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A day for Somerville patriots to gather



The 239th annual Patriot's Day celebration took place on Monday. Turn to pages 12–13 for more pictures of the event.

— Photo by Claudia Ferro

City officials respond to arrest of former Somerville teacher on child porn charges

By David R. Smith

"Deplorable," "disturbing" and "confusing" was how Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Superintendent of Schools Tony Pierantozzi described the allegations against 27-year-old Somerville resident and former Somerville elementary school teacher Josh Wairi, who was arrested on child pornography charges at his Beacon Street apartment April 17.

Wairi, a fifth-grade teacher in Cambridge at the time of his arrest, allegedly admitted to police that in addition to possessing and sharing child pornography with others online, he had secretly recorded children in a locker room changing in and out of clothes. Where that videotaping took place is not clear.

He is being held without bail pending a detention and probable cause hear ing in federal court in Boston Wednesday, April 27. According to police, authorities were made aware of Wairi's alleged activities through an online tip.

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'MUSCRAT' love

Artists invited to take part in creative bus project

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

The Somerville Arts Council has released an open call for artists interested in helping transform an old school bus into something completely different. While the officials involved have set the goal of the vehicle remaining completely functional – in that they wish it to remain road-ready – the project is to use the bus as a very large palette for creative design.

In terms of the types of individuals who are being asked to apply, local artists, welders and creative minds are in the running, as the SAC is hoping there will be sculptural elements in addition to murals. The end design and project itself is still very much in flux, as officials from the agency want individuals who are passionate about design to get the program rolling in the right direction.

The SAC noted it is looking for design schemes that might yield an opportunity to get young people and public programs involved in the actual exterior

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The Somerville Pop Warner Football and Cheer Banquet is this coming Sunday, April 27, at 1 p.m. at Foss Park There will be food, 2013 season trophies. Games and more. Organizers will be selling SomerVILLENS T-shirts at this free event, which will include a 2014 sign-up table. The rain date is May 4.

With spring in full swing, it's time to start thinking about Mother's Day, which will be here before you know it! A unique place to find that perfect gift is the Local is for Lovers Mother's Day Market. The market, which is sponsored by ZipCar, takes place place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Brooklyn Boulders (12A Tyler St.). All shoppers must fill out a waiver form for Brooklyn Boulders (the waiver can be filled out online at the Brooklyn Boulders website). The Local is for Lovers Mother's Day Market will feature 30 local vendors selling everything from jewelry and handmade soap to sweets and clothing.

The Somerville Rotary Club here in the city is celebrating 90 years of service to our community with an anniversary dinner at Anthony's of Malden Friday, May 2. The cost is \$50.00 per person, and reservations can be made by emailing toam.ferraro@comcast.net. If you're a current member or past member -or, in particular, a past president- you need to be at this special occasion. The Somerville Rotary does a lot for the community and is constantly giving back to various organizations. The Rotary meets every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant on lower Broadway. The luncheon is always open to potential candidates for membership.

The annual Somerville High Scholarship raffle is being planned for May 16 at the Highlander Café. Like every year since 1990, the raffle is limited to 250 tickets at \$100 each. The grand prize will be \$10,000 which is the last number called. Get your tickets early and support this fine organization that helps to give students at the high school scholarships. Make check payable to the SHS Scholarship Foundation and mail to the following: S.H.S. Raffle c/o Joseph Favaloro, P.O. Box 440275 Somerville MA 02144. Upon receipt of your Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to Mayor's brother arrested on assault to rape charge

Ruggero Lapezza says:

Very classy, Cosmo boy. This guy needs to be put away for a long time. Poor woman, I hope she will be able to be free after he goes to jail.

why says:

don't know why someone's identified by a family member. nobody's responsible for anything another family members may or may not have done.

Ron Newman says:

why: if the article *hadn't* stated the defendant's family relationship with the Mayor, everyone would be asking about it anyway given the last name.

I agree that the Mayor isn't responsible for his brother's misbehavior.

cambridgeyuppie says:

There goes Joe's chance to become President in 2016!

Jennifer Parazza says:

It's a conspiracy! This article now is no longer on the front page!

I demand it is put back for the masses to see.

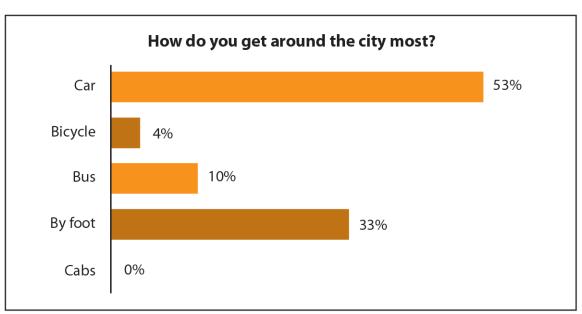
Der says:

Wouldn't it have been better if he were arrested in Everett and not in Somerville? Someone had to google to see that he was arrested in Malden in 2012-I didn't know that. Arresting him in Somerville launched it into the mediasphere.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on how you get around the city most. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.













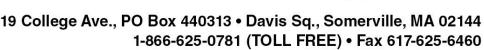




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Somerville begins Central Broadway/Winter Hill roadway design process

By Douglas Yu

An approximately 6-foot map of Central Broadway was set up in the Winter Hill Community School Wednesday, April 16, waiting for Somerville residents to post their advice about how to redesign their part of the neighborhood.

One of them wrote, "The timing of the traffic lights at Broadway and Boston Ave. in Ball Square seems off. I've seen all the lights red, and the pedestrians crossing signals 'red' for what seems like 30 seconds many times."

For many, it was their first time directly interacting with the city.

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) and Somerville by Design kicked off the meeting for the Central Broadway/Winter Hill Roadway and Streetscape Improvements Project by crowdsourcing the residents in the neighborhood.

They have several goals in

including improving accessibility and multimodal transportation and maximizing usable green space, as well as safety and aesthetic improve-

Brad Rawson, a senior planner with the OSPCD, prefers to call himself a "Somerville resident."

"The four-year planning process is associated with SomerVison, which has a very clear statement of what the most important issues are to us and things we know that need to change in our community," he said.

SomerVision addresses preservation, housing growth and economic opportunity, according to Rawson.

"It really guides the city's policy framework, encouraging us to invest in our historical commercial squares and corridor districts like Magoun Square and Central Broadway," Rawson said during the presentation.

"You can't manage what you can't measure," he added as he explained the approach Somer-



Those interested in the direction developments would take in the Central Broadway/Winter Hill Roadway and Streetscape Improvements Project took part in a community feedback meeting hosted by the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) and Somerville by Design.

ville by Design employs to track the neighborhood's traffic. "Volunteers who participate in the four-year SomerVison process encourage us to set quantitative targets of how we tend to grow, preserve and change ourselves as a community. We really emphasize that this is a plan that focuses on our traditional role as a walkable and transit-oriented community,"

STV, a firm offering engineering, architectural, planning, environmental and construction services, is also partnering with Somerville by Design to take on the project.

Tony Timperio, a project manager from STV, said that during the traffic-data process, they would hire another consultant for the traffic counts.

"They put recorders across the roadway so vehicles trip the counters," Timperio said. "They also do camera inventory, monitoring the vehicles going into the intersection."

Considering traffic data fluctuates during different time periods throughout the year, the consultants will pick periods, such as mornings and afternoons, to monitor vehicular activity. Eventually, they will process the data and compile information on average daily traffic and peak-hour traffic, according to Timperio.

"Our traffic engineers take the seasonal change into account, too," Timperio said. "That's why they are careful of when they do the counts -not around school vacation weeks or holidays."

Three tables were set up during

the meeting for landscaping, civil infrastructure and traffic plans and suggestions. Residents talked about their concerns with members from the project team.

One of those residents, Jason Miller, expressed concern about the pavement on the Broadway at Winter Hill.

"There is a lot of buckling in the pavement, especially around the School Street intersection," he said. "I hope that we don't do too much to impede the traffic so that it pushes the traffic into other streets. It is a place where a lot of motor vehicles go to traverse the density of Somerville."

Different from Davis Square and Porter Square, Central Broadway/Winter Hill has fewer small businesses and appears more resident Continued on page 17

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About the Central Broadway/Winter Hill project

By Nidhi Mathson

The Central Broadway/Winter Hill Roadway & Streetscape Improvements Project runs along Broadway from and including the Route 28/Mc-Grath Highway intersection to east of the Broadway/Medford Street intersection.

"Central Broadway was identified in SomerVision as a corridor to enhance and invest in," Sarah Spicer, senior transportation planner in the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), said in reference to the 2012 comprehensive plan for the city. "There is a lot of opportunity for aesthetic and functional upgrades to make this street a safe and attrac- that need safety improvement," tive place, and we want to use Spicer said. "Along Broadway, neighborhood input to guide the project design and create a place that better serves the community."

The OSPCD created SafeSTART (Safe, Sustainable Transportation Assessment and Recommendation Team), a taskforce that reports evaluated traffic and pedestrian conditions around the city. The team recognized that the infrastructure on Central Broadway was outdated and not favorable for present or future use.

"Our 2013 SafeSTART 2.0 Report, which prioritizes intersection upgrades around the city, identified several intersections along this corridor we'll be looking at how we can improve pedestrian accommodations, including better crossings, increased bicycle safety, encouraging transit, updating traffic signals and making lane configurations less confusing."

Having spent the last few months gathering information for the survey, conditions, and traffic analysis, the project team aims to not only improve the safety and functionality of the corridor but also its sense of community, while preserving the area's unique characteristics. More information about the project can be found www.somervillebydesign. com/planning/winter-hill/.

