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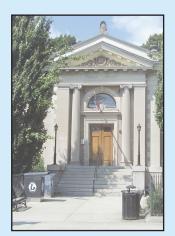


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Paper or plastic? Somerville wants neither



While the use of plastic bags by retailers' days may be numbered, some are also questioning the practicality of continued use of paper bags as well.

By Margaux Maxwell

Shoppers in nearby Cambridge started bringing their own shopping bags on March 31 when Cambridge became the largest East Coast City to enforce a ban on plastic bags. This fall, Somerville will enact its own ban on plastic.

The "Bring Your Own Bag" ordinance was passed on November 24, 2015 and will go into effect this August for establishments of 10,000 square feet or more and December for retail establishments of under 10,000 square feet. Under the ordinance, disposable plastic bags will be prohibited at the point of sale, making reusable bags or recyclable paper bags available instead. Businesses that do not comply will receive a first offense warning, second offence \$50 fine, with third and subsequent offences incurring a \$100 fine.

"[The ordinance] was unanimously passed because of the environmental Continued on page 4

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Somerville Open Studios is opening to the public this weekend

By Jim Clark

Local artists and crafters from around the city are once more opening their work spaces to the public as the 2016 edition of Somerville Open Studios gets underway this weekend.

Through its programming, SOS gives access to the work of visual artists living and working in the city of Somerville. They provide opportunities to view art made within the community; to interact with local artists; and to have access to artists' working spaces.

Their goal is to broaden the public's exposure to, and appreciation of, finished works of art as well as the art-making process. This exposure both educates the community and raises awareness of the diverse artistic experience available in Somerville.

Maps and vital information about the event is available on the SOS website: https://www. somervilleopenstudios.org.

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Woman With Purple Hair by George Teshu, one of dozens of local artists who are opening their studios to the public this weekend during Somerville Open Studios.

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Want a great lunch, in particular great sandwiches and burgers 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.? Check out Sally O'Briens, 335 Somerville Avenue in Union Square. Mention you saw it here and get ½ off sandwiches and burgers. Great burgers too. Also for bands, both local and well known, check out the Sally O'Brien's night scene. Make sure you mention you saw it here, and introduce yourself to Liam and his friendly staff. Enjoy and relax with friends.

Hurry up and get your ticket for the drawing for The Somerville High Scholarship Foundation that is once again having its huge drawing coming up on May 13 at the Highlander Café at Somerville High School. Refreshments will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. Drawing at 8:00 p.m. Several door prizes will be given out during the drawing for the \$10,000 grand prize. Tickets for the drawing are \$100 each. You can purchase one or share the cost of one with many in your home/office or with friends. It's a great fundraiser for the kids. Over the years the SHS Foundation has benefitted many students. Make your check out to S.H.S. Raffle and send it to SHS Raffle c/o Joseph Favaloro, P.O. Box 440275 Somerville 02144. It's been a great organization here in the city since 1990 and has grown over the years, serving many Somerville graduates to further their Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: MBTA presents redesigned community path extension

MarketMan says:

Ridiculous!

Rumpleforeskin says:

Preposterous!

Noel Efturn says:

Balderdash! Preposteri are now extinct.

By the double-barrelled jumping jiminetty, says I! (* twirls handlebar moustache *)

Owen Deed says:

I know plain old horse hockey when I see it! And believe me, I'm no sports fan.

Idoknow says:

If anyone doesn't understand what is happening history is repeating itself. Mr. Wright and Mr. Poirier who have been chosen to figure out how to keep the project going have experience from the Big Dig as the same team who when overruns occurred figured out how to keep the project going so

there respective companies (Keville) and MHD could continue to reap \$\$\$'s. Respectfully when Governor Patrick had Bechtel and Parson Brinkerhoff thrown off the project in late 2006, Keville took over the Bechtel\PB employee's and increased their bottom line at the taxpayers expense. The GLX is no different as Mr. Wright is a former MBTA employee with a heavy pension and also a pension from Mass Highway, but back to ensure his friends and colleagues continue to collect a paycheck. In addition, Mr. Poirier's wife Kimberly is Director of Labor Relations at MBTA and how does this work when there is overlapping interest in the paycheck?? You decide?

Nat says:

Worry about finishing the Greenline extension first before worrying about some stupid path....

Abba says:

So we can find the money no problem to completely reconfigure the Route 2 highway in Concord, and we can find the money no problem to widen the Route 128 highway in Wellesley, but we can't find the money for a 1.9 mile bike path that would connect an existing 12+ mile bike path from Bedford to the miles upon miles of Charles River and Boston Emerald Necklace bike paths, creating a safe bicycle superhighway to Boston that gets bicycles off the roads and out of the mix with cars? Pathetic.

Freebie says:

The original cost of \$100 million for the bike path alone? How on earth?

The new plan should be implemented. If we build this path it will get heavy use by our many commuters going into Kendall, heck it might even cut into MBTA fares – oops!

 $And\ I\ see the \ construction\ signs\ on\ Beacon\ Street\ this\ week-the\ cycle\ track\ construction\ begins!$

Genie Geronimo says:

The 80,000,000 price to construct a 3,000 foot retaining wall is a complete fabrication. Anybody familiar with construction knows this. The original cost would never have been that high. If the MBTA (or these clowns) is too inept to manage this then maybe they should get someone local to do the job.

A Moore says:

First off whatever price is worked out will not be the real price of the job. You can be sure it will be higher. The contractors that bid these jobs have that in place in the contracts. This whole thing has been handled wrong. Should have designed it the cheapest way possible and then add in the most important things depending on the money left over. The longer it is delayed under the existing conditions and amount of money to work with the more unlikely it will be built. The cost factor should have been part of the designing process and well thought out as that is why they get the big bucks.

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Community Preservation Act proposals headed to Board of Aldermen for vote

By Josie Grove

The Board of Aldermen will soon vote on a \$2.5 million bond to renovate the historic core of the West Branch Library, along with nine other projects to be paid for with revenue from the Community Preservation Act.

"The Community Preservation Act is funded in part by a surcharge on property taxes," explained Dick Bauer, the chair of the committee that reviews projects for CPA funding. Somerville voters approved the CPA with a ballot measure in 2012. The revenue from the 1.5% surcharge is matched by the state, and supplemented with other city appropriations.

By law, money from the CPA must pay for affordable housing, open space, recreational space, or historic preservation. "The CPA is very specific in what these funds can and cannot be used for," said Kristin Stelljes, the city's CPA manager. In Somerville, 45% of the CPA revenue is set aside for affordable housing and transferred to the Affordable Housing Trust. This split was determined after a community process following the passage of the CPA.

The Community Preservation Committee, a nine-member committee of residents and city officials, decides how to allocate the remaining 55% of CPA revenue.

The committee reviews the projects for

eligibility for CPA funding, and then submits them to the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen. Finally, the full Board of Aldermen will vote to approve or reject the proposals.

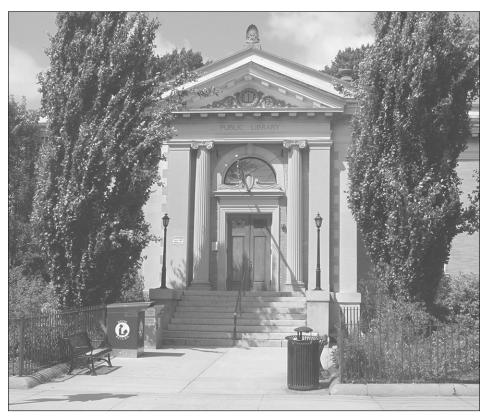
The CPA brought in \$2,199,821last year, including the state matching funds. Including nearly \$2 million that was not spent in the last funding cycle, the CPA has \$4,178,942 available.

"The CPA is very specific in what these funds can and cannot be used for"

The Community Preservation Committee has spent the past several months deciding what to do with that money. In addition to eligibility, the committee considers how well projects meets needs outlined in the Community Preservation Plan, the committee's guiding document.

Last Wednesday, Bauer and Stelljes presented seven projects to the finance committee, which voted to send all seven to the full Board of Aldermen for approval.

The renovation of the West Branch Library is by far the largest project recommended by the committee.



Major renovation for the West Branch Public Library may be getting underway soon if the Board of Aldermen approves the CPA funds earmarked for the project. – Photo by Bobbie Toner

"The CPC is recommending funding through bonding for the preservation of the interior and exterior," said Stelljes. The \$2.5 million will be borrowed by the city, and repaid with the income from future CPA revenue. If the Board of Aldermen approves the measure, Stelljes estimates that \$150,000 to \$175,000 of CPA revenue will go toward repaying the bond each year for the next 25 years.

The CPA bond will not cover the proposed addition to the library, nor will it pay for any landscaping. The bond will pay only for renovations to the 1909 building, including changes to make it accessible to people with disabilities.

Six other projects were given the approval of the finance committee, and will be voted on at Thursday's Board of Aldermen meeting. The CPA revenue will pay for them outright, with no bonding required.

The Somerville Museum could receive 11 meeting.

\$423,480 for its renovations. If approved by the Board of Aldermen, the building will be made accessible to disabled people, and an elevator will be added.

Another proposal would establish a fund help property owners do preservation work on the hundreds of privately owned designated historic buildings in Somerville. "This fund would provide small grants to property owners to improve the exteriors of buildings that are visible from the pubic right-of-way," said Stelljes.

Three parks - the Hoyt-Sullivan Playground on Central Street, the South Street Farm in Ward Two, and Allen Street Park just off Somerville Avenue - will be rehabilitated with a combined \$480,160 from CPA revenue.

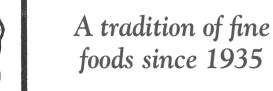
Three more will go before the finance committee on April 27, 2016. From there, projects will be presented to the Board of Aldermen for final approval at the May

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Davis Sq. Somerville by Design process relaunches April 27

Save the date: The City of Somerville, and the Somerville by Design team, in cooperation with Gehl Architects, are relaunching the Davis Sq. Somerville by Design process on Wednesday, April 27. A kickoff meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the First Church Somerville UCC, at 89 College Ave., to review major topics that came out of the Open House: building heights, cooperative management, and the public realm. For more information, visit www.somervillebydesign.com.

Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville or to attend meetings, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Betsy Allen, at 617-625-6600 x2323 or BAllen@ somervillema.gov.



VEEKIN CIR By Jim Clark

Little red pickup's wild ride

A call went out to patrol cars on duty shortly after midnight last Monday to be on the lookout for a red pickup truck that was involved in an alleged hit-and-run incident.

According to reports, the vehicle hit a car and subsequently fled the scene.

The truck was eventually spot-

ted and was pursued by several patrol units through the city. The truck was reportedly traveling at a high rate of speed without its headlights on.

In spite of the patrol cars' blue light signals indicating that the truck should pull over, the chase reportedly continued down Highland Ave. and on to Pembroke St. The truck then turned onto Sycamore St. where it was eventually pulled to a stop by the pursuing police cruisers.

Officers approached the vehicle as the driver, later identified as Roberto Pereira, of Revere, exited and surrendered to police.

Pereira was immediately placed into handcuffs while the officers ran a check on the alleged hitand-run driver.

The results of the database inquiry reportedly determined that Pereira had a suspended license under an "A" number, due to operating under the influence of alcohol. He was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, motor vehicle lights violation, leaving the scene of property damage, improper operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Pereira was immediately transported to the Somerville Police Station for booking.

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Arrests:

Harry Prunier, April 18, 10:22 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of assault and battery on a family or household member and attempted arson of a dwelling.

Christopher Tardo, of 62 Bradley St., April 19, 1:18 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of destruction of property under \$250 and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Kevin Graham, of 3 Summit Ave., April 19, 8:55 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of marked lanes violation and failure to stop or yield.

Daniel Megquier, of 35 Broadsound Ave., Revere, April 20, 1:33 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of larceny over \$250, removal of theft detection device, and possession of a burglarious instrument.

Ashley Desmarais, of 889 Harrison Ave., Boston, April 21, 7:18 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation, larceny from a building, larceny over \$250, receiving stolen property over \$250, and possession of a class E drug.

Richard Grant, of 50 Massapoag St., Weymouth, April 23, 2:59 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Hamza Warsame, Malden St., Revere, April 23, 3:11 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise, possession of a firearm without FID card, leaving the scene of property damage, receiving stolen property under \$250, and larceny of a motor

Robert O'Rourke, of 2 Mulcahy Lane, Billerica, April 24, 2:12 a.m., arrested at Beacon St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second

Roberto Pereira, of 37 Bickford Ave., Revere, April 25, 12:50 a.m., arrested at Sycamore St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, motor vehicle lights violation, leaving the scene of property damage, improper operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

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Paper or plastic? Somerville wants neither **CONT. FROM PG 1**

ued use of plastic bags," said careful about how they pollute sachusetts have bans on plastic Alderman at Large William A. White, Jr.

David Jick, owner of Dave's Fresh Pasta in Davis Square, known for their signature plastic take-out bags that tout their company name and logo, says he's not looking forward to the ban. "I'd be excited if I thought paper bags were better for the environment but I think they still use of a lot of energy to produce, so they have drawbacks environmentally too," said Jick.

Some Somerville residents are pushing for a total ban on takeout bags, paper and plastic, and want to encourage all residents and visitors to bring their own canvas bags.

"The plastic bag ban is great

concerns raised by the contin- because people need to be more nineteen communities in Masthe environment with plastic, and people are careful first about their money," said Sequoia Ponzio-Young, 19, of Somerville. "So placing a price on the bags is useful, but I wish they would ban bags all together. Why doesn't the city give out free canvas bags in order to prepare people for the ban? Or offer educational seminars on the environmental harm plastic causes?"

The Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance was drafted by the Law Office in consultation with Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne, who originally proposed the bill, and the Board's Committee on Legislative Matters, chaired by Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti. To date,

bags, including: Amherst, Barnstable, Brookline, Cambridge, Concord, Falmouth, Great Barrington, Harwich, Manchesterby-the-Sea, Marblehead, Nantucket, Newburyport, Newton, Northampton, Pittsfield, Provincetown, Somerville, South Hadley and Wellfleet.

A bill was put forth this month by Lori A. Ehrlich, Massachusetts State Representative of the Eighth Essex District, to enact a statewide ban that would eliminate non- biodegradable bags by 2017.

"We will seek to become the second state in the nation to pass a statewide ban of single use plastic grocery bags, which clog our gutters and storm



Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne set in motion the proposal that led to the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance which will be taking effect this coming August.

drains, litter our sidewalks, and do harm to marine life. This legislation would encourage the use of durable, reusable grocery

bags, following the lead of most other Western countries, which have kicked the plastic bag habit," said Ehrlich.

The Middle East beyond ISIS

By Sal Ghamo

On April 21 at 5:30 pm, The Fletcher School at Tufts University invited Jordanian entrepreneur Fadi Ghandour to analyze the role business and entrepreneurship plays in creating significant change in the Middle East. Ghandour is responsible for founding Aramex, an international express, mail delivery and logistics services company based in Dubai.

The Fletcher School is attempting to adjust their focus in terms of international relation and business. A huge part of the Fletcher perspective is encouraging the relevancy of a cultural and political context that can help bolster an accurate perception of other countries status in terms of business.

The goal is to create a network of like-minded people, and the first step seems to be bringing this business-history hybrid to fruition. Fadi Ghandour shared his own candid point of view that functioned as a type of commencement for the insurgency at Fletcher that revokes the antiquated, ethnocentric perception of different countries business and culture. The entrepreneurial advantages, as well as the political freedom that people in the Middle East are facing is something we need to pay attention to because it's becoming more relevant on social media every day. Ghandour began the discussion with regard to business' role in society.



Tufts University played host to Jordanian entrepreneur Fadi Ghandour, who offered his analysis of the business climate in the Middle East. - Photo by Sal Ghamo

Aramex is not only a lucrative and prominent organization, but it is also responsible for several progressive movements in Jordan. The activist organization has a relationship with youth across the region, so much that they re-invented basketball for men and women in Jordan. In any business, the private sector needs to have a relationship with the people.

...people believe their best days are ahead of them...

One critical misperception Ghandour disentangled was that ISIS is not the leading force in the Arab world. Youth empowerment has become a reality, and radical ideologies are not galvanizing on the streets instilling fear into people. Arab Youth surveys show that people believe their best days are ahead of them, that they want jobs, that they want to fight corruption, and that they are indeed worried about ISIS but outright refuse the ideology.

We may see the Arab world in a dismal light, but it is only defined in that way because of our own lack of awareness. Even in the most hellish of situations, the youth doesn't want to stay in a position that isn't defined by progression and ambition. Saudi Arabians have found that Twitter and Facebook are a platform for self-expression and communal discussion.

The media paints a perception of the Arab world, as well as other countries, that isn't accurate. People are expressing their opinions freely in several regions across the globe, and they are transcending over traditional beliefs and societies hold on them in a cyber fashion that we need to be more mindful of.

Ghandour referred to the startup world in Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, and other countries as "The Access of Innovation." People in these regions have realized that they're all connected and that individuals established abroad want to start businesses where they're located. So, residents in these regions decided to develop their own platforms without the help of external sources.

There's a growing market online, and there are even companies like Uber on the rise in Saudi Arabia. Regulators can't keep up with people who are using technology to become Uber drivers on their own because they can't understand how the technology works in the first place. In addition to that, can you really tell people they can't work as a taxi driver in a country where the unemployment rate is as high as 27 percent?

The reality is that individuals in other countries are doing business, and are pushing forward through structural impediments. People who are taking risks like Ghandour and investing in startups are watching the hold regimes once had on people crumble away beneath an empire of ambitious youth.

The Somerville Times **Historical Fact of the Week**

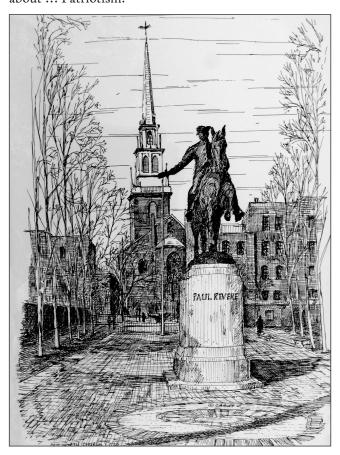


Eagle feathers #102

Patriots' Day

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

This past week, historic-minded citizens celebrated Patriots Day at Foss Park. It was a beautiful day, and a larger than normal crowd attended. They came to observe the reenactment of Paul Revere's historic ride. Period children's games were played and samples of food from the era went fast. The high school band's music filled the air with patriotic tunes and colonial-dressed volunteers complemented the true meaning of what this holiday is about ... Patriotism.



In the early 1800's part of the twenty-six mile long Middlesex Canal flowed along the base of Winter Hill through what is now Foss Park and East Somerville. The source of the canal was drawn from the historic Concord River, and its celebrated water flowed through the park for over fifty years.

When the British invaded the countryside to confiscate powder and guns from the colonials, their high watermark was the famous bridge that arched the Concord River. Starting at its waters edge, the Americans chased the British into full retreat until they passed through Somerville

The 1774 attack and plundering of our Powder House was, in effect, a dress rehearsal for the battle at Lexington and Concord nine months later. After this event, Paul Revere wrote to a friend, "The spirit of liberty was never higher than at present." Revere's ride prevented a repeat.

On his midnight ride through what is now Somerville, Revere was nearly captured by British cavalry. This original path toward Cambridge was diverted by way of Winter Hill to Medford, Arlington, and Lexington. If he had been caught, American history would have been rewritten.

Somerville was almost named after Revere's close friend, Dr. Joseph Warren, slain hero of the Battle of Bunker Hill. Because Revere performed Warren's dental work, he identified his friend's body.

In 1777, after American victories in New York and Vermont, forty-two hundred English and German prisoners were held captive at Winter Hill and Prospect Hill. They were brought here under guard of Colonel Paul Revere.

