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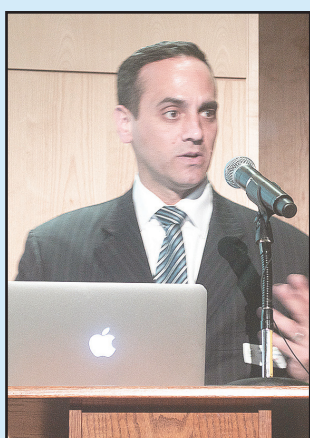


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## Snow ordinance amendment moves forward, residents weigh in



A report to the Board of Alderman on proposed amendments to the city's snow removal ordinance was presented at last week's regular meeting of the Board.

By Jim Clark

The much maligned snow removal ordinance imposed on city residents and owners of commercial properties in Somerville was once again discussed by the Board of Alderman's Legislative Matters Committee on March 19. A report to the full Board on what progress had been made in the matter was presented at its regular meeting on March 26.

The Chairman of the Committee, Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti, told the Board that changes to the ordinance were discussed, especially in regards to the fine structure for certain property types and defining certain terms in the ordinance.

Additionally, members discussed the importance of clearing snow from large vs. small commercial properties.

Rossetti indicated that she *Continued on page 9*

## 20 years gone

Friends and family of Deanna Cremin grieve and a search for answers

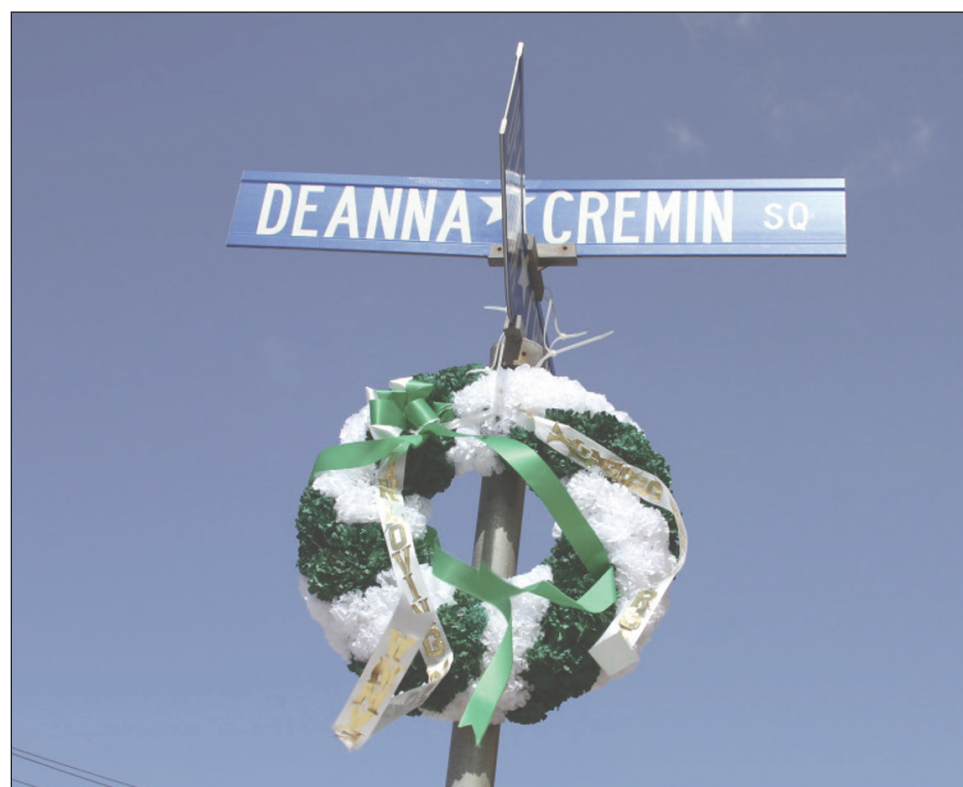
By Jim Clark

Twenty years have passed since the murder of Somerville resident Deanna Cremin. On Monday, March 30, the anniversary of her tragic death, Cremin's family and friends gathered for a special prayer service in her honor at St. Ann's church in Somerville.

Attendees remembered the all the good things that she brought to them and to others who were unable to participate in the service. Her passing was lamented, and renewed resolve to solve the mystery of who took her life was proclaimed.

Cremin, a student of Somerville High School, was strangled to death, presumably on the night of March 29, 1995. She had been expected to return home from visiting with friends by 10:00 p.m. that evening, but she never made it. Her body was discovered by two children she babysat for on the morning of March 30, behind a senior housing complex.

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Deanna Cremin's memory was honored in a special ceremony Monday night, as friends and family reaffirmed their commitment to bring her assailant to justice.

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Happy April Fool's Day to everyone out there. We hope the only fools are those fools that think they are fooling everyone but they aren't. They're just bullies and wanabees.

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This Thursday, April 2 please join the Somerville Chamber of Commerce for its monthly business networking social from 5-7 p.m. This one is at the Burren in Davis Square. Bring your business cards. It's a great source of business networking.

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We confirmed with several sources that the Ward 4 School Committee position being vacated by Christine Rafal just might have four or more running for her seat. We know that Bobby Potaris is running, Jamie O'Leary is seriously considering it, Craig Rourke has been around making inquiries and Andre Green is also considering the run. We also heard an interesting rumor – or is it? – that retiring Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz is leaving to spend more time with her family and new baby. It was rumored that Paul Bockelman, the school committee member from Ward 6, would step up to run for the seat, but now we hear that just might not be true. We heard that an unnamed woman who is expecting a child in August wants the seat and is quietly going around seeking commitments. Now that Paul isn't moving up and word is getting around, maybe others will seek the Ward 6 seat. We'll keep you posted over the next few weeks. Could a well known political figure be considering the seat? It will be fun to see a race in Ward 6. Not since Jack Connolly got defeated for that seat when Gewirtz ran against him have we seen a fight in Ward 6. Maybe again this year?

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School year calendar changes to make up the 9 missed school days due to snow-related issues have been set. Go to [www.somerville.k12.ma.us](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us) to find the make up dates and for any further additional information.

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This past weekend marked the 20th anniversary of the murder of Deanna Cremin, which is still unsolved. The family and friends keep hoping there is closure soon and the murderer is found out or comes forward. The reward now being offered for any information is up to \$70K.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: World-renowned firm hired to address public space challenge

**really?** says:

So if you look at this Deign Company's web site you learn that they don't design or add green space, just open space. Their version of open space is to get rid of cars and use the streets for people and, of course, bikes. Experiments like this have been tried in the past and have failed, causing desolate areas. You can't eliminate cars where there are buildings because at the least they will need deliveries. And what happens to the designated HP spots? If you are handicapped and don't have the luxury of walking the city, what do you do? Avoid these areas and live/work/shop elsewhere? These people were chosen simply because they fit into the mayor's plans.

**really really** says:

Really... You should get out more, pedestrian streets are really great.. Out for dining in the summer, no need to dodge cars, plenty of room for your wheel chairs and strollers. This all said idk where theyd put one but who cares the idea of it is really great. Think about it...really think about it.

**Freebie** says:

This is amazing, so few cities on the east coast have this kind of vision. Pedestrian ways benefit all income levels and abilities. Check out Somerstreets festivals this summer and witness all of Somerville's people enjoying walkable streets. All ethnicities and income levels seems well represented – now imagine having that every day.

**Oliver Seppo** says:

Freebie, having traffic blocked and drunk people trashing your property every day? Yeah, sure, sounds really great! ;D

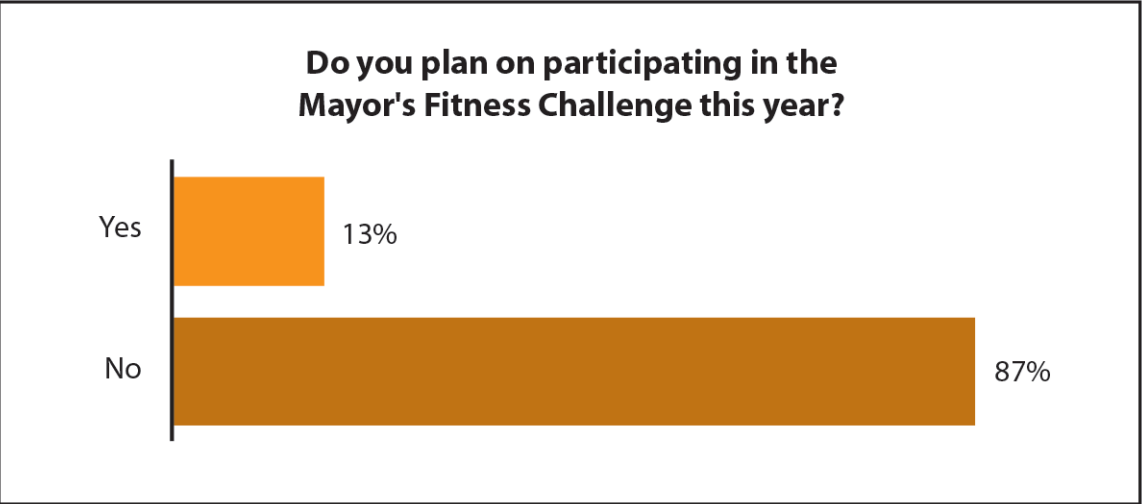
**Matt C** says:

Pedestrian streets... would that make it like an outdoor mall? But with local restaurants and businesses!?? Definitely don't want anything like that here. its far better to drive 30 minutes to Natick or Burlington and spend money at the mall there rather than supporting local businesses.

Log onto [TheSomervilleTimes.com](http://TheSomervilleTimes.com) to leave your own comments

## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you plan on participating in the Mayor's Fitness Challenge this year. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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# Fab Foundation brings makers network to Somerville

By Douglas Yu

Fab11, Fab Lab Annual meeting, will take place this year in the Boston metro area, including the City of Somerville, the Fab Foundation and the MIT Center for Bits and Atoms (CBA) announced during their latest news conference.

A Fab Lab is a platform that encourages research into digital fabrication and computation. It is also set up to stimulate local entrepreneurship, and to connect a global community of makers and innovators.

Sherry Lassiter, Director of Fab Foundation, said the foundation started in 2001 as a community outreach project. "What we did was to put these tools into the hands of communities, and asked them a question: if you could make almost anything technical or creative, what would you do with that capability?" she said.

After nearly 15 years, a simple question back then has now generated a wave of entrepreneurship across the country, such as Indiegogo and Kickstarter. "That kind of crowd funding for prototypes you make in the lab turns out to be a nice incubator," Lassiter said.

