



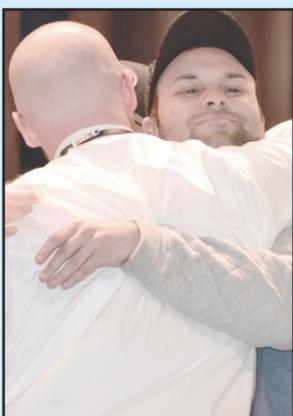
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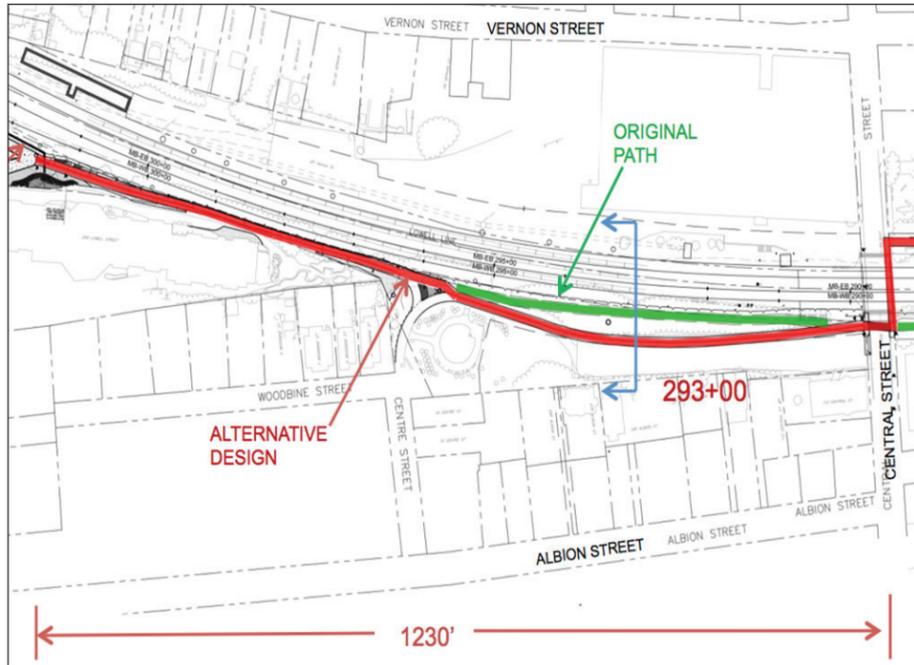


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MBTA presents redesigned community path extension



The proposed design alternatives for the Community Path would bring down costs, but many are asking if there is too much compromise built into the plan.

By Josie Grove

At the latest presentation about the redesigned Green Line Extension, MassDOT and its consultants presented a redesigned Community Path featuring nearly \$80 million in savings. "The cost of the path turned out to be \$100 million. \$10,000 per linear foot, or \$53 million per mile," said Jack Wright, the interim project manager. The redesigned path will cost around \$20 million.

The estimated cost for the entire Green Line Extension shot up nearly \$1 billion over budget last summer, and the extension was cancelled. The redesigned extension aims to help cut the project's costs to bring it under budget, so that the extension can move forward. "The MBTA and our consultants are doing our best to deliver a project that we can afford," said Frank DePaola, general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. *Continued on page 4*

Somerville Open Studios volunteers rise to the occasion

By Haley ED Houseman

Somerville Open Studios kicked off on Friday, April 8, with the SOS Volunteer Show opening at Diesel Cafe. While the reception for the show was celebrated in style on the 15th, the show will be up until May 20.

The SOS weekend and surrounding events are organized and executed entirely by volunteers, Somerville artist and resident Rachel Mello conceived the idea to include the contribution of the dedicated volunteers who make the show possible.

Since 2010 the organization honors their contribution with an exhibit showcasing the artwork of the volunteers, with the help of a dedicated team of coordinators, many of which are artists themselves.

Managed by Christina Tedesco, they make sure the many events of SOS unfold over the course of the next month and a half with admirable precision.

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Instinct to Dream (II) by Rachel Mello, hanging installed at Diesel Cafe.

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

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

Happy 54th Wedding Anniversary to Tony and Donna Alibrandi, two of the city's nicest people you'd ever want to meet. A great couple and very generous to a lot of non-profits here in the city. They set an example for a lot of us to give back to the community as they do. Tony and Donna are big supporters of the Alibrandi League, a group of champions, and why not with a name like Alibrandi? Tony is also one of the longest working barbers here in the city, right there on Holland Street next to Renee's, together with Paul. Two great barbers in a nice friendly shop that features the current gossip about what's going on around Somerville. A lot of people don't know it, but Tony has and is serving the city as one of the three election commissioners appointed a long time ago by a few mayors. Walk in or call the barbershop and wish him a happy anniversary and

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

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

Charlie says:

Great advice we should all live by. Thanks Mayor!

Matt says:

Please install bike lanes on Elm St and College ave so people have a safer place to bike from Tufts to the rest of Somerville.

Alex says:

Thank you, Mayor Curtatone, for a thoughtful piece about how all road users need to respect the rules of the road and be courteous to each other. As a daily bike commuter and pedestrian, regular recreational cyclist, and occasional car driver, I see the overwhelming majority of car drivers, bike riders, and pedestrians doing exactly what you are advocating for – being predictable, being kind, and caring for their neighbors. It's a small proportion of bike riders, car drivers, and pedestrians that behave unpredictably and potentially cause harm. Thank you for reminding us of things to look out for as the weather warms up!

One note I would like to add is in response to your paragraph about bike riding with the sentence, "Ride to the right." I think this should say, "Ride where it is safe to ride." Sometimes, this is to the right side of the lane – or, in a bike lane (or, soon-to-be-protected bike lane!). However, especially in Somerville, riding "to the right" can be incredibly unsafe. The last time I was hit by an SUV was on Elm street near Porter heading towards Mossland. I was riding to the right – which encouraged the SUV to try to squeeze by me. Their passenger side, rear-view mirror clipped my shoulder and took me down. Similarly on the north-south, one lane/one direction streets like School Street – it is safest to be in the middle of the lane. Staying to the right places you directly in the "door zone" (the space where a parked car's door would be if it were opened unexpectedly), and it also encourages cars to try to squeeze by on the left (which is very tight on School!).

And, this behavior – riding where the bike rider feels safe – is protected by Massachusetts General Laws and grants bike riders the right to ride in the full lane at any time unless specifically prohibited (like on Storrow Drive in Boston). This is also true even when there is a bike lane. A bike can still legally take the full lane when a bike lane is present – sometimes the bike lanes are unsafe! Especially in the winter or when street cleanings haven't happened in a while. All of this is to say, I am concerned that the directive in your piece to "ride to the right" leaves the impression that bike riders MUST ride to the right. In many conversations with car drivers, I often hear, "you need to get out of the car lane." I do my best to educate about the rules and the safety of road users.

Thanks again for all that you and your administration do to make Somerville a great place to live! Each season brings new and better facilities to the roads that make it safer for my family and my friends. I look forward to all of the exciting projects – especially the Beacon Street redesign/reconstruction, the grounding of McGrath, and the long-term plans for Union Square. I also look forward to improved facilities along Broadway from Magoun through East Somerville. The next several years will be exciting to watch!

Freebie says:

So exciting – this is why I live here!

Response to: *Discounted rain barrels available through Somerville program*

Vanta Black says:

How exactly do these barrels collect water? Just leave the tops open? Can't yield very much water.

BMac says:

You run a diverter, also available, from a gutter downspout.

I have one under the down spout from garage, it will fill several times over the summer. Actually it will over fill during some of the week long rains we get in June.

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Celebrating Over 100 Years of Service

The Fletcher Ideas Exchange at Tufts University

By Sal Ghamo

On Thursday, April 14, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University presented their annual TED-type event known as The Fletcher Ideas Exchange. An eclectic group of individuals, that included students and faculty, shared years of their own personal research in regards to human security, peace building, and inclusion.

The event kicked off with Eileen Babbitt who began the discussion with Human Security, Legitimacy, and Inclusion. Human security became the salient point of conversation because it acts as the foundation for our perceptions of government and the way our society operates. While we'd like to believe that Human Security is primarily defined as protection of individuals and communities from physical or psychological harm, there's also the more expansive definition that can be expounded as the promotion and reliance of well-being.

Essentially, human security is about both negative peace (the absence of violence) and also positive peace (societies and institutions that promote equity, dignity, and well-being). Fletcher incorporates these ideas by using human security to draw on fields such as conflict resolution, human rights, as well as humanitarian assistance and development.

This understanding of human security did well to augment our concept of what it actually is and how it affects us. It also

functioned as a good segue into legitimacy. It was interesting to see how legitimacy is a goal that we as people would like to foster. The question then becomes, what are the relationships between enhanced human security and legitimacy?

The take away here is that the more inclusion there is with the state and people the more legitimacy is improved, even though politicians will only consider inclusion if it is expected to improve legitimacy. This strategic move, which of course needs more research before it can be considered 100 percent accurate, suggests that legitimacy is not a certain quality but is instead a subjective notion.

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Following Babbitt's introduction there was a video concerning legitimacy that unfortunately stated that there is no simple relationship between providing people with basic services and their perception on the legitimacy of their government. People receiving services don't care about who's delivering their services, they are more concerned with the quality of them. At local and central levels, individ-



The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University presented their annual Ideas Exchange event last Thursday, April 14. — Photo by Sal Ghamo

uals who receive poor services will have a negative perception of government. High quality services, transparency, and good relations between people and the state will result in a better perception of government legitimacy.

The next speaker was Ian Johnstone, who served in the Executive Office as the Secretary-General of United Nations. Mr. Johnstone talked briefly about the UN Peace Operations. The UN peace keeping brand has been under extreme scrutiny in the past and is experiencing one of its worst critiques ever. Host governments are asking

peacekeepers to leave, local populations are throwing rocks at UN vehicles, and violent extremists are bombing UN compounds. Mr. Johnstone talked about how UN peace operations have become more ambitious, in accordance with their mission to help transform societies. This means getting at the root causes of internal conflict. That entails disarming x-combatants, it means monitoring human rights and conducting elections, and it also means helping to rebuild security, justice, and political institutions.