Paul Revere was not only a soldier, Continued on page 15

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Somerville Spring Cleanup set for this Saturday

By Charles Lane

The annual Spring Cleanup and Community Barbecue takes place on Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All participants are invited to meet at the Blessing of the Bay Boat House on Shore Drive, at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast with local elected officials and coffee before setting out to your ward. Transportation will be provided from the Boat House to your ward for the Cleanup.

After the Cleanup, from noon to 2:00 p.m., a free community BBQ will take place at the Boat House. A rain date has been set for Sunday, May 1.

Residents are invited to join Ward Captains and city officials in each of the city's seven wards to help prepare the city for the spring and summer by planting flowers, weeding open spaces, and otherwise cleaning our community following the long winter months.

Refreshments, t-shirts, and hats will be provided to all participants from 10:00 a.m. to noon at all cleanup locations and all participants are invited to the community barbecue immediately following the cleanup. Volunteers should meet a Ward Captain at 10:00 a.m. at the following locations:

WARD 1: East Branch Library, 115 Broadway

Zero New Washington St. (OLRA)



WARD 2: Union Sq. Parking Lot at SCAT Building

Albert F. Argenziano School @ Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St.

South St. Farm, 100 South St.

WARD 3: Somerville High School Concourse, meet at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

Nunziato Field, Vinal Ave. (OLRA)

WARD 4: Blessing of the Bay Boat House, 32 Shore Dr.

WARD 5: Community Path @ Willow Ave.

WARD 6: Davis Sq., Statue Park WARD 7: Teele Sq., corner of Broadway and Curtis St.

Special thanks to event co-sponsors: Comcast Cares, Groundwork Somerville, Market Basket, McKinnon's Meat Market, Redbones BBQ, Shaw's Supermarket, Stop & Shop, and Target.

For more information about participating in the Clean-Up, please contact Gregory Jenkins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2985 or gjenkins@somervillema.gov.

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Obituary: LeRoy H. Keihn

By Ross Blouin

LeRoy H. Keihn, age 97 of Grove City, Ohio formerly of Medford and Somerville, Ma. died on April 23, 2016. He was retired as a Warrant Officer from the United States Navy, with more than 20 years service to his country and he was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Roy was serving on the battle ship USS Tennessee at the time. After his retirement from the Navy, Roy joined the Winter Hill Bank as a Teller and he worked his way through the ranks to become the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Winter Hill Bank in 1972 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1992. Mr. Keihn, as he was affectionately known, was famous for his perpetual smile and buoyant personality. When asked how he was feeling he would always reply, "Never better" with a grin from ear to ear and a subtle laugh. Roy loved getting together with many of his friends for travel and good times and will always be remembered for his annual pool party and lobster feed with the Somerville Kiwanis and the many adventures that he would often lead. He was a man who loved the sea and always felt at home onboard a boat or ship. His dry humor, subtle wit and beaming optimism were his hallmarks. Not to mention his uncanny ability to win drawings of all types. If there was a charitable cause and chance to win a prize at a drawing, Roy's name would almost always be drawn as a winner. He was, indeed, a real winner.

Roy Keihn left an indelible mark on the City of Somerville by building the Winter Hill Bank into a major financial force in the Somerville–Medford area and lending mortgage money to people who were trying to make a better life in the city. He helped many first generation immigrants and he was a mentor to many men and women in business, always ready to give his advice and support the people who



he believed in. His active community spirit and financial support to the many community organizations he belonged to will long be remembered here in Somerville.

Roy Keihn was a Distinguished Past President of the Somerville Kiwanis, Past President of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, Past President of Somerville - Cambridge Catholic Charities, Chairman of the Somerville YMCA, Director of the Somerville Hospital, Life Member Fleet Reserve Assoc., Life Member Retired Officer Assoc., Life Member Pearl Harbor Survivors Assoc., Life Member Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, 100 Club of Massachusetts, and many other organizations.

Roy was predeceased by his beloved wife, Alice "Boots" Keihn and is survived by his best friend and companion, Geneva "Jenny" Collins and many relatives.

Visitation will be held Friday from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at The Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144, where funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday. Interment will follow at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial gifts may be made to Mount Carmel Hospice 6150 E. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43213 or Grove City United Methodist Church 2650 Columbus St. Grove City, Ohio 43123 in his memory.

Spring 2016 ResiStat Meeting Schedule

Meetings run from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with refreshments at 6 p.m.

Ward 1 (East Somerville, Assembly Sq.): Mon., April 25, East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St.

Ward 7 (West Somerville, Teele Sq.): Wed., May 11, West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd.

Ward 6 (greater Davis Sq. neighborhood): Mon., May 16, Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.

Ward 3 (N. Union Sq., Prospect Hill, Spring Hill, Central Hill): Wed., May 18, Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave.

Ward 5 (Magoun Sq., NE Ball Sq., Cedar & Lowell St. areas, NW Porter Sq.): Wed., May 25, Kennedy School, 5 Cherry St.

Ward 4 (Winter Hill, Ten Hills): Tues., May 31, Healey School, 5 Meacham Sr.

Ward 2 (S. Union Sq., Perry and Lincoln Park neighborhoods, Beacon St. area): Wed., June 1, Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.

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Can you SAY talent?

By Jessica Kenney

Somerville has a brand new youth arts organization that allows young people to express their creative and artistic interests and talents. The group is called Somerville Arts for Youth, or SAY. They are a non-profit organization established to create opportunities in arts education for the youth in Somerville. Their director, Charles Jabour, says he is thrilled to be on board with this new program.

Charles has experience in non-profit administration from his work at institutions such as the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art and the New York Public Library. In these positions, he has produced full seasons of arts and cultural events. He was on the programming team for the Margaret Mead Film Festival at the American Museum of Natural History for five years. Charles is a theater educator who focuses on issues of diversity teaches things relevant to

our culture today. In Somerville, he is best known for directing the most recent spring musical productions at the John F. Kennedy School and Somerville High School.

Three years ago, Charles was introduced to a group of Somerville parents that were working on creating new theater opportunities for the youth in Somerville. Charles got involved in their work and since then, the group has put together a number of productions as well as fundraisers for an after school program. They have also come up with ways to expand their work and help it reach the entire city. The group is extremely excited about SAY and fulfilling their goals of bringing arts education and opportunities across the city of Somerville.

SAY has many goals for the youth it reaches. Charles stated, "We have some big ideas for the future, including a theater training institute for young people." That institute will be launched

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this summer in partnership with the Davis Square Theatre. "Our goal is to partner, support, and build upon the rich cultural resources that are already offered in Somerville," says Jabour. SAY is celebrating the talent of the Somerville youth with a benefit cabaret performance featuring Somerville's young people. The event takes place Wednesday, April 27 at the Davis Square Theatre, 255 Elm Street in Somerville. Doors and a cash bar open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are on sale now at http://sayinc.brownpapertickets.com/.

Tenant representative sought for Affordable Housing Trust Fund

By Rebecca Danvers

Are you a Somerville tenant whose household is eligible for federal or state housing programs? If so, you're invited to have your official say regarding City affordable housing programs that benefit persons with low-to-moderate incomes. The Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which creates and preserves affordable housing by administering grants and loans, has a vacancy for a tenant representative. You're eligible to serve as that trustee if your gross household income is below \$51,150 for one person, \$58,450 for two people, or \$65,750 for three people. Applications are due Monday, June 6.

The trust was created by city ordinance in 1989 to address the city's affordable housing

needs. Its purpose is to preserve and create affordable homes in Somerville for both renters and prospective owners. The trust administers \$1.5 million in programs per year that help renters and homeowners with low and moderate incomes.

Programs include direct assistance loans to help with closing costs or one-time help with rents, security deposits, and utility bills. The Trust also helps with funding assistance for developers interested in projects that include affordable housing. St. Polycarp's Village is an example of one such project.

Trustees meet monthly, and applicants should expect to commit four hours per month in total for the meeting and reviewing of materials beforehand. If selected, you will be one of nine trustees with various backgrounds.

Candidates must submit a written statement of interest and resume to Kelly Donato at kdonato@somervillema.gov. Applicants can also drop off or mail their statements and resumes to the City of Somerville Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145, attention Kelly Donato. Submissions are due by Monday, June 6.

For more information about the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust, please contact Kelly Donato, Assistant Housing Director, at kdonato@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 extension 2560.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Following tradition, the House and Senate had no formal sessions during last week's April school vacation. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate.

This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports the percentage of times local representatives voted with their party's leadership in 2015. The votes of the 2015 membership of 33 Republicans were compared with those of GOP House Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading). The votes of the 2015 membership of 125 Democrats were compared to House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop). Beacon Hill Roll Call uses 170 votes from the 2015 House session as the basis for this report. This includes all roll calls that were not quorum calls or on local issues.

A total of 82 of the 125 Democrats voted with DeLeo 100 percent of the time. That means nearly two-thirds of the Democrats always voted with DeLeo.

The Democratic representatives who voted the lowest percentage of times with the DeLeo are Reps. Jonathan Zlotnik (D-Gardner) and Colleen Garry (D-Dracut), who both voted with DeLeo 95.9 percent of the time.

None of the 33 GOP members voted with Jones 100 percent of the time.

The GOP representative who voted with Jones the lowest percentage of times is Rep. David Vieira (R-Falmouth) who voted with Jones only 71.2 percent of the time.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' PERCENTAGE OF VOTES SUPPORTING THEIR PARTY'S LEADERSHIP

Here is how local representatives fared in their support of the leadership of their party on 170 roll calls.

The percentage next to the representative's name represents the percentage of times the representative supported his or her party's leadership.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times the representative opposed his or her party's leadership.

Some representatives voted on all 170 roll call votes. Others missed one or more of the 170 votes. The percentage for each representative is calculated based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted and does not count the roll calls for which he or she was absent.