Currently, there are about 500 labs around the world in the Fab Founda-

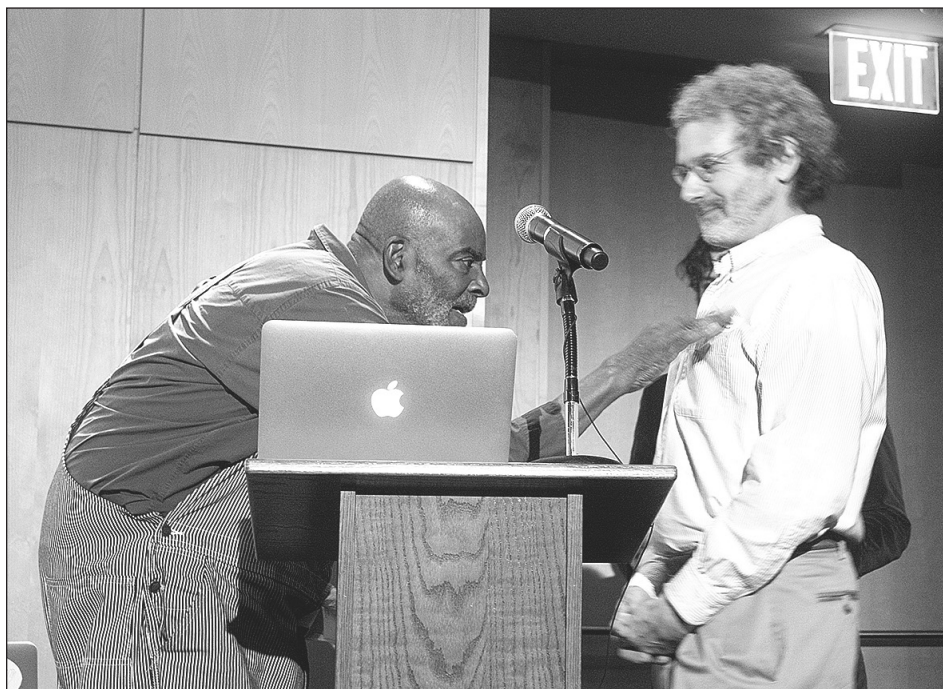
tion's network, and most of them are located in community centers or educational institutions. Somerville's Artisan's Asylum is an example. Artisan's Asylum is a non-profit community craft studio that supports and promotes the teaching, learning and practice of various crafts.

Last summer, Artisan's Asylum won a free 3D carving machine in a contest from Inventibles, a Chicago-based hardware store for designers.

Professor Neil Gershenfeld explained that Fab Lab is for more than merely making things convenient in people's lives. It creates a lot of jobs as well.

Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone said the Fab Lab is good for the environment, economy and the community. "What's happening is when we provide the means to producing environment, these innovators are bumping into those working in the green tech and other fields," he said of Somerville. "Local production is part of our history, and in some ways, digital production has returned to our roots."

Mel King, the founder and current director of the South End Technology Center, also presented at the conference. He brought sheets of stickers to convey a simple message: learn to teach and teach to learn. One of the stickers reads, "I can build with alternative energy! I made a



The South End Technology Center's Mel King presented a sticker to Professor Gershenfeld at last week's Fab 11 press conference. — Photos by Douglas Yu

'squishy circuit' with a solar panel."

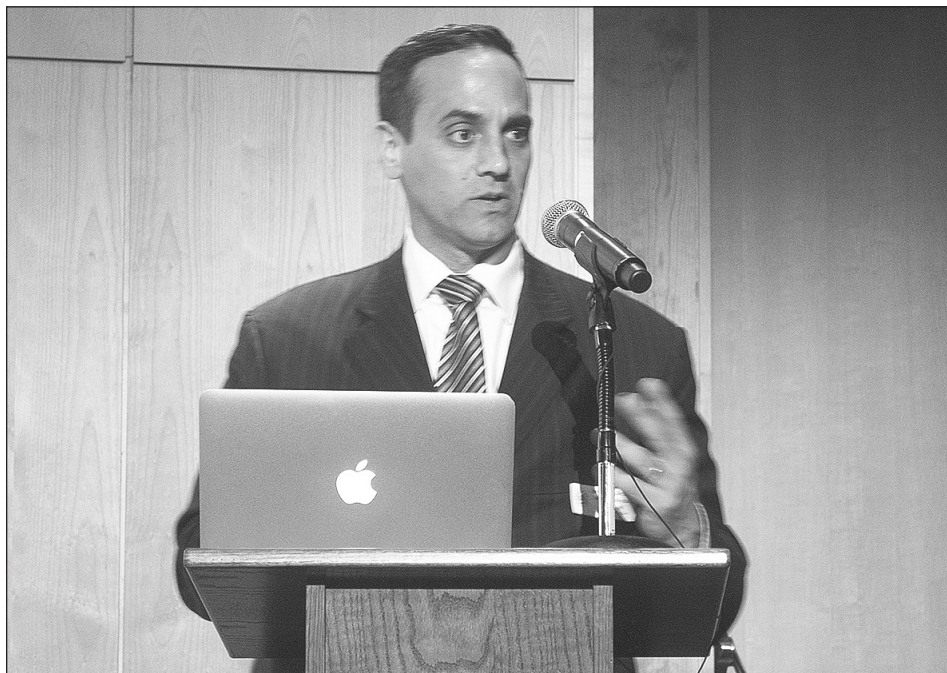
This year, Fab Foundation will bring Fab Festival to the Boston metro area on August 8 and 9. The festival will also be an opportunity for local makers to network and to share knowledge.

When it comes to making an effort to bring more renewable energies to the general public, Lassiter said there are a few pioneering labs, such as a lab in Kisumu, Kenya, that use solar power to run their labs. "Many labs around the world are making sustainable practices in fabrication," she said, citing Barcelona as an example. "Barcelona's commitment of being a fab city means that they're only im-

porting and exporting data, and they are able to use the local materials instead of materials across the globe."

In the next 10 years, Fab Lab Foundation's vision will be enabling more young people to access various kinds of tools, Lassiter told *The Somerville Times*. "I'd like to see a little disruption in the manufacturing and production model," she said. "We try to democratize access not only in the tools, but also the ability to design and the ability to manufacture."

Watch the full presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oaAPU132e-Hg&feature=youtu.be>



Somerville mayor Joseph A. Curtatone extolled the virtues of Fab Lab, emphasizing its positive environmental impact.

## 20 years gone

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The organization Friends of Deanna Cremin have throughout the ensuing years encouraged authorities to keep the investigation active, and plead with the public to come forward with any information that might help bring the matter to closure.

This year's memorial event served as a reminder to the community that this unsolved crime still affect many who knew and loved Cremin. A reward of \$70,000 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person or persons responsible for her murder has been established by the group.

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan recently indicated that some new advances have been made in the case, but details have not been publicly disclosed.

Anyone who may have relevant information in the case is urged to contact



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either the Somerville police directly or through Friends of Deanna Cremin by calling 617-544-7167 or email at friendsofdeannacremin@gmail.com.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Multicolor is the new black

Police were dispatched to the Adidas store at Assembly Row last week on reports that a shoplifter was being detained by store personnel.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the store staff and were told that a female, identified as Sandra Hart, of Dorchester, had allegedly entered a dressing room carrying five items.

She reportedly exited the

dressing room and handed one article to a female companion and returned two items to a store employee.

Both women reportedly left the store in a hurry, according to the store employee witness, and were later located by police officers at a nearby J.P. Licks ice cream café.

Hart’s companion, Erica Jones, of Hanover, was found sitting at

a table in the café, and it was determined that Hart herself was locked in the establishment’s restroom.

Officers stopped Hart as she exited the restroom and, according to police reports, her jacket was “bursting at the seams,” presumably with items stolen from the Adidas store.

Two empty coat hangers were reportedly found inside the re-

stroom by officers who inspected the area after Hart left.

Hart was repeatedly asked to remove the items, but reportedly refused to. She eventually unzipped her jacket, according to reports, and a multicolor windbreaker from Adidas was found to be under her shirt.

Hart was placed under arrest and charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Jones was placed under arrest on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

As Hart went through the booking process, two items from the Adidas store were reportedly recovered, the aforementioned windbreaker and a sweatshirt. A pair of wire cutters were also reportedly found on Hart’s person by police.

## Brass and grass didn’t pass

Police executed an arrest of Jonathan Machado on warrant charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault to murder, armed robbery and home invasion last week.

While Machado was being searched prior to booking, a set of brass knuckles and a quantity of what officers believed to be marijuana was reportedly found on his person.

He was additionally charged with carrying a dangerous weapon and possession of a class D drug.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

<p><b>Arrests:</b></p> <p><b>Yenasi Morales</b>, of 42 West Baltimore St., Lynn, March 23, 12:07 p.m., arrested at Merrian St. on warrant charges of failure to wear a seat belt, use of a motor vehicle without authority, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding.</p> <p><b>Erica Jones</b>, of 65 Franks Lane, Hanover, March 24, 7:10 p.m., arrested at 2544 Assembly Row on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.</p> <p><b>Sandra Hart</b>, of 5 Elm Hill Park, Dorchester, March 24, 7:10 p.m., arrested at 2544 Assembly Row on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.</p> <p><b>Jonathan Machado</b>, March 24, 7:34 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on charges of carrying a dangerous weapon and possession of a class D drug and on warrant charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault to murder, armed robbery and home invasion.</p> <p><b>Robert Toomanians</b>, of 37 Pope Rd., Acton, March 25, 2:44 a.m., arrested at Marshall</p>	<p>St. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.</p> <p><b>James Davis</b>, of 67 Robbins St., Waltham, March 25, 11:22 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.</p> <p><b>Ashley Moran</b>, of 33 Clifton Ave., Everett, March 26, 5:39 p.m., arrested at Pearl St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.</p> <p><b>Amanda Ochs</b>, March 27, 1:44 p.m., arrested at 532 Medford St. on a warrant charge of leaving the scene of property damage.</p> <p><b>Incidents:</b></p> <p><b>Theft:</b></p> <p>March 23, 1:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Madison St.</p> <p>March 23, 3:55 p.m., police reported a theft at Pearl St.</p> <p>March 24, 7:10 p.m., police reported a theft at 544 Assembly Row.</p> <p>March 24, 7:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Day St.</p> <p>March 26, 12:56 a.m., police</p>	<p>reported a theft at Marshall St.</p> <p>March 26, 10:41 a.m., police reported a theft at Memorial Rd.</p> <p>March 26, 1:10 p.m., police reported a theft at Warwick St.</p> <p>March 26, 2:32 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.</p> <p>March 27, 5:40 p.m., police reported a theft at Dickinson St.</p> <p>March 28, 6:21 a.m., police reported a theft at Myrtle St.</p> <p>March 28, 2:21 p.m., police reported a theft at 232 Elm St.</p> <p>March 28, 3:47 p.m., police reported a theft at Willow Ave.</p> <p>March 29, 5:01 p.m., police reported a theft at 699 Assembly Row.</p> <p>March 29, 7:40 p.m., police reported a theft at Myrtle St.</p> <p><b>Robbery:</b></p> <p>March 23, 11:33 p.m., police reported a robbery at 313 Broadway.</p> <p>March 28, 11:27 p.m., police reported a robbery at 4 College Ave.</p> <p><b>Breaking &amp; Entering:</b></p> <p>March 27, 2:56 p.m., police reported a breaking &amp; entering at Cutter St.</p>	<p>March 27, 3:32 p.m., police reported a breaking &amp; entering at Brook St.</p> <p><b>Vehicle Theft:</b></p> <p>March 23, 2:58 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Moore St.</p> <p>March 23, 10:38 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Broadway.</p> <p>March 23, 7:25 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Foley St.</p> <p><b>Assault:</b></p> <p>March 23, 3:07 p.m., police reported an assault at Beacon St.</p> <p>March 24, 12:36 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.</p> <p>March 24, 9:40 a.m., police reported an assault at 91 Highland Ave.</p> <p>March 26, 3:11 p.m., police reported an assault at Mystic Ave.</p> <p>March 27, 5:00 p.m., police reported an assault at Cambridge St.</p> <p>March 27, 8:51 p.m., police reported an assault at Bartlett St.</p>	<p><b>Destruction of Property:</b></p> <p>March 23, 12:22 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Lowell St.</p> <p>March 24, 7:38 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Puritan Rd.</p> <p>March 25, 11:57 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Elm St.</p> <p>March 25, 10:23 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Otis St.</p> <p>March 25, 1:31 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Highland Ave.</p> <p>March 26, 11:19 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Prescott St.</p> <p>March 27, 2:37 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at River Rd.</p> <p>March 27, 11:09 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Mansfield St.</p> <p><b>Drug Violation:</b></p> <p>March 26, 6:25 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Albion St.</p> <p><b>Liquor Law Violation:</b></p> <p>March 26, 12:41 p.m., police reported a liquor law violation at 301 Great River Rd.</p>
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# Union Square Station Associates (US2) to Open Union Square headquarters