Today we have scholars who are considering the UN

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Three bags and hot pants to go

Police were summoned to the T.J. Maxx and HomeGoods at the Assembly Square Marketplace last week on reports of a shoplifter in the process of stealing merchandise.

Upon arrival, store security personnel informed the officers that the suspect, later identified as Keesha Vickers, of Brockton,

was confronted about the merchandise but refused to cooperate and kept walking away.

Police caught up with Vickers as she proceeded along Artisan Way, reportedly observed carrying three handbags. When asked to stop by the officers she reportedly told them, "I ain't talking to you until the real cops show up!"

The officers nonetheless detained Vickers for questioning and a search of her belongings. She was reportedly found to be in possession of three handbags with store tags and security sensors attached to them. The total value of the handbags in her possession was quoted as \$389.97.

Vickers was placed under ar-

rest on a charge of larceny over \$250 and taken in for booking.

While being taken through the booking process, Vickers reportedly set off the metal detector as she passed through it. Upon closer examination, police determined that there was a security sensor attached to the pants that Vickers was wearing.

Police reported that Vickers was uncooperative and refused to take off the pants. She reportedly told them, "The pants are stolen, so what? I didn't take them from that store."

While placed in a holding cell, female officers were eventually able to cut the security device off of Vickers' pants.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Marquille Morrissey, of 9 Oliver St., Everett, April 11, 10:27 a.m., arrested at Fellsway on a warrant charge of drug possession to distribute.

Alexandra Tristan-Ribeiro, of 17 Park St., Melrose, April 11, 6:04 p.m., arrested at George St. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and possession of a class C drug.

Jacob Robinson, of 24 Dane Ave., April 11, 6:04 p.m., arrested at George St. on a charge of drug possession to distribute.

Fabiano Evangelista, of 125 Liberty Rd., April 12, 11:11

a.m., arrested at Appleton St. on a charge of larceny of a motor vehicle and on warrant charges of utter false check and check forgery.

Anthony Gullotto, of 36 Lindsey Rd., Billerica, April 12, 11:11 a.m., arrested at Appleton St. on a charge of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and larceny of a motor vehicle and on warrant charges of utter false check and check forgery.

Keith Hill, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, April 12, 3:56 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on multiple warrant charges of attempt to commit a crime.

Keesha Vickers, of 30 Melrose Ave., Brockton, April 13,

2:46 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on a charge of larceny over \$250.

James Williams, of 20 Washington Ave., Chelsea, April 13, 10:44 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a warrant charge of number plate violation.

Stephanie Hahn, of 88-98 Nightingale St., Dorchester, April 14, 2:46 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of removal of theft detection devices, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and larceny from a person.

Nga Tran, of 5 Fisher Rd., Worcester, April 15, 1:48 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on warrant charges of possession of a class A drug and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended

license.

Joel Denaris, of 62 Eastern Ave., Worcester, April 15, 1:48 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on warrant charges of shoplifting over \$100 by asportation and shoplifting by asportation third offense.

Paul Stewart, of 9 Victoria Heights Rd., Boston, April 15, 7:11 p.m., arrested at College Ave. on a charge of drug possession to distribute, and on warrant charges of possession of a class D drug, possession of a class B drug, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Michael Lopes, of 34 Summer St., April 15, 9:05 p.m., arrested at Fellsway West on

warrant charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, drug violation near a school, failure to stop for police, conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class C drug, assault with a dangerous weapon, failure to stop or yield, use of a motor vehicle in a felony larceny, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Gregory Radin, of 388 Highland Ave., April 16, 12:58 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Andy Bui, of 221 Central Ave., Chelsea, April 16, 8:18 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

MBTA presents redesigned community path extension

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The length of the line and location of its seven stops must stay constant to retain \$1 billion in federal funding, but everything else, including the station designs, vehicle maintenance facility, and the area around the tracks, will be subject to cuts. It is not clear whether or not the Community Path is part of the full funding grant agreement with the federal government, and if the path must be built in order to retain that funding.

The path will carry cyclists and pedestrians from the existing path at Lowell Street to Poplar Street. The redesigned path covers the same length, but will sit in the recessed area near the train tracks, rather than at street level. "It's intended to meet the spirit of the original community path," said Jack Wright, the project's interim manager. "It doesn't do it as well as the community path does." Most of the \$80 million in savings come from eliminating the need to move earth and build walls, as it relies largely on existing retaining

walls around the rail corridor. Having the Community Path at street level was "a very grand idea, but also a very expensive idea," said Wright.

About 3,000 feet of the path's 10,000-foot length will go out of the rail corridor. The redesigned path crosses Central Street and comes down the east side of the corridor until School Street. Path users will have to cross the street twice to continue along the path.

At Walnut Street, the path will pass beneath the station, through a tunnel between 80 and 100 feet long. Wright and other engineers explaining the design were quick to point out that the tunnel would be lit with LED lights and contain emergency call boxes.

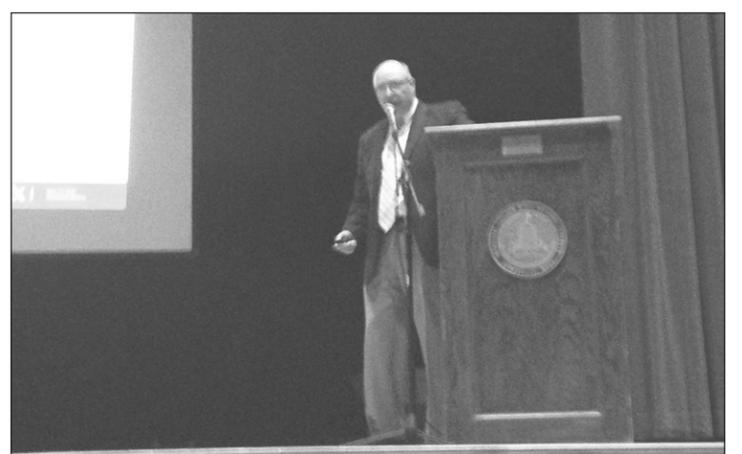
The original design had a ramp to go up onto McGrath Highway, but the new path ends just before the highway, at Poplar Street. There is not a ramp there in the new design, but it would be possible to add later.

Wright admitted the redesign

had disadvantages, but said it was necessary to build a cheaper path. "I want to emphasize at this point that the goal of the team is to get the GLX back being built, to bring the Green Line service back to Somerville," he said. "Everything else behind that service is somewhat secondary."

"The path itself is at least as important to us as the Green Line," countered resident Justin Maloney. "It's really difficult to get anywhere," he said, citing Somerville's hills and many one-way streets. Maloney and many other residents were dismayed that the path leaves users on McGrath Highway. Heather Van Altz said, "I can say for sure there is no bike lane on McGrath highway today." Dick Bauer agreed, saying, "To have it end up on McGrath highway defeats the purpose."

Many residents were still angry that the Green Line Extension is having to find cost savings. "I think Somerville deserves a \$100 million community path," said Mike Connolly



Interim GLX project manager Jack Wright at last Wednesday's meeting.

— Photo by Josie Grove

of the Cambridge Residents Alliance. "Somerville has sacrificed for everyone else's transit convenience."

"We can't envision not needing that \$80 million," Wright said of the cuts.

Others at the meeting were impatient for the path, saying they had been waiting decades for the Green Line. More than one asked for a date by which the GLX would be finished. "As far as giving a date, the most important factor here is the board has stopped the GLX proj-

ect for now," Wright said. "If it gets started again, we can start talking about a date."

Bill White, the president of Somerville's Board of Aldermen wants a commitment to go forward with the GLX. "If the board of directors presents to us some cuckoo truncated project ... my advice to the mayor would be to go ahead, guns a-blazing, to pursue our rights under the Clean Air Act."

The MBTA's board of directors will decide on May 9 whether or not the project will go through.

Medical marijuana info session scheduled



By Charles Lane

Now that medical marijuana is legal in Massachusetts, the City of Somerville has established a Medical Marijuana Treatment Facility Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from the city's Department of Health and Human Services, the Planning Department, and the Police Department.

The Advisory Committee will serve to administer a fair and objective municipal review process for all parties interested in opening a Medical Marijuana Treatment Facility in Somerville.

Officials are inviting interested parties to an information session where

they will explain how the application process will work. The session will take place on Tuesday, April 26, 11:30 a.m., at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

Potential applicants are especially encouraged to attend, as formal applications will be made available. Members of the public are also welcome to attend.

Medical marijuana treatment facilities will be limited to certain central business districts, and the city has drawn up an overlay map of their potential locations. You can find the designated areas here: http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/MedMarOverlay_2016.02.23large.pdf.

'Jahar' film to be shown at the IFFB

By Jessica Kenney

Henry Hayes and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, classmates of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, will be screening an original short film titled *Jahar* at the Independent Film Festival Boston at the Somerville Theatre.

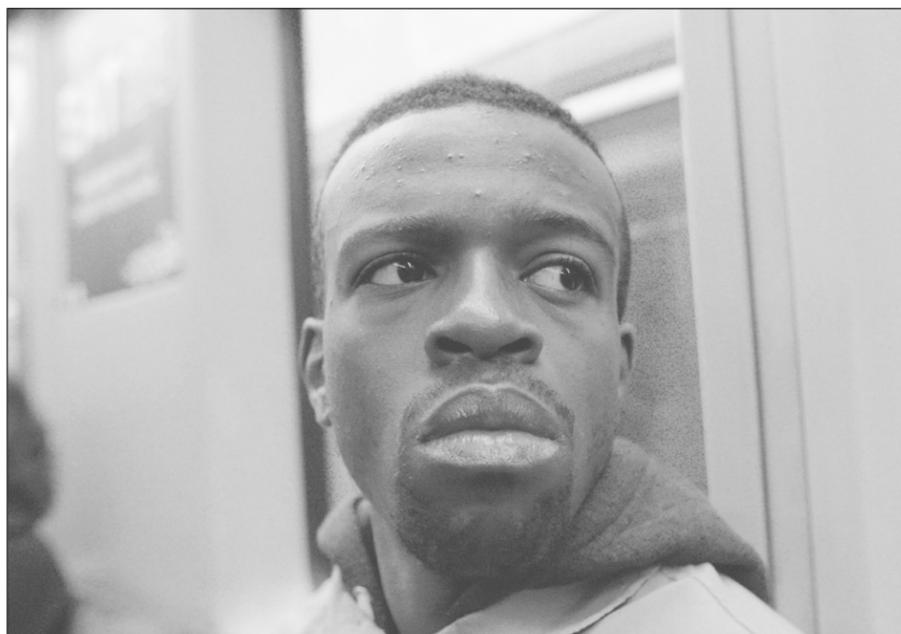
The 12-minute film takes place in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013, and is based on the realization that their friend assisted in carrying out the attack.