By Jim Clark

They were 'coming to get him'

Police were called to a Pearl St. apartment building last week on reports of a man armed with a gun threatening residents there.

Upon arrival, officers cautiously approached the third floor level where the suspect, later identified as Stephen Tolliver, 62, was spotted sitting in front of his apartment door with his back to them.

Police said that they heard Tolliver say, "You've got the wrong guy," as they arrived on the scene.

As his hands were not visible to the officers, Tolliver was ordered to show them, at which time he reportedly tossed a revolver down the hallway with his left hand. Tolliver then told police that he had a rifle, according to reports. As he had not shown his right hand, he was again ordered to do so, but he refused to do so.

Tolliver was then ordered not to move as he was cautiously approached by the officers. Police apprehended Tolliver and handcuffed him and the revolver was recovered from the floor.

Police reportedly noticed that

Tolliver's pants were down by his ankles, and seemed to be delusional, speaking of people who were coming to get them. He believed that they were in his apartment and that he had to do something about it, police said.

The reporting party told police that she had heard a commotion in the hallway and looked out

to see what was happening. She said that she saw Tolliver with the gun, and that he told her to go back inside and that he had a gun. She then called 911 to report the incident.

Tolliver was placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and carrying a firearm without a license.

Disorder in the court

On Wednesday of last week, a police officer was dispatched to Somerville District Court at 175 Fellsway to assist Court officers in handling an unruly woman who was reportedly causing a disturbance.

The arriving police officer spotted the woman in question, Tara McNeil, 48, of Boston, sit-

ting on a bench, angrily talking with the Court officers, according to reports.

McNeil was arguing about procedures related to filing an appeal concerning Court officers and employees, police said.

The police officer said that he told McNeil that her filing of an appeal could not take place at that Court, and she reportedly became angrier, telling the officer, "You don't know what you're saying. You are a crooked cop."

The officer asked her to calm down, but she began cursing at him, and when told that the business of the Court was done for the day she became even angrier, police said.

The officer reportedly warned McNeil that if she did not calm down and leave the courthouse she would be placed under arrest. As she refused to do so, she was then restrained and asked to cooperate while she was being handcuffed.

According to reports, McNeil

struggled with the officer and struck an assisting Court officer, and also pushed the officers into the wall as the scuffle took place.

McNeil was finally restrained and placed under arrest. She has been charged with disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a public employee, and resisting arrest.

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Arrests:

Stephen Tolliver, 62, of 240 Pearl St., April 15, 7:01 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and carrying a firearm without a license.

Craig Vivian, 25, of 167 Main St., Malden, April 15, 1:17 p.m., arrested at 65 Evergreen Ave. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Harry Fenton, 54, of 3 White St., Arlington, April 16, 11:55 a.m., arrested at 137 Washington St. on a warrant charge of leaving the scene of property damage.

Tara McNeil, 48, of 119 Sumner St., Boston, April 16, 2:42 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a public employee, and resisting

Matthew Henebury, 44, of 70 Boston St., April 16, 8:02 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery, and resisting arrest.

Francis Tomeo, 58, of 15 Curtis St., April 16, 8:22 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and witness intimidation.

Stanley Orantes, 21, of 198 Pearl St., April 17, 9:12 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Emmeett Dacey, 23, of 225 Riverview Ave., Auburndale, April 17, 3:03 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of armed robbery.

Jeffrey Pepe, 28, of 261 Broadway, Methuen, April 17, 2:40 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Edilson Ferreira-Guedes, 42, of 40 Third St., Medford, April 19, 12:25 a.m., arrested at Summer St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Fred Abban, 25, of 9 Connecticut Ave., April 19, 4:38 a.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and no inspection sticker.

Michael Leahy, 48, April 19, 4:38 a.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on warrant charges of trespassing, disorderly conduct, assault and battery, and civil rights violation.

Incidents:

Theft:

April 14, 8:36 a.m., police reported a theft at Elm St.

April 14, 7:51 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

April 14, 9:04 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave. April 15, 11:10 a.m., police reported a theft at Prichard

April 15, 1:13 p.m., police reported a theft at 43 Third Ave. April 16, 10:19 a.m., police reported a theft at 350 Broad-

April 17, 5:08 p.m., police reported a theft at Walter Terr.

April 17, 6:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Winslow Ave. April 17, 6:47 p.m., police reported a theft at Winslow Ave. April 17, 11:06 p.m., police

reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

April 14, 4:31 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

Vehicle Theft:

April 14, 11:31 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Ib-

April 15, 8:44 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Bartlett Ave.

Assault:

April 16, 8:02 p.m., police reported an assault at Temple St. April 16, 8:22 p.m., police reported an assault at Curtis St.

April 17, 10:33 a.m., police reported an assault at Davis Sq. April 17, 12:54 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

April 19, 6:16 p.m., police reported an assault at Powder House Pkwy.

Destruction of Property:

April 14, 1:14 p.m., police re-

ported a destruction of property at Washington St.

April 14, 2:02 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Washington St.

April 17, 10:55 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Mortimer Pl.

April 18, 8:16 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Meacham Rd.

April 19, 6:53 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Robinson St.

April 19, 9:25 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Milk Pl.

April 19, 9:28 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Central St.

Trespassing:

April 17, 4:46 p.m., police reported a trespassing at Canal

Disorderly Conduct:

April 14, 1:50 p.m., police reported a theft at 300 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

April 16, 2:42 p.m., police reported a theft at 175 Fellsway.

Mayor's brother continues to be held without bail

By David R. Smith

Cosmo Curtatone, the 43-year-old brother of Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Middlesex South Register of Deeds Maria Curtatone, continues to be held without bail and will be back in court June 12 following a dangerousness hearing April 17 at Malden District Court on assault, assault to rape and larceny charges.

He was arrested on a warrant April 8 in Somerville for incidents that allegedly occurred April 3 at the Everett apartment of the victim, who has taken out at least a dozen restraining orders against him in the time they've known each other.

According to the victim's statement to police, Curtatone was at her apartment when the two began to argue. She said

the argument turned physical, and that Curtatone tried to have sex with her. Although she said she was able to push him off of her and eventually calm him down, she said he verbally and physically abused her during the incident. He also allegedly stole the woman's apartment keys, which he later returned, as well as her phone and wallet, after which he allegedly used her EBT card.

According to the victim, such abuse "had been going on for years."

The victim told police that during Curtatone "reminded her that his political family has many friends that protect him with the police and in the courts."

The mayor has not commented on the arrest, and his spokespeople have said they would not comment on his behalf, as it is a family matter.

Fee for plastic bags discussed

By David R. Smith

Plastic could soon come at a price, although some might say that — when it comes to the environment — it already does.

During the Board of Aldermen's last meeting, Ward 6 Alderman Rebecca Gewirtz said an article she read in the Boston Globe suggested that charging 5 cents per plastic bag does more to dissuade people from using them –and using cloth bags in



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their place- than efforts to outright ban their use in stores.

"That evidently changes people's behavior very quickly," she said.

She noted other communities have also looked at either bans or fees, and, she added there's good reason for it given the fact the plastic bags don't biodegrade and oil is used in their production.

"They're just an all-out harmful element," she said. "This is an issue that is very important for the city and is near and dear to my heart."

She did acknowledge, though, that the idea might meet with some resistance from a financial point of view.

"No one wants to harm or unfairly economically disadvantage people who are low income or who rely on these bags because they're free," she said. "There are ways to get free reusable bags, and if you assess a small fee like this, I think people would find that way."

Board of Aldermen President Bill White suggested the idea be discussed among some of the board's subcommittees, such as those addressing energy issues and legislatives matters, to determine what the city can and can not do on the issue of assessing a fee for grocery bags.

The issue comes a little under a year after the board passed an ordinance, one also led by Gewirtz, banning restaurants and business from using polystyrene (Styrofoam) products such as coffee cups. That ordinance is set to take effect in June.

"That's probably the thing I'm proudest of (as an alderman)," Gewirtz said.

On the issue of plastic bags, she would like to see a similar follow through from discussion to some sort of action.

"Let's look at what some other communities are doing and come to a conclusion together for what's the best avenue moving forward," she said.

Painted Burro names 'Grand Guacamole Winner'



 $Grand\ Guacamole\ Winner\ Isaac\ Hendrickson\ with\ judges\ Jay\ McKenzie,\ Michelle\ Lahey\ and\ Jen\ Chenzie,\ Michelle\ Lahey\ and\ Michelle\ Lahey\ and\ Michelle\ Lahey\ and\ Michelle\ Lahey\ and\ Michelle\ Mich$

The Painted Burro in Davis Square hosted its second annual "Guac Off" Sunday, April 13. The competition pit 12 local guac experts' recipes against one another for the ultimate bragging rights. Judges included: Jay McKenizie, a Somerville firefighter and winner of The Painted Burro's "Burro Churro Challenge"; Somerville Scout writer Michelle Lahey; and Jen Che of the popular local food blog

Tiny Urban Kitchen. The judges put each guacamole recipe to the test while guests sampled and voted for their favorites.

After an hour of arduous eating, Somerville local Issac Hendrickson was named the Grand Guacamole Winner, walking away with a \$150 The Painted Burro gift card and the honor of having his recipe, "Granada guacamole with pomegranate seeds," featured on the restaurant's menu.

'MUSCRAT' love

painting. But first, the council wants to have someone –or multiple parties—who will help to develop the complete design, inside and outside of the bus, to guide the smaller projects to make the vision a reality.