## Space will help fulfill vision of Union Square as an employment center

Union Square Station Associates (US2), the City's master developer partner for Union Square's revitalization, announced today it has signed a lease to open a headquarters in Union Square.

The headquarters will be located at 31 Union Square, the former home of Elegant Furniture which closed last fall and has been vacant since. The 2,500 square foot ground floor space will be staffed by a full-time US2 representative who will be available to field questions and provide general information about the Union Square revitalization. The space will serve as a headquarters, meeting space and a central hub for the recruitment of commercial tenants to fill space in the new development area and in the entire square.

"We have been listening to the community and have heard loud and clear how important boosting commercial activity in the square is to Somerville's future," stated US2 President Greg Karczewski. "From our new headquarters, we will be working aggressively to build awareness of the business opportunities presented by the Union Square revitalization."

US2 is also working with a strategic partner to create a co-working space that will fill a majority of the space. The shared space would offer affordable,

communal office space along with common office amenities to entrepreneurs, sole proprietors and other types of growing businesses that find synergy from working alongside each other. The US2 co-working partnership is a first step toward fulfilling the City and Community's vision of Union Square as an "Employment Center."

"The addition of new co-working space in the heart of the Square is an important next step in establishing a stronger commercial base and adding more daytime traffic. Not only will it will be a great addition to the local innovation and creative community, it will help boost local business, attract jobs, and in the end, convince entrepreneurs and employers to move to the Square," said Karczewski.

The US2 headquarters opening and its ongoing participation in the City's Business Program are components of US2's economic development plan for the Square. That plan was one of the things that separated US2 from many of the other respondents to the City's initial Request for Proposals.

"US2 put a great deal of thought into how they would create jobs in the Square. This is a positive step in the right direction," stated Stephen Mackey, President of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce.

US2 expects to renovate the

space and open the new headquarters in the next couple of months. If you are interested in becoming a member of the co-working community, please contact US2 at [Becca@US2UnionSquare.com](mailto:Becca@US2UnionSquare.com).

### ABOUT US2:

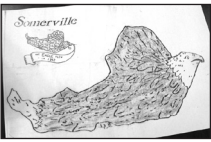
Union Square Station Associates (US2) has been selected by the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) as the master developer partner for the Union Square revitalization plan.

The development team is working in partnership with the City of Somerville, the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, the Civic Advisory Committee, residents, property owners and the entire Union Square community to design and implement the redevelopment of seven development blocks identified in the state-approved Union Square Revitalization Plan.

US2's goal is to work to achieve the goals outlined by the community in SomerVision. Those goals include creating new jobs, public open spaces and housing opportunities for the broadest range of residents possible. The master developer is also charged with preserving and fostering the Square's historical character and "funky vibe."

For more information on US2, visit [www.us2unionsquare.com](http://www.us2unionsquare.com)  
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# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



## Eagle feathers #75

### Torpedoes Away

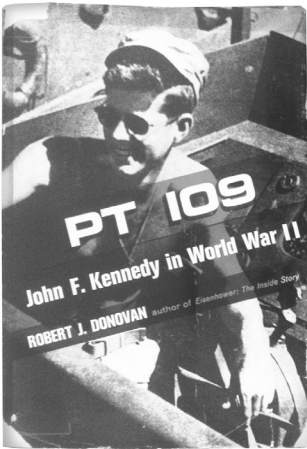
By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Before Vice-Admiral Ralph Waldo Christie left the U.S. Navy in 1949, he had spent thirty-eight years working his way up the ranks. The Somerville native graduated from the Naval Academy in 1915. As an Ensign, he had various duties. His first ship assignment was on the battleship, New Jersey, where he received instruction on submarine construction and torpedo design. This prepared him for the newly opened Submarine School in New London, Connecticut, becoming one of its first members. By 1923, he had earned a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



During these eight years, he captained four different submarines and was involved in top-secret torpedo guidance programs. Some of this torpedo testing was done on the historic ship, the U.S.S. Indianapolis. Seventy years ago on July 30, 1945, after dropping off the ultra-secret materials to build the first atomic bomb at Tinian Island, the Indianapolis was sunk by Japanese torpedoes. Out of a crew of 1,196, only 317 survived. Eight hundred and seventy-nine sailors and marines died, most from horrible shark attacks. It was the worst naval loss at sea in American history. If you saw the original movie "Jaws," you would have been utterly moved by the story of the Indianapolis and the fate of its sailors. A Hollywood movie, depicting the fate of the U.S.S. Indianapolis' catastrophe, is now being produced by Robert Downey Jr. and his wife.

When World War II began, the then Captain Christie was already in command of six boats (submarines) in Atlantic Ocean waters. They were on full wartime footing. After Pearl Harbor, he and his boats were ordered to Australia. They were to set up bases, patrol Southern Pacific harbors, and attack enemy ships, which they accomplished. While commanding Task-force Forty-two, his boats sunk thirty ships, 181,800 tons, and damaged 20 more. Within a year,



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### Monday April 6

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam 7 p.m.  
Marley Mondays with Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

### Tuesday April 7

Honkytonk Masquerade 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday April 8

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

### Thursday April 9

Busted Jug Band 7:30 p.m.

### Friday April 10

Bucky & The Titanium Hipsters 6 p.m.  
Presents The Forz, Blackwater, Stickup Boys  
\$10 cover 9 p.m.

### Saturday April 11

Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m.  
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### Sunday April 12

Amber Casares 6 p.m.



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## Week of the Young Child Celebration

Join Somerville Public Schools, SomerPromise and Somerville Family Learning Collaborative as they host a "Week of the Young Child" from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14 at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue. The morning will include fun activities for young children, a fire truck, music, a proclamation reading by Mayor Curtatone, a social story about City Hall, and more. Learn more about this event at <http://somerilleearlyeducation.blogspot.com/2015/03/week-of-young-child-children-engage.html>.



Introducing... 

# The Writers’ Den

“There are young writers in our elementary and middle schools who love to write beyond what is expected in school and are hungry for support for their efforts. I don’t know how many. It doesn’t matter. They are there, in grades 4 through 8, even younger. They not only need to write but know a need for an audience. They are interested in enhancing their abilities and enriching their experience as writers by sharing what they write, in publishing, and in

playing their craft as musicians play their instruments.” With this motivation, explains advisor Alan Ball, the Writers’ Den was established at the Somerville Central Library in the summer of 2013.

During the school year, the Writers’ Den has met on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. A typical 90 minute session may include prompted or free writing, talk about experiences, dreams, challenges and discoveries, reading of favor-

ite and inspiring writers, exploration of forms and genres. Writing is shared, and publishing is not only discussed but realized by contributing to the creation of *Kid! multimediamagazine*, school newspapers and now, in *The Somerville Times*. Writers in grades 4 through 8, give or take, are welcome at the live programs or, if these are not convenient, to submit their writing to be considered for publication. Email to [kid@12zine.com](mailto:kid@12zine.com) and sample the products at <http://12zine.com>.

com on the internet.

At the Writers’ Den, differences in age and interests inform our interdependence and our common interest as well as a writer’s sustained curiosity about ages once were or yet to be. How old you are becomes less important than *what can we find out together?* A sprinkle of writing challenges may season the proceedings, and let’s not forget the now famous microparty, invented at the Writers’ Den.

### Writers’ Den: Home of the Microparty

by Ellie Churchill (grade 4) and Alena Thalput (grade 6), Somerville

Hello, outside world! I’m going to tell you about something called the microparty that we do in our Writers’ Den. Any human between 4th- 8th grades can participate at the Somerville Public Library. It is the Central Library, people! The microparty is usually an amazing 10 minute party that can be pretty much anything. It can be music, dancing, and food, which is what we did very recently, and one time we tested out three different kinds of soda pops. Another time (which was also kind of recently), we did something called “writing for candy,” which was when we wrote and typed poems and stuff and put our best effort in it, and for that we would get penny candy, including Smarties, and then we would keep on writing! Well, now you know what a microparty is, and I hope you liked what you heard.

A microparty is very fun and exciting. Just think wouldn’t you like to have a 10 or 15 minute break in school and “Just Dance” and have fun? At Writers’ Den we are on the edge of our seat working hard to do the next disco!

#### Fireplace

Alena Thalput

The oak smashes down

A cloak of powder fills the air

A light blasts my eyes

It springs and spreads along the grave

It bounces and leaps

It bends and it twirls

My eyes adjust,

Dark holes suddenly

Flash!

They’re gone.

And so is the light.

#### Dancers

Mia Milstein

We are not considered with other things

we don’t quite fit in with one or the other.

Not quite understood.

Out of place.

One or the other?

Neither?

We are not chosen

outcasts.

While others are considered needed.

We are something else.

Not understood how much we are needed.

Yesterday’s junk.

Pushed away by the new.

Hello people,

It’s Alena here and I want to tell you about a poem I wrote so I could get candy. I wrote a poem that is about an Eagle. At the Writers’ Den, when you write you can get dance or candy. It’s as simple and yummy as that.

The Eagle	Alena Thalput
	The eagle gazes, across the skyline.
	The hot ball of gas look upon, the eagle in questioning.
	The eagle is basking, its golden plumage, in the sun.
	The eagle spreads its rascals, out.
	They are forming a revolution.
	The sun casts its gaze away from the eagle.
	Grows dark, and the eagle, slowly crumples, away feather, by feather, until it’s gone.