Although the characters are fictionalized, the story behind them is very real. While most communities were able to heal together after the attacks, the friends of the Marathon bombers had a different experience. Connecting memories of a person they called a friend to the person who had taken part in this deadly crime kept them on the outside

of the healing process most people were partaking in.

Jahar recently premiered at Tribeca Film Festival in New York, and director Henry Hayes said it was "well received." He stated that he wants audiences to "open up to some degree" and view this different narrative about the aftermath of the tragic events at the Boston Marathon in 2013. He wanted to be clear that in making the film, he and Kanno-Youngs "do not want to compare their smaller pain to the victims of the bombings." They are simply telling their story, a personal story.

The film was directed by Henry Hayes and written by Hayes and Kanno-Youngs. It was produced by Lizzie Shapiro and stars Devante Lawrence, Andrew Raia, Andre Ozim, and Alberto Rosende. It is playing at the Somerville Theatre on April 28 and May 2. Tickets are available online at <http://iffboston.org>.



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Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Butternut Squash Soup

If you're looking for a rich tasting, thick and creamy soup without all the added fat, this recipe is perfect. Serve with your favorite salad. This recipe yields about 6 servings.

- 8 cups of 1" diced roasted butternut squash
- 1 cup chopped leeks *see note below
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion, roughly chopped
- 4 medium garlic cloves, roughly chopped
- 3 Tbl olive oil
- 32 oz chicken stock
- 3 tsp chicken base (bouillon paste)
- 3 tsp salt and 2 tsp pepper, (more or less to taste)

Preheat oven at 425 degrees. Peel, seed, and dice butternut squash into 1" pieces. Place the squash onto a lined baking sheet, add 2 Tbl olive oil, 2 tsp salt and 1 tsp pepper and blend together. Place the squash into the

oven, and roast until tender, about 20-25 minutes. In the meantime, add 1 Tbl of olive oil to a 6 quart stock pot, add the leeks, onion 1 tsp salt, and 1 tsp pepper to the pot and sweat until translucent, about 10 minutes. Turn the heat up slightly, and lightly brown the leeks and onions, this will take about 2 minutes. Turn the heat back down and add the garlic and cook for about 1 minute. Add the chicken stock and the chicken base. Once the squash is roasted, add it to the stock-pot. Cook for about 10 minutes. Use an immersion blender to blend until smooth. A regular blender may also be used, (do in batches not filling the blending more than of the soup at a time, since the hot liquid expands in the blender and can burn. Garnish with your favorite croutons and a drizzle of olive oil.

*Once the leeks are chopped, place them into a bowl of cold water and agitate them, this will help get the sand out of the leeks. Remove the leeks from the bowl and set in a strainer to drain off the residual water.



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16 Wesley Street	8 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	81	\$569,900	\$545,000
50 East Albion St	8 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Multi-Level	19	\$689,000	\$701,000
193 Morrison Ave	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Other	29	\$799,000	\$851,500
30 Conwell Ave	8 room, 4 bed, 4f 0h bath Victorian	380	\$1,399,900	\$1,330,000
63 College Ave	9 room, 4 bed, 3f 2h bath Victorian	1	\$1,690,000	\$1,690,000

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6 Dresden Cir U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	41	\$874,900	\$910,000
11 Rogers Ave U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	23	\$945,000	\$940,000
6 Dresden Cir U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	61	\$974,900	\$945,000
17 Village Street U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	24	\$985,000	\$985,000
34 Weston Avenue U:13	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	149	\$995,000	\$995,000
100 Vernon St U:3	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	40	\$999,900	\$1,050,000
17 Village Street U:4	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	1	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000
139 Summer U:1	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	127	\$1,199,900	\$1,199,900
17 Village Street U:5	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	3	\$1,225,000	\$1,255,000

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24 Wigglesworth Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	69	\$569,000	\$588,000
47 Gordon Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	7	\$639,000	\$650,000
19 Clarendon Ave	2 unit, 10 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	24	\$649,900	\$650,000
199 PEARL STREET	2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	364	\$699,900	\$575,000
7 & 9 Columbus Ave	2 unit, 15 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	30	\$900,000	\$950,000
17 Sycamore Ter	4 unit, 20 total room, 8 total bedroom 4 Family	174	\$989,900	\$950,000
45 Lexington Avenue	2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	19	\$999,999	\$1,090,000

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Filming at Officer Sean Collier's Somerville home



Filming of the Mark Wahlberg-starring movie Patriots Day, took place on Monday, April 15, in Somerville. The filming took place at Officer Sean Collier's former home on Curtis St. Monday marked the third anniversary of the Boston Marathon Bombing. MIT Officer Sean Collier was shot on MIT'S campus by the Boston Marathon Bombers, the Tsarnaev brothers. The movie is about the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing and the days that followed. — Photos by Bobbie Toner

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of April 11-15.

4133)
House 151-0, Senate 35-0, approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a bill authorizing the state to borrow \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state.

Supporters said this would help cities and towns improve their roads and bridges and keep them safe.

Although no legislators voted against the proposal, the Massachusetts Municipal Association had urged legislators to increase the funding to \$300 million per year and have it in effect for several years.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$200 million.)

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

RULES FOR HOUSE BUDGET DEBATE (H 4199)

House 116-34, voted strictly along party lines and approved a set of Democratic leadership-sponsored rules to be followed when the House considers the fiscal 2017 state budget beginning on April 25. Provisions include requiring all amendments to be filed online, any proposed tax hikes or reductions to be considered early in the process and amendments to be filed within three days after the budget is filed.

Supporters said that these rules are fair and responsible and will help make the budget debate go smoothly.

Opponents said the rules include several provisions that are anti-democratic and weaken the input of individual members.

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

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

ALLOW MORE TIME TO FILE BUDGET AMENDMENTS (H 4199)

House 35-115, rejected a Republican-sponsored amendment that would give members seven days instead of three days to file amendments to the fiscal 2017 state budget.

Amendment supporters said the budget is a massive document that members must have time to read and understand before proposing amendments.

Amendment opponents said the three-day window has worked well and should not be changed. They noted that the Ways and Means Committee needs the early deadline so it can properly prepare the amendments for debate.

(A "Yes" vote is for allowing more time to file amendments. A "No" vote is against allowing it.)

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

AMENDMENTS OFF TO STUDY COMMITTEES (H 4199)

House 34-115, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a rule requiring a two-thirds vote to ship proposed amendments off to a study committee unless the sponsor of the original amendment agrees with conducting a study.

The rule was designed to stop what Republicans describe as successful attempts by Speaker DeLeo and his Democratic leadership team to prevent Democratic members from having to vote directly against many GOP proposals including ones to reduce taxes.

Here's an example of how the GOP says it works: The Republicans offer a proposal to reduce the income tax from 5.1 percent back to 5 percent. If the Democratic leadership does nothing, there would be a roll call vote directly on the tax reduction. Most Democrats would vote against the reduction and then would be open to charges of being against tax relief.

Instead, a Democratic member offers a "delaying" amendment that would prohibit the tax reduction from taking effect until the Department of Revenue studies its economic impact.

Under House rules, the amendment to study and delay the tax cut is voted upon first. If it passes, which it always does, no other amendments can be introduced and the original proposal that would simply cut the tax is dead without ever having a direct vote on it. Republicans say the studies are a sham because they are never done.

They say this is all pre-planned by the Democratic leadership when the presiding officer at the podium calls upon a Democratic representative who is loyal to him and the member proposes the delay and study. Even if a Republican member is waving his or her hand and shouting to be recognized, he or she will not be called upon because he or she would not propose the delay and study.

Some Democrats say the study is often a legitimate option to examine the impact of the tax reduction. Other Democrats acknowledge that the study is proposed to prevent a direct vote on the tax reduction.

Supporters of the proposed rule said this Democratic ploy is used to confuse the voters. They argued that the new rule would at least give supporters of tax reduction amendments a better opportunity to successfully force a vote directly on the tax cuts.

Opponents of the proposed rule said the current system has worked fine and argued that requiring a two-thirds majority for further amendments was simply another procedural delaying tactic by the minority party. They said that raising the bar to a two-thirds majority is a slippery slope that will lead to proposals to require a two-thirds vote for all kinds of legislation.

(A "Yes" vote is for the rule requiring a two-thirds vote. A "No" vote is against the rule.)

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

ALLOW TWO HOURS TO READ BUDGET AMENDMENTS (H 4199)

House 34-116, voted strictly along party lines and

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rejected a Republican proposal increasing from 30 minutes to two hours the period given to legislators to read any proposed consolidated amendment to the House budget prior to debate and a vote on it.

Supporters of the new rule said these amendments are often up to 30 pages long and legislators are asked to vote on them while the paper is still warm from the copying machine. They said that this system is anti-democratic and results in members voting on something that they have not even read.

Opponents of the new rule said the current 30-minute rule has worked well.

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

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

CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENTS (H 4199)

House 34-116, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a rule that would prohibit more than one consolidated amendment from being considered in a single vote. The consolidated amendment system works as follows when the House is considering the state budget: Individual representatives file dozens of amendments on the same general subject matters including local aid, social services and public safety. They are then invited to "subject meetings" in Room 348 at which they pitch their amendments to Democratic leaders who draft consolidated amendments that include some of the individual representatives' amendments while excluding others. Current rules allow several of these consolidated amendments, each on different subjects, to be lumped together into a single, omnibus consolidated amendment and put to a vote. The proposed rule would prohibit that practice.