"The City of Somerville, led by the Somerville Arts Council, has bought an old school bus, which will be transformed into a Multi Use Somerville Community Roving Transport (MUSCRAT), the council explained in a release. "We anticipate that the inside of the bus will be used to conduct roaming art classes, performance art or dance, while the outside of the bus could be used to screen films or host concerts. The intent for our MUSCRAT is to create a flexible roving catalyst for creation."

Officials from the SAC also noted that one idea was to have one specific section left completely untouched by this first stream of projects, which will then be periodically painted by various groups and artists in the future. However, they did note that they are completely open to alternative ideas and are more interested in finding participants who will think outside of the box for this undertaking.

Interested parties will need to compile

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a Word document that includes contact information, professional website, when one is applicable, and diagrams or rough sketches of the proposed bus design. The council stressed that these drafts do not to be exceedingly specific, as the first step is simply to get a better idea of the macroscopic plans for the bus.

The council also requested applications include a budget with estimated costs of supplies and time, a detailed description of how the design will be completed in real life and a history of sorts to demonstrate a track record in large-scale projects such as this one.

Applicants are also asked to list any Somerville affiliations, as well as those with local cultural organizations that might be involved in the project. Designers should keep in mind that this specific vehicle is a full-sized, approximately 30-foot long bus, which leaves plenty of room for various creative components.

The deadline to is Monday, April 28, and all interested parties should direct their communications to the SAC's Gregory Jenkins at gjenkins@somervillema.gov. For more information on the Somerville Arts Council, visit www.somervilleartscouncil.org.



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MAPS Awards Gala celebrates community pride

Award recipients, staff and board members, along with volunteers, friends and supporters, of the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS) raised a record \$130,000 at the organization's 2014 Awards Gala April 12 at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel.

The highlight of the event, which drew over 400 guests, was the presentation of awards to six recipients who were honored for their significant contributions to the lives of Brazilians, Cape Verdeans, Portuguese and others in Massachusetts.

"In the past few years, many of you have shared with me how the MAPS Awards Gala makes you feel proud of being part of the Portuguese-speaking community—whether you were born into it or because of your interest and enthusiasm," Paulo Pinto, executive director of the health and social service organization, told attendees. "That has made me very happy and inspired me to work even harder every year to make you feel more proud of yourselves and our community."

"I am so proud to be among so many tonight who 'build things up," continued Pinto, who was recognized himself at the gala for 20 years of service at MAPS. "You build a better community through your work, your contributions to society, your passion for justice and opportunity for all, and your commitment to helping Portuguese speakers and

others in need achieve health, happiness and success no matter what difficult challenges and fears they may face."

Gala award recipients included: Claire Andrade-Watkins, Ph.D., educator, filmmaker and co-founder of CABO Inc., MAPS Person of the Year; Duarte Carvalho, CEO and principal of Riverside Management Group/Dunkin' Donuts, MAPS Mary & Manuel Rogers Lifetime Community Service Award; Alphonso Brown, M.D., physician at Cambridge Health Alliance, founder of ICAN Medical Scholars and Educators, MAPS Manuel N. Coutinho Outstanding Volunteer Award; Edirson Paiva Sr., founder and publisher of The Brazilian Times, MAPS Álvaro Lima Outstanding Business Award; and Barbara and Ira Smith, founders of Household Goods Recycling of Massachusetts (HGRM), MAPS Jorge Fidalgo Community Service Award.

Besides the banquet and awards presentation, guests were treated to music from around the Portuguese-speaking world provided by Elle Gomes and Band, the group Concertinas do Minho, and DJ Manny Morais. They also enjoyed a short video, introduced by state Department of Public Health Commissioner Cheryl Bartlett ("a proud Portuguese-American!") celebrating the community's passion for its



(L to R) Elizabeth Chaves, MAPS Board President; Paulo Pinto, MAPS Executive Director; Claire Andrade-Watkins; co-hosts Edna Monteiro Leith and Marcony Almeida.

shared language and culture, for helping one another, and for soccer—with homage to the upcoming World Cup in Brazil this June.

The event also featured a raffle with a \$1,000 cash first prize and a silent auction with more than 40 items up for bid, including sports memorabilia and tickets, gift cards from popular stores and restaurants, gift baskets and, among the most popular, a donation from TAM Airlines and Globo Travel of round-trip airfare for two to Brazil.

Gala co-hosts Marcony Almei-

da, a former MAPS board member who is on the staff at the Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants (MORI), and Edna Monteiro Leith, a former program manager at MAPS now teaching at Cambridge Rindge & Latin School, entertained the crowd and kept the program moving throughout the night. They and the gala's co-chairmen, Stephen Pereira (representing the board of directors) and Susan Seger (representing the staff) received thanks and bouquets of flowers.

Two special guests—MORI

Executive Director Josiane Martinez and Alejandra St. Guillen, director of the Mayor's Office of New Bostonians—also went on stage to present, respectively, a citation from Gov. Deval L. Patrick and a proclamation from Boston Mayor Marty Walsh congratulating MAPS and the award recipients on the occasion of the Gala.

MAPS has served the Portuguese-speaking communities of Massachusetts since 1970. The agency has offices in Cambridge, Somerville, Brighton, Dorchester, Lowell and Framingham.

City officials respond to arrest of former Somerville teacher on child porn charges CONT. FROM PG 1

Curtatone and Pierantozzi, along with Police Chief Charles Femino and Trauma Response Network Manage Patty Contente, held a press conference April 18 at the Public Safety Building to answer what questions they could and to let the public know about resources available to parents and children.

"We are angered. We are heartbroken," Curtatone said, "This is the most egregious breach of trust imaginable."

While having limited information available, Curtatone said the city, in addition to forums for parents held this past Friday and Saturday morning, will hold another such forum after April

"Right now, our most important job is to provide any and all support," Curtatone said.

According to Pierantozzi, Wairi was a student teacher at the John F. Kennedy School during the 2008-2009 school year. He worked at the Arthur D. Healy School as a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher from 2009 to 2012. He resigned from that position to take the teaching position in Cambridge. He was also an intern (student) assistant in 2004 at the Argenziano School.

Pierantozzi said Wairi, like ev-

ery other school hire, was subject to a criminal background check.

"There were absolutely no reasons to indicate there should be a concern about the trust put in this individual when he was hired," he said.

The superintendent emphasized that it was not known where Wairi allegedly videotaped the children. He did say, however, that it is standard procedure to have more than one adults present in any situation where a child may be exposed, whether in situations where severely disabled children need changing or anywhere else clothing changes might occur, such as in the locker room at the Kennedy School pool. He said he would offer as much assistance in the investigation as he could.

"For an individual who made an oath to take care of our children to do something like this is beyond comprehension," he said. "There is great concern and many questions. I, as superintendent of schools, guarantee we will take all appropriate actions."

Femino could not say whether any parents had contacted the police department with any information regarding Wairi's time in the Somerville school system. He said whatever calls may have or will be received will be logged, categorized and forward to the U.S. attorney's office.

"This is an active investigation originating at the federal level," he said, adding, "We are here as a resource."

He also said there was no indication at this point to indicate Wairi had any interaction with the daycare center on the ground floor of his apartment building.

The Trauma Response Center's Contente said parents should acknowledge their children may become aware of the story and have questions about it.

"The best strategy is to approach this straightforwardly," she said "It's best to meet them

where they're at," in terms of their age.

If convicted, Wairi faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and a maximum of 20 years of in prison, a mandatory minimum of five years and a maximum of a lifetime of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine

Curtatone, noting he is the father of four boys, said he, too, wants answers.

"Allegations like this strike fear and doubt in our hearts," he said. "We have, like you, so many questions today."

Anyone with information, concerns or questions is asked to contact the office of U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz at 617-748-3274, the city's constituent services number at 617-666-3311 or the Somerville Police Department at 617-625-1600.

Members of the public who have questions, concerns or information regarding this case should call 617-748-3274.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators and representatives' votes on three roll calls from the week of April 14-18.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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.

\$12.7 BILLION TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE (H 4046)

House 150-2, Senate 40-0, approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick an estimated \$12.7 billion transportation borrowing bill that includes \$300 million for local road and bridge repairs, \$2.2 billion for the South Coast Rail Project that would extend commuter rail service to New Bedford and Fall River and \$325 million for an expansion of South Station, to be re-named the Governor Michael S. Dukakis Transportation Center, \$63 million for Registry of Motor Vehicles modernization and improvements and a doubling of the penalty for MBTA fare evasion.

The measure also includes dozens of earmarks costing hundreds of millions of dollars proposed by individual representatives and designed to fund projects in their districts. The projects are actually more of a "wish list": The Patrick administration is required to adhere to the state's annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded.

Supporters said this would give communities their share of the \$300 million they are anxiously waiting to receive. They noted the package also includes hundreds of millions of dollars for state roads and other important transportation projects.

Opponents said Massachusetts is already leading the nation in debt per capita and argued it is unfair to spend today and have our children pay the bills tomorrow. They noted the bill included millions of dollars in golden parachutes for retiring toll workers.

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

AUTISM (H 4047)

House 151-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would provide additional services and educational opportunities to the increasing number of children with autism. A key provision creates a state commission on autism to monitor the implementation of policies impacting individuals with autism and investigate the range of services necessary for such individuals to achieve their full potential. Other key provisions allow families to put aside tax-free funds into savings accounts to pay for long-term care and housing of children with autism and other intellectual disabilities and expand eligibility for services to individuals with IQs higher than 70, currently the maximum IQ allowed under current rules.