### Published ... in a Book

by Mia Milstein (grade 7), Arlington

“The Pursuit” is part of an anthology called *Charms*, which is made up of short stories written by different authors. The way I wound up writing for the anthology was through my mom. She got invited to write a piece for it, and I thought it seemed like a cool book. The whole idea was that you took inspiration from a charm that you chose, to write a story. I asked my mom to find out if kids could write for it, and it turned out they could. Then we asked if I could write a story for it and I was allowed to.

The first thing I did to write the story was choose my charm. My charm was a wolf head, called “wise wolf.” Next I came up with my character and story from the charm. When I was ready I wrote my rough draft, which wound up being one of the shortest parts of the whole process. After my rough draft was done, I moved on to one of the hardest parts of writing: editing.

Although the idea of editing seemed easy to me at first, it was much harder than I thought. What was difficult was the having to change what I wrote. Like every writer, I initially resisted the new ideas. After some convincing from my mom, I finally listened to the advice. We actually had to act out one of my scenes to figure out that it didn’t work. My mom did most of the critiquing, but I did send it out to another adult writer who also made suggestions. One of the changes I made was giving my character a backstory. I also added in a lot more sensory details. Even though some of the process is a bit frustrating, I’m glad I had the opportunity. I learned a lot about publishing and the writing process. Please read my story in the *Charms* anthology or if you cannot get the book, read it online at <http://12zine.com/PursuitbyMia.html>!

#### About Me

by Mia Milstein

I’m 12, but when I wrote “Pursuit” and published it in the *Charms* anthology I was an 11 year-old sixth-grader taking, as I do now, ballet and Taekwondo lessons. Since I have learned how to be strong and defend myself, I like to create characters that are tough. I don’t like damsels in distress!

I chose the wolf charm because I love animals. Wolves speak to me, maybe because dogs are one of my favorite animals. A Husky, which resembles a wolf, is my favorite dog. My wolf story for the *Charms* anthology has fantasy in it. Those are the types of stories I tend to read the most.

I’ve always liked to write. When I’m an adult, I want to be an engineer or do something related to science, but I hope to write at least part time.

I live with my dog, cat, older brother, and parents.



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# Better trains for a better environment

**By Bobby Potaris**

The Somerville Times talked to two service representatives/technicians, Doug Graybea and Len Nielson, who came to Somerville recently to train railroad engineers on the new technology in locomotives.

The new locomotives produce AC instead of DC power adding 1200 hp to make the engines run faster and quieter at 4600 horsepower. A lot less maintenance and they will be more fuel efficient. Good for the railroad and environment, with enough power to reduce noise in the heavy neighborhoods as well as move faster making up for loss time from delays at and between stations.

The new engines produce 40% less noise vs. the old models, which again makes for less noise for neighbors abutting tracks and near the tracks.



## Masonic Open House

**By Donald Norton**

Everyone is invited to the Masonic Open House on Saturday, April 11.

Throughout the entire state of Massachusetts, all Masonic buildings will be open to the public as well as here in Somerville from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 125 Highland Avenue (rear).

Officers of the lodge will be present to give you a personal tour of the lodge hall itself and answer any questions you always wanted to ask.



Everyone is invited to come. King Solomon's Lodge AF & AM here in Somerville is the first chartered lodge of the United States as a nation, established only 2 days after the signing of the peace treaty between the colonies and Great Britain.

The lodge was originally chartered out of Charlestown and met for many years at the now Warren Tavern, and later in 1896 moved to Somerville.

Together with two other lodges they built the Masonic building on the corner of Pearl & Marshall Street, which in 1969 burnt down.

King Solomon's Lodge owned the land and built the first veterans monument here in the United States at Bunker Hill, to remember the death of all those that fought at the battle. In particular, the Grand Master of Masons in the US, Joseph Warren, who died at the battle and gave his life so that we might enjoy our freedoms today.

The lodge's charter was signed by Paul Revere and John Warren, who were at the time Grand Lodge officers.

Many ancient artifacts and lots of history goes with the

lodge. Masons such as George Washington and Ben Franklin, and later Walt Disney, John Glenn, and many notable politicians throughout history were masons.

Masonry is worldwide organization with millions of members in just about every country. It is one of the world's largest charitable and fraternal organizations giving an estimated 2.5 million dollars a day here in the United States alone. In Massachusetts, masons give to scholarships, chips program, Shriners Hospital and many more chartable programs.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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



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

**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on roll calls from the week of March 23-27. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

**EARLY RETIREMENT (H 3189)**  
House 152-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill creating the Employee Retirement Incentive Program that offers early retirement to thousands of state workers in the executive branch. In order to qualify, a worker must have minimum of 20 years of service or be at least 55 years of age.

The plan allows employers to hire replacements for some of the departing workers but caps the amount the employer can spend at 20 percent of the savings resulting from the early retirements. The measure is similar to the one first proposed by Gov. Charlie Baker at the beginning of March. Employees who want to participate in the program must file an application for retirement between April 15, 2015 and July 15, 2015, and must retire no later than July 31, 2015.

Supporters estimate that 4,500 state workers will take the early retirement, resulting in a savings of \$173 million. They argued this program is the best way to trim the state’s payroll and balance the budget without massive involuntary layoffs.

(A “Yes” vote is for the program.)

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

**\$200 MILLION FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 3187)**  
House 155-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill allowing the state to borrow \$200 million to grant to local cities and towns for road and bridge repairs. This funding would be on top of the governor’s recently announced Winter Recovery Assistance Program, which provides \$30 million for cities and towns to repair potholes, roads and bridges, and the \$100 million for local roads released by Gov. Baker in January.

Supporters said the total of \$330 million would help struggling cities and towns with road and bridge repairs which have increased because of the harsh winter storms. (A “Yes” vote is for the \$200 million.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**2024 OLYMPICS LIKELY TO BE ON 2016 BALLOT** - Boston 2024, the non-profit group spearheading the effort to bring the 2024 Olympics to Boston, announced it plans to put a question on the 2016 ballot asking voters how they feel about the Olympics possibly coming to Boston. “Boston 2024 believes that the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be good for Boston, and will create thousands of jobs, drive economic development, and serve as a catalyst for the long-term plans of Boston,” Boston 2024 Chairman John Fish said. “As we pursue this goal, we are committed to the highest level of transparency and accountability.” Fish also pledged that Boston 2024 would not go forward with its bid if the ballot question does not pass or if a majority of voters in the city of Boston do not support it.

Meanwhile, Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman) said that not one of the people involved with Boston 2024 are known for being frugal with taxpayer money. “I fear the

taxpayers are going to be left with a big bill,” said Diehl. He challenged Boston 2024 to not spend more than \$250,000 on the ballot question. “If they truly want the people’s opinion, then they should put aside their big money,” said Diehl. “You can win a ballot question by just talking to voters without all the expensive commercials.”

Former 2014 gubernatorial candidate Evan Falchuck is also involved in the Olympics saga. He said his United Independent Party plans to gather signatures to put its own question on the 2016 ballot asking voters whether they agree that no taxpayer money should be used for the Olympics if Boston is chosen as the site. Falchuck said he is skeptical of Boston 2024 drafting the wording of a ballot question. “Taxpayers have to be protected,” Falchuck said. “The question for Boston 2024 is this: Do you agree to a vote that says no taxpayer money for the Olympics? If not, what do you propose instead?”

**SEVERAL NEW LAWS TAKING EFFECT**  
The Legislature approved and former Gov. Patrick signed into law many bills at the end of the 2014 session, which ended in January. It takes 90 days for most new laws to become effective. Here are several new laws that take effect in late March and early April.

**ACCOSTING AND ANNOYING (S 2362)** - Effective March 24: Changes a current law that makes it illegal to annoy or accost people of the opposite sex with behavior that is deemed offensive and/or disorderly. The new law allows the charges to be brought even if the victim were a person of the same sex.

Supporters say the new law changes this antiquated law and is aimed at sex offenders who target children regardless of gender. They cite an incident in Bellingham in which a male offender accosted young boys but the charges were dismissed because under the law, it was only a crime when it was against the opposite sex.

**SELL LIQUOR AT CONTINUING CARE COMMUNITIES (S 2407)** - Effective April 2: Allows the sale of alcohol at continuing care communities, retirement communities and assisted living facilities.

Supporters say many of these communities already offer top-notch in-house restaurants but noted that the facility is not allowed to serve liquor. They argue that allowing alcohol is simply an extension that will benefit residents and make profits for the homes.

**CONFINEMENT OF MENTALLY ILL PRISONERS (H 4545)** - Effective April 5: Prohibits mentally ill patients from being housed in a segregated unit at a prison for more than 30 days. It provides that these prisoners instead be sent to mental health treatment units.

Supporters say the segregation of mentally ill prisoners is counterproductive and often makes the prisoners even worse. They note that a court agreement imposing this same rule expires in 2015 and argued things will revert back to the old rules of extended confinement in segregation units if this bill is not passed.

**MASSAGE THERAPISTS (H 4551)** - Effective April 5: Prohibits unlicensed masseuses in Massachusetts from advertising on the Internet through websites, e-mails or blogs.

Supporters say a loophole in the current law prohibits unlicensed masseuses from advertising in print, including newspapers, magazines and signage, but allows them

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to advertise on the Internet.

take it over.

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.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“It’s certainly an opportunity to speak frankly about something that you’re really interested in. And since we’re not really supposed to talk about what we do talk about in those meetings, which I think is appropriate, the one thing I will say is they’ve been terrific.” — Gov. Baker on his weekly meeting with House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stan Rosenberg.

“For 2014, Boston returned to the number 10 position among the list of top 25 U.S. metropolitan areas, after it had been ranked 13th last year. Boston had 176 buildings that were Energy Star certified.” — From a new report by the Environmental Protection Agency.

“We have seen virtually no improvement in the quality of the education the students are getting in Holyoke.” — Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester on the persistent and pervasive problems with the Holyoke school system and why he is recommending the state temporarily

“Every member of the House has received concern from multiple constituents in our districts about the unusually high spike in electric rates over the past year.” — House Post Audit and Oversight Committee Chairman Rep. David Linsky telling the State House News Service why he and his committee members will meet with officials from the attorney general’s office in April for an informational meeting about electric rates.

**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

During the week of March 23-27, the House met for a total of five hours and 54 minutes and the Senate met for a total of four hours and 58 minutes.		
Mon. March 23	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:32 a.m.	
Tues. March 24	No House session No Senate session	
Wed. March 25	House 11:05 a.m. to 3:54 p.m. No Senate session	
Thurs. March 26	House 11:04 a.m. to 12:01 p.m. Senate 10:02 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	
Fri. March 27	No House session No Senate session	
Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com		

Snow ordinance amendment moves forward, residents weigh in

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would like to know how many of the fines issued after the last storm were to absentee landlords.

Alderman at Large William A. White, Jr. requested that the Law Department research the ability of the city to fine absentee

landlords differently. Chairman Rossetti’s motion that the six hour timeline be changed to twenty four hours was defeated on a Roll Call vote of 1 in favor, 7 against and 3 absent.

Ultimately, the amendment

was passed, returning the ordinance to its six hour timeline for snow removal.

Several members of the community had their comments on the ordinance entered into the record at the March 26 regular meeting.