Supporters of the new rule said the omnibus consolidated amendment creates a dilemma for legislators who support one or more of the amendments contained within the omnibus consolidated amendment but oppose the others. They argued members should have the right to vote on each consolidated amendment separately.

Opponents said that current rules already allow a single member to separate his or her amendment from any consolidated amendment and request an up or down individual vote on that amendment.

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

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

TAKING DRIVER'S LICENSES AWAY FROM TAGGERS AND VANDALS

The Senate approved and sent to the House two similar bills. One would repeal a current law that requires anyone convicted of tagging to have his or her driver's license suspended, regardless of whether the crime itself involved driving a vehicle. The other would repeal a similar law that requires anyone convicted of vandalism to have his or her license suspended, regardless of whether the crime itself involved driving a vehicle. Tagging, also known as graffiti, is using spray paint to deface public or private buildings and other property. Vandalism is any destruction of property by any method.

Supporters of repeal said the current laws are outdated, illogical and counterproductive because they prevent many offenders from driving to work or to get a new job, driving their children to school, traveling to a doctor and using their car for the things necessary in day-to-day life.

Opponents of repeal said the bills minimize the seriousness of these crimes and take away one more tool in discouraging and preventing them. The next four roll calls relate to those two bills:

TAGGING (S 727)

Senate 28-7, approved and sent to the House the bill that would repeal a current law that requires anyone convicted of tagging to have his or her license suspended, regardless of whether the crime itself involved driving a vehicle.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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VANDALISM (S 728)

Senate 28-7, approved and sent to the House the bill that would repeal a current law that requires anyone convicted of vandalism to have his or her license suspended, regardless of whether the crime itself involved driving a vehicle.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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INCREASE TAGGING FINE (S 727)

Senate 7-28, rejected an amendment increasing the fine for tagging from a minimum of \$1,500 to a minimum of \$2,000.

Supporters said the increase would get tougher with these vandals and serve as a deterrent. Opponents said the increase will not be a deterrent. They noted the court can already impose probation fees and require some kind of restitution.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No
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INCREASE VANDALISM FINE (S 727)

Senate 8-27, rejected an amendment increasing the fine for vandalism from a maximum of \$1,500 to a minimum of \$2,000. Supporters and opponents restated the same arguments that were used in the prior roll call on increasing the fine for tagging.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

FIRST RESPONDER DAY (H 4161) - The House and Senate both approved and Gov. Baker signed into law a bill designating the day before Patriots' Day as First Responder Day. Patriots' Day falls annually on the third Monday of April.

Supporters said this will honor these police officers, firefighters, EMTs and other first responders who save many lives every day and especially on the day of the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013.

SOLAR ENERGY (H 4173) - Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that raises the public and private net metering caps from 5 percent of utilities' peak load to 8 percent, and from 4 percent of utilities' peak load to 7 percent. The measure also decreases the reimbursement rate paid to solar energy producers by 40 percent.

Supporters said the bill is a fair and balanced one that

keeps the solar industry moving forward while watching out for the ratepayers at the same time.

Upon signing the bill, Gov. Baker said, "This legislation builds upon the continued success of the Commonwealth's solar industry and ensures a viable, sustainable and affordable solar market at a lower cost to ratepayers. As our administration continues its balanced approach to diversifying Massachusetts' energy portfolio, solar development will be an integral component of our state's clean energy future."

QUOTABLE QUOTES - *Special Transgender Legislation Edition on pending bill that would prohibit discrimination against transgender individuals in the state's public accommodations.*

"If the transgender bill gets to my desk, I will make sure I talk to all parties involved before we make any decision."
— Gov. Baker, in his keynote speech at a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) event.

"Boo. Boo. Boo. Sign the bill." — *The crowd's response to Baker's remarks.*

"I reject that claim. It's false politics. Intellectually dishonest." — *Legal Counsel Jonathan Alexandre, Legal Counsel of the Massachusetts Family Institute on statements that have compared the transgender rights movement to the Black Civil Rights movement.*

"This is a simple bill that will make a significant impact on the lives of transgender people. The business community has long known that anti-discrimination policies aren't just good for people, they're good for business. We thank these companies for making the message clear: transgender people deserve to feel safe and welcome in Massachusetts." — *Attorney General Maura Healey on the business community's support for the bill.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of April 4-8, the House met for a total of five hours and 32 minutes and the Senate met for a total of nine hours and 36 minutes.

Mon. April 4	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.
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Tues. April 12	No House session No Senate session
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Wed. April 13	House 11:04 a.m. to 5:16 p.m. Senate 11:09 a.m. to 4:11 p.m.
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Thurs. April 14	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.
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Fri. April 15	No House session No Senate session
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COMMENTARY

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If we don't plan for our artist and maker community, we risk losing it



By Joseph A. Curtatone

A world without art is madness. Fortunately Somerville has a thriving arts community that breathes vitality and sanity into our city. But if we don't plan an arts and maker community into our future, we risk losing it. It can be difficult for artists to find the space they need in a small, in-demand city. That's why we wrote incentives to support the arts and maker communities right into our proposed zoning code. Think of it as a very dull way to do something exciting—and critical.

Artists played a key role in our city's modern success story. As others fled, artists flocked here and put their stamp on the city—and stayed. Somerville now has one of the high-

est concentrations of artists in the entire country. They acted like an impromptu urban revitalization program, beautifying our neighborhoods, adding flair to our city squares and infusing our community with creative energy.

Somerville has since become a city about making and doing: a place where creativity flourishes. It's a community ethos every municipality wants and that money can't buy. As a parent, I can't put a price on the inspirational value of my children growing up in a place filled with people who got an idea and ran with it. Our artists and makers bring originality and fearlessness to our community. Making sure that extends on into forever is one of the highest priorities in our attempts to update the city zoning codes.

I'll add there is some urgency here. We do not want to see a swath of development without these regulations on the books. We have spent years formulating the ideas that can ensure a bright future for our arts and creative

economy. Now we need to put them in place.

One of our main proposals is that new developments in our major transformational districts like the Inner Belt, Brickbottom and Boynton Yards devote 5% of their gross floor area for arts and creative space. That way our arts community grows along with our business and residential communities. We want studio space and performance/exhibit space. Just having the provision on the books that developers need to account for the arts opens up a whole set of discussions about how they can incorporate creative and public spaces into their building designs.

Another big idea we're trying to move forward is the expansion of what we call a Fabrication District. Rather than concentrating it one spot, we've identified 78 parcels of land all across the city, encompassing 27 acres that would form this "district." It would allow for a wide range of artist and maker uses: art galleries, artisan enterprises, creative studios, a culinary

incubator with shared kitchen space, a design/fabrication center with shared tools, DIY workshops, broadcast/recording studios, small-scale manufacturing. We've seen the shared, co-working space concept take off with the Artisan's Asylum, the Greentown Labs tech incubator and Canopy Somerville startup accelerator. To a degree, it's modeled on what you see at art schools, which combine classical arts with print shops and metalworking and high-tech design. The idea is to have a space where everyone's creative juices are flowing and you can develop unexpected and game-changing synergies.

Our estimation is the Fabrication District can sustain 3,000 jobs. We also want to create a special permit for live-in studios inside that district. I won't bore you with a recitation of the regulations around it, but the main idea is that work-live spaces are crucial for the artist and maker communities. We also have proposed zoning rules for artists to use their neighborhood residences,

garages, and carriage houses as creative/studio spaces. This is the sort of thing we all get to take a peek at during open studios and the goal of the zoning here is just to make sure we've got our regulations around that activity up to date.

We're also looking to foster the adaptive reuse of older buildings, like the Arts at the Armory. If an old storage or industrial site, or an old civic building, can be transformed into a creative space, we want the way to do that written into our zoning code.

Our zoning code is where we put our values into action. It's easy to say we love our artists and makers communities, but that's just empty words if we don't plan for the future of those communities.

Right now we don't have a firm plan for our arts and creative economy ensconced in our by-laws and it is one of the many things we need to address with a new zoning. If you care about these issues, get involved and make sure Somerville updates its zoning in 2016.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:

On Saturday, Apr. 30, Fossil Free Somerville (FFS) and supporters will rally in Davis Square and then march to Somerville City Hall to demand that the City divest its pension funds from fossil fuel companies.

At a time when swift action is vital to prevent the worst effects of climate change, fossil fuel companies continue to profit from dangerous, climate-altering fuels. A number of municipalities and academic institutions have already divested from fossil fuels, condemn-

ing these dirty sources of energy and the industry that extracts them. They include the California Public Employees Retirement System, which divested from coal companies, and the City of Providence, Rhode Island, which divested from eight major fossil fuel companies in 2015.

The City of Somerville now has the opportunity to make the same statement of protest with its pension fund investments. "The fossil fuel industry has knowingly damaged our shared environment for decades," says Colby Cunningham of FFS. He describes divestment

as not only a moral responsibility, but a fiduciary one—the Massachusetts pension fund's fossil fuel stocks lost \$521 million in value during the previous fiscal year, suggesting that Somerville (which manages its pension funds independently) risks losses from its own oil, gas, and coal holdings. On Apr. 13, 2016, Peabody Energy Corporation, the world's largest private-sector coal company, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, further exemplifying the financial losses hitting fossil fuel companies.

FFS has staged a three-year campaign for the Somerville Retirement Board to

vote to divest, and now expects the Board to decide for or against divestment within the next few months. FFS members emphasize that this is an important time for the public to show divestment support—"the time is now," says Shoshana Blank. "We've been waiting for three years, three years when these fossil fuel investments did not perform well."

WHEN: 2 p.m., Saturday, Apr. 30
WHERE: Rally in Davis Square, then march to Somerville City Hall at 2:30 p.m.