Supporters said this long overdue bill will help thousands of families across the state. They noted the new IQ system will allow the state to provide services and tailor plans to help people with severe disabilities who are falling through the cracks in the system because their IQ is above 70.

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

ADD PARENT AND SPECIAL NEEDS COOR-DINATOR (H 4047)

House 29-123, rejected an amendment that would place a parent of a child with autism and a current special needs coordinator employed by a public school on the newly created State Commission on Autism.

Amendment supporters said the commission will benefit from adding a parent of a child with autism and someone who works in the classroom.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is unnecessary because parents of children with autism will already be on the commission through the discretion allowed on the appointment of many other members with specific backgrounds who also happen to be parents. They noted the state director for special education is already on the commission.

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

the amendment.)

Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey No

FREE TUITION, FEES AND ROOM AND BOARD (S 2106)

Senate 40-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would expand the current law that provides free tuition at state universities for children of police officers, fire-fighters, corrections officers, prisoners of war during the Vietnam era and all veterans killed in action. The bill provides a full scholarship for tuition, fees and room and board at state universities for all the people covered under current law and adds several others including the children of any call, volunteer, auxiliary, intermittent or reserve police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician as well as college campus police officers and any public prosecutor.

Supporters said this would be a huge help to the families of these fallen heroes. They noted it would help ease the financial stress related to paying for college and allow them to focus on the healing process and their daily lives.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

HAZARDOUS WASTE (S 2105)

Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that amends the current law that requires companies responsible for hazardous materials spills to reimburse the city or town for the costs of its emergency response. The measure would expand current law and require reimbursement even for the "threat" of release of the materials. Another provision releases private homeowners and renters from reimbursing the community for the cost of any cleanup of oil or hazardous material on their property if they notify the local fire department of the incident immediately, the home was only used as a residence, and the owner or renter was not grossly negligent and did not illegally possess oil or hazardous materials.

Supporters said currently communities use lots of resources and dollars to respond to these calls but are not reimbursed unless there is an actual spill. They noted that non-commercial private homeowners and tenants should not be liable for cleanup costs if they meet certain conditions.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PRUDENT INVESTOR (H 1830) - The House gave initial approval to a bill sponsored by the Massachusetts Treasurers Association that would allow treasurers of cities and towns to invest using the state's "prudent investor" standard instead of being limited to a list of entities in which they are allowed to invest.

Supporters said this would give local treasurers more flexibility in what they can invest and would allow them to potentially get a greater return on their investment than they currently receive. They noted the state's

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prudent investor standard includes safeguards and limitations and does not give treasurers the power to invest willy nilly.

HOUSING AUTHORITIES (H 1136) - The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring local housing authorities to post the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of their commissioners on the wall of the community center of each of their housing developments.

FLAGS AT HALF MAST (H 2891) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would require the state flag to be flown at half mast annually on September 11 in memory of the thousands who perished on that date. The same bill in 2011 was given initial approval by the House but it remained in a House committee and eventually died.

REDUCE FREE 411 CALLS (H 4021) - The House approved legislation reducing from ten per month to five per month the number of free directory assistance calls that phone companies must provide to each business and residential customer on their landline phones. The measure leaves intact the current law providing unlimited 411 calls for the disabled, seniors over 65 and state and local governments. The same bill was approved by the House in 2012 but died in the Senate.

Supporters said that as more and more consumers move away from traditional landline phones to cell phones and Internet phones, it becomes harder for traditional phone companies to pay for the existing infrastructure, including free 411 calls. They noted that even with the reduction to five, Massachusetts will still be requiring companies to provide one of the highest number of free directory assistance calls of any state in the nation.

KEEP ABUTTERS NOTIFIED (H 162) - The House gave initial approval to a proposal requiring the planning boards of cities and towns to keep abutters apprised during the approval process and advise them of their right of appeal during the community's review of any subdivision plan.

Supporters said this local approval process can be lengthy and complicated and it is often difficult for abutters to monitor the process and raise any objections and concerns. They said this is an extra layer of protection for abutters whose property could be impacted as a result of new development.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"In this bill we honor their memories by ensuring their children's education is not a matter of finances." — Sen. James Timilty (D-Walpole) on Senate passage of a bill providing a full scholarship for tuition, fees, and room and board at state universities for the children of police officers, firefighters and many other first responders and public safety officials killed in the line of duty.

"You have a right to privacy. Secretly photographing a person's private area is against the law." — Some 300 new signs at MBTA stations reminding commuters of the new law banning covertly photographing someone's sexual or intimate parts, regardless of whether those parts are naked or covered by clothing or undergarments.

"Several people who were near the blast sites suffered from hearing injuries that have left long-lasting and in some cases permanent hearing loss requiring specialized assessments and treatments." — Liam Lowney, Executive Director of Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance, on a \$260,000 grant to the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to provide for specialized hearing and auditory services for victims injured at the Boston Marathon bombing attacks last year.

"As a small business owner, nothing bothers me more than to see large corporations dodge their tax responsibility by stashing cash overseas and then leaving us to pick up the tab." - Rep. Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury) on his amendment to close an offshore tax haven loophole used by some wealthy Massachusetts taxpayers.

"We need to make sure that we provide sentences which not only provide appropriate punishment but Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

also permit the greatest possibility that that individual will not be coming back into the criminal justice system after he is released from custody." — Associate Supreme Judicial Court Justice Ralph Gants, nominated by Gov. Patrick to succeed Chief Justice Roderick Ireland as the court's chief justice.

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 14-18, the House met for a total of nine hours and 47 minutes and the Senate met for a total of eight hours and 21 minutes.

Mon. April 14	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:29 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.
Tues. April 15	House 11:00 a.m. to 2:33 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 2:46 p.m.
Wed. April 16	House 11:04 a.m. to 4:46 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. April 17	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. Senate 12:30 p.m. to 4:43 p.m.
Fri. April 18	No House session

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Support for our community in the wake of disturbing allegations



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The safety of my children is the first thing I think of when I wake up in the morning, and the last thought that runs through my head before I fall asleep each night. Like all of us, the disturbing allegations against a former Somerville Public Schools teacher that we learned of late last week have left me shaken,

angered and heartbroken.

This individual is accused of videotaping young children in various states of undress, and of viewing and sharing child pornography. These sickening allegations are the most egregious betrayal of trust. That the exploitation of children involved an individual entrusted with the care of our children make these allegations all the more disturbing.

This is an active investigation handled at the federal level, so at this time, what limited information we have is what has been released by the U.S. Attorney's Office. We also can confirm that the individual, Josh Wairi, is a

Somerville High School graduate who was a teaching assistant intern at the Lincoln Park School during the 2004-2005 school year and then a substitute teacher in the district from 2005 to 2009. During the 2008-2009 school year, Mr. Wairi was a student teacher at the Kennedy School, and from 2009 to 2012 he was a fifth and sixth grader teacher at the Healey School.

Somerville Police detectives and the School Department are continuing to work with our state and federal partners, providing any and all information to assist a thorough investigation into these allegations. The U.S. Attorney's Office has stated

that the case is a priority. They have made clear that there is no information that is too small or too old that you should hold back if you believe it is related to this case. If you believe you have information that could assist in this investigation, please call 311 and we will connect you with Somerville detectives. Or, call the U.S. Attorney's Office at 617-748-3274.

Because federal investigators first received evidence last Thursday, this investigation is still in its early stages. There is a large amount of evidence, and the U.S. Attorney's Office told parents at our Parent and Guardian forum last week that

even though multiple federal investigators are assigned to the case, sorting through the evidence and investigating every last possible aspect of the case will take a long time. Know this: We too have many questions. When we learn any answers to those questions that we can share without compromising the investigation, we will immediately inform the public. Superintendent of Schools Tony Pierantozzi will also reach out to families through the schools, and law enforcement agencies will reach out directly to families who may be affected.

Families will need support too. The Continued on page 15

Climate forecast: Dire to catastrophic

Part 1: The current evidence



By William C. Shelton

Storm after storm my neighbors and I gathered to shovel snow with grudging good humor. Occasionally I heard someone question how the planet could be warming while much of the country was in a record-setting deepfreeze.

In fact, global temperatures

last year were the fourth hottest in recorded history, and we were freezing because of it. Rising temperatures had broken down the polar vortex that keeps frigid air in the Arctic, allowing it to move to temperate latitudes, while providing more data on climate change.

Last week the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released the third and final report of its fifth update. Some 800 scientists, along with representatives from 200 countries, collaborated for seven years on this update.

Its first report, issued in December, was "The Physical

Science Basis." It showed that climate change will soon be irreversible.

The same month, a National Academy of Sciences study warned of looming "tipping points" beyond which "major and rapid changes occur." And last month in a report entitled "What we Know," the American Association for the Advancement of Science stated that "... human-caused climate risks abrupt, unpredictable and potentially irreversible changes."

As chilling as the IPCC's forecasts may be, they are conservative. Their 1990, 1995, 2001, 2007, and current up-

dates each showed changes happening more rapidly than the previous update had anticipated. One would expect such conservatism from scientists, but especially so when political representative from as many as a hundred national government must agree, a line-by-line, before a report can be issued.

Outside these political constraints, a majority for the 97% of climate scientists who say that human-made climate change is real and threatening, also believe that threat is greater and more immediate than the IPCC states. A December journal article by NASA's James

Hansen and 17 of his climate science colleagues argues that the IPCC's goal of limiting global temperature rise to 2° Celsius will not forestall disaster. Instead, increases above 1° C will produce catastrophic outcomes.