One resident commented, “As it stands the current fine is too high and deadlines are too short, outrageously so.”

Another asked, “How are we supposed to know when a storm ends? In many cases it would be obvious, but storms can obvi-

ously also end around sunrise or sunset. Would the city do reverse 311 calls to inform residents/homeowners for each storm?”

Yet another commented, “Everyone was right. Some times are too long and sometimes are too short.”

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## Walkability creates community



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Somerville was honored at WalkBoston's 25th anniversary gala last week, where I accepted a Golden Shoe Award on behalf of all our community partners who have worked tirelessly to advocate and help us build a walkable community. We are committed to making Somerville the most walkable, bikeable, transit-accessible city in the nation, and the data behind walkable neighborhoods make the benefits clear. Transportation costs for families are lower, while sales for local businesses are higher. By giving people the option of not having to use their cars to run errands, air pollution goes down while our residents' personal health gets better as they choose to walk more. And the greatest benefit of walkability

is perhaps the hardest to measure, but easiest to identify: it creates community.

When you plan for cars, you get parking lots, highways, and lots of faces you might not recognize when they are not behind a windshield or car window. When you plan for people, you get walkable neighborhoods that create vibrant communities, with faces you recognize of people walking, pushing strollers and biking. That is what is drawing droves of people of all ages back from the suburbs to urban neighborhoods. There is undoubtedly a convenience factor. Being able to walk to the neighborhood grocery store or local salon beats having to get in the car, drive there and then find parking. Walking to work, or walking to public transit to get to work, can save people time and money compared to sitting in traffic and listening to honking horns.

Young professionals, families and retirees all seek this kind of convenience. But they also seek the kind of community that's harder to build when contact with your neighbors and

the community is minimized, because running an errand means exiting your home and immediately getting in your car, and then returning to the neighborhood means the same in reverse. So we're working to build that kind of community, planning for and investing in walkable neighborhoods and communities around the region are joining us.

We're seeing the effects of these investments. In the Alliance for Biking and Walking's 2014 benchmark report, Boston is the number one city in the U.S. for people who walk to work, and Massachusetts is sixth in the state rankings. (And our weather's not holding us back from being the top state—coming in first was Alaska.) And Boston is also the city with the lowest bicyclist/pedestrian fatality rates, and Massachusetts overall has the seventh lowest rate.

Walkability builds community, and a more resilient local economy. Increased food traffic helps our neighborhoods stores, restaurants, cafes and services flourish. A Brookings Institute study found that a

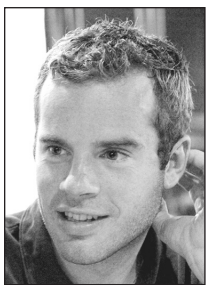
one-level increase on its walkability scale translated to an 80 percent increase in retail sales. Making our region walkable creates an 18-hour economy: active streetscapes supported by workers during the day and residents during the night. And when our businesses are flourishing, our sidewalks, squares and parks fill up with our neighbors, again creating that sense of community.

We're also building a healthier city. By making it easier for people to accomplish their errands or commute by walking, we're making it easier for them to opt out of cars and reducing the amount of air pollution. That's particularly important in Somerville, where approximately 38,000 people live in environmental justice zones and shoulder a disproportionate level of impact caused by traffic and industry. A University of Minnesota study last year found that non-white people inhale 38 percent higher levels of air pollution than whites, and that Greater Boston has the fourth highest pollution disparity between white and non-

white residents. That is why we are studying the effect of pollution on neighborhoods near highways and ways to mitigate that effect, and it's why we're working to make our city more walkable. And studies also show that people who live in walkable communities are healthier. That's a lesson we learned through Shape Up Somerville—if we change the environment we live in, we can the healthy choices the easy choice.

Walkability is about the kind of communities we want to build: Equitable, connected, healthy and convenient for residents. We want to create places where you bump into friends on a street corner, chat with other parents at the neighborhood park, or wave to your barber when you walk by his shop. Economic health then follows suit. Thriving squares filled with busy businesses creates a resilient, self-sufficient economic base for cities, and for the region. We are the most walkable region in the country. Let's continue to lead the way and be the most walkable state, too.

## Density and neighborhood character



By Tim Talun

Often cited as New England's densest city, Somerville is set to become significantly denser. The zoning ordinance overhaul now before the Board of Aldermen would guide the changes this increase in density will bring. Whether these changes would make our city more vibrant and livable, or uncomfortably crowded and congested, depends on how well they facilitate the variety, amenities, design quality and mix of property uses necessary to create great neighborhoods.

In many ways the proposed new ordinance would guide development that strengthens our squares and commercial streets as neighborhood commercial centers, while protecting residential neighborhoods' character. But some of its

technical regulations encourage the opposite.

Among its most important changes are those regulating commercial districts and squares, which it defines as "Mixed-Use" (MU) districts.

Dense neighborhoods that work well require a broad mix of uses, including places to live, work, shop and relax. Somerville's squares and commercial districts were once true neighborhood centers, employing many and providing neighbors with seemingly everything they might need. Older residents fondly remember these thriving community centers, while younger and newer residents wish for their return. Appropriate increases in density are part of accomplishing this.

Zoning can do much to encourage commercial development in commercial districts, allowing people to work in the same neighborhoods in which they live. The draft zoning's designation of 'fabrication districts' is a good start. It would also allow the same number of stories for office and residential

buildings, while current zoning effectively limits office buildings to one story less.

But the new zoning would drastically increase allowable residential densities. To promote thriving mixed-use districts, it should instead put limits on residential density and on the conversion of commercial buildings to residential uses. It should also consider creating zoning districts that do not allow any residential use where office and commercial buildings are clearly more appropriate.

For density to create a better living environment, people must be willing to drive less. In fact, auto use is already declining, particularly among younger adults. So the new zoning reduces parking requirements, bringing Somerville in line with other urban communities served by transit.

To reduce parking requirements without causing congestion and hardship for residents, people must be able to live comfortably without a car. An essential element in this is the extent to which neighbors have

everything that they need within walking distance, which in turn, is influenced by mixed-use districts' zoning.

The draft ordinance includes "arts and creative" spaces requirements. But it must do more to incentivize the broad range of shops and services that comprise complete neighborhoods.

As written, it could actually reduce the range of goods and services offered in mixed-use districts by permitting residential-only apartment buildings that have no street level retail. So the small neighborhood-oriented retail spaces that are essential to the vitality of our dense city would likely be replaced with apartment buildings along thoroughfares such as Washington Street from Union Square through East Somerville.

Variety keeps dense neighborhoods from feeling oppressive. Zoning should encourage it by providing flexibility to create the variation in building size, shape, type and design needed to appropriately respond to unique conditions while discouraging monotony. Zoning should not

be so prescriptive that it limits the opportunity for good design.

Increases in allowable building area and allowable residential density would reduce building design flexibility.

The large building areas already allowed in Mixed-Use districts have already produced controversial projects. Yet the draft zoning removes limits on building area, allowing as much as can fit within the permitted number of stories and required setbacks. The number of residential units permitted would be based on building area instead of lot area, incentivizing larger buildings with little variation in unit size. This would encourage developers to build the biggest boxes possible within required setbacks, limiting flexibility in site design and reinforcing a tendency toward large, monolithic buildings with little open space.

Variety in building size and age yields vibrancy and produces higher levels of economic and social activity than exist in districts primarily composed of large new buildings. Somerville's small-scale

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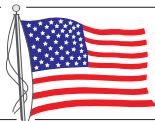
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Everybody is invited to take on the Mayor's Fitness Challenge.

The View Of The Times



Not many of us can boast that we are perfectly fit and not in need of some serious physical training. Those who are that fit can number themselves among the most fortunate. With fitness comes a better quality of life, a generally healthy state of being, and the satisfaction of knowing that one is living their lives to the fullest. At least as far as our bodies are concerned.

The Shape Up Somerville program, in conjunction with the Mayor's Fitness Challenge, serves as a great motivator for those who may need a little boost in getting their bodies tuned and trimmed. There is a wide array of programs and activities available for everyone, of all ages and fitness levels. And once you get started, it's pretty hard to let go of it.

It's far too easy these days to fall into couch or desk potato mode, letting our muscles dissipate, respiration diminish, and generally become less alive than we ought to be. Modern medicine backs up the fact that those who remain active live longer, healthier, and more vital lives. Now, who doesn't want that?

All it takes is just the will to get it started. It only gets easier from that point onward. So let's shape up, Somerville. We all want to be as proud of ourselves and each other as we can possibly be. Our bodies are just as much a part of who we are as our hearts and minds are. Let's live like we know it.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

We heard from several sources telling us that the new zoning proposals just might not have enough votes to pass. Several aldermen have made critical comments. Who will be blamed for it if it doesn't move forward, the mayor or his planning department?

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With all the different groups popping up in Union Square, it's fun to see if there is a connection. A connection to SCC maybe? Maybe the entire city should be concerned about Union Square and what the developers are going to do. Maybe the formation of a citywide citizens group would be good? We notice that the local cable access news station is fixed on giving the current developer who won the project a hard time. Are some people associated with the neighborhood group or groups part of SCATV?

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If you haven't already marked your calendar please do so for Sunday, April 28 at the City Club, across from Holiday Inn. Family and friends of former Alderman Tom Taylor, who recently passed away, will be having a celebration of his life, to remember Tom and all the good he did here in the city he loved so much. The event will be starting at 4 p.m.

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The yearly SHS Raffle is here again with the \$10K first prize winners and many other prizes to be given away. This hard working Scholarship Foundation is selling tickets at \$100 apiece. Send \$100 to Joseph Favaloro, P.O. Box 440275, Somerville MA 02145. The drawing will be held May 8 at the Highlander Café at Somerville High at 7 p.m.

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The very nice Alderman in Ward 7, Katjana Ballantyne, is having a fundraiser/campaign kickoff April 28 at the ever-popular Ward 7 place to meet, PJ Ryan's in Teele Square. Katjana was elected Vice President of the Board of Alderman and we hear she's doing a great job. We'll see everyone at PJ's on the 28th from 6-8 p.m.

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Happy Birthday this week to several Villens here and elsewhere who are still Villens: We send happy birthday greetings to one of our own past Assistant Editors, Andrea Gregory, whom we wish many happy returns and always our best. Happy birthday to a guy well known, especially in East Somerville, Jeffrey Lewis is celebrating this week. We wish him the very best. Andrew Lafuente a great guy and very popular in his own right, notwith-

standing his father's name. We wish Andrew the very best this week. To our old friend Sue Pye, we wish her very many happy returns of the day as well. And finally, to another Hart family member whom we have known a long time, we wish Tyler Hart the very best as well. To the many others we didn't mention, we wish the very best this week on their birthdays.