Fossil Free Somerville

Acclaimed director Mira Nair appearing at Tufts

Tufts University will launch the Mellon Sawyer Seminar in Comparative Global Humanities April 20 with a conversation with Oscar-nominated director Mira Nair, part of a multi-month, interdisciplinary initiative to innovate humanistic studies in literature, religion, history, philosophy and art by looking beyond national cultures to global sto-

ries of connection and conflict. *Between Two Worlds: A Conversation with Mira Nair*, will feature a discussion with the internationally acclaimed director about her films, including *Monsoon Wedding*, *Mississippi Masala*, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, and others. Nair's work explores issues that the seminar will examine

in depth, including race, gender, diaspora, cultural encounter, and inter-generational conflict.

The event will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. in Cohen Auditorium, 40 Talbot Avenue, on the Tufts University campus. Nair's visit will be preceded on April 19 by a screening of *Salaam Bombay!*, her Oscar-nominated debut film,

at the Brattle Theater in Cambridge at 7:00 p.m.

Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation through a \$175,000 grant, the Mellon Sawyer Seminar allows Tufts faculty members and students to collaborate with researchers from other Boston-area universities and universities across the world.

COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Well, back to the drawing board. Again. And again...and...

Our View Of The Times



It's like a pebble in our shoe. This seemingly endless annoyance of dealing with getting the GLX funding adequately squared away without bankrupting ourselves in the process. A dizzying array of meetings and press releases to digest, while hoping to form an educated opinion on where we should stand on all of this.

Most of us seem to agree that the GLX and the accompanying Community Path are things that will enhance the quality of our lives, increase our property values, and so on. The sobering question that must always be applied is at what cost do we achieve these things?

Already the cost overruns are staggering. Questionable bidding and contract

awarding practices have left us gun shy and hesitant to believe anything that anyone tells us. And yet the issue remains: do we see it through to the end - at whatever cost we can manage to cover - or just call it quits and quietly crawl away, licking our many wounds.

There is middle ground, of course. Scaling back on "luxuries" and compromis-

ing certain aspects of the original design factors could bring the budget down to a workable figure. That's what this latest round of meetings is mostly about. We're looking to save the project, which is what we probably ought to do.

But won't it be nice if and we we finally get past all of this fuss and bother about it? Please, let's just get it done.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

ask what's the trick to being married to a nice lady like Donna. We wish them both a happy week and many more anniversaries to come.

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

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston is being thrown a fundraiser at the Mt.

Vernon Restaurant on lower Broadway. We're sure a lot of the regulars will be present, and we hope she raises a lot of money for her campaign war chest. Maybe she's running for something other than alderman? Speaking of fundraisers, the mayor recently had a fundraiser thrown for him over at the Liberty Hotel in Boston (formerly the Charles Street Jail), with lots of developers and some interesting city board members in attendance. Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang is having his own fundraiser at the Somerville Armory on Wednesday, May 11, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come celebrate Ward 5 and Somerville's progress and challenges, and contribute to its future. Guest speaker: Senator Pat Jehlen. Music by Country Hits. Complimentary food and cash bar. The suggested minimum contribution is \$50 per person, but please come and give what you can.

All of these fundraisers while we're over a year and half away from local elections here in the city. You think maybe it's because of the recent revelation that there is now just about 50K registered voters, and very shortly there will be open voting here? Funny, if you think about it. Something like 50k registered voters and in the last city election barely

10K voted. Maybe with the open voting process some of these politicians feel that maybe - just maybe - they can easily be unseated?

State Representative Denise Provost will be hosting a fundraiser for re-election this year at Orleans Restaurant on Holland Street this coming Sunday. Join the popular and great Attorney General Maura Healey and Representative Provost's Host Committee as they kickoff her re-election campaign 2016. All are welcome. Appetizers and cash bar.

After all this talk lately of renovating the High School, it appears that renovations are out and a new school is to be proposed, as well as a new wing for the renovated City Hall up on the hill. This is going to cost the taxpayers a lot of money. It sounds like we're going to be faced with a huge tax bill, which means an override on Proposition 2.5 will be on the ballot next year. Maybe some of those 50,000 registered voters are also property owners and might want to call their aldermen and voice their concerns?

Happy Birthday last week to Mr. Marshall Sloane, founder of Century Bank. He's a Somerville guy from way back

when they had Sloane Furniture in Magoun Square. We wish him a very happy birthday. He's another Somerville success story and a nice guy. He started his bank right here in Somerville in a trailer across from Foss Park in 1968, on the spot of the present building corner of Mystic Ave. and Fellsway West. Some of us here worked there briefly. A great bank that has grown to be one of the only family-owned and operated banks in the state.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday this week to a good guy Alderman at Large and lifelong resident and business owner Jack Connolly. He's been dedicated to the city his entire life. We wish him a very special birthday. Also celebrating this week is our good friend Janet Potts, who is a realtor out past Framingham, working for ERA Keys Realty. We wish her a happy birthday this week. Another local realtor from Remax, Andrew is celebrating this week. We wish Sory DeOliveira a happy birthday as well.

There seems to be a rush by some aldermen to push through a 20% rule on all future developments, which increases the amount

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241st annual Patriot's Day celebration

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin, and the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission invited all residents and community members to the City's 241st annual Patriot's Day celebration, held at Foss Park on Monday, April 18 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Co-sponsored by the Preservation Commission, Historic Somerville, the Somerville Museum, and East Somerville Main Streets, the day's events included Colonial games and songs, light refreshments, youth readings, and a visit from Paul Revere on horseback on his historic ride from Boston to Lexington through Somerville.



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10th Annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference

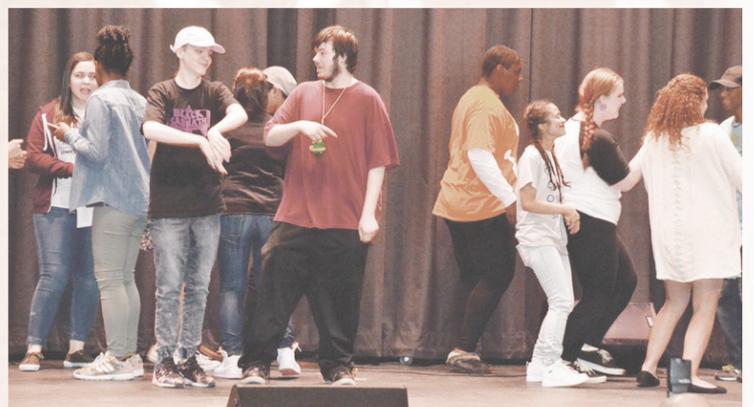
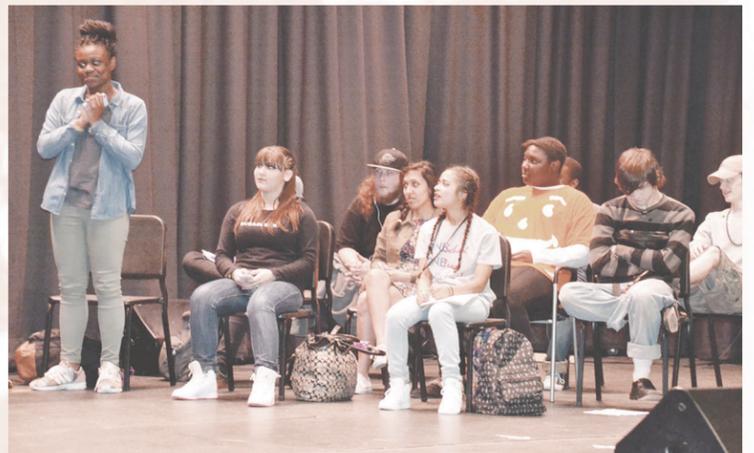
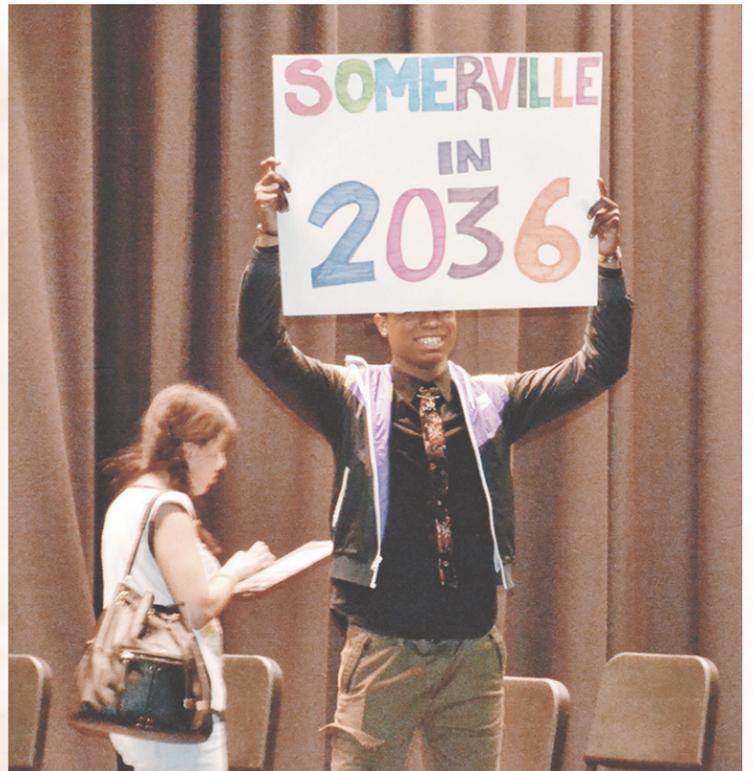
On Saturday, April 16, more than 300 youth attended the 10th Annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference at the East Somerville Community School.

The conference, *Back From the Future*, featured original performances by Somerville teens based on their own lives, workshops, and a services fair, while also highlighting the growth of Somerville over the past decade.

Attendees shared their own experiences in interactive breakout sessions facilitated by youth.

The conference, presented by the Center for Teen Empowerment, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Somerville Public Schools, and the City of Somerville, examined teen violence, substance abuse, social media, bullying and other issues, with a special focus on destigmatizing mental health.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone and other elected officials joined the mostly youth audience to listen to teens' stories and ideas.