Then there are climate scientists who offer credible evidence that even moderate increases can trigger an event cascade that destroys civilization. This scenario is based on greenhouse gasses now contained as hydrated carbon and hydrated methane.

Carbon and Methane are the two primary greenhouse gases. About half of earth's organic carbon is Continued on page 20

Life in the Will by Jimmy Del Ponte

St. Clement's Class of '71...still has class



The last time I saw most of the people I was with Saturday at a restaurant in Medford, they were wearing white shirts and

ties and uniforms. I left St. Clement Elementary School after the eighth grade. One thing that was accomplished at the reunion was that I cleared up one common rumor: I was not thrown out; I left on my own accord. I jumped ship to The Western Junior High School and then onto Somerville High. Eight years of crazy nuns was enough for me. But I had spent those years with most of these kids, and a few remained my friends through my 20s. Then we lost contact. So up steps

a couple of my former student pals and they decide to put together...a get together. It was awesome. There had been a couple of reunions in the past (none that I was aware of), but this was the first time I would see some of my old school mates in 47 years. 47 years!

I had seen a couple of the guys and girls around over the past few years but that was it. I would estimate the crowd on Saturday at about 50. Of those 50, at least 40 were old familiar faces. Most of my old friends I recognized, and there were hugs and laughter. We imitated some of Sister Helene's' famous derogatory and abusive sayings and laughed harder. We were a bunch of past classmates who were now in our early 60s

coming together from all over the region to share memories and catch up.

One of my friends had seven kids! Yikes! Most of my classmates' kids were all grown up and they had grandkids. There was a lot of pointing and whispering.... "Who is that?" Then, if I remembered them, I would go over and say hi. I heard "you haven't changed at all" a lot, and I also said it a few times. One of my closest pals growing up actually called my house three weeks ago to ask if I was going to the get together. He actually remembered my phone number (which hasn't changed since 1961). He was the first one I recognized when I walked in.

One thing that kept going through my mind was, "Man, Continued on page 15



COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times

What will the future bring to Central Broadway/Winter Hill?



As satisfying – necessary, even – as it is to have heads roll when a tragedy strikes that clearly, or even just possibly, could have been avoided, it is just as frustrating when all the right steps were taken, when protocol was followed and yet ...

It would appear, at least this early into the investigation, that Joshua Wairi, the 27-year-old who taught in several Somerville elementary schools over the last several years before being arrested this month on child pornography possession and distribution charges, was checked out before being hired both in Somerville and Cambridge, where he was working as a teacher at the time of his arrest.

A background check won't find anything if there's nothing to find, and that seems to be the case here. No arrests, no suggestion then of what is being alleged

now, no red flags at all.

What is not as clear are the details surrounding Wairi's admission, according to authorities, that he recorded children changing in a locker room. The when and where have yet to be revealed. That information will shed light on if procedures weren't followed if the recording was done in a setting where another adult should have been present as a matter of procedure.

While investigations require discretion, and not every piece of information can be made public straight away, parents of children who may have been recorded – and their images subsequently shared with strangers online – should be informed as soon as logistically and legally possible whether they have reason to be more than just disgusted at the criminal betrayal of trust revealed in Wairi's arrest.

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check, your ticket will be mailed to you. Or you can call Gene Brune at 617-628-5835.

The committee working on this reunion down in East Somerville has collected enough money so far to cover expenses, but you still can donate online on the Facebook page. If you grew up in East Somerville '60s, '70s and '80s, it's on for sure at the Somerville City Club July 12. At last check, they raised over \$1,000 for the event. If you'd like to donate, go online to Facebook and look up "East Somerville Reunion." It should be a great time!

The annual Shriners Circus runs through April 27 in Wilmington at the Shriners Auditorium off of I-93.

Happy Birthday to some of our fans out there, both here in the Ville and elsewhere. Alderman at Large Jack Connolly is celebrating this week, so stop in at his insurance agency in Davis Square and wish him a big HB. He always enjoys a good conversation. Popular Somerville guy and Deputy Sheriff of Middlesex County Mike Nionakis is celebrating as well. A good friend to many here in

the Ville and someone who has been very active in various campaign is Julie Phelan Brady of Medford. We wish her a happy birthday. What a nice lady. Chip Koty is celebrating his birthday this week. Chip is the son of DPW Commissioner Stan and nurse Gay Koty. We wish Chip a very happy birthday. It seems like yesterday he was just starting school.

The first-ever Somerville Food Truck Festival at Assembly Row will be held Saturday, June 7. Launching the 2014 Food Truck Festivals of New England season, the Somerville Food Truck Festival will also launch the second season of ASSEMBLED, the handmade arts market at Assembly Row that will include New England Etsy artisans. There will be food trucks, a beer tent, specialty food vendors, live music, sampling tents and children's activities. The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with popular New England food trucks, plus many newcomers, all serving up a variety of dishes including bacon favorites, Asian fusion, local seafood, BBQ, gourmet grilled cheese, homemade ice cream and more.

The 40th PTA Scholarship Dinner

Dance for the Somerville Council of PTAs will be held May 2 at Anthony's in Malden.

Beginning on Monday, April 28, the Albion Street Playground will be closed as City contractors work to install a retaining wall, and to make improvements to the lawn and water spray areas. Work is expected to be complete by the end of May, weather permitting. Please note that the full park and playground will be closed while this work is completed. For a complete list and map of parks and playgrounds throughout the City that you can visit during this temporary closure (and anytime), visit www.somervillema.gov/departments/ ospcd/parks-and-open-space and click on "maps" on the right side of the page.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Somerville Youth Services Coordinator Nancy Bacci announced that applications are now available for the 2014 Mayor's Summer Jobs Program. Available through Thursday, April 24, applications can be found at the City of Somerville's Personnel Department, located in the basement at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. The Program provides opportunities for Somerville

youth to gain employment and job training within the public and private sectors throughout the summer. Eligible students must be Somerville residents, enrolled in high school, and at least 16 years of age. All applications must be returned to the Personnel Department by April 24 at 7 p.m. Each applicant will be called for an interview in May, and selected youth must complete an orientation prior to the beginning of the program. Summer jobs require approximately 20 hours per week, though actual schedules will vary by employer. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact Youth and Volunteer Services Coordinator, Nancy Bacci, at 617-625-6600 ext. 2522 or NBacci@ somervillema.gov.

In honor of the 75th Anniversary of Little League baseball, Somerville Little League has a very special Opening Day Ceremony planned for this Saturday, April 26th, at 10AM. Starting with the parade from the High School down Highland Avenue to Central Street to Somerville Avenue, ending at Conway Park. Somerville Police and Fire will be on hand in addition to the Somerville Police Honor

Patriot's Day 2014

The 239th annual Patriot's Day celebration was held at Foss Park on Monday, April 21.

Residents, city officials — and, yes, Paul Revere — gathered to celebrate Somerville's Colonial Era heritage, highlighted by games, period apparel, and the ceremonial reenactment of Revere's ride through Somerville from Boston to Lexington.

The annual event was co-sponsored by the Preservation Commission, Historic Somerville, the Somerville Museum, and East Somerville Main Streets.









































Photos by Claudia Ferro

SPORTS

East Ville basketball tourney draws hundreds

Members of the East Somerville community teamed with local businesses to draw hundreds of young basketball players and spectators to the first annual basketball tournament Feb 28. Students from grades 6-8 represented their neighborhoods.

Event organizers and East Somerville residents Judi Walker and Maisy Sullivan said the event brought together the best the neighborhood has to offer.

"Everyone really came through," Walker said. "The neighbors pitched in, the East Somerville businesses supported us, it was a great event. I am so proud to be from East Somerville right now."

The event raised money for the East Somerville Community School's year-end barbecue. A fireman's boot was also passed around to raise money for the victims of the recent Boston fire tragedy. Walsh, daughter of event organizer Maisy Sullivan, followed her mother's example and organized the initiative.

"I was so proud of her," Maisy said. "She just said she wanted to do it and went right ahead."

This is the first in what organizers hope will become an annual tradition. With the help of the community, Walker said there is no doubt the tradition

Walker and Sullivan would like to thank Vinny's restaurant for their generous donation of food, Teen Empowerment for youth volunteers Michael Curtis of the Uniun for donated t-shirts and the East Somerville school staff for volunteering and offering the space. They would also like to thank Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin, Ward 1 School Committee member Stephen Roix, Somerville Ornamental Iron Works, Fasika Restaurant, East End Grill, and the many community volunteers and donors who made the event successful.











Sean Collier Memorial Run



The Somerville Road Runners held their second annual Officer Sean Collier Memorial Run Thursday, April 17, in conjunction with their annual pre-Boston Marathon pasta party at Casey's Tavern in East Somerville. After the run, the group collected money for the Jimmy Fund in

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mixture, hodgepodge 1. In what year did the

- first Burger King restaurant open?
- 2. What do scientists believe is the most common element in the universe?
- 3. How many squares are on a checkerboard?
- 4. Whose cousin is *Rescue* Me star Dennis Leary?
- 5. What is the age difference between Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie?
- 6. How many Stanley Cup championships have the Boston Bruins won to date?