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

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Also coming up on Saturday, the 11th,

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

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The Tufts University Department of Music presents A Sense of Place, a performance by the Tufts Wind Ensemble under the direction of John McCann, in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 8 p.m. Join Tufts Wind Ensemble as they explore music that evokes specific times and places, including scenes of nature, culture, and history. The program includes Franz von Suppe's "Morning, Noon, and Night in Vienna," arranged by Henry Fillmore; Swiss composer Frank Martin's "From the Rhone to the Rhine," and Darius Milhaud's "Suite Francaise" that celebrates the sections of the country liberated by the Allied forces and French Underground during World War II.

# The Maple Syrup Boil Down

On March 26, the East Somerville Community School 2nd grade class came to the Growing Center and enjoyed five educational stations: Maple jeopardy, arts and crafts, syrup taste test, boiler observation, and tapping demonstrations.



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# High School Hockey Banquet

The SHS Highlanders Hockey team’s end of the season banquet was held at the City Club this past weekend.



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SPORTS

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Fundraiser

By Tom Bannister

The First Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Fundraiser was held at the East Somerville Community School Gymnasium last week. The event was sponsored by ESCS Parents Judi Walker, Maisy Sullivan, ESCS teachers Tim Cronin, Scott Weaver

and in collaboration with all Somerville Public Schools, the School Improvement Council and the PTA to benefit yearly ESCS student and family activities. Somerville Public School grades 6-8 students took part in the event. There were raffles, a live DJ, face painting, pizza and drinks.



— Photos by Claudia Ferro



Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What were one of the earliest Easter treats, made by European monks and given to the poor during Lent?

2. What popular Easter candy was first made in Europe in the 1800s?

3. What is the symbolic meaning of matzah?

4. If your birthday is on the fifth of March, what is your zodiac sign?

5. Which historical figure was killed on the Ides of March?

6. Which country celebrates Martisor?

7. In the Chinese calendar what year follows the year of the Monkey?

8. How many freckles did early TV puppet Howdy Doody have?

9. On what TV program did Johnny Carson first team up with Ed McMahon?

10. The Brockton Bomber was a nickname for what fighter?

11. On May 21, 1881, Clara Barton founded what organization?

12. Brian Jones was in which pop band until his death in 1969?

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# Duhamel Annual Pancake Breakfast



The Duhamel Education Initiative 19th Annual Pancake Breakfast to support Somerville Public Schools took place on Saturday, March 28 at the First Church Congregational. Residents and public officials took part in the fundraising event that benefits Somerville schools.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro

# What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

You will get an in-depth recap of Union Square redevelopment updates in this episode of Somerville Neighborhood News #36.



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



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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Wednesday, April 15, 2015** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Fu Xing Ge Inc. d/b/a Yumi, for an Entertainment by Devices at 263 Elm St, Somerville, MA

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Jean Batzek**  
Administrative Assistant

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**NOTICE OF INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER II CLASSIFICATION**

**290 Highland Avenue  
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RTN 3-4124**

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. As a result of this investigation, the site has been classified as Tier II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On March 31, 2015, 290 Highland Avenue, LLC filed a Tier II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact EndPoint LLC Engineers and Environmental Professionals, located at 25 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, New Hampshire, (603) 965-3810.

The Tier II Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be reviewed at MassDEP's Northeast Regional Office located at 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts, 978-694-3320.

Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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Ms. Cam's

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Olio

Answers

1. Hot cross buns

2. Chocolate eggs – they were first made in Germany in the 19th century

3. It represents the unleavened bread that the Hebrews had to eat when leaving Egypt

4. Pisces

5. Julius Caesar, who was assassinated on his way to the senate

6. Romania

7. Year of the Chicken

8. 48 – one for each state in the union at the time

9. On the daytime quiz show *Who Do You Trust?*, in 1958

10. Rocky Marciano

11. The American Red Cross

12. The Rolling Stones

Historical Fact

CONT. FROM PG 5

he was promoted to Rear Admiral and Commander of submarines in the South Pacific.

During the early months of combat, many captains reported misfires or duds with their torpedo shots. Because he had been involved in early torpedo research, this bothered him. It took some time, but the problems were finally corrected. Admiral Christie was the highest-ranking Flag Officer to engage in actual submarine wartime patrols. He joined one of them on the tail end of an epic patrol. The boat's name was "The Hard-



er," commanded by Captain Samuel Dealey of Texas and had sunk three Japanese destroyers on that fifth mission. Later, the Harder and its crew were lost on their sixth mission. At Admiral Christie's urging, Captain Dealey was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

Not all torpedoes were launched from submarines. Some were dropped from planes, and some were launched from P.T. (patrol torpedo) boats, such as former Lieutenant John F. Kennedy's PT-109. Kennedy went on to Congress representing the Somerville area before becoming President. "Dealey Plaza," in Dallas, Texas, is the site of the former President's assassination. It is named after newspaper publisher



George Dealey, the uncle of Submarine Captain Sam Dealey.

During his career, Vice Admiral Ralph Waldo Christie received many honors and awards. Among them were the Navy's Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy's Legion of Merit, and the Army's Silver Star for gallantry in action while serving as Commander of Submarines in the Seventh Fleet. The Silver Star medal was presented to him by General Douglas MacArthur.

Density and neighborhood character

CONT. FROM PG 10

urban fabric gives it unique character that should not be compromised by inappropriate increases in density.

The zoning overhaul would increase building heights in all MU districts. Much of Union Square, for example, is zoned 5MU. This would permit 5 story buildings up to 70' in height, a height increase of 15'. There is nothing wrong with taller buildings, but they should be located so as to minimize view and shadow impacts.

This is particularly important along historic view corridors from Prospect Hill. Views from parks, streets and homes give people a unique sense of place that is important in reducing the feeling of crowding that can come with density. The combined effect of increasing allowable building area, density and height could also encourage developers to replace many smaller historic buildings.

Backyards, lawns and gardens help

compensate for Somerville's parks-and-open-space deficit. Larger new buildings lack these spaces, making it all the more important that new parks, gardens and open space are created to connect people to the natural world and each other. Inadequate park and open-space requirements are among the proposed zoning's greatest shortcomings.

Our already dense residential neighborhoods are not the place to increase density. Yet the new zoning would permit 3-unit and 4-unit buildings where only 2-family buildings are now allowed. One outcome could be speculators buying up single-family homes and replacing or converting them to multi-family properties, thereby reducing Somerville's already limited stock of family housing.

As a city, we have made good decisions when we based them on hard evidence. The hard evidence needed to evaluate the proposed zoning or-

dinance should include creating examples of buildings that would actually be allowed under the existing and proposed zoning, across a range of districts. This would illustrate the changes' impacts, as well as highlight unintended consequences—all the more important in light of the proposed new permitting process, which reduces citizen participation and negotiated outcomes.

Replacing the entire zoning ordinance is a difficult, ambitious and important project. Mayor Curtatone should be commended for taking it on, and planning staff, commended for all of their good work. But much remains to be done to ensure that our denser future will be a better future.

*Tim Talun is an architect with Elkus Manfredi Architects, a member of the SomerVision Steering Committee and current Chairman of Union Square Neighbors.*

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**Central Library**  
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Alan Ball-617 636-9033  
6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Thursday|April 2**

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

**West Branch Library**  
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Lego Club  
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**Friday|April 3**

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

**Sunday|April 5**  
**Easter Sunday - Libraries Closed**

**Monday|April 6**

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

**Tuesday|April 7**

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

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

**Wednesday|April 8**

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

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Middle School Writers’ Den  
Alan Ball-617 636-9033  
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**Arts at the Armory**  
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage  
7 p.m.|Cafe  
Dare To Be Square: A Camberville

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8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre**  
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**Thursday|April 2**

**Johnny D’s**  
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**Sally O’Brien’s**  
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Front Room  
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Scattershot  
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**Somerville Theatre**  
Awkward Compliment’s Thursday Night Comedy Night  
8 p.m.  
The Moth: Grandslam Championship III: Blue Moon  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

**Arts at the Armory**  
Singers’ Open Mic with Bill Duffy  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre**  
Actors’ Shakespeare Project Presents  
God’s Ear by Jenny Schwartz  
255 Elm St

**Friday|April 3**

**Johnny D’s**  
The Wait  
We Dig Free Fridays presents: The Lynguistic Civilians and Funkwagon  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Girls on Stage featuring Nancy Hewitt, Sarah Levecque, Patsy Hamel  
|6 p.m.  
The Condescendants \$5 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Cover-Up  
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8 p.m.|Performance Hall  
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and Jenny Herzog  
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre**  
Actors’ Shakespeare Project Presents  
God’s Ear by Jenny Schwartz  
255 Elm St

**Saturday|April 4**

**Johnny D’s**  
Jazz Brunch  
AfterFab–The Beatles Solo Years plus Heart Attack ack ack ack  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Stan Martin & Wicked Heart |6 p.m.  
Black Marmot, Lovesworld \$5 cover|9 p.m.  
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**Arts at the Armory**  
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Somerville Songwriter Sessions  
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre**  
Actors’ Shakespeare Project Presents  
God’s Ear by Jenny Schwartz  
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**Sunday|April 5**

**Johnny D’s**  
Jazz Brunch  
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**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m.  
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**Monday|April 6**

**Johnny D’s**  
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
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**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.  
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Front Room

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

**Davis Square Theatre**  
Actors’ Shakespeare Project Presents  
God’s Ear by Jenny Schwartz  
255 Elm St

**Tuesday|April 7**

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

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Honkytonk Masquerade |7:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
8:30pm - Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz  
Back Room  
8:00pm Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**On The Hill Tavern**  
Stump Trivia (with prizes)  
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**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Ghetto People Band  
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**PJ Ryan’s**  
Pub Quiz  
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**Arts at the Armory**  
Youth Arts Arise: An Exploration in Film Making  
3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine  
Folkapotamus and Joe Holt  
7 p.m.| Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre**  
Actors’ Shakespeare Project Presents  
God’s Ear by Jenny Schwartz  
255 Elm St

**Wednesday|April 8**

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Youth Arts Arise: The Landscape of Watercolor  
3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine  
Teen Open Mic Night  
6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre**  
Actors’ Shakespeare Project Presents  
God’s Ear by Jenny Schwartz  
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CLASSES AND GROUPS  
Wednesday|April 1

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

**Central Library**  
Board Game Night  
Ellen Jacobs- 617-623-5000 x2914  
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

**Thursday|April 2**

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

**First Church Somerville**  
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).  
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**Saturday|April 4**

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Somerville Winter Farmers’ Market  
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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

**Sunday|April 5**

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

**Third Life Studio**  
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

**Monday|April 6**

**Central Library**  
Chess Night  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

**Tuesday|April 7**

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Prenatal Yoga  
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

**Third Life Studio**  
The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com  
7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

**Wednesday|April 8**

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

**Central Library**  
Screening of Dear Mr. Watterson  
Kevijn O’Kelly-617.623.5000 x2961  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

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.

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

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Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

**Ralph and Jenny Center:** 9 New Washington Street,  
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**Computers 101** – Tuesday, April 7 – 10:30 to Noon at our Holland Street Center. Class #1- Learn the basics you'll need to get started on your computer and the internet. This free class is being taught by Meghann Ackerman, the City's Social Media and Community Engagement Specialist. Classes are limited to 5 participants so please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Laptops will be available for your use but feel free to bring a laptop or tablet from home.