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SPORTS

Mayor's Wellness Challenge kicks off April 24

By Charles Lane

The new, improved, and re-energized Mayor's Wellness Challenge, presented by Mayor Curatone and Shape Up Somerville, kicks off on April 24, with a 5K race and walk, and children's fun run beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Following the 5K, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., a free Wellness Kickoff Fair will feature creative ways to improve health and well-being, fitness demonstrations and mini classes for all ages, music, Wellness "goodie bags," and an opportunity to sign up for the six-week Challenge.

Join as a team or sign up as an individual, and follow throughout the Challenge for discounted health, fitness, and wellness activities and events to earn

points for prizes. The Challenge is a great way to meet like-minded residents to build positive and healthy relationships. You do not need to participate in the 5K to come to the Wellness Fair.

The annual Mayor's Wellness Challenge is a citywide event from April 24 through June 5, inviting everyone in Somerville to challenge themselves and others to focus on healthy behaviors.

Sign up as a team of five or go it alone in a friendly competition to keep up the daily healthy habits of 9-5-2-1-0: an average of 9 hours of sleep, 5 fruits and veggies, 2 hours or less of recreational screen time, 1 hour of physical activity, and 0 sugary drinks and/or tobacco. Pick one each week and gain points for



doing it daily. Winners will be announced at the Carnival @ Somerstreets on June 5.

Wellness Kick-Off activities include but are not limited to: Shape Up Somerville and Somerville Recreation 5K road race and walk, and children's fun run; Reebok's BOKS Program; Boston Kicker's Soccer; Zumba & Soba Yoga mini class; Self-defense and boxing demonstrations; Parkour; Function Movement Screenings by The Training Room; Reading with the Somerville Public Library; and Healthy snacks.

If you cannot come to the Kick-Off to register for the Challenge there are other ways you can sign up: Go to [http://](http://bit.ly/MWCsignup)

bit.ly/MWCsignup; Email SUS@somervillema.gov; Call 617-625-6600 x4312 to give your name or team name; Visit the Council On Aging, 167 Holland St., on Wed., April 27, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., or City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave. in the Shape Up Somerville office on Thursday, April 28, between 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Springtime in Somerville means many existing opportunities to be active in the community. The Challenge highlights these events and adds in a few new activities. Moving more, interacting with your neighbors, volunteering – it's these actions that contribute to our overall

wellness. Plus, you earn points. Check the calendar on our website for these "community-sponsored" events.

Top scoring teams and individuals will be rewarded with cool prizes, to be announced later. You can earn points by attending eligible events and activities, by sharing your 9-5-2-1-0 goals and achievements, and more. Prizes will be awarded based on individual score, "most engaged," and via raffles.

For more information, and to stay informed on events, activities, and opportunities to earn points, visit www.facebook.com/MayorsWellnessChallenge, or www.somervillema.gov/wellnesschallenge.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What do numismatists collect? | 7. The song <i>Rhythm Of Life</i> was featured in which musical? |
| 2. What singer wrote and released the original version of <i>Blue Suede Shoes</i> in 1956? | 8. What kind of animals are being referred to in the Art Garfunkel song <i>Bright Eyes</i> ? |
| 3. What was the term blue suede shoes slang for? | 9. India ink was developed in what country? |
| 4. What does SP and BV mean in sport card collecting? | 10. What film company made <i>The Jazz Singer</i> ? |
| 5. In mining, what is a manway? | 11. Portugal is bordered by only one country, what is it? |
| 6. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, what was the song the Navy band was playing? | 12. The world's first mid-air collision took place over what country? |

Answers on page 23

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Little Sisters of the Poor annual fundraiser



This past Saturday night the Little Sisters of the Poor held their annual dinner fundraiser at the home. A large crowd again over 300 attended. Pictured here (L to R): Gene Brune, Mother Superior, Maureen, Alderman at Large Bill White and Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters. — Courtesy of Bob McWatters

3rd Annual Band Festival

The 3rd Annual Band Festival took place on Wednesday, April 13 from 1:00–2:30 p.m. at East Somerville Community School. Bands from all the Somerville Public Schools got together to perform. Presented by Richard Saunders, Director of Music, Somerville Public Schools and Somerville Public Schools Superintendent, Mary Skipper. Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos. — Photos by Claudia Ferro



Earth Day Outdoor Film Screening

Please join the Somerville Community Growing Center in celebrating Earth Day on Friday with outdoor films and on Sunday for picnic fun.

Friday April 22, Outdoor Film Screening *Plant this Movie* and *Soil Carbon Cowboys* co-sponsored by Somerville Climate Action, SCATV & Fossil Free Somerville

7:30 PM | BYOPicnic

8:00 PM | Films

Rain/Cold Weather location will be at SCATV (90 Union Square)

This Friday two films will be shown to jumpstart the Earth Day Celebration. *Soil Carbon Cowboys* is a short documentary by Peter Byck about holistic grazing techniques being adopted by ranchers that helps store carbon in the soil. *Plant This Movie* is a feature length documentary by Karney Hatch showcasing urban agriculture all around the world.



Sunday, April 24, 12:00–4:00 p.m. Earth Day Celebration. Come get your hands dirty and help with a little spring cleaning. Or just come to enjoy the space.

Live music

BYOPicnic

Crafts

Make Your Own Worm Bin

Bring your own storage container or bucket you would like to turn into a worm bin. Volunteers and tools will be on hand to help you construct your worm bins. A big thank you to community partner, Groundwork Somerville for donating some worms.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, May 4, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-21 15 Woods Avenue. Applicant, Carol O. Dumas, and owner, Robert Bellino, Trustee, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming two-family structure under SZO section 4.4.1 to change the roof slope and add a dormer. RA Zone. Ward 7.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2015-65 400-406 Mystic Avenue. Applicant, Cedarwood Development, & Owner, A&M Foreign Motors, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to establish 20 residential units per SZO §7.11.1. Inclusionary housing units apply per §13. One of the existing nonconforming structures on the lot will be substantially altered per §4.4.1 to construct a 31,820 sf building with commercial on the ground floor and residences above. A Special Permit is required to share parking spaces between the uses. BB zone. Ward 4.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-30 165 Lowell Street. Applicant and Owner, Zev Fisher, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to extend the landing of an existing deck within the rear yard setback. RA Zone. Ward 3.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-38 44 Florence Street. Applicant and Owner, Robert H. Johnson, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to substantially alter an existing three-story, three-family residential structure by combining two units and building a roof deck within the side yard setbacks. RB Zone. Ward 1.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-33 50 Spring Street. Applicant, Jeffrey O'Neill, and Owner, 50 Spring Street Condominium Trust, seek a Variance under SZO §5.5 and §10.7.1 to construct an 8 foot fence along the side property line. RA Zone. Ward 3.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-12 18 Highland Avenue. Applicant and Owner, 18 Highland Avenue, LLC, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §7.11.1.c to substantially alter an existing, non-conforming 3-unit structure to create a 4-unit residence at 18 Highland Avenue. Applicant also seeks a Special Permit per SZO §9.13 for relief for one parking space. RC Zone. Ward 3.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-32 44 Victoria Street. Applicant and Owner, Meredith Amenkhenan, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to add a dormer within the side yard setback. RB Zone. Ward 7.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-47 9 Monmouth Street, Unit 1. Applicants and Owners, John and Karen Gledhill, are filing an administrative appeal regarding the installation of a hot tub. Zone RB, Ward 3.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-48 22-24 Hamlet Street. Applicant and Owner, K&K Development, Inc. seek a revision to a Special Permit to add a small deck and a second means of egress. Zone RA, Ward 3.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-49 22-Kent Street. Applicant Jared Wiener, and Owner TYR Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to convert a retail use to an office use. Zone IA, Ward 2.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. At such time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Invitation for Bids (IFB) copies are available free of charge for pick-up on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at the Authority's Modernization Office, 30R #1 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. The Authority will e-mail an Invitation for Bids free of charge upon request.

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

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The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, advertises open 'yard sales':

Surplus Unclaimed Bicycles for Sale

The Somerville Police Department has a surplus of unclaimed confiscated bicycles that the City would like to sell to residents and community organizations. The City is currently in possession of roughly 140 bicycles in various conditions of working order. The City will be holding multiple 'yard sales' on the grounds of the Powder House Community School on various dates in the month of May, to be determined.

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

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Somerville resident receives teaching award

Salem State University provost David S. Silva today announced the selection of Somerville resident Reva Kasman PhD as one of two faculty members to receive this year's Distinguished Teaching Award. Reva Kasman is an associate professor of mathematics and is receiving the award for faculty in the tenure track.

In announcing the winners, Silva noted that, "The award publicly acknowledges the core mission of the university through recognition of those faculty members who have profoundly inspired and engaged our students. Although only two faculty members are recognized each year—one tenure-track and one non-tenure track—the award is intended to honor all educators at Salem State who are committed to teaching excellence."

A total of 93 faculty members were nominated this year; of these, 29 chose to participate in a rigorous review process. Each candidate submitted a teaching portfolio consisting of a syllabus, examples of student work and reflections on their philosophy and growth as teachers. Members of the selection committee observed classes and reviewed surveys administered to students in two classes of each candidate. "The number of worthy candidates and the difficulty of the selection process," added Silva, "is a testament to teaching excellence here at Salem State."

The Fletcher Ideas Exchange at Tufts University CONT. FROM PG 3

peacekeeping operations to be a failure, but Mr. Johnstone pushed the idea that we as people need to be aware of the relationship between legitimacy and government. Legitimacy has nothing to do with objective standards, but it is about perceptions and beliefs. That is the UN's biggest obstacle today. Local people don't believe in the mission, not because operations are not being carried out in a professional manner, but instead because there is no consultation between local representatives in communities. It seems to be that inclusion is of crucial importance in terms of legitimacy and the struggle for peace.

Samantha Karlin, the next speaker, highlighted the plight of victims of rape. Women who become pregnant because of rape have nowhere to go for help. In El Salvador women are being put in prison for having illegal abortions. The prison sentence for rape, which few are convicted of, is 6 to 8 years, whereas the sentence for an illegal abortion can be up to 40 years.

