse

A Request for Written Quotes (under c.149, vertical construction), including all specifications, may be obtained by emailing anosnik@ somervillema.gov, or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after April 13,

Written Quotes will be received until Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somer-

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

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

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Housing the beloved community **CONT. FROM PG 10**

We could require a balanced mix of affordability across the full spectrum of need, from extremely-low- to medium-income levels. This would produce a more realistic mix of affordable units. It might even encourage developers to build projects that include this range, rather than incentivizing them to build projects so small as to be exempt from inclusionary zoning requirements.

Rather than asking whether someone is "poor enough" to "deserve" a subsidy, we could recognize that there is not a single person in the world, no matter how rich, self-sufficient, or talented, who can get along without the help of others. In the long run, a system that regards housing, like food, childcare and healthcare, as fundamental rights will come up with methods for delivering them according to need, without arbitrary cutoffs.

Tools such as community land trusts can be effective forms of ownership and management for such housing, and there is an active effort underway to create such an entity here. Imagine a city where large segments of its housing stock were owned and managed by a community-controlled land trust, as opposed to being distributed only by a greed-driven, gentrifying "market."

Before you say, "Oh no, that would never work," take a look at Vienna, a city where fully 50% of the housing, at all income levels, is publicly owned and managed, and 60% is subsidized. It could happen here. And if we're serious about the "community" that Villens say they love,

David Gibbs is Executive Director of the Community Action Agency of Somerville.

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of the year. YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City takes place on Thursday, April 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Somerville Center for the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02119. Explore food from eight immigrant-owned restaurants, including cuisine from Mexico, Ethiopia, India, and more. The evening will include a silent auction and raffle and the event will honor the work of Rep. Denise Provost and Elena Letona for their work in the community. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. To purchase tickets now, visit www. tinyurl.com/yum2016. For more information visit http://www. yumsomerville.org.

The public is invited to the fifth annual Keri McCarthy Comedy Night Dinner Show at Montvale Plaza on Friday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. Keri was a Somerville native who died of melanoma in 2010 at the age of 35. The show features comedians Christine Hurley, Graig Murphy, and Artie Januario. Proceeds support the Melanoma

Education Foundation, a Massachusetts-based non-profit that provides free skin cancer lessons to over 1700 high schools and middle schools in 49 states. Tickets are \$60 per person and include the show, a full buffet dinner, \$10,000 in raffle prizes, and a live auction. Tickets may be ordered online at http:// www.skincheck.org/store.php, by phone (978-535-3080), or by mailing a check to MEF Comedy Show, PO Box 2023, Peabody, MA 01960. *******

The Fletcher IDEAS Exchange is an annual TED-type event featuring faculty, students and guest speakers. This year's theme is Human Security Approaches to Peacebuilding: Putting People First. Issues being explored in the talks include: The international community has made combatting corruption a global priority, but despite significant international assistance for anti-corruption efforts over the last 15 years, the results are meager. Why? UN peace operations are facing a crisis of legitimacy. From a dysfunctional Security Council to hostile host governments and the challenge of protecting civilians in asymmetric threat environments, the problems keep mounting. A story about one particular failure during the 2014-2015 epidemic demonstrates how a human security approach can help us better respond to future emerging infectious diseases threats. It is globally acknowledged that sexual violence during war needs to be addressed. Speakers will include Alex de Waal, executive director of the World Peace Foundation; Ian Johnstone, who served in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of United Nations; and Dr. Nahid Bhadelia, Director of Infection Control and Medical Response at National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory at Boston University, among others. Each speech will be between 6-8 minutes long. Thursday, April 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., ASEAN Auditorium, 160 Packard Avenue, Medford, MA 02115.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

Wednesday | April 13

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

Thursday April 14

Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

West Branch Library Family Yoga with Erin Carter 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|40 College ave

Central Library Puppet Workshop with Faye Dupras 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday | April 15

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

Sunday April 16

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

Monday | April 18 **Patriots Day- Libraries Closed**

Tuesday | April 19

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave **Central Library**

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

Tammy McKanan-617-591-0216 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland

Wednesday April 20

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

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday April 13

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

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

Backroom Series:Melissa Ferrick(Mo Kenney Opens)|7 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Ed Driscoll Victoria Rios Jack & Katie Jane Park 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

Thunder Road Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.n

379 Somerville Ave **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-

Davis Square Theatre Metamorphosis 7p.m.