Rep. Christine Barber 99.4 percent (1) Rep. Denise Provost 96.5 percent (6) Rep. Timothy Toomey 100 percent (0)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

was convicted.

proposal before the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee would create a drug trafficking registry to identify convicted drug dealers and make the information available to law enforcement and the public. The information would include the drug dealer's name, date

of birth, photograph and the offenses of which he or she

DRUG TRAFFICKING REGISTRY (S 1294) - A

Supporters say this will help law enforcement and the public keep tabs on these drug dealers. They argue the public should have a right to know if a convicted drug dealer is living next door.

CHILD ABUSE LAWSUITS (H 4150) - A bill before the Judiciary Committee would eliminate the current one-year statute of limitations after an alleged pedophile dies to bring a lawsuit.

Supporters say this current law is unfair to victims because it offers "protection" to the accused abuser after he dies.

The most recent change to this law was a 2014 law increasing the statute of limitations during which a person can file a civil suit for child sexual abuse. Prior law allowed victims to file a suit up until the age of 21 while the 2014 law increased the age to 53.

Supporters of the 2014 law say that many children who are victims of sexual abuse are not emotionally ready to confront the situation until many years later.

HOUSE APPROVES SEVERAL BILLS - The House gave initial approval to several bills including:

FIREFIGHTERS AND THE MDA (H 2277) -

Allows Bay State firefighters to wear their uniforms while soliciting donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) raises millions of dollars annually for the MDA through its "Fill the Boot" campaigns at which firefighters greet and ask motorists, shoppers, fans at sporting events and others to make a donation to MDA.

Supporters said allowing firefighters to wear uniforms will increase their visibility and result in more funds being raised.

The relationship between the IAFF and the MDA began in Boston more than 60 years ago. Charlie Crowley, the father of two sons with muscular dystrophy, sought the help of his friend George Graney, a firefighter from Fire Engine Company 1 in South Boston, to raise money to take care of Crowley's two sons. Graney and 20 of his fellow firefighters proceeded to collect \$5,000 by going door-to-door. In 1953, the drive expanded and became a citywide fundraising campaign.

In 1954 at the IAFF convention in Miami, Graney led the campaign to make the MDA the International's "charity of choice." Since that time, the bond between the two groups has grown and the IAFF became the chief sponsor of the MDA's Labor Day Telethon and continues to raise hundreds of millions of dollars.

MAKE LANDLORDS PAY FOR POLICE CALLS

(H 4115) - Requires the owner of a property to pay the cost of police response to more than 10 criminal incidents per year. This would only apply to crimes resulting in an arrest, citation, application for a criminal complaint or indictment including disturbing the peace, trespassing, underage drinking, assault, dumping or similar violations of local or state law.

Supporters said there are many properties owners and renters across the state who are irresponsible and allow illegal activities to occur on their property. They argued that citizens should not have to pay the cost of repeated complaints and police responses to these incidents.

JURY DUTY EXEMPTION (H 1556) - Extends from the current three years to six years the period of time during which a member of a grand jury is exempt from any additional juror service.

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special 420 Marijuana Edition.

Supporters and opponents give their opinions on a possible November 2016 ballot question legalizing, licensing, regulating and taxing marijuana and allowing adults over 21 to grow it for their personal use and the use by others over 21.

"We know use of marijuana can have a serious impact on young people's brain development, career growth and even their IQ." — Dr. Sion Harris, Director of the Center for Adolescent Substance Abuse Research at Boston Children's Hospital.

"We share the goal of reducing marijuana use among youth, but we think regulating it is much better than leaving drug cartels and criminals in control." — Jim Borghesani, Communications Director for the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol.

"We are still learning the impact of commercial legalization on the illegal drug market in Colorado. But one thing is clear - it certainly doesn't eliminate it. And in this case, it is creating an entirely new black market for out-of-state drug traffickers to come in and set up shop."

— Corey Welford, spokesperson for the Campaign for a Safe and Healthy Massachusetts.

"We will join healthcare professionals, law enforcement, educators and family advocates to educate the public about the risks associated with this dangerous proposal and the serious adverse consequences facing states who have adopted similar laws." — *Gov. Charlie Baker*.

"Gov. Baker and [Boston] Mayor Walsh want to make alcohol easier to get while driving the 842,000 people over 18 in Massachusetts who used marijuana last year to drug pushers who sell dangerous drugs like heroin and don't ask for IDs." — Will Luzier, Manager of the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol.

"Happy 420 Day." — A legislator who requested anonymity, on the annual celebration of April 20 (4/20) as the worldwide holiday celebrating the smoking of marijuana.

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 legisla-

tion 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 18-22, the House met for a total of 31 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 21 minutes.

Mon. April 18 No House session

No Senate session

Tues. April 19 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:22 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.

Wed. April 20 No House session
No Senate session

Thurs. April 21 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

Fri. April 22 No House session
No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: **Address Description DOM List Price** Sale Price 7 Montrose St 8 room, 6 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial 16 \$459,900 \$470,000 15 Wilson Ave 9 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath Colonial 37 \$430,000 \$475,000 8 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial 16 Wesley Street 81 \$569,900 \$545,000 50 East Albion St 8 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Multi-Level 19 \$689,000 \$701,000 193 Morrison Ave 7 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Other 29 \$851,500 \$799,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:				
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
245 Highland Ave U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$419,000	\$460,000
10 Sterling St U:10	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	16	\$430,000	\$455,000
261 Highland U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Rowhouse	23	\$439,000	\$478,000
416 Medford Street U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	29	\$469,000	\$472,500
11 Morton Street U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	17	\$475,000	\$525,000
36 Oxford St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	25	\$475,000	\$533,000
425 Medford Street U:3	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	6	\$489,000	\$589,000
57 Grove Street U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$498,000	\$538,500
21 Indiana Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	133	\$514,800	\$515,000
10 Silvey Place U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$525,000	\$542,500
10 Hillside Circle U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	13	\$540,000	\$595,000
44 Ivaloo Street U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	4	\$550,000	\$635,000
40 School Street U:6	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	41	\$569,000	\$583,000
47 Trull St U:2	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	26	\$569,900	\$565,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
47 Gordon Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	7	\$639,000	\$650,000	
19 Clarendon Ave	2 unit, 10 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	24	\$649,900	\$650,000	
199 PEARL STREET	2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	364	\$699,900	\$575,000	
38 Oliver St	4 unit, 15 total room, 7 total bedroom 4 Family	117	\$899,900	\$860,000	
7 & 9 Columbus Ave	2 unit, 15 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	30	\$900,000	\$950,000	
17 Sycamore Ter	4 unit, 20 total room, 8 total bedroom 4 Family	174	\$989,900	\$950,000	
45 Lexington Avenue	2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	19	\$999,999	\$1,090,000	
89 Josephine Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	111	\$1,025,000	\$940,000	

COMMENTARY

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Why we need to lift the liquor license cap



By Joseph A. Curtatone

It really shouldn't require a special act by the state legislature to open up a local business, but that is exactly our situation when it comes to restaurants in Somerville. If you want to serve dinner and you want to be profitable, most restaurants really need a liquor license of some sort. The problem is that the Commonwealth caps the number of available liquor licenses in Somerville and every other community. The limit stems from a Prohibition-era law that isn't capable of growing with us as we reinvigorate our city squares and business corridors like East Somerville and transform old industrial areas like Brickbottom. Our diversity, artistic bent and bustling community have made Somerville a bit of a destination in this region. Our eclectic mix of excellent restaurants has formed a local industry that generates more than \$300 million annually. Its revenues grow by double digits every year.

This success story deserves to be celebrated, not inhibited. Somerville's restaurant scene is a big reason why we get listed as a hot tourist spot by travel sites and publications. The problem we're running into is the state's arbitrary liquor license quota, which puts the brakes on that success. It creates unmet demand and prevents emerging areas of our city from enjoying the success of established areas. Plus, who's against thriving small businesses and good jobs?

As I talk to other municipal leaders, this is shared concern.

When it comes to liquor licenses we have an antiquated system that stifles growth and community redevelopment. It actually punishes vibrant, destination communities. For years, city officials and our state delegation have been pushing to change these needless regulations.

The good news is that Gov. Baker, like Gov. Patrick before him, is on our side. He has proposed that communities be allowed to set their own liquor license quotas rather than remain beholden to the archaic state cap. We hope the legislature as a whole will follow his lead. In the current system, a community that's maxed out on its licenses has to make a special request to the legislature to increase the amount. Updated legislation will save us all that cumbersome process. We're a community that seen a dramatic transformation in Assembly Square, and we're planning the revitalization of Union Square/

Boynton Yards/Inner Belt/ Brickbottom. Modernized legislation will help advance that job-producing growth.

We've asked for an increase of 65 licenses to cover our needs for some time. But that's no sure bet. Nor is it for any community who makes a request. But ultimately it's the local communities who know best what they need. They should be the ones to decide what fits with their community's needs, goals, and preferences.

Local government is where we have the detail-level view of the demand and opportunities for the local restaurant industry. Local government is also most directly accountable to the people in our community. We can actually have the discussion about where and how do we want to target this sort of growth. Maybe we want some BYOB establishments. Local communities can best handle the analysis or have the commu-

nity discussions that will lead to the best decisions. That's a lot of work. So let's put this in the hands of the people who can and should do it: local communities. Ultimately, that's what we're after: giving cities and towns the ability to make decisions that impact their communities.

Somerville is on the leading edge when it comes to experiencing just how much the current state liquor license system does not work. I have no doubt the cap will be eliminated at some point. When it is, we'd like to also be on the leading edge of making responsible, locally driven decisions on liquor licensing.

So I'm urging Somervillians to pay close attention not just to our local license increase request but also to Gov. Baker's attempt put an end to the archaic state liquor license quota. This affects us where we live, and there is a much better way to make these decisions.

Important and urgent



By William C. Shelton

It's difficult to comprehend the speed and extent to which our beloved city is changing, while the people who built and made it so attractive are being priced out. And it's difficult to convey how much impact instituting a transfer fee with revenues dedicated to permanently affordable housing could have on those conditions.

Starting with the first point, I could tell you that just since 2010, single-family home prices have increased 80%, and condo prices, 56%. Aggregating property types, Somerville's price escalation appears to be the most intense in Eastern Massachusetts. But this doesn't convey the magnitude of housing turnover or the human consequences.