A victim of rape can't even go to the authorities to single out the perpetrator, because she's terrified that the perpetrator will go to authorities and she will be put in prison instead. 47,000 women per year die from illegal abortions, and the U.S. Helms

Amendment actively prohibits women from accessing safe abortions. More restrictive abortion laws have not led to fewer abortions, but they have instead led to higher infant and maternal mortality.

The speaker following Ms. Karlin was Dr. Nahid Bhadelia, The Director of Infection Control and Medical Response at National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory at Boston University. Dr. Bhadelia explained the horrors of the ebola outbreak and how her experience in Sierra Leone brought the many realities of disease prevention and control to our attention.

Dr. Bhadelia emphasized that we as a people need to be more involved in the consistent investment of health care, especially during outbreaks of dangerous pathogens. There were only two laboratories for ebola treatment in the entire country of Sierra Leone. She stressed that we need to create better platforms for collaboration. A goal like that will result in a more efficient system free of corruption.

Alex de Waal, The Executive Director of the World Peace Foundation and a respected scholar, shared a video with everyone. The subject of the video concerned helping post war countries transform and reform their security sectors.

Student speaker Sophia Dawkins followed up the video with her discussion about peace processes. Dawkins spoke of the research she collected running diplomacy activities in South Sudan, as well as the precedents set by crooked governments signing illegitimate peace treaties. Her research looks at when mediation can make a difference, and she also looks at the value of written agreements.

Professor Diana Chigas, who has been with The Fletcher School since 2003, is in the field of international conflict management and negotiation. Professor Chigas talked about corruption and what can be done to fight it. There is no easy solution to the corruption, according to Chigas, so instead just being knowledgeable about certain situations make it easier to conduct research and work towards a better future. She stressed that we need to start to understand the role political leaders have in corruption so we can do more than just swing in the dark.

The next speaker was Sarah Hearn from The New York University Center on International Cooperation who talked about poverty in fragile states.

The final speaker at The Fletcher Ideas Exchange was Basma Alloush, who is

currently a student at Fletcher studying the art of communication. Alloush is from Syria, has traversed around the world, and has come a long way traveling down a road of introspection.

As a Syrian, Alloush lived in constant fear. She felt as though she was a hostage, living in silence and forgetting what it was like to be free. She was unable to share her thoughts or feelings out of the fear that there were people waiting in the shadows to catch someone with enough bravery to share their ideas. In April of 2011, Alloush participated in her first protest against corruption in Syria. She explained how in the media she is depicted as vulnerable and helpless, a refugee in the U.S. who can never return to Syria, but they could not be more wrong. Alloush is liberated, and as a Syrian she is now free.

Alloush took some time to talk briefly with *The Somerville Times* about her experience: "Initially, like I mentioned, I was really nervous to speak out against the government because I had a lot of family members and my parents actually lived in Syria at the time. But after 2012, a few months after my first time protesting, they left. They came here to the U.S.," Alloush stated.

Somerville Open Studios volunteers rise to the occasion CONT. FROM PG 1

With no limit on the size of the works for the Volunteer Show, contributors rose to the challenge to fill the cavernous space of Diesel Cafe. "You don't realize how much space there actually is," enthused Gretchen Graham, the volunteer show coordinator.

Melissa London is the show's co-coordinator, helping to make sure the show runs smoothly. No volunteer's work is turned away, and the show affords art lovers who make SOS possible a chance to participate in the event they facilitate with sweat and hours. Any sales made of work go entirely to the artists, creating a business opportunity out the volunteer

experience. Twenty-nine volunteers are exhibiting this year, many of which are SOS participants.

Graham, like many of the volunteers, is also an artist sharing her studio in the Open Studios weekend, and a long time participant in the events. "The best thing about the experience of SOS is meeting the public. People really like to meet the artists, to see the process, to interact directly."

Respectful and engaged, the crowd drawn by SOS is quite unique. It's one of the largest events of its kind in the country with over 400 participating artists displaying their work every spring.

SOS will be developing as more shows open in anticipation of the big weekend, Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1. For an overview of the artists participating, or for those who can't make it to the hundreds of studios in one weekend, the Artists Choice Exhibit opened April 17 and will run until May 21 at the Somerville Museum, featuring a spread of the artists' most exciting works before opening their studios at the end of the month.

Other shows include the Inside Out Gallery at CVS, open to the public April 1-May 2, with a sidewalk reception on April 20. There will be a Kids' Art Show

at the Arts at the Armory Café, April 25 to May 7, with a cupcake reception the final afternoon of the show.

As SOS is a nonprofit and volunteer effort, there will be a Flatbread SOS Fundraiser on Tuesday, April 26 at Flatbread/Sacco's Bowl-Haven to raise money to keep SOS rolling in the future.

A variety of complementary programming is also scheduled, including a short film festival, a bike tour, and a large celebration to close out the exhibition weekend on May 1, all of which can be found on Somerville Open Studio's website: <https://www.somervilleopenstudios.org>.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

of units developers must set aside for low to moderate income residents. But if you look at some recent developments done by one particular nonprofit you will notice not one former Somerville resident took occupancy, and already someone has mowed down the fence on the Temple Street side. The term "moderate income" should be used as much as "low income." It seems like the city has forced many of the life-long residents out because of the rush on development and renovating to the highest bidder. It's very sad to see the city turn over like it has.

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The *Somerville Times* is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in Newstalk. We guess it's because we like them.

Those who might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an ex-

tensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

Another resident who grew up here in East Somerville and who has Somerville roots passed away this past weekend. Fred "Ricky" Beebe suffered a severe heart attack. Our condolences to his family and friends. We know nothing as

of now regarding funeral arrangements. He is from Somerville and lived in Hull. His family still lives in the family home on Crescent Street.

A large crowd of about 200 residents were in attendance at the annual Paul Revere Ride ceremony at Foss Park this past Patriot's Day. The mayor was there to greet all, along with Ward 3 Alderman McWatters, Alderman at Large White and Ward 2 Alderman Heuston. We guess the other aldermen couldn't attend or wanted to make it a long weekend. The City of Somerville historical group runs a smooth operation every year and deserves a good round of applause.

It's sad to hear that the city School Department will no longer have an "Adult Evening School." It's not from a lack of teachers or a dedicated Principal and Asst. Principal of the night school, but from a lack of interest. Very sad, and a lot of people over the years took advantage of the various classes, but not lately. Special thank you to Sophia Ca-

rafotes for doing an outstanding job. She went above and beyond the call of duty trying to get people interested. She was creative and was always smiling and helpful. Maybe there will be a call again and the Superintendent of Schools, along with the School Board, will ask her to step in and give it another try. Best of luck from us here at *The Times* to Sophia and team.

The St. Clement School Comedy Night Fundraiser takes place on Saturday, April 30, 5:30-11:00 p.m. It's a night of comedy and cheer for a great cause. Silent auction, DJ, and raffles. Comedian Johnny Pizzi, with friends Sal Votano and Paul Nardizzi. Meet and get an autograph from the latest Survivor winner and Cambridge firefighter Jeremy Collins. Great food and beverages. All proceeds to benefit the students of Saint Clement School. \$25 per ticket. \$200 for table of 10. ePay: www.gofundme.com/friendsOfStClement or send a check to: Attn. Mr. Ryan Murphy, 579 Boston Ave., Medford, MA 02155.

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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|April 20**

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

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

Thursday|April 21

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

East Branch Library
PAWS to Read!
2 p.m. - 3 p.m. | 115 Broadway

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

Friday|April 22

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

East Branch Library
Sing Along with Matt Heaton
11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. | 115 Broadway

Saturday|April 23

Central Library
Family Yoga with Erin Carter
11 a.m.- 12 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Monday|April 25

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

Central Library
SHS teen group
2:45 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
Sing Along with Matt Heaton
3:30 p.m.- 4 p.m. | 115 Broadway

Tuesday|April 26

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

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

Central Library
Somerville High School Anime Club
2:45 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|April 27

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

Central Library
Teen Empowerment
6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

MUSIC|ARTS**Wednesday|April 20**

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

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Backroom Series: The Tannahill Weavers with Fresh Haggis | 7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night With Steve Maccone | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Brooke Adams
Sarah Fard
Hannah Rose Baker
Jodi Doidge
SONA
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
The A-Beez - Funk & Soul
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Thunder Road
Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night
Grateful Dead Residency | 8 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave | 617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

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

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

Davis Square Theatre
Warm-Up Wednesdays
8 p.m. | 255 Elm St

Thursday|April 21

Sally O'Brien's
Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays
7:30 p.m. | 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Lunchtime Concert Series | 1-2pm
Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Rednecks | 9:30 pm
Backroom Series: New Folk New England Tour | 7 p.m.
Scattershot | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Twin Chameleon
Basic Cable Preachers
Bear Salon
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thunder Road
The New Review (Funk/Soul)
8 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory
Castle of Comedy
8:30 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Garbage Cans of Fire, Alarms, and The Quins
8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Strange Behavior
8:30 p.m. | 255 Elm St

Friday|April 22

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band | 6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents Turbine, The Dagggers, Rick Berlin \$10 cover | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series: Everything Turned To Color, Emily Mure | 7 p.m.
Young Love & The Thrills | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Dear June
Gretchen & The Pickpockets
Caged Heat
Red Francis
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

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

Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
9 p.m. | 608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

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

Thunder Road
The Jauntee (Psychedelic/Funk Rock)
8 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing | 7 p.m.
Boston's Unscripted Musical Project | 10 p.m.
Dirty Disney | 11:30 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Love & Gravity
8 p.m. | Performance Hall
Soundproofing Concert Series Presents Something Civil & Friends
8 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

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

Saturday|April 23

Sally O'Brien's
closed for private party
9 p.m. | 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room:
Bluegrass Session | 2 p.m.
The BagBoys | 5 p.m.
Irish Session | 9:30 p.m.
Back Room
The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast
8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Backroom Series | Jeffrey Gaines | 7 p.m.
Red Square | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
The Facc-tones
The Hideout
Blame Shifters
Disquiet
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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

Bull McCabe's
Kitchen Sessions w/Luddy Mussy
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