**Cabaret** – Monday, April 13 – Join us as we head to the Berklee College of Music Café 939 for a great evening of Broadway favorites as well as musical theatre-inspired originals! Leaving Holland Street at 6:00 P.M. with an approximate return time of 9:00 P.M. \$15. covers bus transportation and entertainment. Please call Janine Lotti for more information or to sign up at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

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

**Computers 101** – Tuesday, April 14 – 10:30 to Noon at our Holland Street Center. Class #2 - Learn the basics you'll need to get started on your computer and the internet. This free class is being taught by Meghann Ackerman, the City's Social Media and Community Engagement Specialist. Classes are limited to 5 participants so please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Laptops will be available for your use but feel free to bring a laptop or tablet from home.

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

617-625-6600 ext. 2300

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

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

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

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

LGBT EVENTS

**LGBT Monthly Lunch** – Monday, April 13 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. Hot & Cold lunch options available – food provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder services – suggested donation of \$2.00. RSVP required by 2:30 P.M. Thursday, April 9th. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2316 or MBastardi@Somervillema.gov This event happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

**LGBT Advisory Group** – Monday, April 13th - 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS:

Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice. The Ralph & Jenny Center will remain closed on Mondays and will resume Mondays after the first of the New Year.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

**Mondays:**

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

**Tuesdays:**

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

**Wednesdays:**

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H)  
Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H)  
Fit 4 Life\* Group C, Noon (H)  
Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M., \$10/week for shoes and dues  
Zumba for All, 5:15 P.M., \$3 per class (H)

**Thursdays:**

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

**Fridays:**

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 A.M.  
Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9:00 A.M.  
Fit 4 Life\* Group C 12:00 P.M.

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

**Wednesday|April 1**

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

**Thursday|April 2**

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

**Friday|April 3**

No Programming

**Monday|April 6**

9:30 Monthly Breakfast (H)  
10:30 Moonlighters (H)  
11:30 Lunch (H)

**Tuesday|April 7**

10:00 English Conversation (C)  
10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)  
10:00 Cards (RJ)  
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)  
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)  
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

**Wednesday|April 8**

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Thank you for your time.

The amount of disinformation being spread on Somerville’s new proposed zoning has prompted me to write this letter.

There are claims the new zoning code would somehow devalue property by a newly imposed limit on tenants in a single unit. The limit of four unrelated individuals to live together in a single dwelling unit, is already the law in both Somerville and the Commonwealth and has been for years. So nothing new is proposed here. The same source also claims this would limit how much rent could be charged while at the same time claiming it would cause upward pressure on rents, which is contradictory. Besides trying to figure out how both of these conditions would coexist, it is obvious the rule has not kept rents and property values from increasing every year. One has to wonder if the people trying gambit know it has been the law and if they have been violating it for years. As for

Boston allowing more and it being fine, I would say you only need to watch the news each year on the issues with rental properties in Allston. The number of neighbor complaints, fines against property owners and unacceptable living conditions is exactly what we do not want.

The consensus built over several years of Somerversion was clear that promoting a family friendly community was of vital importance. Keeping three plus bedroom units available to large families is a start and this limit helps with that, especially given how few there are. Rents will still go up and property owners will still profit, but maybe they do not go up so fast that families are priced out. This is fitting with what the residents have stated are their desires.

The zoning proposal does as much to accomplish the goals laid out by the residents of Somerville as can really be done through zoning. It tries to ensure that the highest densities of construction are

in areas that can support it and keep the feel of existing neighborhoods as much as possible. New development has always occurred. The best route to dealing with it is to incentivize development that fits into the community. This works better than allowing development where, since there is no incentive for good development there is no reason for someone not to put in something that does not fit a neighborhood, but maximizes profit at the expense of the community.

The zoning proposal does not somehow allow for unfettered development. It creates a scale based on what is already in the neighborhoods. It encourages a homeowner who wants to make changes to their house to do so in ways that fit the character of our city. If they do this, they do not need all the committee reviews they do now as almost every house in the city is nonconforming. Currently as everything is nonconforming and you need a re-view regardless there is no incentive not to design

changes or additions that do not fit the neighborhood. It doesn’t mean they can build whatever they want and all work would still require a permit. If they want something that breaks with the character of their neighborhood, then they need to go through the boards and reviews before getting a permit. This frees the review boards to take a more in depth look at new construction and ones that are making major changes while allowing home owners an easier path for most of the common changes and upgrades they may want to make to their houses.

Will the new zoning make Somerville a perfect place, no. Is it one of the most significant steps forward any city could take in dealing with the future and protecting the values and visions of the residents, yes. Should it be adopted, yes.

Brendan McDonagh  
Ward 5

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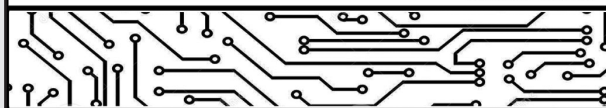
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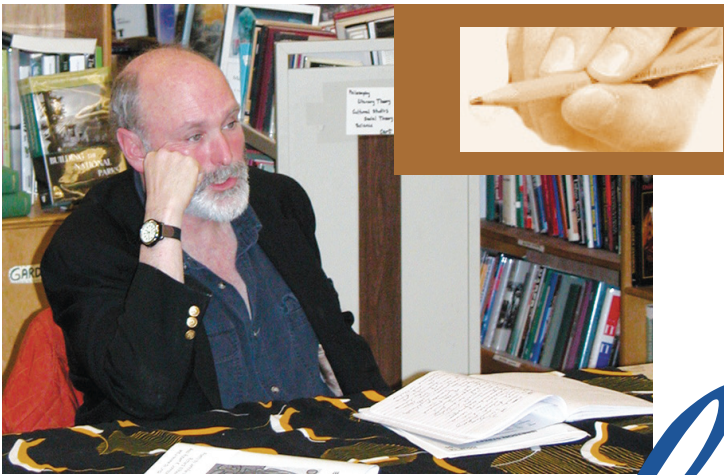
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<b>Wednesday, April 1</b>		6:00pm	TBT: Throwback Thursday a SCATV Production	1:00pm	Art as Protest	7:30am	Eckankar
6:30am	Road to Recovery	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
7:00am	Somerville Film Group	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Life Matters	7:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Telemagazine	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape
9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	4:30pm	Culture Club	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group:
10:30am	Art at SCATV	11:00pm	Art as Protest	6:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
11:00am	Abugida TV	<b>Friday, April 3</b>		7:00pm	Somerville Film Group	2:30pm	Esoteric Science
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group	7:30pm	Creative Somerville	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	7:30am	Shrink Rap	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
2:00pm	Physician Focus	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:30pm	Literati Scene
2:30pm	SCATV Presents	9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:00pm	Ville Pirates
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	10:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Youth Programing
5:00pm	Energy Theater	11:00am	Henry Parker Presents:	<b>Sunday, April 6</b>		7:00pm	The Somerville Line
6:00pm	Trance: A Romantic Journey	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	6:00am	Program Celebrai	8:00pm	Abugida TV
6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	1:00pm	Race, Community, and Police Relations	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
7:00pm	Art as Protest	2:00pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
8:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Evangelico	<b>Tuesday, April 8</b>	
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:00pm	Somerville Jazz Festival 2014	10:30am	Active Aging	7:00am	The Struggle
10:00pm	Art at SCATV	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:30pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	6:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	11:30am	Taking Back Your Health	9:00am	The Struggle
11:00pm	Visual Radio	6:30pm	Art at SCATV	12:00pm	Inside Talk	10:00am	Shrink Wrap
<b>Thursday, April 2</b>		7:00pm	Somerville Film Group:	12:30pm	Somerville Film Group	11:00am	Wicked Sober
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:30am	Ablevision
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Energy Theater	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	2:00pm	Legacies - A SCATV Production	1:00pm	Art as Protest
9:00am	Cancer Explained! TV show	10:00pm	The Somerville Line	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:00pm	Art at SCATV
9:30am	Girls Talk	11:00pm	Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	2:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:30pm	Wikiest link	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	3:00pm	Tele Galxie
11:00am	Greater Somerville	<b>Saturday, April 5</b>		5:00pm	Race, Community, and Police Relations	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
11:30am	Ablevision	6:00am	Arabic Hour	6:00pm	Abugida TV	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer (L)
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	The Somerville Line	7:00pm	African Television Network	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	Creative Somerville
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	6:30pm	Culture Club
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	11:00pm	Nate's Slot/Doghouse	7:30pm	Greater Somerville (L)
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	11:00am	Dead Air Live	<b>Monday, April 7</b>		8:00pm	Dead Air Live
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:00pm	Honk Festival	6:00am	Ablevision	9:00pm	Energy Theater
5:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		Blocks D2/D3		Charette – Pin Up Presentation		Student of the Quarter Awards - 2nd Qtr	
<b>Wednesday, April 1</b>				Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2015		6:00pm: Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance	
9:00am:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	12:00pm:	Talking Business – Union Sq.	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	7:00pm:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation
12:00pm:	Greek Independence Day Celebration	12:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	7:30pm:	Women's History Month Reception	7:30pm:	Connecting Communities
1:15pm:	Raising Families	1:00pm:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq.	8:30pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY	8:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Medford
1:45pm:	SomerViva em Portugues		Charette II – Housing	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	10:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Peabody
2:15pm:	Connecting Communities	3:15pm:	Voices of Somerville - GLASS	12:30am:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	<b>Sunday, April 5</b>	
2:45pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	3:45pm:	Raising Families	1:00am:	Raising Families	12:00am:	Student of the Quarter Awards - 2nd Qtr
3:15pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	6:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	1:30am:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	2:30am:	Highlander Forum - CTE
6:30pm:	Connecting Communities	7:00pm:	Connecting Communities	2:00pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	3:00am:	SHS CTE Vocational Fair
7:00pm:	Congressional Update	7:30pm:	Talking Business – Union Sq.	2:30pm:	Women's History Month Reception	9:00am:	Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer Finals
7:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	8:00pm:	Women's History Month Reception			10:00am:	Girls' Intramural Middle School Soccer Finals
8:00pm:	Talking Business – Union Sq.	9:00pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	<b>EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15</b>			
8:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	9:30pm:	Greek Independence Day Celebration	<b>Wednesday, April 1</b>			
9:00pm:	2015 Mayor's Business Town Meeting			9:00am:	Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance	11:00am:	SHS College & Career Night
10:15pm:	Highlander Forum - CTE			10:00am:	Highlander Forum - CTE	12:00pm:	Playoff Hockey: SHS v Marblehead
<b>Thursday, April 2</b>				11:00am:	Connecting Communities	1:30pm:	Teen-Police Basketball Game
12:00am:	Connecting Communities	12:00am:	Connecting Communities	12:00pm:	Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer Finals	3:00pm:	SHS Hockey v Latin Academy - 1/24
12:30am:	Congressional Update	12:30am:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	1:00pm:	Girls' Intramural Middle School Soccer Finals	5:00pm:	SHS CTE Vocational Fair
1:00am:	Raising Families	1:00am:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq.	3:00pm:	SHS College & Career Night	6:00pm:	Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer Finals
1:30am:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	3:15am:	Women's History Month Reception	4:00pm:	Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance	7:00pm:	Girls' Intramural Middle School Soccer Finals
2:00am:	SomerViva em Portugues	3:45am:	2015 Mayor's Business Town Meeting	5:00pm:	Highlander Forum - CTE	8:00pm:	SHS College & Career Night
2:30am:	2015 Mayor's Business Town Meeting	9:00am:	SomerViva an Ayisyen Kreole	6:00pm:	Connecting Communities	9:00pm:	Playoff Hockey: SHS v Marblehead
9:00am:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2015	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	7:00pm:	Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer Finals	10:30pm:	Teen-Police Basketball Game
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	8:00pm:	Girls' Intramural Middle School Soccer Finals	<b>Monday, April 6</b>	
12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	1:00pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	10:00pm:	SHS College & Career Night	12:00am:	SHS Hockey v Latin Academy - 1/24
1:00pm:	Congressional Update	1:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	<b>Thursday, April 2</b>			
1:30pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2015	2:00pm:	Voices of Somerville – GLASS	12:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball v Medford	1:30am:	SHS CTE Vocational Fair
2:00pm:	Greek Independence Day Celebration	2:30pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	1:30am:	SHS Boys Basketball v Malden	2:00am:	Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance
3:00pm:	Raising Families	3:00pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2015	3:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball v Everett - 1/23	9:00am:	Connecting Communities
6:30pm:	Voices of Somerville - GLASS	6:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	9:00am:	Student of the Quarter Awards - 2nd Qtr	10:00am:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation
7:00pm:	SomerViva an Ayisyen Kreole	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:00pm:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation	11:00am:	Summer Camp and Activity Fair
7:30pm:	Raising Families	7:30pm:	Talking Business – Union Sq.	1:00pm:	Summer Camp and Activity Fair	12:00pm:	SHS CTE Vocational Fair
8:00pm:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq	8:00pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	2:00pm:	SHS CTE Vocational Fair	1:00pm:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation
	Blocks D2, D3 Design	8:30pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2015	3:00pm:	Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance	2:00pm:	ESCS Black History Month Concert
9:15pm:	Greek Independence Day Celebration	9:00pm:	SomerViva an Ayisyen Kreole	4:00pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards - 2nd Qtr	3:00pm:	Connecting Communities
<b>Friday, April 3</b>				7:00pm:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation	4:00pm:	Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance
12:00am:	Congressional Update	9:30pm:	2015 Mayor's Business Town Meeting	8:00pm:	Summer Camp and Activity Fair	5:00pm:	Connecting Communities
12:30am:	SomerViva an Ayisyen Kreole			9:00pm:	SHS CTE Vocational Fair	6:00pm:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation
1:00am:	Raising Families			10:00pm:	Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance	7:00pm:	Summer Camp and Activity Fair
1:30pm:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq.			<b>Friday, April 3</b>			
	Pin Up Presentation			12:00am:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation	8:00pm:	SHS CTE Vocational Fair
9:00am:	Talking Business – Union Sq.			12:30am:	Summer Camp and Activity Fair	9:00pm:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation
12:00pm:	SomerViva en Espanol			1:00am:	SHS CTE Vocational Fair	10:00pm:	ESCS Black History Month Concert
12:30pm:	Raising Families			9:00am:	SHS Girls Basketball v Malden - 1/30	11:00pm:	Connecting Communities
1:00pm:	Talking Business – Union Sq.			11:00am:	SHS Girls Basketball v Norwood	<b>Tuesday, April 7</b>	
1:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte			1:00pm:	Argenziano School MLK Concert	12:00am:	Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance
2:00pm:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq.			2:00pm:	SHS CTE Vocational Fair	1:00am:	Connecting Communities
6:30pm:	Congressional Update			3:00pm:	Highlander Forum - CTE	9:00am:	Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance
7:00pm:	2015 Mayor's Business Town Meeting			4:00pm:	Connecting Communities	10:00am:	Summer Camp and Activity Fair
8:15pm:	Talking Business – Union Sq.			5:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball v Malden - 1/30	11:00am:	Connecting Communities
8:45pm:	Highlander Forum - CTE			7:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball v Norwood	12:00pm:	SHS College & Career Night
9:15pm:	Women's History Month Reception			9:00pm:	Argenziano School MLK Concert	1:00pm:	Highlander Forum - CTE
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	Blocks D2/D3			11:00pm:	Highlander Forum - CTE	3:00pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards - 2nd Qtr
<b>Saturday, April 4</b>				<b>Saturday, April 4</b>			
12:00am:	SomerViva em Portugues	12:00am:	Connecting Communities	12:00am:	Connecting Communities	6:00pm:	Summer Camp and Activity Fair
12:30am:	Voices of Somerville - GLASS	12:30am:	Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance	9:00am:	Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance	7:00pm:	Connecting Communities
1:00am:	Raising Families	1:00am:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation	10:00am:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation	8:00pm:	SHS College & Career Night
1:30am:	Talking Business – Union Sq.	1:00am:	Connecting Communities	11:00am:	Connecting Communities	9:00pm:	Highlander Forum - CTE
2:00am:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq.	1:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	12:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Medford	10:00pm:	ESCS Black History Month Concert
		1:00pm:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq.	2:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Peabody	12:00am:	Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance
						12:30am:	Connecting Communities
						1:00am:	Summer Camp and Activity Fair