I've discussed human consequences in earlier columns. Suffice it to say that they are traumatic and enduring for displaced families, and injurious to the fabric of community that those families' departures unravel. As Mayor Curtatone suggested to the Boston Globe a couple of years ago, we are at risk of losing our soul.

To get a sense of the magnitude, you would need to be immersed in Somerville's current housing market. Scott Hayman is. As Somerville Community Corporation's Real Estate Director, he's struggling to find reasonably priced units to buy as part of SCC's 100 Affordable Homes joint venture with the City of Somerville.

Often before he awakens each morning, he has already received automated text messages notifying him of the day's multiple listings, with follow-up texts from brokers on the ground and ready around the clock. The market is moving so fast that even emails might take too long to bring a timely response. When he visits an occupied property, the first words from the sellers' broker are often about when the existing leases will expire, or that the occupants are tenants at-will, implying easy evictions.

Having considered hundreds of properties online, and visited almost fifty in person, he finds that competitive bids require making an offer within 24-to-72 hours. Successful bids are often

above asking price and don't include financing contingencies. Cash buyers have a significant advantage, backed by investors from far and wide, including outside the U.S.

Scott doesn't waste much time on properties with strong potential for condo conversion. He knows that he will be outbid. He has looked at listings and discovered properties purchased only a month earlier by speculators who anticipate a quick \$100,000 profit.

He says that, "While we debate and plan and design affordable housing policy, Somerville's community as we know it is being sold out from under us." He's right. And we could see it coming twenty years ago.

That was the year that Massachusetts voted to abolish rent control. Subsequently, a number of reasonably well-off people whose tenure in Boston's, Brookline's, and Cambridge's rent-controlled apartments had enabled them to accumulate savings chose to buy into Somerville. So the inflection point in regional housing price explosion came earlier here.

Mayor Michael Capuano appointed an Affordable Housing Task Force to recommend policy solutions. As a member of

it, I suggested that maintaining Somerville's economic diversity would require permanently removing a portion of our housing stock from the inflationary spiral, using deed restrictions. Since housing price inflation would far outpace operating cost inflation, units purchased at market rate would become affordable over time.

To finance this, I recommended an anti-speculation tax and a transfer fee. The former would be a capital gains tax on housing sales, graduated by how long the home is held. It would decline to zero over five years of ownership, and those whose personal circumstances forced them to sell would be exempt. But the largest source of financing would be a 1% transfer fee on the sale of real estate, as is already in place in Duke's and Nantucket Counties, where the fee is twice that rate.

The Task Force was composed of disparate members with differing interests—tenants, landlords, real estate agents, a banker, housing advocates, and a recently elected Alderman Bill White. But by continually listening to each other and focusing on hard evidence rather than anecdotes, we came to consensus. We embraced these

measures and many others in a December 1998 report.

But it was issued a month after Mayor Capuano was elected to Congress, and the transfer fee and the anti-speculation tax were never adopted. Although the other recommendations were eventually put in place, the transfer fee would have more impact than all of them combined, while having minimal negative consequences.

At today's housing inflation rates, 1% is almost invisible to new buyers. Owners who are permanent residents would never pay it. And it is a tiny price for those who realize an unearned windfall by selling out and moving on.

Yet over the time since we first recommended it, a transfer fee would have contributed \$80 million toward keeping a portion of our housing permanently affordable. And I don't just mean affordable to our lowest-income households.

As David Gibbs explained in his excellent column in this space two week ago, households at every level up to and beyond the Boston area's median income are struggling to pay Somerville housing prices. But income guidelines for most affordable housing

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

The Somerville Spring Cleanup has become a favorite annual tradition.



Community volunteerism is an uplifting thing to observe and, especially, to participate in. When the efforts involved result in making the community a bit cleaner and a more comfortable place to live then it is all to the better.

So it is with the annual Somerville Spring Cleanup coming up this Saturday as many residents pitch in, pick up, and sweep out the old, unwanted refuse and generally celebrate our mutual appreciation of the city we live and work in.

Not only do locals lend their time and elbow grease in doing the actual work involved, but many individuals and business concerns also donate tools and cleaning supplies to help out with the cleanup. A community breakfast and BBQ will

be held at the Blessing of the Bay Boat House on Shore Drive before and after the cleanup, and the generous volunteers will be rewarded with fine food, drink, and fellowship. The warm glow of satisfaction with a very worthwhile job well done shall prevail, and everyone present should have a well-deserved good time.

It is comforting to see that in these

times when so many with a cynical view of modern day society feel that most people are too selfish or lazy to contribute to the common good, such ideas can be very wrong. There are still a lot of folks around who are more than willing to give of themselves in order to make the community a better place for all.

We thank you and salute you.

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education. See you at the drawing. It's a lot of fun and a great night out.

We hear from our sources at City Hall that the one full-time planning review guy is out on maternity leave, and the part-timer who assists him in approving permits is leaving for a new job in Melrose. Guess Goran, head of ISD and his department, is starting to get overburdened again with permit requests. Another snag in that nifty program the city has instituted. Now all those ISD inspectors can sit around and wait for word that the process will begin again. So, if you're looking to file for a permit for anything at ISD, expect delays again.

A meeting between Congressman (former Mayor) Mike Capuano and Mayor Joe Curtatone was held in the mayor's office last week to discuss the Green Line Extension. Will it happen? Will it go as set as before to both Union and up to West Somerville? If not, then how far will it go up the tracks? Is Union Square Station scrapped? These are questions everyone wants answered.

We hear that a group of individuals were out here in the city on behalf of a potential candidate that wishes to run against Congressman Mike Capuano. We hear it's a Republican candidate. One of our sources told us that the sheet she signed was filled and she was the last signature on that sheet. We don't think Mike will be nervous. He's very popular and it's hard to believe a candidate is going to beat him from the left, never mind the right, politically. *********

This Sunday night at Orleans, 65 Holland Street in Davis Square, Representative Denise Provost will be having a re-election Campaign Kickoff from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Special guest Attorney General Maura Healey.

We hear that the city of Cambridge gives up to a 30% discount on residents' water bills. That sounds great. Can Somerville do the same?

Our good friend Alderman Bob McWatters is planning on a fundraiser in June. We don't have a date yet but you can bet it's going to be at his favorite place, Sally O'Brien's. He doesn't have large developers or property owners sponsoring or throwing a fundraisers for him. He packs the place every time on his own. He's that popular.

This Sunday, May 1, State Representa-

tive Christine Barber will be hosting a campaign kickoff at Sabur Restaurant, 212 Holland Street, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston is being thrown a fundraiser as well at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant on lower Broadway, hosted by her good friends the Tauro family. We're sure a lot of the regulars will be present and we hope she raises a lot of money for her campaign war chest. Maybe she's running for something other than Alderman? *******

The Tufts Symphony Orchestra will be presenting aconcert on Thursday, May 5. The concert will feature performances of Brahms' Symphony No. 4, Ravel's Rhapsodie Espagnole, Wagner's Prelude from Tristan and Isolde, and Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto Movement 2 featuring concerto competition winner Kristen Hsu, violin. John Page, conductor.

Senator Pat Jehlen is having a fundraiser/campaign kickoff coming up on Tuesday, May 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Medford VFW Post 1012, 114 Mystic Ave, Medford. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Lots of big names are supporting Senator Jehlen this year. We hear she has a potential opponent from the Democratic party

in the primary as well as a Republican in the final election this fall.

One of our own Newstalkers was shopping at Market Basket the other day and a candidate from Cambridge had some of his people asking for signatures to get on the ballot, as a Republican opponent of Congressman Mike Capuano. Then there are the two candidates that are thinking of running against Pat Jehlen, who we hear recently had her signatures certified. Both Mike and Pat haven't had a challenge in years. Yes, we know the opponents are facing uphill battles, but remember, there are more registered voters and new registered voters that don't remember either incumbent. It should be interesting.

Happy Birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to a real good friend, Brett Henry of the famous Mt. Vernon Restaurant family. We hope he has a great day for himself. This week, we wish Mike Moccia of the Ball Square Café fame a happy birthday. Mike and Omar run a great place, and the proof is in the lines of loyal customers showing up every weekend morning. A good guy and good Continued on page 17

Somerville Open Studios is opening to the public this weekend

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is now on display at the Somerville Museum. Every participating SOS artist was invited to submit one work to this exhibit, so it's a great way to survey the variety of art that SOS has to offer.

For SOS weekend, the Artists' Choice show will be open Thursday 2:00-7:00 p.m., Friday 2:00-9:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m.-6 p.m.

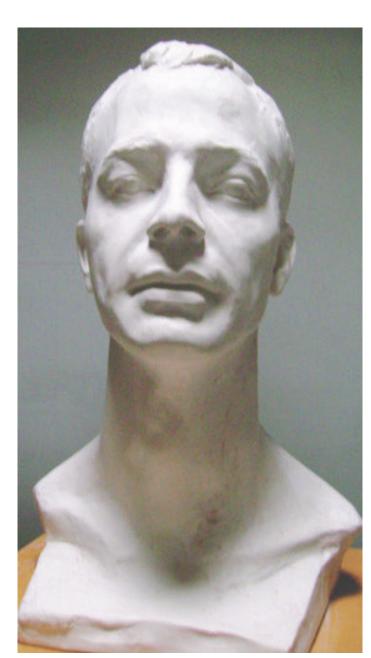
At the Inside-OUT Gallery, in the windows of CVS in Davis Square, nine SOS artists are displaying work on the theme of "Greetings from Somerville / Wish You Were Here."

The SOS Volunteer Show fills the walls of Davis Square's Diesel Cafe with work by the many people who make SOS happen each year. Diesel is open until 11:00 p.m. every night.

