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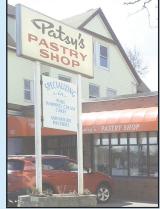


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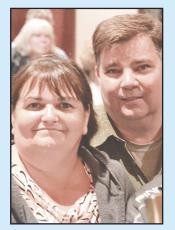


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# Murphy Florist closes down after over 60 years, yet the scent lingers



T.F. Murphy Florist is wrapping up a 60+ year run as Somerville's premiere provider of fragrant bouquets, spectacularly colorful floral arrangements, and priceless memories. — Photo by Douglas Yu

#### By Douglas Yu

Tom Murphy Jr. seemed no different than on any of the other days he's spent for over a decade in his flower shop: he woke up early in the morning to select fresh and shining flowers in a downtown market, fielded phone calls from his customers, and designed flower arrangements.

But one thing made this landmark florist, who has been operating since 1953 in Somerville, different and even sad on Saturday: old customers stopped by to say farewell to their beloved store.

"I can't believe it's shutting down. It [T.F. Murphy Florist] has been there forever. I'll miss it so much," a life-long Somerville resident said, heaving a big sigh when she passed by the family-owned business.

T.F. Murphy Florist is located on Highland Avenue, just an eight-minute Continued on page 9

# Staying in 'The Loop'

#### By Josie Grove

On the fourth Thursday evening of every month, The Loop convenes at the Arts at the Armory on Highland Avenue. According to organizer Maxwell Bailey, "The Loop is a monthly singer-songwriter event. It's run by artists, for artists."

Undeterred by a boisterous event in the Armory's main room and the shortage of nearby parking spaces, about a dozen people filtered into the dimly lit café for April's edition of 'The Loop. Each month, between six and eight musicians play twenty to twenty-five minute sets for the attentive audience in the café. "Any less than twenty minutes, and it turns into an open mic," says Bailey. "But we're trying to make a show."

The Loop also differs from an open mic in the



Celebrating Tom Taylor pages 12–13 way the singers are booked. At a typical open mic, musicians sign up to play on the spot, minutes before or even during an open mic. "The Loop is different than an open mic in that the acts are booked about a month in advance through the Facebook group," said Bailey.

"Every month, we put out a Continued on page 15

Prateek Poddar is but one of the semi-regular singer/songwriters who grace the stage at Arts at the Armory's "The Loop" event. — Photo by Anastasia Markov

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A candlelight vigil in remembrance of the victims of this weekend's devastating earthquake in Nepal, and to support Somerville's Nepali community members as the rescue and cleanup efforts continue, will take place on the evening of Wed., April 29. The vigil will be held beginning with musical selections at 6:45 p.m. on the Somerville High School concourse, 81 Highland Ave. If you have any questions, please call the Somerville Health and Human Services Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 4300. If you or someone you know is in need of mental health resources, contact the Somerville Trauma Response Network at 857-221-0942. Members of the TRN will also be in attendance on Wednesday evening.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang will be hosting campaign kickoff/fundraiser on Wednesday, April 29 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Olde Magoun Saloon in Magoun Square, next to CVS. The special guest speaker will be Alderman At-Large Bill White with a short program starting around 6:30 p.m. Complimentary food. Cash bar. The suggested minimum contribution is \$50 per person, but please come and give what you can.

Patsy's Pastry has sure raised the bar, generating many comments, including over 19,000 Facebook hits with people from Somerville all the way out west in CA, sending their goodbyes to Sal, Maria, Vito and Rose, along with all the others. Hurry up and get your favorite desert by May 4. We ordered ours! The sign on the door says they will be back when construction is done. The owners of the development did offer a space to the bakery if they want it, so let them know this week you want to see them back.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

The Holman's building in Gilman Square is slated to be torn down shortly and the city is letting the MBTA handle the cost of the demolition. The city bought the building back in the 90's when Mike Capuano was mayor, for at least a million. Too bad the city didn't get any real use out of the property.

Funny, the article out of *The Globe* the other day about the amount of monies spent on snow removal in Cambridge was about \$6M, Medford at about \$4M but Continued on page 11

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### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: T.F. Murphy closing up shop

#### Bill & Helen Gioiosa says:

So sad, the greatest florist and a wonderful family!

#### Sharon (Finn) Kokoras says:

Best of Luck to you. T.F. Murphy was ALWAYS the choice when I was growing up in Somerville and long after I moved to Peabody. My parents always used them.... Always had the BEST Flower arrangements. Somerville will miss you....

#### Mary DiCarlo says:

thank you for all the years of great service and beautiful flowers!!

#### Oliver Seppo says:

Hasta la vista!