OFF THE SHELF  
by Doug Holder

‘Dead Lions’ by A.D. Winans

AD Winans has appeared numerous times in the LYRICAL SOMERVILLE and Somerville’s literary magazine IBBETSON STREET. Here is a review of his latest book:

Dead Lions  
by A.D. Winans  
Punk Hostage Press \$16.95



Left to right: A.D. Winans, Jack Micheline

A.D. Winans, founder of the ground-breaking San Francisco-based Second Coming Press and doyen of the San Francisco poetry scene for the past 40 or 50 years, has a new book of essays out titled *Dead Lions*. Winans throws his focus on four writers: screenwriter Alvah Bessie (Bessie was one of the Hollywood Ten, who appeared in front of the House Un-American Activities Committee in the 1950s), Jack Micheline, the poet and Whitmanesque wanderer, Charles Bukowski, the dirty old man of poetry, and Bob Kaufman, one of the great Beat poets to come out of the North Beach scene in San Francisco.

Since I am primarily a poet, I am most interested in Winans’ accounts of Micheline, Bukowski, and Kaufman. Winans aptly starts with Micheline’s death on a San Francisco subway. A poetic death in transit, like Lowell’s in the back of the cab – unlike most men who die undignified deaths from straining on the toilet, or drowning in cancer and heart disease. Winans recounts Micheline’s wanderlust, his prolific trips across the country, and his outrageous behavior fueled by booze. Micheline, although he published 20 books, was spurned by the City Lights Press, Black Sparrow and other notable publishers because of his “offensive” behavior. But Micheline never changed his ways. Winans writes:

“He refused to bow to anyone, choosing to write for the people, hookers, drug addicts, blue collar workers and the dispossessed, and he did it from deep inside the heart.”

Micheline was befriended by Bukowski, but Bukowski did not share the religious fervor he brought to his poetry. Yet Bukowski respected the man. Winans quotes from a letter Bukowski sent to him:

“Micheline is all right – he’s one third bull shit, but he’s got a special divinity and special strength. He’s got perhaps a little too much of a POET sign pasted to his forehead, but more often than not he says good things – in speech and poem – power-flame, laughing things. I like the way his poems flow and roll. His poems are total feelings beating their heads on barroom floors.”

Much has been written about Charles Bukowski, and in fact Winans has written a memoir published by Dustbooks, *The Holy Grail: Charles Bukowski and The Second Coming*, that I reviewed years ago for the Small Press Review. Still, it is interesting to hear Winans’ take on things, even though we might have heard it before. Winans met Bukowski when Winans was publishing his *Second Coming* magazine in San Francisco. He even had an issue dedicated to Bukowski. Winans sees many admirable qualities in the BUK – but – he gives us the full view of this man with the pockmarked face:

“Hank was a man of many virtues, but to see him (as many do) as a man whose motive and actions were in the best interests of the down and out, simply ignores the fact he betrayed and tore apart

many former friends, both in short stories, and in vindictive poems, frequently breaking off friendships whenever someone got too close to him, and often on brutal terms.”

Winans points out that besides his poetic acumen Bukowski was a great entertainer. Here, Winans describes Bukowski on stage, before his reading:

“Once on stage, he wasted no time in opening the refrigerator door and popping open a can of beer to the sound of wild cheers. I watched him survey the crowd for several seconds before tilting his head back and drinking half the contents from the beer can. Again this simple act was met with rousing cheers.”

The North Beach section of San Francisco is now more of a tourist destination, as gentrification of the city has forced out many of the poets and writers with astronomical rents. I recently saw some footage from a documentary with Lawrence Ferlinghetti (Founder of City Lights Books), who talked about the high tech sector coming in and gutting the city – to where he barely recognizes it. (Watch out Somerville!) But in the 50s and 60s this was a hotbed of creative energy. North Beach is a six block area from lower Grant Ave. to upper Grant Ave. in the city. Poet Bob Kaufman, known as the “American Rimbaud” was a prime player here. He co-edited the well-known lit mag *Beatitude* with William Margolis. Kaufman was the son of an Orthodox Jew and an African-American mother, brought up in New Orleans. His best known book was published by the noted Avant-garde Press, New Directions. The book, titled *Solitudes Crowded with Loneliness*, created quite a stir in the local literary community. Winans hung out with Kaufman in the Co-Existence Bagel Shop, a happening spot at the time and he recalls a very dramatic poet:

“Kaufman entered the establishment, climbing on top of the tables, and reciting a newly written poem ... The audience hung on his every word.” Later, Kaufman got into difficulty with the police and was often hauled to the city prison after he wrote on its walls of the bagel shop, “Adolf Hitler, growing tired of Eva Braun, and burning Jews, moved to San Francisco and became a cop.”

The book is chock full of Winans’ fly-on-the-wall accounts of these renegade poets and writers. This is not a scholarly book, there is no real intensive analysis of their work, but it is a lively introduction to these men – and well worth the read. The book should whet the readers’ interest and hopefully they will want to explore these men further. I also wonder about the women poets of this era – but perhaps that is meant for another book.

— Doug Holder

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Draped Mirrors

the relatives sit squeezing tissues  
looking at the hollow place

where Aunt Rose used to be  
now her gold-edged photo

smiles from the piano  
and every mirror’s draped

with white towels  
I remember her laugh

her hands stirring pots of sauce  
wide fingers winking diamonds

now lights are dim  
gems gifted to daughters

glasses folded blind in a drawer  
and it’s right that mirrors

sleep through haunted hours  
wrapped in layers of cloth

so the dead can’t try to step out  
or the living find a way to slip in.

— Nina Rubinstein Alonso

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