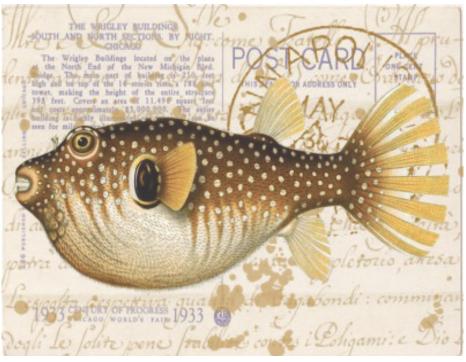
The SOS Kids' Art Show features work by Somerville's youngest artists. See it at Arts at the Armory Cafe, 191 Highland Ave.

Somerville Open Studios is managed by a Board of Directors comprised of participating artists. An Open Studios executive committee is formed each year to organize the event. This committee is assisted by many dedicated volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact them if you would like to become involved.

On these pages are works by some of the artists who are participating in this year's Somerville Open Studios.



Portrait by Sholeh Regna.



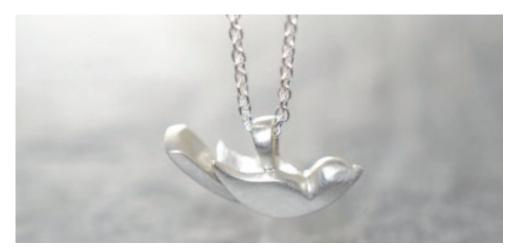
Collage Puffer Fish by Kim McCullough.



Bed in basement [Middle panel of 4 panels] by Michael Harnett.



Arrangement of Three Small Boxes by Marc Mancuso.



Bird Charm by Jade Moran.





Intaglio print by Na



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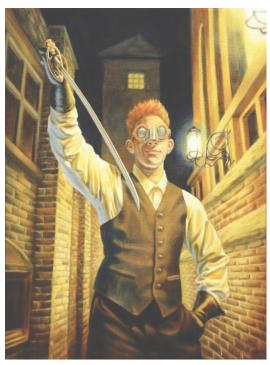
Aliza Arzt.



Turned my Back On my Thoughts by Bekka Teerlink Wright.



ncy Popper.



The Dueslist by Sarah Morrison.



 ${\it Jam Session No. 2 by Heather Balchunas.}$



hryn Geismar.



Classic 1957 Chevrolet by Candy Witcher.

SPORTS

Winter Hill students explore at Nature's Classroom

By Louise Carpenter

Fifth grade students at the Winter Hill Community Innovation School spent a recent weekend in Groton, MA, learning and exploring at Nature's Classroom. Students participated in various hands-on activities as they studied the flora and fauna in the area, and investigated scientific

and engineering concepts.

Activities included a Night Hike, Science Fair, Shark Dissection, Rat Dissection, Water Rockets, Roller Coaster, Building a Bridge, Float your Boat, and Beaver Fever! Each evening ended with a Quiet Sing before lights out, a favorite activity for many of the Winter Hill Wildcats on this adventure.



1. Prince's real name was Prince Rogers Nelson – who was he named after?

mixture, hodgepodge

- 2. What was one of Prince's hit singles from the *Batman* soundtrack?
- 3. What Prince song caused Tipper Gore to found Parents Music Resource Center which advocates the mandatory use of "Parental Advisory: Explicit Lyrics" warning labels?
- 4. How many films did Sean Connery play James Bond in?
- 5. What date did fans celebrate "Back to the Future Day" in 2015?
- 6. Which English band released the single *Turning Japanese* in 1980?

- 7. Which three cities where the only ones to host the Summer Olympics in the U.S.?
- 8. What is the highest military decoration given to a member of the U.S. armed forces?
- 9. Which gun manufacturing company was started by an Italian family in 1550 and still bears their name today?
- 10. Henri Becquerel shared a Nobel prize for his work in discovering what?
- 11. America's founding fathers kept their wigs white with what kind of powder?
- 12. What is the largest country in South America?

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Winter Hill Community Innovation School fifth graders got a taste of nature recently as they explored the great outdoors in Groton, MA.

SFLC/Council on Aging host first intergenerational baby shower

By Tom Bannister

Eager voices filled the community room at the Somerville Council on Aging on Tuesday, April 5. Joint planning between Somerville Family Learning Collaborative of the Somerville Public Schools (SFLC) and the Council on Aging led to the first intergenerational baby shower offered as part of a new SomerBaby initiative. The event was enjoyed by more than 60 Somerville residents.

This event brought together new or expectant parents and older adults in the community to celebrate the journey of parenthood, build community, connect generations, and provide information about community resources. Attendees represented a microcosm of Somerville, ranging in age from infants to octogenarians, coming from countries in Europe, Asia and the Americas, sharing stories about coming to the United States and living in Somerville.

The new Somerbaby Project was introduced by David Blumsack from the Somerville Kiwanis Club, which provided start-up funding. This new initiative focuses on welcoming Somerville newborns by provid-

ing their parents with welcome bags full of information, resources and connections. Elders made or donated baby clothing and supplies, and brought wonderful food to share. The Council on Aging provided a generous, hot meal for everyone.

Liza Kitchell entertained the crowd with songs to sing and move to. The Beautiful Stuff Project supplied blank books and collage materials for young and "young at heart" guests to design and create their own memory books. Katey Duchin, a Boston University School of Social Work graduate student working at the SFLC, organized and solicited donations to provide multiple gifts, from diapers and clothing to toys, for each family. Representatives from the Cambridge Health Alliance and Women Infants and Children (WIC) distributed resources and materials.

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SHS Chorus Earns Silver Medal at Eastern Division World Strides Choral Festival

Congratulations to the Somerville High School Chorus for an outstanding performance earlier this month at the Eastern Division World Strides Choral Festival held in Orlando, Florida. Under the direction of SHS Chorus Instructor, Beverly Mosby, the group earned a silver medal at the competition. SHS was the only



non-auditioned group to compete at this event.



'Somerville Rocks' youth talent show seeking applicants

Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, Jimmy Del Ponte, announces the return of the popular Somerville Rocks! youth talent show for 2016.



Somerville Rocks! is an opportunity for Somerville youth, ages 12 and older, to polish performance art and talents with twice-weekly rehearsals with performer and musician Jimmy Del Ponte. Whether you're in a band, a solo singer, a comedian, or you have any other talent you want to showcase to your peers, this program is for you!

Auditions will be held on Mon., May 2, at 2:45 p.m. in the Somerville High School Band Classroom, located on the first floor of SHS (opposite the school library). The final show will be held on Fri., May 20 in the SHS Auditorium. Participation is free.

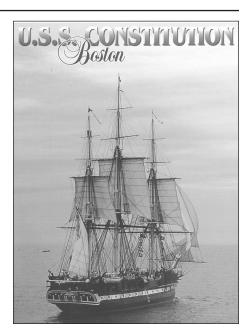
For more information, contact Jimmy Del Ponte at Jdelponte@somervillema. gov, or 617-625-6600 ext. 2616.

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sailor, patriot and spy. He was also a businessman. His foundry produced cannons and bells, some of which still hang in this city. He provided the USS Constitution with bolts, spikes, blocks, and copper for her hull. He was the first to roll copper over the dome of the Massachusetts State House. Early on, he was an engraver and a silversmith who did much work for Elias Hasket Derby of Somerville, the nation's first millionaire. Derby Street on Winter Hill honors his name.

Through the years, Revere's name has emblazoned our city's parks, apartment buildings and businesses. Paving stones on which he galloped through East Somerville were at one time built into a city hall memorial fountain. he created at the Old North Church in crown of Winter Hill make note of Revere's ride.

Cyrus Dallin, one of America's foremost sculptors, wanted to give a statue of Revere to Somerville reminiscent of the one



Stone markers at Cobble Hill and the Boston. This grand gesture never materialized, however, due to lack of funding.

> Unlike most cities whose interest in the marathon has eclipsed Patriots' Day, Somerville is unique ... it has Paul Revere's lore.



New Executive Director selected for SCATV



Somerville Community Access Television has some exciting announcements for the Somerville community! The Board of Directors of Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) announced that they have hired Brian Zipp of West Roxbury, MA as the new Executive Director of SCATV in Somerville, MA. "We are very pleased to welcome Brian Zipp as our new Executive Director. Brian brings with him years of experience in the world of Community Access Media and SCATV is privileged to have him join our community," said Jesse Moos Board President. SCATV is the community access television station in Somerville and also operates its two other flagship programs: Somerville Neighborhood News (SNN) and Boston Free Radio.

SCATV is also excited to announce that we have hired Heather McCormack as the new Youth Media Coordinator and Boston Free Radio Station manager. Heather started this week and is directing the Middle School Media Camp! Heather has a Masters In Education from Harvard University and comes to us with experience at The Moore Youth Center in Cambridge, MA and the site coordinator for the Mystic Learning Center in Somerville, MA.

We are so excited to see the youth programs develop over the coming months and how we improve the operations of our internet radio station Boston Free Radio. Please stop by the studios and welcome Heather and Brian to the Somerville Community Media community! An open house is scheduled for later in May or June, stay tuned!

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

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 23 CRAIGIE ST #2

CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): ROBERT E PEMBERTON JR. & ANNE J GOTTLIEB

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 106 WALNUT ST #5 **CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER: MARK MCCOWN** DEMAND: 05/18/2015 PARCEL ID: 061D00013000005 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 20041420 SQUARE FEET: 0 TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 36363,

Fiscal Year **2015** Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$1,040.47 Interest to Date of Taking \$157.35 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00 Total for which Land will be Taken \$1,566.82

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 60 TUFTS ST #6 CURRENT OWNER(S): ARIADNE TERRELL ASSESSED OWNER(S): NATHAN STOLARZ

DEMAND: 05/18/2015 PARCEL ID: 093C00001000006 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 20021130 SQUARE FEET: 0 TITLE REFERENCE: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 64017, Page: 321

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Fiscal Year **2015** Taxes Remaining Unpaid \$1,646,23 Interest to Date of Taking \$252.12 Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking \$369.00 Total for which Land will be Taken \$2,267,35

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP 16-83

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

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The Request for Proposals (RFP) including further details may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/ purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after April 27, 2016. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: May 11, 2016 at 11:00am. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Angela M. Allen at amallen@somervillema.gov for more information

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFQ # 16-82

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

Design of Various Fields

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

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by: 1) 10 Emerson LLC to demolish a c.1870 wood frame house at 10 Emerson Street; 2) D. A. & A. A. Caspariello to demolish a c. 1890 wood frame house at 17 Porter Street, 3) Michael LoPresti to demolish a c. 1890 wood frame workers cottage at 22 Woodbine Street; and 4) Maria Valente to demolish a c. 1874 woodframe workers cottage at 46 Horace Street.