Arts at the Armory Been Out Here Teen Open Mic

6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Milk & Bone 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Thursday April 14

Sally O'Brien's

255 Elm St

Andy Newton with Aubrey Haddard, Love Love Boston, Wolf Sisters \$5 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren Front Room

Lunchtime Concert Series | 1-2pm Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Rednecks|9:30 pm Backroom Series: Melissa Ferrick (Mo

Kenney Opens)|7 p.m. Scattershot!10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Miele Long Arm Rex

Highly Educated Squeeze Trigger 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

Live DI Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Krush Faktory|10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Thunder Road Secret Sessions Boston & Thunder Road Present: The Heavy Pets 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Áve

Arts at the Armory YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City Event 7p.m.|Performance Hall Mick and Dave's Acoustic Birthday Show featuring When Particles

8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

8 p.m.| 156 Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre** Encyclopedia Show 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday | April 15

Resonance

Sally O'Brien's Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters

Tsunami of Sound hosts Moose & the Mud Bugs, Soulidarity \$5 cover 9

335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series | Young Tradition Vermont Touring Group 7 p.m. Fightin Fridays 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge Spanish Rock Night Audioplane

DI Ivan Dioniso 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

9177 Casev's Entertainment every Friday

173 Broadway|617- 625-5195 Thunder Road

Lez Zeppelin – All Girl All Zeppelin Classic Concert Series Performing Earl's Court 1975 In It's Entirety! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre Metamorphosis | 7p.m. Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing | 10 p.m.

Arts at the Armory Richard Cambridge's Poets' Theatre 8 p.m. |Café|191 Highland Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 2016 Rock & Roll Rumble Semi-Finals 8 p.m.| 156 Highland Ave

Saturday | April 16

Sally O'Brien's Roy Sludge Trio |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Charles Delta, Violet Intent, Something Sneaky \$10 9 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

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The Burren Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m.
Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room

The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Backroom Series

Jimmy's Down|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Matinee|Doors open 2:30 p.m. Animal Maps Dreamer and Son Kalimur The Penthouse Doors open 7:30 p.m. Keelan Donovan State of the Union The Long Knives Aeolian Race

345 Somerville Ave **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke 65 Holland St

Missing The Action

On the Hill Tavern Live DI Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's** Skunkmello

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree DI El Sid!

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Thunder Road Lez Zeppelin – All Girl All Zeppelin Classic Concert Series Performing Long Beach 1972 In It's Entirety!

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave Arts at the Armory Taco Party!

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre** Metamorphosis 4p.m. Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing | 11 p.m.

255 Elm St ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 2016 Rock & Roll Rumble Semi-Finals

8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave **Somerville Theatre** 2016 Boston Harmony Swepstakes A Cappella Festival

Sunday April 17 Sally O'Brien's Bar

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|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

Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8am - 2:30pm

Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5

Burren Acoustic Music Series 8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen**

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

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

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Live Band & DJ 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 **Thunder Road** 7Horse (Featuring Joie Calio & Phil 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Grudge Match Poetry Slam: The Grudge ReMatch 7 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Shit-faced Shakespeare 3 p.m. Michael Hurley 7:30 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Somerville Theatre Acoustic Africa 7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Arts at the Armory Voices that Swing - A Sunday Afternoon Jazz Serenade with Darynn Dean & Elly Hoyt 4 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday | April 18

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy lam |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** Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s LoungeFree Mondays featuring: Evan Weckbacher Mailman Carl

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

The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Residency 8 p.m. |379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom improvscience LIvE: Behind the Lab 7 p.m.| 156 Highland Ave

Tuesday | April 19 Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Country Pleasures with Mark Earley & Josh Lederman|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

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes)

Open Mic Night

499 Broadway 617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub** The Ghetto People Band

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

Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Thunder Road Ebass Open Mic with George Woods 6 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom improvscience LIvE: Behind the Lab Coat 7 p.m. Heavy Metal and Pizza|8 p.m.