#### long time customer says:

Having received many gorgeous TF Murphy arrangements, I'm so sad to see the shop close. I hope you find rest and enjoyment in retirement! Best wishes.

#### Diane Mahoney says:

Sad to see the closing of another Somerville "institution". Thanks to the Murphy family for providing great service throughout the years and for being there through all of the happy moments and sad ones too. Growing up, my Mom had Murphys phone number on the wall next to the kitchen phone and whenever someone died or ther was a special occasion, she'd say "call Murphys". Enjoy your retirement – you've all earned it!

#### Susan Leyva says:

Sad to see Murphy's go. They have been there longer than I can remember. On a positive – maybe Patsy's can relocate to Highland and Willow!

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### TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you are concerned that too many small businesses are closing in Somerville. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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### Family forever touched by closure of local bakery

#### By Ted Bodenrader

Maria Cella once ventured out into the local workforce as a highly ambitious teen, hoping to add a little extra dough to her piggy bank. Little did the then-St. Clements High School freshman know that she'd soon be rolling it too.

"I told the guidance counselor at the school that I was looking for a summer job," she recalls of that spring day in 1997." When I asked if they knew of anything, they sent me to Patsy's Pastry. I immediately asked my mom to drive me there."

The ensuing car ride from Medford to East Somerville would forever adorn the face of the Cella family - like a cherry atop a frosted cupcake. When Cella arrived at 182 Broadway, the owners of the reputable downtown bakery, Sal and Vito Ferrigno, would welcome her with open aprons.

"They were amazing to me," said Cella, now an investments CPA living in Saugus. "They gave me a job and treated me like part of their family. And by the end of the summer, my sister (Teresa) was working there too."

And over the next 18 years, the entire Cella clan rolled up their collective sleeves and helped to make Pasty's Pastry one of the premier bakeries anywhere within a 100-mile radius. Brothers Antonio and Angelo soon slung on the aprons, followed by mother Ilaria, an Italian immigrant who landed in Somerville in 1977. Together, they delved into every conceivable function of the Patsy's operation, from dishwashing to cake decorating to customer service.

Therefore, May 4 not only marks the closing of the Cella's second home, but also a beloved chapter in the family's history.



The iconic fixture on Broadway that has affected so many lives is soon to be a thing of – Photo by Donald Norton the past - and perhaps the future?

bakeware as a callow 13-yearold, hardly strong enough to lift the pans he was cleaning. "It not only became a bond between the two families, but also with all the regular customers. We traditionally spent more time with them at Christmas than we did with our extended family. When we no longer opened on Christmas, I honestly didn't know what to do with myself."

> *"I care about* them like they're my relatives"

Angelo, who notched a law degree from Boston University, passed the bar exam last summer, an achievement that lead to his current position with Morgan & Lewis LLP. However, one steamy summer day in 2014, he received a phone call from Sal Ferrigno, who was in dire need of a baker. Hence, Angelo immediately dropped the books and hit the biscotti.

"And Antonio did the same thing," laughs Ilaria of her eldest son. "He became a mechanical engineer, but he loved the bakery so much, he continued to work there on the weekends."

decade and a half.

"They are amazing people," Ilaria said of the family, which includes not only Sal and Vito, but their wives Maria and Rose as well. "They're all part of our family too. They threw my daughter and son bridal parties, went to their weddings, graduations - everything. I care about them like they're my relatives. And I care about the bakery as if it was my own."

"Just the fact that they never fired me tells you something," jokes Angelo. "I probably cost them a few thousand in burnt cookies and pastries over the years. They were the most patient bosses you could imagine. Incredible people."

But while the news of the closure struck the entire Patsy's Pastry fan base like a dough roller between the eyes, the Cella family also knows that the Ferrignos' permanent vacation is long overdue. Hence, the decision to sell the property in favor of a new residential apartment development has not been met entirely with such stern objection.

"It was the first job I ever had," said Angelo. "So, sure, of course it's very sad for all of us. We look at it like the end of an era. But on the other hand, the Ferrignos have a right to enjoy themselves too. They've been taking care of their customers for so long, it's time to take care of themselves. And remember - they are not closing shop because they failed. They are closing because they succeeded." Leave it to Ilaria, the matriarchal Cella, to sum up the family experience in her native Italian tongue.

### **Hubway reopens** for 5th season in **Somerville**

Spring is here and that means the return of Hubway in Somerville, where the shared bike stations reopened on Friday, April 17, as the system begins its 5th season.