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

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

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

Thunder Road
Los Fletcheros (Pop/Rock)
8 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory
Love & Gravity
3 p.m. & 8 p.m. | Performance Hall
The Gather Rounders
7:30 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing | 10 p.m.
255 Elm St

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Kaiju Big Battel "Once Upon A Time In The East"
7:30 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Sunday|April 24

Sally O'Brien's Bar
What She Said | 6 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Beatles Brunch | 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session | 3 p.m.
Back Room

The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast
8am - 2:30pm
Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey | 5 p.m.
Burren Acoustic Music Series | 8 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Matinee: 2:30 p.m.
Ghosts of sailors at sea
Hannibal Montana
345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

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

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

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

Thunder Road
Kid's Union Dance Party
4 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory
Beyond Wrestling - "Head Over Heels"
3:30 p.m. | Performance Hall
Cafe Raqs
7 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

Monday|April 25

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

The Burren
Front Room
Bur-Run
Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session | 9 p.m.
Back Room
Stump Trivia | 8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Free Mondays featuring:
LuDow
Big Rush
Rex Mac
Gorgeous Goddess Bosstown
DJ D.O.C
8 p.m. | 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Matt Heaton & The Electric Heaters
8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Tuesday|April 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Bryan Mac and Friends | 7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

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

PA's Lounge
Open Mic Night
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

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

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

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

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

Thunder Road
Ebass Open Mic with George Woods
6:30 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

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

Arts at the Armory
Pub Sing at the Armory Cafe
7p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre
The Moth Mainstage
7:30 p.m. | 55 Davis Square

Wednesday|April 27
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
6 p.m. | 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Backroom Series: Mick McAuley & Colm O'Caoimh | 7:30 p.m.

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

P.A.'s Lounge
Sarah Donner
Juliana Finch
Front & Turner
Mike Herz
Victoria Rios
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
The A-Beez - Funk & Soul
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Thunder Road
Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night
Grateful Dead Residency | 8 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave | 617-625-1131

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

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Absu, Sangus, Grue
8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
Unauthorized Personnel
7:30 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

**CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|April 20**

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

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

Thursday|April 21

Central Library
Discussion Group on Race and Racism
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

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

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

Saturday|April 23

Central Library
Family Yoga with Erin Carter
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Bach Cello Suites in the Library
2 p.m.- 3 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Bagel Bars
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 24

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

Monday|April 25

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

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

Tuesday|April 26

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

Wednesday|April 27

Central Library
Adult Creative Writing with Amy Shea
10 a.m.- 11 a.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Mystery Book Club
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

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

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

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

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

Mindfulness, Joy & Creativity – Each Friday, April 15, April 22 and April 19 at in the conference room of our Holland Street Center from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. De-stress, relax, be present and increase your own aware-

ness. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted. The Older American's Month Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Thursday, May 5 is SOLD OUT.

The Pine Grove Dude Ranch trip scheduled for May 15 through May 20 is BOOKED SOLID. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to have your name put on the waiting list.

This trip, costing \$449 pp/dbl and \$499 pp/single includes round trip motor coach transportation, 5 nights deluxe accommodations, 3 great meals each day and a wide variety of entertainment and programs.

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be in the conference room of our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email MBastardi@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional info.

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

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

STAY ACTIVE:

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

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H)

8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)

1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)

10:30 Fit-4-Life Cross Street* (C)

1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics - \$2.00 (H)

6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)

Wednesdays:

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

9:00 Fit 4 Life* Group B (H)

12:00 Fit 4 Life* Group C (H)

5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H)

9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (R)

10:30 Fit 4 Life (C)

6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life*

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A

9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B

11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday|April 20

11:30 Lunch (R)

11:30 Forget Me Knot (H)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

1:00 – 2:30 Death Café (H)

8:00 Tufts / Chamber Music

Thursday|April 21

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 Cards (R)

10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)

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

11:30 Walk Down Memory Lane (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, R), (C)

12:45 Bingo (H, R)

Friday|April 22

9:30 De-Cluttering Workshop (H)

10:00 Mindfulness (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Community Shredding Day

Monday|April 25

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Senior Health Insurance 101 (H)

10:30 Veterans Group (H)

10:30 Moonlighters at Buddy Caholan

1:00 Bereavement Group (H)

Lake George / Saratoga Trip

Tuesday|April 26

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Housing 101 (C)

11:30 Lunch (R), (C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

12:30 Afternoon at the Movie (H)

12:45 Bingo (R)

Lake George/Saratoga Trip

Wednesday|April 27

11:30 Volunteer Lunch at Mt. Vernon

11:30 Forget Me Knot (H)

12:45 Bingo (R)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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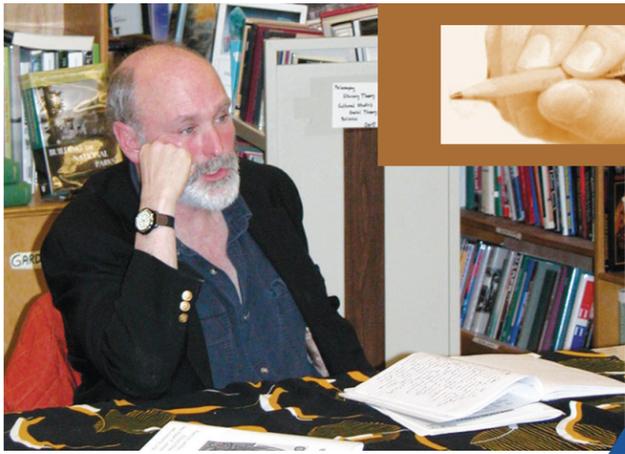
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Somerville's Jane Sherrill: An Artist Who Is All About Water



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It is spring in New England, but who says we have to be seasonal? Poet Keith Tornheim brings us back to those autumnal days and nights.



Autumn in New England

The trees undress for winter's night,
orange remnants scattered on the ground.
The sun drifts low across the sky,
sleeping late and rising more reluctantly.
Bears eat their last and seek their caves,
while birds fly south, at least the smarter ones;
the rest hunker down as best they can
to await the coming snow.
I, too, would rather not venture out
and run the gauntlet of these colder days,
the clubs of wind and stinging sleet,
but curl up safe at home and read
beneath an artificial sun.

— Keith Tornheim

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Somerville artist Jane Sherrill thrives around water. Most recently her sculpture and art has revolved around oceans, icicles and the shadows they produce. Sherrill has been producing art for many years now and she is a longtime resident of the Vernon St. Studios in Somerville. I talked with her amidst the din of the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square.

Doug Holder: You have worked in many different forms: painting, sculpture, etc. You are self-taught. Are there any disadvantages to that?

Jane Sherrill: Yes. You don't have teachers to help you get grants and better shows. But it also pushes you to be more creative. It has been up to me to teach myself how to draw. So I found my own way of doing things.

DH: You had another life before painting.

JS: I had a few lives before painting. I taught emotionally disturbed and learning disabled children. I was a psychiatric social worker, and a graphic designer. I also did some performance art based on temp jobs I held.

DH: Recently I heard that you completed a series of pictures of the pre-Sandy New Jersey shore.

JS: Yes. I took some pictures in Point Pleasant. I completed some very large paintings using these photos. There are five in the series. Right before I finished them Hurricane Sandy plowed through.

DH: Why did you choose New Jersey beaches?

JS: Here is the thing. I started a series of paintings about the ocean. I did this because I love the ocean. I worked on the large sense of the ocean and the tiny details, like droplets. I was aware that beaches are very different. I mean the color of the water varies from Cape Cod to New Jersey. I visited different beaches. I wanted to document that in the face of climate change. But what really inspires

me is my awe of all of this. Oceans are stunning. And from this I have gone into cloud and sky. And people are telling me after they look at my paintings they are looking up at the sky all the time. I want people to look at this gorgeousness.

DH: How long have you been at the Vernon St. Studios?

JS: Over thirty years. There are people who have been there longer. It is a wonderful place. The only problem is that everybody is so busy that we don't get together as much as we did years ago.

DH: Can you tell me about your icicle project?

JS: This past year I was accepted into the Vermont Studios. I went up to Johnson, VT. It was bitter cold. One morning it was 27 below. The studio was beautiful. I walked in and I noticed that windows were covered with icicles. I came up with no set idea of what I wanted to work on. Then I began to draw the icicles. I also started to trace the shadows they made. I also decided to paint the icicles. I also made sculptures from hot glue.

DH: You were in the poetry scene in New York City some years ago.

JS: Years ago. I read at St. Mark's Church – and in a theatre in Hell's Kitchen – among other venues. My poetry was very performance based. I was touted as the new Patti Smith (laugh). It was the late 70s. I still love to write. It is wonderful to work with words. Now that I am on Facebook I write poetic vignettes.

DH: Do you make your daily nut from your art?

JS: I do a number of things to get by. I sell my paintings; I do graphic design and in the past I have taught everything from the Torah in Hebrew School and substitute taught. It ain't easy.

Go to: <http://www.janesherrill.com> for more info.

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Answers

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| 1. Coins | 6. The Star-Spangled Banner |
| 2. Carl Perkins | 7. Sweet Charity |
| 3. Military regulation air shoes | 8. Rabbits |
| 4. SP means short-printed and BV means book value | 9. China |
| 5. A passage wide enough for just one person | 10. Warner Brothers |
| | 11. Spain |
| | 12. Austria |

FOODPLAY Productions

Earlier this month at the Healey School, after school students and their families enjoyed an entertaining performance by FOODPLAY Productions, a national award winning evidence-based program that travels to schools throughout the country.

Through the PEP grant, the Boys & Girls Club and the Somerville YMCA hosted the performance, which is a live nutrition education theater show for students and families. FOODPLAY's mission is to turn kids on to healthy eating and active living. The program accomplishes this through live theater that includes amazing feats of juggling, music, magic, and audience participation to help kids take charge of growing up healthy and fit.

Throughout the performance, they talked about eating at least five (5) fruits and vegetables each day, the importance of reading food labels, fueling up with breakfast, being active at least one (1) hour each day, and cutting down on sugary beverages and choosing water more often. In line with these messages, fruit kabobs, water and other healthy snacks were provided for students and their families!





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