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

Wednesday | April 20

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

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Backroom Series: The Tannahill Weavers with Fresh Haggis|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge Brooke Adams Sarah Fard Hannah Rose Baker

Jodi Doidge

SONA

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

Arts at the Armory The Asperger/Autism Network (AANE) Neurodiverse Arts Cafe 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | April 13

Central Library
Adult Creative Writing with Amy Shea

10 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library** Somerville Arts Council Board Meet-

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

Thursday April 14 West Branch Library
Family Yoga with Erin Carter

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|40 College Ave **Central Library** Demystifying Alzheimer's: a Panel

7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave 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 Friday | April 15

Central Library Harvard Hill Historic Group 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday | April 16

Bagel Bards

Discussion

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

Arts at the Armory Somerville Flea: Winter Indoor Market 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday April 17

Central Library Drum Away the Blues with Craig Harris 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Monday | April 18 Patriot's Day- Libraries Closed

Tuesday | April 19 **Central Library**

ment.

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

Wednesday | April 20

Central Library Drop In Coloring for Adults 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Somerville Republican City Commit-7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors -Starting April 1 – The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to request an application. This program is on a first come / first serve basis. This is a Federally funded grant and services will be provided until the grant is exhausted.

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

Bereavement Support Group – Starting Monday, February 1 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? We are running a 12 week support group starting February 1st. Please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

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: Wednesday, April 13 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 20 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 28 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 2 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 4 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.

Mindfulness, Joy & Creativity – Each Friday, April 15, April 22 and April 19 at in the conference room of our Holland Street Center from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. Destress, relax, be present and increase your own awareness. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

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. Please note all centers will be closed on Monday, April 18

in honor of Patriot's Day.

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.

Please note the time change for the Death Café from the 8th to the 20th of April.

Please note the time change for the "Forget Me Knot" group from 1:00 P.M. to 11:30 A.M.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Event Night – Wednesday, May 16 – "Dinner & Coming Out Stories" mark that date on your calendar - more information to follow.

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be in the conference room of our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. We are always 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 MBastardi@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional info. *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@

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:

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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 April 13

11:30 Lunch (RJ) 11:30 Forget Me Knot (H) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 5:00 Dinner & Bingo (H) 8:00 Tufts / Songs & Dances

Thursday | April 14

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Walk Down Memory Lane (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday April 15

9:00 Volunteer Roundtable (H) 10:00 Mindfullness (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday April 18

City Holiday Patriot's Day All Centers Closed

Tuesday April 19

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Social Worker Outreach (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
6:00 Caregivers Group (H)

Moulin Rouge at Lantanas **Wednesday** | **April 20**

11:30 Lunch (RJ) 11:30 Forget Me Knot (H) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 1:00 – 2:30 Death Café (H) 8:00 Tufts / Chamber Music

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Facebook page. Check us out at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

You can receive our monthly newsletter that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.

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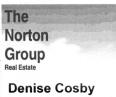
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6:00am	Life Matters	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
6:30am	Exercise with Robyn	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	1:00pm	Infinite Momentum
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ı	3:05am	Raising Families					
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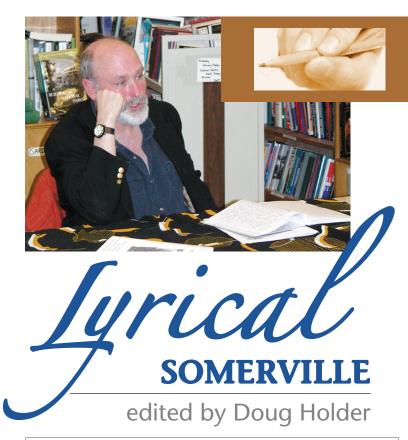
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Finding Out You're Jewish

It's like being thrown down a very deep well only not by your brothers, as you don't have any anymore which doesn't surprise you as you didn't have any in the first place, not really. You recognize it from the depths up; always you'd lived here, although you didn't know it and neither did anyone who found your vision too direct, too unsquirmingly real, too centered on the light circling at the top while everyone else felt buried alive. You didn't know why you didn't, or why you knew rain would come eventually and raise you up and out so you'd better not get too used to this narrowness, and even then that wasn't the end of it; that open valve of light you'd stared up at day after counted day, 1,3,6, suddenly became all there was of 7 and when they all said, "run, idiot, you're free," you didn't, didn't want to, just had to stop in the wholeness of that day's sky even until it darkened and something everything smelled of cinnamon, and a braid of shooting stars dipped into the deep and sizzled and you sang from the bottom of your well which you had been thrown down into once again but not by non-brothers, but by (you think maybe) un-Absence who insisted you be the same and learning you were this you rejoiced and once more lifted up your eyes.