Ten out of Somerville's 12 stations will be available beginning April 17:

+ City Hall: On sidewalk on west side of concourse

 Conway Park: On sidewalk adjacent to park

+ Davis Square West: On the MBTA plaza on Holland Street + Magoun Square: On sidewalk at Trum Field

+ Packard Avenue: On street near Powderhouse Boulevard

+ Powderhouse Circle: On sidewalk at Powderhouse Park adjacent to College Avenue

+ Somerville Hospital: On Crocker Street/li>

+ Teele Square: On Holland Street

+ Union Square: On the plaza adjacent to Somerville Avenue + Wilson Square: At traffic island intersection of Somerville

Avenue and Elm Street The Davis Square East station, previously located at Summer Street and Cutter Avenue, and

Beacon Street station, previously located at the intersection with Washington Street, are on hold while exact location sites are determined.

"As we start our fifth year of Hubway, it's encouraging to see

just how much our community has embraced bike sharing, but it's not a surprise," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "In Somerville, so many of our residents are shifting from car trips to walking, transit and biking because they know it's the healthy choice and the sustainable choice. With a partner like Hubway, we are well on our way to both making Somerville the number one city for walking and biking and to creating the kind of active and vibrant neighborhoods that make Somerville great."

This year's system across Somerville, Boston, Brookline and Cambridge will have 140 stations and 1,300 shared Hubway bicycles. Approximately 13 stations, including those in Brookline and Boston that are located along the Boston Marathon route, will be re-installed after the Marathon. Riders can view the Hubway website or use theSpotcycle app to confirm station availability.

More information about Hubway system including station expansions, deployments, and outages/closures can be found online atwww.thehubway.com, on Twitter at www. twitter.com/hubway, and on Facebook at www.facebook. com/Hubway.

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"This [closing] has been a while in the making," said Maria of Patsy's grand finale. "Everyone in my family was in denial about it and said it would never happen. When we realized the closing was a reality, we all cried. Literally. It's very sad."

After all, Patsy's Pastry Shop was a place where passion, kinship, and unity came together on a baker's hardwood worktable, holiday conversations no longer commenced across dinner tables, but rather behind pastry-laden countertops.

"Holidays became my favorite time of year because we'd spent them at the bakery," said Angelo, who began his stint washing

And when it came time for Maria, the original bakery-employed Cella, to turn in the spatula in favor of corporate endeavors?

"That was a really tough day," recalls Maria. "We sat down in silence when I told him I was leaving, and he said, 'I am so sad to see you go. You are like one of my daughters.' To this day, he's my favorite boss I've ever had."

The bond between the two families in an unbreakable one, as the Ferrignos have been a constant presence at Cella family events throughout the past

"I have been in America for thirty-eight years," she says. "I worked at that wonderful bakery for twelve years, and guess what? It was the best twelve years of my life."



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### A comfy snooze in a hot car

Somerville police officers on a morning patrol last week received reports of a stolen car Lo-Jack code being transmitted in the area sent them on a search for the vehicle.

The car in question was reported as coming out of Watertown.

Equipped with Lo-Jack detection gear, the officers eventually narrowed their search to a location near Concord and Prospect Streets.

Turning down Bolton St., the officers spotted the car parked there and approached it on foot to investigate further.

At first, the vehicle appeared to be unoccupied, according to the officers' reports, but as they got closer they observed a man, later identified as Terrance Morrison, of Cambridge, rising up from the back seat area, as if he had been sleeping there.

According to reports, Morrison appeared to be startled by the officers as they approached on each side of the car and scrambled back and forth, seemingly in search of a means to evade capture.

Morrison eventually opened a door and began to exit from the car, apparently in compliance with the officers' commands, police said, but instead of cooperating with them he reportedly tried bolting past them, shoving them aside.

The officers reportedly got hold of Morrison before he could get away, and after quite a bit of scuffling got him to the ground and handcuffed.

According to reports, Morrison struck at the officers several times as he attempted to break free, and was eventually given a shot of pepper spray as an aid in getting him under control.

Once secured into custody, Morrison reportedly apologized several times for what he had done.

Watertown police indicated that they wanted the vehicle held for fingerprint analysis, as there was an investigation underway concerning similar car thefts in their area.

Watertown police also advised the Somerville officers that a search was underway for a stolen rosary bead necklace. Such a necklace was found in the back seat of the car that Morrison was discovered in.