The subject of the hearing will be reviews of the initial determinations by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structures are considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@somervillema.gov.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

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

Surplus Unclaimed Bicycles for Sale

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

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

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Ms. Cam's Answers

1. His father, whose

6. The Vapors

stage name Prince Rogers (last name Nelson)

7. St. Louis, Los An-

gles and Atlanta

2. Batdance

8. The Congressional Medal of Honor

3. Darling Nikki

9. Beretta

4. 7

10. Radioactivity

5. October 21, the date Marty McFly visited "the future" in the second film

11. Ground rice

12. Brazil

Support the 13th Annual Save Our Homes Walk

Join in on the Fundraiser at Flatbread Pizza to benefit Save Our Homes Walk to Prevent Homelessness! Come to Flatbread Somerville on May to grab some dinner eat-in OR take-out! At Flatbreads you can sign up to walk in the Save Our Homes Walk, which is on Sunday, May 22. Everyone who registers on May 3 to walk will be entered in a drawing for prizes, including a gift certificate to Flatbread Somerville. Flatbreads will donate a percentage of all pizzas purchased, either at the restaurant, or for take-out, or for delivery by Foodler or GrubHub. For more information visit: www.saveourhomeswalk.org.



Important and urgent **CONT. FROM PG 10**

programs exclude a majority of them. We're at the point, for example, where municipal employees who don't already own their own homes will be unable to afford living in the city in which they teach kids, fight fires, and maintain streets.

But wisely invested, transfer fee revenues could leverage many times their amount in capital invested in permanently affordable housing owned by a land trust, nonprofit organizations, or limited-equity cooperatives and private owners. And a good portion of funds so invested would eventually make its way back to a growing fund, producing hundreds of affordable units every year. In his January inaugural address, Mayor Curtatone made a commitment to build 9,000 new housing units and institute a transfer fee as

means of keeping Somerville a place

where people like his immigrant

parents can still afford to live.

Given market dynamics, building 9,000 new units would contribute little to that goal. But a transfer fee would accomplish more than every-

thing else that we're already doing. Yet we have seen no such initiative from either of our city's branches of government. I understand that Office of Strategic Planning and

Community Development staff are busier than a one-legged man in an ass-kicking contest. Between managing a complete zoning overhaul, completing the Union Square Revitalization Plan, working on inclusionary zoning, fighting for the Green Line, and performing all their usual duties, they're foregoing sleep.

But Somerville is foregoing \$1 million every month that could support permanently affordable housing. Of the many issues currently under consideration, this one is perhaps the most important and urgent because of its potential influence on what we become as a community.

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friend who is also a good lawyer, Frank J. Kaultz II, we wish him a very happy birthday. An old friend of ours here, and one who a lot of people will remember, Jim Bain, a mortgage officer with Wells Fargo also celebrates this week. A nice guy and very knowledgeable and well liked by many he has helped over the years. Happy birthday to Chip Koty. We hope he has a great day for himself. Happy birthday as well to a special lady from Medford - but also very well known here in the city - Julie Phelan Brady. What a great personality. We hope she has a great day for herself.

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

A well-known local Attorney recently passed away. Mr. Richard Blumsack for many years had his law practice in Winter Hill on Temple and Broadway. Richard is from an old Somerville family. Both his mother and father, Dorothy and Joe, were also as well-known and respected as he was. A great family who were involved here in the Somerville community and were generous to many charities and organizations. A fantastic attorney, Richard was very well known throughout this city and the

greater Boston area. Our sincere condolences to his family and his many friends and acquaintances that he leaves behind. We here at The Somerville Times knew him well for many decades and have great memories, like so many others do.

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

Regarding our paper's website: there has been some speculation on what happened to all of the former comments that were deleted, and did the paper ban anyone. We had to delete all the old comments. The site's server was crashing and we were told to delete the comments. We did so, and it's all working properly again. We haven't banned anyone from posting, as long as they weren't using foul language.

Condolences to the family and many friends of Roy Keihn, who also recently passed away. Roy was formerly the President of the Winter Hill Bank and a member of many organizations here in Somerville. He touched a lot of people across the city and Boston area over the years.

Rumors are flying around about potential races here in Somerville next year. One newly elected member of the School Board just might have competition next year. She was virtually unopposed in her first election recently. We promised no names as of now, so let's just get through the state and national elections first. It appears that Senator Pat might have two opponents and each of the state representatives just might have opponents as well this year. It's early. We know that Rep. Tim Toomey is going to be facing an opponent again, but he's seen a list of names over the years that have opposed him, and they have found out Rep. Tim is one state representative that does his job both at the state house and in the community.

Remember, for the best footwear and other name brand clothing go online to www.shoebuy.com, compliments of local resident and SVP Zach Zasloff.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | April 27

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

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

Thursday April 28

Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

Central Library Storvtime

4 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

Friday April 29

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

Saturday | April 30

Central Library

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

Monday|May 2

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

Central Library

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

Tuesday | May 3

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

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

Wednesday | May 4

East Branch Library

Puppet Workshop with Faye Dupra 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC | ARTS

Wednesday | April 27

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

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

Backroom Series: Mick McAuley & Colm O'Caoimh |7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Macone 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Sarah Donner Juliana Finch

Front & Turner Mike Herz Victoria Rios 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Thunder Road**

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

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia

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

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

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

Thursday April 28

Sally O'Brien's

Abbey Lounge Reunion with Red Zone Cuba, Classic Ruins, Triple Thick, The Charms, The Decals, Heavy Stud, The Drags (NobleRot), The Rudds \$12 cover 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Rednecks|9:30 pm Backroom Series: Leo Moran & Davy Carton of The Saw Doctors 7 p.m.

Scattershot!10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge The Littlest Giant Bernie's Garage Garbage Point effzero (EP release)

On The Hill Tavern Live DJ Music

345 Somerville Ave

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's

Krush Faktory|10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Somerville Theatre

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

Thunder Road Crush – A Tribute To The Dave Mat-

thews Band 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave Arts at the Armory

The Loop 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Blue Ribbons 8 p.m.| 156 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Boston Comedy Roast Battle 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday | April 29

Sally O'Brien's

Abbey Lounge Reunion with Frigate, Jay Allen & Archcriminals, Malibu Lou, The Dirty Truckers, The Swinedells, The Acrobrats, Spitzz, The Tampoffs, The Konks \$12 cover 7 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Backroom Series: Leo Moran & Davy Carton of The Saw Doctors 7 p.m. Dave Foley|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Bizzurke & the Baby Makers Manni Festo (Album Release) Puma Simone Dark Matter Team Soda Pause

345 Somerville Ave Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe's Pat and the Hats

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Ioshua Tree DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band (Gritty Blues Rock)

8 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

Dirty Disney 11:30 p.m.

Davis Square Theatre Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m. Boston's Unscripted Musical Project|10 p.m.

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Jaggery|8 p.m. Question Box 3|9 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

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Saturday | April 30

Sally O'Brien's

Abbey Lounge Reunion with Schnockered, Asa Brebner, The Downbeat 5, Red Chord, Jordan Valentine, Coffin

Lids, The Dents, Sugabomb \$12 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-

666-3589 The Burren

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

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

Backroom Series | Somerville Homeless Committee Benefit with The Kennedy's | 7 p.m. Scattershot!10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Matinee|1 p.m. Sydney Gish Jacob Seeger

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Alchemilla The Northeastern Railroads **Treading Water** 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St

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

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

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AfterFab (The Beatles Solo Years) (Classic Rock)6 p.m. The National Parks (Electronic/Folk)|9

379 Somerville Ave Arts at the Armory Somerville Open Studios - Exhibit 12 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing|6 p.m. Old School Game Show|8 p.m.

255 Elm St ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Michale Graves, Diablogato, 138, The Martians – NR, You Scoundrel 8 p.m.| 156 Highland Ave

Sunday | May 1

Sally O'Brien's Bar TBA

335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session | 3

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

Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 Burren Acoustic Music Series 8 p.m.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge

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

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night

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Thunder Road

The Sheepdogs (Roots Rock) 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Monday | May 2

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.

Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

P.A.'s Lounge Free Mondays featuring: Chovi McNeeZ I Ferr Everett Gibbons Scru Face Jean SFJ's Touring Act 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Residency

8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Jennifer Green 8 p.m.| 156 Highland Ave

Tuesday | May 3 Sally O'Brien's Bar

TBA 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m.

Back Room Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge

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

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

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

Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

hosted by Victor and Nicole of

Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177 PJ Ryan's Pub Ouiz

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200 Thunder Road Ebass Open Mic with George Woods

6:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal and Pizza 8 p.m.

Wednesday | May 4

156 Highland Ave

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

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Sophie Kohn

end of set Will Roos 345 Somerville Ave

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Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | April 27

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

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Thursday | April 28

Mystery Book Ćlub

Central Library

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

Central Library Community Choice Aggregation **Q&A Session** 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave West Branch Library

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

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

Saturday | April 30

Central Library

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

Cambridge Symphony Chamber **Players**

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work

9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Sunday | May 1

Holland St

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

ment. Monday|May 2

Unity Church of God

Central Library

Chess Night

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

7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2)7 p.m,-8:15 p.m.

Tuesday | May 3

115 Broadway

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

Wednesday | May 4

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

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

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

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

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

Ageless Grace – Mondays, April 25 to May 23 at our Holland Street Center from 8:30 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. Anti-aging exercises almost anyone can do. Only \$20 for 5 classes. Please contact Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to sign up or if you should have any questions.