- 7. Who was the first owner of the Boston Bruins?
- 8. How much was paid for the Bruins franchise in 1924?
- 9. What TV sitcom was the most watched from 1952 to 1955?
- 10. What does the second "A" stand for in NASCAR?
- 11. Who played the title character on Perry Mason?
- 12. What is Actor Richard Gere's middle name? Answers on page 20



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Jerry Bowser, also known as the "Boston Brawler" from his professional wrestling days, carried 2,350 pounds 900 feet across Ball Square in a wheelbarrow Saturday in order to raise money for two friends of his who each lost a leg during last year's Boston Marathon bombing. In addition to helping his friends, he held the event, a true show of "Boston Strong," to honor all Boston Marathon victims.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro & Donald Norton

East Somerville Block Party





Residents of and visitors to East Somerville were treated to an old-fashioned block party last Thursday. Specifically, the WORLD on a STRING 3rd Thursday Block Party Kickoff! Held at Chuckie Harris Park, the event featured live music, games, boxing demonstrations and much more. The parties will continue on the third Thursday of each month through the summer.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro

Support for our community in the wake of disturbing allegations CONT. FROM PG 10

Somerville Health Department's Trauma Response Network and Riverside Trauma Center are providing support to our community, including counseling and resources for parents and guardians, children, teachers and city staff. These counselors can also talk to parents and guardians about how to talk to their children about this news and how to watch for signs that your child may need support.

They will also be active in our schools once they return from vacation. The Trauma Response Network can be reached at 857-221-0942.

We will be scheduling another forum for parents and guardians for next week, after April vacation for the schools is over. We will let everyone know when and where that forum will take place, so we can update you with what we know, take any questions you

may have and provide any support you need.

For more information, please visit a Q&A posted on the City of Somerville's website at http://www.somervillema. gov/alerts/wairi-arrest-info-parentsguardians. Support services will be available for as long as needed. I know that, like me, our community is shocked, confused, worried and angered by these allega-

tions. As we grapple with the knowledge of these deeply upsetting allegations, please reach out to us for any support that you need.

Important phone numbers:

- Somerville Trauma Response Network: 857-221-0942
- + Boston Area Rape Crisis Center 24-hour hotline: 800-841-8371
- Somerville Police Department: 617-625-1600

- U.S. Attorney's Office: 617-748-3274
- Clinical Youth Specialist: 617-625-6600 ext. 4325
- Somerville Teen Connectionat SHS: 617-575-5690Guidance Center Referral
- Line: 617-354-2275
- + Cambridge Health Alliance Referral – Adults: 617-591-6033
- Cambridge Health Alliance Referral – Kids: 617-665-3458

St. Clement's Class of '71 ... still has class co

CONT. FROM PG 10

where did all those years go?" Some kids brought yearbooks and class photos. Someone was taking pictures with an iPad and mentioned something about starting a Facebook page for the class. At one point this big dude comes up to me and says, "Hi, Jimmy!" I wouldn't have known him in a million years. When he told me who he was, I just hugged the hell out of him. Not only was he my classmate for eight years, but he also used to live across the street from me. We were school friends and neighborhood friends. He told me he had been following me on

Facebook and here in the paper. I got the biggest kick of all out of catching up with him. Did I mention he lived across the street? That means playing buck buck, listening to The Beatles for the first time, and going in when the streetlights came on. My old pal DJ. I just peeked out my window and there is his old house!

All in all, it was like a trip back in time. I was bursting with emotion and smiling ear to ear. I was so happy that Lenny and Rich and Peggy and the others got the idea to pull this thing together. It goes to show you that if you plan, they

will come. Sure, we are now in our 60s, but the spirit and excitement was still there. It was like we hadn't lost a beat. We enjoyed being with each other, and no one seemed to want to leave. But, sure enough, one by one we drifted off. We headed back to our lives with kids, grandkids, elderly parents and jobs (even though some were retired or close to it). But we all came away from that special afternoon with a smile in our hearts. A smile that started almost 50 years ago when we put on our shirts and ties and uniforms and sat at our little desks at St. Clement's School. We were full of

youth and promise back then, and for one very special day in April of 2014, we were brimming with a unique feeling of accomplishment. We made it through some very interesting, if not trying, years in history: JFK, moon landings, hippies, AIDS and wars. We remembered those of our classmates who we lost, too. Every time I think of that gathering on Saturday, I cant stop smiling.

I still can't believe it. We were the class of 1971. But after 43 years, we hadn't changed at all ... well, maybe a little ... but for one day in April, I was back in classroom 8A.



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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 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

44 Park St: (Case #ZBA 2014-03) Applicant, Claudia Murrow, seeks an Administrative Appeal per SZO §3.1.9, 3.2, and 3.2.3 from a decision from the Inspectional Services Division that issued a temporary certificate of occupancy for a School for Instruction in Arts at 44 Park Street, Owner, Belam II LLC . RC Zone. Ward 2.

40 Pitman St: (Case #ZBA 2014-19) Applicant, 40 Pitman, LLC, and Owner Caroline & Aaron Becker, seek a Special Permit to establish 5 residential units per SZO §7.11.1.c and parking relief and parking design standards per SZO §9.13 BA Zone. Ward 3.

19 Cambria St: (Case #ZBA 2014-21) Applicant and Owner, Willard D. Cunningham, seeks a Variance under SZO §5.5, to increase the number of stories of the two-family structure from 2 ½ to 3 stories, and a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to alter the nonconforming structure by adding an approx 180sf addition and a rear deck. RA zone. Ward 3.

114 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-22) Applicant, Sprint Spectrum, and Owner Somerville Housing Authority, seek Special Permit Approval under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 to add equipment to a wireless communication facility which includes the installation of new panel antennas and

94 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2014-23) Applicant, Sprint Spectrum, and Owner, Beacon Place Condominium Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 to add equipment to a wireless communication facility which includes the installation of new panel antennas and remote

15 Weston Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-24) Applicant, Sprint Spectrum, and Owner, Somerville Housing Authority, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 to add equipment to a wireless communication facility which includes the installation of new panel antennas and remote

10 Beech St: (Case #ZBA 2014-25) Applicants and Owners, Ten Beech LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming two-family structure to create a by-right third unit, which includes an addition, a gable roof, and various alterations to the windows and doors that compose each façade. The Applicants also seek Special Permits under SZO §9.13.b to modify parking design standards to create tandem and compact parking spaces. RB zone. Ward 3.

14 Kidder Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-26) Applicant and Owner, Richard Burck, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to create a closet on the left side of a single-family dwelling, RB zone, Ward 6.

85 Bromfield Rd: (Case #ZBA 2014-27) Applicant and Owners, Ihsan & Valerie Gurdal seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming 3-family by extending a dormer within a nonconforming sideyard. RA Zone. Ward 7.

119 Rogers Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-28) The Applicants and Owners, Jack Higham and Pam Hearon, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to add a gable dormer on the left side and modify windows on the front façade of a single-family dwelling. RA zone.

204 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2014-29) Applicant and Owner, Laura Baring-Gould, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to by adding a second story and rear addition to convert the structure to a three-family dwelling and a Special Permit under §9.13.a to provide relief from 1 parking space, RB zone, Ward 3.

83 Jaques St: (Case #ZBA 2014-30) Applicant and Owner, Jake & Cathy Wilson, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to build a second floor rear

206 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2014-31) Applicant, Mark Silva, and Owner, Silva Realty, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming three-family structure by expanding and adding a dormer, adding a rear deck and altering window and door locations.

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

93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Legal Notice of Public Hearing

The Community Preservation Committee will hold two public hearings for all interested parties on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria of the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Boulevard, and on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria of the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross Street.

The Committee seeks public input on how the City should prioritize spending Community Preservation Act funding. Information on the Community Preservation Act is available at www.somervillema.gov/ cpa. Interested persons may provide comments to the Community Preservation Committee at the hearings or by submitting written comments through May 31st by mail to Emily Monea, SomerStat, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or by email to emonea@

Attest: Michael A. Capuano, Chair

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville,

844 McGrath Hwy: (Case #PB 2014-10) Applicant, Sprint Spectrum, and Owner, Cummings-Middlesex Somerville, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 to add equipment to a wireless communication facility which includes the installation of new panel antennas and remote radio heads. ASMD zone. Ward 1.

73-76 Union Sq: (Case #PB 2014-11) Applicant, The Independent, and Owner, Independent Realty Trust, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.6 to establish an outdoor seating area. CCD 55 zone. Ward 3.

2-8 Broaday/8 Mt. Pleasant St: (Case #PB 2014-12) Applicant and Owner, Lolastar, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §6.5.D.1 & 7.13.E to establish 19 residential units 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 seeks 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 will apply. TOD 55. Ward 1.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Beacon Street Multimodal Improvements and Streetscape Enhancements

LOCATION: Beacon Street, Somerville, Massachusetts

PROPONENT: MassDOT Highway Division and the City of Somerville

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before April 15, 2014.

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-62l). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

Mark Kolonoski, Environmental Planner MassDOT Highway Division, Environmental Services 10 Park Plaza, Room 4260

Boston Massachusetts, 02116

Phone: (857) 368-8831; Email: Mark.kolonoski@dot.state.ma.us

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of *The City of Somerville* where they may

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By Michael Trepanier, Senior Environmental Planner, MassDOT Highway Division

(Proponent)

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All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

Afternoon at the Movies: Monday, April 28 - Holland Street Atrium - 12:30 P.M. The second movie in our Afternoon at the Movies series - Lee Daniel's The Butler Oscar winning Forest Whitaker delivers a powerful performance as Cecil Gaines, who served as the White House butler under eight presidents. His three decades of service unfold against a backdrop of unparalleled change in American history. Rated PG-13 - running 132 minutes - Please contact Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or for additional information.