— Wayne-Daniel Berard

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

State Rep. Denise Provost reviews 'The Work of the Body'

Denise Provost is a member of the Somerville literary group The Bagel Bards. She is an accomplished poet, State Representative, and has done an infinite amount of work for establishing a Poet Laureate for the State of Massachusetts. Oh ... yes, she is a great book reviewer too, as evidenced by her article below:

The Work of the Body Poems by Jill Kelly Koren (Dos Madres Press, 2015)

Review by Denise Provost

I confess that I'm drawn in by book titles, and that Jill Kelly Koren's recent publication had me wondering, what is the work of the body? The cover art suggested a lush physicality: on a cluttered dressing table, a female figurine shown twice, its half-draped back mirror-reflected. Will the "work of the body" written here prove to be a hot-house hedonism?

The answer is that in these pages, work is work. Bodies fight gravity ("which never tires," notes the narrator of *Inside Out*) - and they lose. They bleed, and age, and sicken. They muse, and mourn; they clear out the belongings of past generations, and they reproduce.

The epigrams in this volume make clear that Kelly Koren is singing the body electric, and that she means work in many senses, the literal sense being prominent. As if to establish the bona fides of her framing of this collection, the poet has arranged each chapter under a heading which is a law of physics. I confess I was concerned that this approach – frankly ambitious – might prove to be precious, or contrived.

Yet Kelly Koren pulls it off. Her poems, most of which are meditations on the small episodes of domestic life, manage to connect physicality and physics. They start with particular moments, like the butterfly emerging from a hollow shell in *Winter Hatch*:

My two-year-old son toddles toward it.
Don't touch it, my brother warns.
I won't, Sonny says...
...unaware that the Swallowtail
will not survive the week....

There is momentary interaction of these lives. The sun traces the passage of the hours, leaving the narrator "[t]ired of all the brilliance...," and reflecting that, "[w]e are all on our way/to somewhere else." This thought is so lightly expressed that it might as well be the Swallowtail.

Kelly Koren treads potentially treacherous territory in this book, populated with her children, parents, husband, extended family (living and not), and the imagined lives of others. A poem like *Yard Sale Day*, for instance, might have turned sentimental in less skilled hands:

The house where my father grew up has upchucked its contents onto the old horse field.... a life undone, bared for the hunters of bargains to claim....

The poem, though, while tender, never becomes mawkish. It – and presumably the poet – inhabit a space where emotion can be laid bare and examined, but not distorted, or used for other ends:

He closes another deal, then weaves his way back through the forest of furniture, voice low and serious now: Don't write a poem about this, okay?

It's an impressive equilibrium to keep, and one that Kelly Koren boldly pursues. Some of us would only read "the latest mother-on-child/atrocity in the newspaper," and shudder. Kelly Koren goes there, in *The Ache*, imagining infanticide from the inside:



Something has happened to my child!

She also means: something has happened to me.

I have done something
so unspeakable
that only prayer
or the edge of a knife
can answer.

She takes on a similar theme in *Icarus Bounced*, exploring the chemical (hence physical) disarray of post-partum psychosis:

What better way to kill anxiety than to extinguish its source? Spare the broken-winged bird a life of low flight?

It occurs to me that one of Kelly Koren's past lives, as a gymnast, might help explain her willingness to take risks in her literary work. Some of the risks she takes are with edgy material, but many of her risks consist of taking on topics so ordinary that they challenge preconceptions of what poems can be made of. For instance, *The Work of the Body* starts with the poem *Tooth, Fairy*, in which a six-year-old drops a pulled tooth down the drain:

I lose everything! his sobbed refrain, and I can do nothing but sit with him on the red futon and marvel at the completeness of his grief.

This poem's epigram is from Elizabeth Bishop: "The art of losing isn't hard to master." Like the doomed butterfly in *Winter Hatch*, and the dispersed heirlooms of *Yard Sale Day*, teeth, and other body parts, and the mortal lives of generations keep proving themselves to be on their way "to somewhere else."

"Faced with the prospect of moving," somewhere else, the narrator of *Green Atlas* inventories every plant in an "unruly patch of Earth," with pertinent advice:

Along the fence, you'll find
Dwarf Arbor Vitae and holly
but the honeysuckle will take over
if you let it, and you might, just to
smell that knee-knocking sweet-sweet smolder...

The Work of the Body provides its own inventory, of sorts. The landscape of mothering, daughtering, nurturing, comforting, creating, and taking the moral measure of the world are all here. You may find that its unassuming poems do take over a part of your own consciousness, and smolder there long after you've put the book down.



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