GOT MEDS? DISPOSE of them SAFELY – Tuesday, April 26 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The Somerville Police Department in collaboration with the Health and Human Services Department along with the Somerville Council on Aging will be picking up medications at each Senior Building for drop-off at the designated kiosks. If you need medications to be picked up please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Mindfulness, Joy & Creativity – Friday, April 29 at in the conference room of our Holland Street Center from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. De-stress, relax, be present and increase your own awareness. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 to reserve your spot or for

additional information.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

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

Dinner & Bingo scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 is SOLD OUT.

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

The Mohegan / Foxwoods overnight trip scheduled for June 9 & June 10 is SOLD OUT.

Hayday Big Bands scheduled for Tuesday, July 19 is SOLD OUT.

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

The Indianhead trip scheduled for December 6, 7 and 8 is BOOKED SOLID.

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her at MBastardi@

STAY ACTIVE:

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

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H)

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A 9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B

11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday | April 27

11:30 Volunteer Lunch at Mt. Vernon11:30 Forget Me Knot (H)12:45 Bingo (RJ)1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Thursday | April 28

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:30 Community Food (RJ)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ) – Joint lunch with Holland Center –

Portuguese Food 11:30 Lunch (C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 8:00 Tufts / Opera

Friday | April 29 10:00 Mindfullness (H)

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

Monday | May 2

10:00 Activities & Movie (RJ)
10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:30 Moonlighters (H) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 1:00 Berklee / Italian

Tuesday | May 3

9:30 – 11:30 Coffee Hour (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:30 Mens Group (H)

11:30 LGBTQ / GSA Intergenerational Lunch (H) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday | May 4

11:30 Lunch (RJ) 11:30 Forget Me Knot (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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

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

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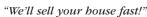
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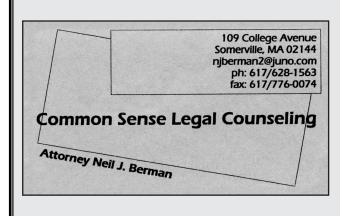
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6:00am	Life Matters	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	1:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	1:30pm	Legacies
6:30am		7:30pm	Let's talk about Real Estate	2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	2:00pm	The Literati Scene
	Exercise with Robyn	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	2:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
7:00am	Poet to Poet Somerville Neighborhood News	9:30pm	Words on Film	4:00pm	Chef's Table Series	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn
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9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	4:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Finger on the Pulse	10:00am	Eat well be happy
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	5:00pm	Reeling Review	2:30pm	Taking back your health	10:30am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
11:00pm	Walter Ness Presents	5:30pm	Words on Film	3:00pm	Infinite Momentum	11:00am	The Somerville Line
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11:00am	A taste of the theater	Saturday,	April 30	11:30pm	Words on Film	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
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Wednesday	, April 27			
12:00am	Senior Circuit			
12:30am	Guns n' Hoses 2016			
1:30am Unio	1:30am Union Square Civic Advisory/LOCUS Meeting			
9:00am	SomerViva en Espanol			
9:26am	Census 2016 PSA			
9:30am	Connecting Communities - "SBIRT"			
12:00am	School Committee Meeting			
3:00pm	Connecting Communities - "SBIRT"			
6:30pm	SomerViva en Español			
7:00pm	Connecting Communities - "SBIRT"			
7:26pm	Census 2016 PSA			
7:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Mary Jo Rossetti			
8:00pm	Greek Independence Day Celebration			
9:08pm	Congressional Update			
9:38pm	GLX Community Path Public Meeting			
Thursday, A	Thursday, April 28			
12:00am	Greek Independence Day Celebration			
1:08am	Congressional Update			
1:38am	SomerViva em Português 4.7.16			
2:09am	GLX Community Path Public Meeting			
9:00am	GLX Community Path Public Meeting			
12:00pm	Senior Circuit			
12:30pm	Know Your Rights			
1:41pm	Congressional Update			
2:11pm	Growing Up in Somerville			
4:00pm	Upcoming BOA Meeting Schedule			

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Friday, April 29

Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE

SHS Building Committee Tour

2016 Youth Peace Conference

SHS Building Committee Tour

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2016 National Honor Society Ceremony

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12:00am 2016 Patriots' Day 12:43am Connecting Communities - "SBIRT" 1:10am Women's History Month Celebration 1:30am Guns n' Hoses 2016 2:30am SomerViva en Español City Hall Mural 3:00am 9:00am SomerViva en Español Congressional Update 9:30am 12:00pm Connecting Communities - "SBIRT" 12:26pm Census 2016 PSA 12:30pm **Know Your Rights** 1:40pm Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin 2:10pm Guns n' Hoses 2016 6:30pm Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin 7:00pm SomerViva en Espanol 7:30pm 2016 Patriots' Day City Hall Mural 8:13pm 8:21pm GLX Community Path Public Meeting 10:21pm SomerViva em Português Women's History Month Celebration 10:51pm Saturday, April 30

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Friday, April 22

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12:00am Talking Business 12:36amUnion Square Civic Advisory/LOCUS Meeting 3:00am **Know Your Rights** 9:00am **Know Your Rights** 12:00pm Senior Circuit 12:30pm Greek Independence Day Celebration 1:39pm Growing Up in Somerville 3:30pm Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte SomerViva en Espanol 6:30pm 7:00pm Senior Circuit 7:30pm Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin 8:00pm Board of Aldermen Meeting 8:30pm Monday, May 2

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Summer Camps and Activities Fair

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12:00am Senior Circuit Women's History Month Celebration 12:30am 2016 Patriots' Day 12:48am

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Wednesday, April 20 9:00am El Sistema Spring Concert SHS Girls Basketball 2015-16 10:00am 11:00am Student of the Qtr. - ESCS 4/15/16 SHS Kominote Fowòm 11:30am 12:00pm SHS Fórum da Comunidade 1:00pm 2016 National Honor Society Ceremony 2:30pm SHS Foro Comunitario 3:00pm SHS Career and Technical Education Fair 4:00pm El Sistema Spring Concert SHS Girls Basketball 2015-16 5:00pm 6:00pm Student of the Qtr. - ESCS 4/15/16 6:30pm SHS Kominote Fowòm SHS Fórum da Comunidade 7:00pm 2016 National Honor Society Ceremony 8:00pm SHS Foro Comunitario 9:30pm 10:00pm SHS Career and Technical Education Fair Thursday, April 21 2016 Youth Peace Conference 12:00am SHS Girls Basketball 2015-16 2:30am 9:00am 2016 National Honor Society Ceremony 10:30am Somerville Youth-Police Basketball Game

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A COMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

Jim Foritano, a Somerville Bagel Bard, sent us a poem.

They Say...



I'm good at small talk. Fantastic, really!

I want to make myself understood to European intellectuals.

I see them slouching in corners in sullen two's and three's.

Our hostess drags me back to center-stage pats my head and begs me to just stay put!

I grab a waiter's passing tray, stand him where I stood, pasted

with an acquiescent smile,

and will myself into company too slow to reach my passing drinks

but learning how I feel... parched at heaven's gate.

— Jim Foritano

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Remembering The Grolier Poetry Book Shop before 2006

Somerville resident Ifeanyi Menkiti currently owns the famed Grolier Poetry Book Shop in Harvard Square. Here is a memoir essay by poet Richard Dey about this venue for poetry-lovers, poets, and poetry books.

The sign "No Law books, No Text Books" was taped to the door, the long couch to the left of the door and beneath the big window stretched invitingly, and above the shelves of books, out of reach and not easy to see, hung the framed black-and-white photographs of poets you found in anthologies of twentieth century poetry. Proprietor Gordon Cairnie, by then an old man, was in the shop, standing around. I first went up the two or three high, unlevel steps and into the shop in the fall of 1970 and continued to buy books there for some 35 years. It was the shop everyone at *The Harvard Advocate* went to, and I was on the *Advocate* board, eventually as poetry editor.

While Cairnie seemed aloof, Louisa Solano, who took over the shop in 1974, was always friendly and helpful even as she was always busy running the business. Her loyal dog lay somewhere close by, a kind of medic in case she who had epilepsy had a seizure. Louisa replaced the couch with a table for book and magazine displays. You could do nothing but stand and circle slowly the big middle table, and open and sample and close more books and chapbooks of poetry than you could imagine. There was hardly room to turn between the table and the wall shelves, and pull a book down from a shelf. The little bookshop, crammed as a mussel bed, was in its pleasant, redolent way overwhelming.

Louisa carried and sold my first chapbook, Bequia Poems, in 1979. She did the same with my first book, The Bequia Poems, in 1988. At that time, I was publishing what could be called "boat poems" in various journals and magazines including SAIL. In the April 1987 issue, as a main illustrated feature, appeared a dramatic narrative of mine, The Loss of the Schooner Kestrel. I gave a copy to Louisa and she passed it on to Andreas Tauber, then the artistic director of The Poets' Theater, A month later, on May 8, in the Cambridge home of Molly Adams, he produced a staged reading of the poem. Just as Louisa was more than a bookseller, the Grolier was more than a bookshop. I went to book signings there, and to readings it sponsored in the common room of nearby Adams House. In my collection of chapbooks is Nightfire by Gail Mazur who on the title page inscribed "To Richard Dey at the Grolier 9/16/87" and signed it. Louisa herself gave creditable introductions to the poets reading. The big store window in those days before the internet was, with its posters and announcements, a main source of information for upcoming readings in the greater Cambridge area.

I graduated from Harvard College in 1973 and after a year living near Porter Square moved out of



L to R: Poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti with the late owner of the Grolier, Gordon Cairnie.

Cambridge. For years I returned to go to readings and the Out of Town newsstand, and to buy supplies at Bob Slate's Stationary, and various things at The Coop. For sentimental reasons I continued to eat at the Wursthaus or get a turkey sandwich at Elsie's for as long as those places lasted. On these forays into Cambridge I parked on or near Plympton Street. While I may have stopped in at the Star Book Store in search of used treasure, it was the Grolier that I passed by first and last on my errands, and often enough went into to buy something that I really couldn't afford – but could not afford not to have. And Louisa, ready in the rear corner at the cash register, was of course glad to look up and smile and ring up the sale.

— Richard Dey

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