Artwork in Clay – Starting Tuesday, May 6: 9:00 A.M. Four one-hour workshops(May 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th) at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Learn about working with clay - slabs, coils & pinching, as well as the addition of decorative elements including texture and color. All thanks to a grant from the Tufts University Neighborhood Service Fund and Mud Flat Studios. Enrollment is free and space is limited to 10 people. Slots will fill up fast so give Janine a call at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Mohegan Sun: Tuesday, May 20 - Located in Uncasville, CT – Package includes motorcoach transportation, \$10.- food coupon & \$10.- free bet. Check in time is 8:30 at Holland Street & 8:45 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an estimated return time of 8:00 p.m. Cost \$25.- Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or for additional information.

Lucianos Restaurant & North Shore Acappella:

Wednesday, May 21 – Check in time is 9:45 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 5:00 P.M. For over 30 years North Shore Acappella has excited audiences throughout the country adding an experienced blend of harmony, rhythm and tempo to songs from the 1940's through today. Meal choice of Roast Pork Loin or Haddock – includes dessert & coffee / tea. \$79.00 per person. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP, meal choice or additional information.

Taj Mahal Resort & Casino: Monday, October 13 – Wednesday, October 15 - This resort which is located on the boardwalk in Atlantic City has world class restaurants, non-stop entertainment and a dazzling array of shops. Trip includes: Motorcoach transportation, 2 nights lodging & \$45.- Slot Dollars. \$222.- per person double occupancy or \$344.- single. A \$50.- deposit per person on or before May 5th is required. For more information or if you should have any questions, please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFOR-MATION:

Lunch at the Winter Hill Yacht Club on May 1 is SOLD

The Charleston, SC & Savannah, GA trip scheduled for May 4th to May 10th is **SOLD OUT**.

The Mohegan Sun trip scheduled for May 20 is SOLD OUT.

IMPORTANT INFO:

Somerville Fire Department: An ongoing collaboration with the Somerville Fire Department has resulted in a program to distribute and install free, new smoke alarms in eligible households. For more information and an application, call us at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBT EVENTS

LGBT Lunch – Monday, May 12: 11:30 A.M. –A special lunch as the students from the GSA (Gay / Straight Alliance) at Somerville High School will be joining us. Pizza for all at no charge. RSVP and for additional information please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

LGBT Dinner & Movie night – Monday, May 19 – May's "Movie to Come Out To" has yet to be determined. Dinner will be provided by West 7 Bistro. Dinner starts at 5:30 - Cost is \$6.00 - For additional information and to RSVP please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month with scholarships available - please contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information. We have available slots and would love to have you.

LGBT Advisory Group – Will now meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email MBastardi@Somervillema.

STAY ACTIVE:

Wii Bowling League - at Holland Mondays at noon. Free. If you haven't tried this -come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

Zumba for All with Cheryl - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15 - 6:15 \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes. Come at the end of the day, after work - open to all.

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15 Holland and 9:30 Thursdays at R&J \$3

Fit-4-Life LBT Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

Fit-4-Life General Wednesday & Friday Mornings

Bowling at Flatbreads Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. **Upcoming Schedule**

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street = (H)

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street = RJ

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway =(C)

Wednesday, April 23

Elder Fair

Centers Closed

Thursday, April 24

10:00 Current Events (H) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:45 Crafty Ladies with Juanita (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ) 12:30 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday, April 25

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

Monday, April 28

9:30 Veterans Group (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

9:30 Moonlighters (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:30 Afternoon at the Movies: "The Butler" (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Tuesday, April 29

10:00 SHINE by appt. (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ, C)

Wednesday, April 30

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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Somerville begins Central Broadway/Winter Hill roadway design process CONT. FROM PG 3

part of the neighborhood who do not own a car, it might be a different scenario.

"Broadway is designed for vehicles, not for pedestrians,"

friendly. But for residents in this lifelong Somerville resident get into Boston." Benjamin Levy said. "The city can do a lot by redesigning the sidewalks and roads. For people who don't live here, they just cut in through the way to

The project team and Somerville by Design got their first flavor of what people in this neighborhood want through the meeting.

traffic from east to west, but it also needs to cater to the residents and businesses along the corridor, so that's a balancing act," Timperio said. "Not only

"The corridor provides the do you want to try to process the traffic through the corridor, but you also want to create a sense of a place that allows for development opportunities and growth."

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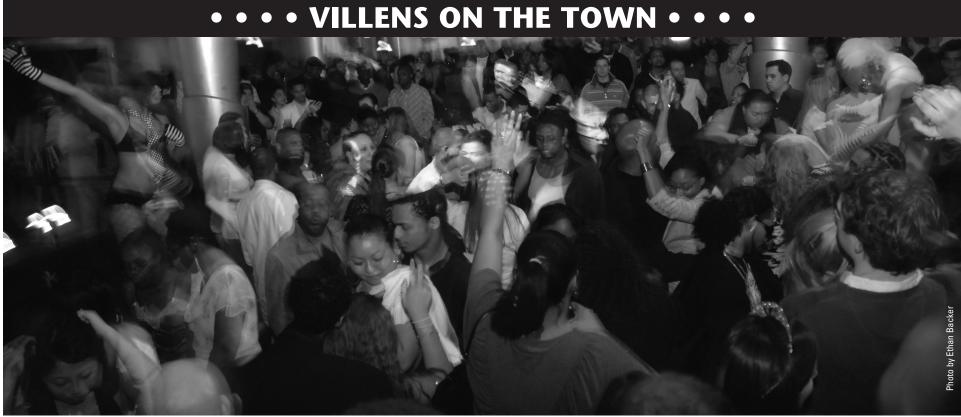
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East Branch Library

Heidi Sheputa presents Violet the Clown's Career Day Show Meghan Forsell 617-623-5000

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broad-

Thursday April 24

Central Library

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

East Branch Library

Good CRAFTernoon! Meghan Forsell 617-623-5000 x2970 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

Friday | April 25

Central Library

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

land Ave

Central Library

Somerville Birdhouse Project James Fox 617-710-0676 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Saturday April 26

Central Library

Saturday Homework Help Ron Castile/617-623-5000 x2969 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Meet Paul Carafotes, author of Charlie Bubbles to Fenway! Ann Cassesso| 617-623-5000-2950

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Sunday April 27

Central Library

Art Cards! Cathy Piantigini 617-623-5000, x2954 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating 3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somer-

Monday April 28

Central Library

Sing-along w/Jeremy Lyons Cathy Piantigini 617-623-5000, x2954 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | 79 Highland

Arts at the Armory

Knucklebones 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday | April 29

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 9-11 Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216 9:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library

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

Avenue **Central Library**

StoryCorps Listening Party Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000

12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday | April 30

East Branch Library

Preschool: Día! Bilingual Story-

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broad-

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Wednesday | April 23

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Thursday April 24

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Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. **Back Room** Scattershot |10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

Paint the Town (la) Red - A Celebration of Survival 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Singer-Songwriter Event: The Loop

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Friday | April 25

Johnny D's

Harper and Midwest Kind, World Blues Fusion 7:30 p.m. Free Friday featuring Boo City|10

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Kevin & The Byrneouts |6 p.m. Hear Now Live presents Southbound Outlaws, Liz Frame & The Kickers,

The Barn Burners \$10 cover 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Jimmy's Down 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Dave Wells & Andrea Gillis 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

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Arts at the Armory Bluegrass Fridays at the Armory 7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday | April 26

Johnny D's

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Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. Hillbilly Holiday, The Darlings \$5 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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Dance + Series 10 a.m.|Performance Hall David Johnston 4 p.m.|Cafe

Voices Rising present Catie Curtis 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Uranium Daughters and Sool 8 p.m. |Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday April 27

Johnny D's

Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band|4 p.m.

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m

Natalie Flanagan, Didn't Planet, Trusty Sidekick 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

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

Back Room

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Sunday Brunch Live Country & **Bluegrass** Sunday Night Live Music

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Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Arts at the Armory

Songs of the Greek Underground and Lost Homelands; A Look at the History of Rebetika Music 3 p.m.|Performance Hall Cafe Rags 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday | April 28

Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents Tight Five Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

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Front Room Bur-Run

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

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Precinct Bar

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Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

Cambridge Symphony Orchestra 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday | April 29

Johnny D's

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Noah Maltsberger with Dan Blakeslee | 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Jason Anick and the Swing-

ers|8:30 p.m.

Back Room

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

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Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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Bull McCabe's Pub

The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

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

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Wednesday April 30

Johnny D's

For The Sake Of The Song: A Tribute To Bob Dylan 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

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CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | April 23

Central Library

Constellations 3: Poetry Reading 7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira lamal 7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|w-

ww.nadirajamal.com Thursday April 24

Central Library

Fair Housing Commission Meet-Vicki Wairi 617.625.6600 x 2588

12 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Drop-In Meditation Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.|79 Highland

Avenue **Central Library**

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Third Life Studio

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Friday | April 25

Central Library

Somerville Birdhouse Project James Fox | 617-710-0676 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga

2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland

Saturday | April 26

Bagel Bards

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

Third Life Studio

Jazz Dance Brunch! A Six Week Jazz Dance Class Series with Jen Farrell January 25 through March 1 10:30am-12:00pm|33 Union Sq

Sunday April 27

Unity Church of God

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

Third Life Studio

basement.

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday | April 28

Central Library

Book Group: Books-into-Movies Discussion Group 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Tuesday | April 29

Arts at the Armory Prenatal Yoga

7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave **Third Life Studio**

The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com

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

Wednesday | April 30 **Central Library**

SomerPromise Meeting Katherine Sadowski | 617-625-6600 x2342 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.| 79 Highland

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Climate forecast: Dire to catastrophic CONT. FROM PG 10

trapped in permafrost, less than ten feet from the surface. Methane is 23 times more powerful a greenhouse gas than CO2 on a 100-year timescale; 105 times more potent on a 20-year timescale. Gigatons of methane are trapped within frozen undersea clathrate beds and permafrost.

Because the ice that once reflected sunlight is melting and the ocean is absorbing heat, the Arctic is warming faster than any other global region. U.S. Navy researchers predict it will be ice-free by 2016. Meanwhile, a *Nature Geoscience* article finds that as many a million tons of methane are already bubbling up like seltzer across two million square kilometers of East Siberian ocean every year.

These releases of methane and carbon will trap more atmospheric heat, melting more ice, releasing yet more greenhouse gases, and potentially creating a vicious feedback loop. The last time this happened was "The

Great Dying," 250 million years ago, when 95% of all the species on earth became extinct.

A study in *Nature* suggests that a thawing Arctic could release 50 billion tons of methane at any time, the equivalent of a trillion tons of carbon.

Climate scientists who see this doomsday scenario as likely in the near term are a minority. But they outnumber climate scientists who deny human-made climate change.

The second report of the IP-CC's current update was "Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability." Issued last month, it forecast increasing famine, pestilence, and war.

Climate change has begun to destabilize human society. We see this in the human costs of mega heatwaves, wildfires, a 23-state drought, crop failures, ocean acidification, superstorms, blizzards in unprepared locales, catastrophic typhoons, massive arctic ice melts, and shrinking

laciers.

The world's food supply is already at considerable risk. Wheat and corn output has sharply declined as a result of droughts in Russia, Brazil, Argentina, and Ukraine. Temperature variations and acidification have already destroyed 40% of the oceans' phytoplankton, the basis of the oceanic food chain.

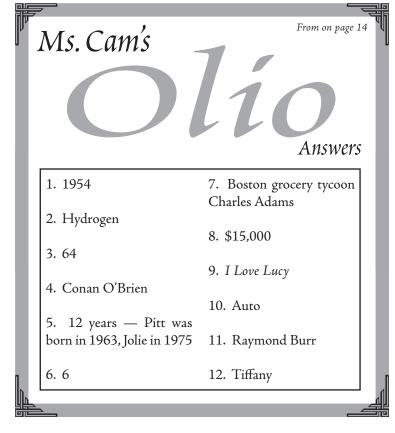
Food and water shortages lead to political conflict, mass migrations, and war. Thee too are already underway.

The Syrian Civil War holds the potential for blowing up he Middle East. Its ultimate roots are not in repression of the Arab-Spring-like protests of March and April 2011. Rather, those protests erupted when the regime was unresponsive to mass impoverishment and starvation resulting from a four-year drought. Climate change over the last 40 years has dried out the Mediterranean area, and Syria was especially hard hit.

The IPCC's third report, issued last week, is "Mitigation of Climate Change." It explores 1,200 scenarios for averting disaster and recommends the cheapest and most effective of them. Those options and the

political obstacles to choosing them are the subject of this twopart series' second half.

Links to sources for all factual statements in this column will appear in its online version.



Easter Egg Hunt at Chuckie Harris Park











Families enjoyed a great day at Chuckie Harris Park on Saturday, taking part in the Connexion Easter Egg Hunt. Kids sought out the eggs, while parents and friends enjoyed the nice weather and commeraderie.

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8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	1:00pm	Plastic Planet (Free Speech TV)
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10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Basic Buddha	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	2:30pm	Copy Cat Festival (at the Arts at the Armory)
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Chie Yasuda	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
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10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	10:00pm	Independent Filmmaker Hour	6:00pm	Abugida TV		Mike Lak
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Voices of Somerville

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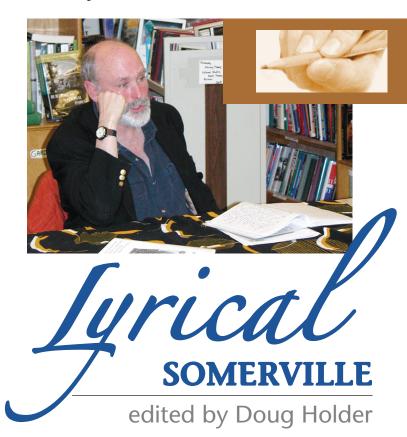
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Highlander Forum - Scholarship



Experimental, intelligent, and environmental, turtle grass, a series of shadows, Muddy River Books, Brookline Massachusetts, 2014, Irene Koronas' third full length book of poems. Her language resonates, melts into the past and jointly falls forward. The poems are written in traditional form, as well as, informational writings on nature, and romantic musing; she remains true to her own style, eclectic.



she remains true to her own style, eclectic. Koronas is a well known local poet and painter, a Mass College of Art, graduate. She is poetry editor for *Wilderness House Literary Review* and a member of the Bagel Bards.

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grass tufts spring out and up from the deep green wide leaf hosta. weeds grow as if they belong in any garden. with the promise to return even when uprooted their tiny buds on slender stalk ensure their return. their urgency during late summer like a recess bell jerks children from play, the slender grass weeds wake me from my puritan dream, mowed lawns and pond frogs, white wooden churches and picket fence. I wake, none to soon, for I am still a foreigner in this city with cultured pearls, roses and ginko trees. now that age claims my bones and nature is a small garden in backyards, where sun vies for attention, I idle. my thinking more poetic than yellow. my sentences sparse fallow weeds. I no longer quarrel over what's a weed or a plant, both belong in my garden. my poems like trifle small meaningless whims, I write before night shuts out what little light filters through onto green garden chair, I sit undisturbed, while shade squanders any need I may have had under maple tree I read my poetry in my tiny garden hosta and weed silences my verse

— Irene Koronas

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ATTN: Somerville Residents:

The Mass Poetry Festival May 2 to 3

This week our guest columnist is Jacqueline Malone of the Mass. Poetry Festival. She has just interviewed Executive Director of the Festival January O'Neil. The festival will be held May 2 to 3 in Salem, Mass. http://masspoetry.org.

In the last month or so there have been few people busier than our own January O'Neil, Executive Director of Massachusetts Poetry Festival, as she has been involved making and solidifying plans for the event. But she took time to answer some questions that give us her unique point-of-view on the May 2 through 4 event in Salem. As you'll see from her answers, she is one of the Massachusetts Poetry Festival's most ardent fans!

Jacqueline Malone: What kind of feedback have you gotten about past festivals?

January O'Neil: This is an event people enjoy coming back to year after year. Needless to say, feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Every year, we get a little better at putting on a large-scale festival, and it shows. I'm most surprised at how our reputation is growing outside of New England. Whenever I go to national conferences or other large festivals, people have heard of our little event, which is simply amazing.

JM: What will make this year's festival special? JO: Mass Poetry has been fortunate to bring in an amazing group of poets locally and from across the country. Having two poets laureate, Carol Ann Duffy and Phil Levine, is a gift. Music and Poetry with Cornelius Eady. Kim Addonizio, Oliver de la Paz, and Susan Rich bring their poetic sensibilities from the West Coast. And having Rhina Espaillat, David Ferry, and Lucie Brock-Brodio on the same

JM: Name a workshop you believe experienced poets will love.

program is icing on the cake!

JO: Poets and poetry lovers will love all of our events! That being said, I'm looking forward to The State of Poetry with festival cofounder Michael Ansara, Oliver de la Paz, Kim Addonizio, and Don Share from Poetry magazine, hosted by Jennifer Jean. After an afternoon of verse, attendees will appreciate coming together to talk about the poetry landscape. I'm also interested in "Young Poets Address Issues of Identity: The Body, Trauma, Empowerment, and Transformation." This panel speaks the power of poetry. And, I'm curious about "Five Poetry Prompts That Will Change Your Life." What are those prompts? I must know!



January O'Neil.

JM: What should those who are just trying out their wings as writers look for in workshop descriptions?

JO: When the workshop is over, what are the takeaways? Will you have prompts, a basis to revise titles or whole manuscripts? Do you feel you'll get what you need to start a poem or try a new style?

JM: Besides the planned events, what will people enjoy about the festival?

JO: I hope everyone will cherish this time with like-minded people talking about poetry. And Salem is a terrific host for this! There are so many restaurants and spaces to gather and share ideas. What I really want is for people to take a few minutes in-between sessions to talk to one another, reflect on what they have experienced, and take it out into the world. The festival will end but that good feeling doesn't have to.

JM: For poetry lovers who have never made it to a festival, what are they missing?

JO: You will miss the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the best poets writing poetry today—from emerging to established poets, our festival still has a grassroots feel. We don't stand on pretension. Most important, you'll miss the opportunity to "fill the well" with words, something much needed after this polar vortex of a winter.

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Guard, who will present their colors in remembrance of the Marathon Bombing Victims and the two heroic Boston Firefighters who recently lost their lives in the line of duty. A Somerville High School Youth Chorus member will sing the national anthem, joined by some veterans of Somerville Little League's past. They

will join former Red Sox player Sam Horn to throw out the ceremonial first pitch, at Conway Field, at 10:45AM. Majors and Minors games will immediately follow the ceremony. Come on down and cheer the kids on!! For more information, email Sean Fitzgerald at seanjfitz@comcast.net.

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