Morrison has been charged with receiving stolen property, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a police officer. In addition, he was also booked on warrant charges of witness intimidation, assault and battery on a family or household member, failure to stop for police, threat to commit a crime, resisting arrest, and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

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#### Arrests:

Terrance Morrison, of 358 Prospect St., Cambridge, April 20, 9:54 a.m., arrested at 14 Bolton St. on charges of receiving stolen property, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a police officer, and on warrant charges of witness intimidation, assault and battery on a family or household member, failure to stop for police, threat to commit a crime, resisting arrest, and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Michael Burke, of 274 Washington St., Cambridge, April 20, 7:27 p.m., arrested at North St. on charges of failure to stop for police and operation

of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Damon Delgaudio, of 43 Water St., April 21, 12:41 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, no inspection sticker, and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Chavener Petion, of 115 Pine Hill Cir., Waltham, April 21, 9:11 p.m., arrested at 185 Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of failure of juror to attend.

Noe Perez-Vasquez, of 79 Cross St., April 22, 6:01 p.m., arrested at Century St. on warrant charges of larceny under \$250 by false pretenses, receiving stolen property over \$250, miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation, and attempt to commit a crime.

Leodan Salmeron-Molina, of 171 Walnut St., April 22, 9:35 p.m., arrested at 45 Marshall St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, trespassing, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Thomas Amado, of 46 Fuller St., Everett, April 23, 3:15 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery on a family or household member.

A juvenile, April 23, 10:10 p.m., arrested at 16 Beacon St. on a charge of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older.

Matthew Carey, of 18 Lowden St., April 25, 12:51 a.m., arrested at 22 Lowden Ave. on a charge of unarmed robbery.

Michael Magloire, of 27 Brooks St., April 25, 1:16 a.m., arrested at 70 McGrath Hwy. on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250 and receiving a stolen motor vehicle, and on warrant charges of trespassing, felony nighttime breaking and entering, and larceny over \$250.

Jerry Nazaire, of 15 Memorial Rd., April 25, 1:16 a.m., arrested at 70 McGrath Hwy. on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250 and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Adam Nagy, of 71 Murray St., New York, NY, April 25, 2:31 p.m., arrested at Professors Row on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest.

Peter Neusner, of 107 Pleasant St., Cambridge, April 25, 8:03 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on a warrant charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

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# Sporting the Fenway bling



Local well-known good guy Chris Pedersen who works over at Fenway Park sports a picture with all three Red Sox World Series Trophies. Were told he even has a ring but it's probably in hiding,. We hear he's holding on to it real tight, and he should. Chris has worked over at Fenway Park now for a few years and loves his job, especially since he gets to watch parts of the game and gets paid for it. Now, how good is that? By Donald Norton

### Fraternal Chapter #136 **Installation of Officers**



#### **By Donald Norton**

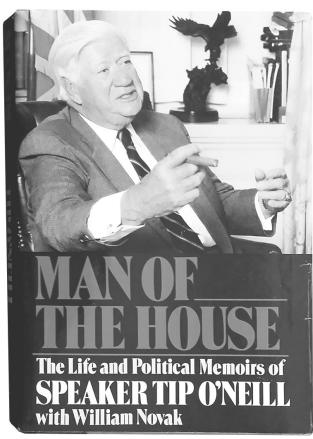
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# **The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week**



#### A Tip of the Hat By Bob (Monty) Doherty

While working for many years on the Somerville Fire Department, I witnessed many stories, running from happy to sad, to unusual. Somerville's location is next to Boston, and nested between Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tufts University and many other schools. Every year this causes dozens of lost students and their families to canvas the city in search of their destination. When asked how to get to Harvard or Tufts, the standard firefighters' reply was, "Study hard, sir; study hard." After a laugh, they would then give the proper directions.



One day, while at work at the Winter Hill Fire Station, a black limousine pulled up, and a young woman got out to ask for help. She had a British accent and asked for directions to Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill's home. I told her how to get to Davis Square and on to his house at Russell and Orchard Streets. To this, her and the elderly gentleman she was driving, both replied that I must be wrong. They said they had already been there, and that they were still looking for the "Speaker's" home. The disagreement went back and forth until we realized that they were looking for a palatial estate. They couldn't believe that the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the third most powerful

This past Saturday evening at the Masonic Hall, 125 Highland Avenue, the new officers of Somerville Fraternal Chapter #136 of the Order of Eastern Star were installed.

About 100 members and friends attended the 2015-2016 Installation. A fine dinner which was prepared by the members. Those installed for this year were Worthy Matron Mrs. Susan Robinson and Worthy Patron Mr. Michael S. Podymatis (Past Grand Patron of the Order in Massachusetts), along with other officers: Associate Matron Mrs. Alison

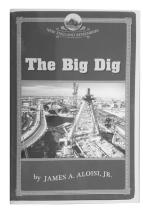
The Chapter which a few years ago celebrated its 100th anniversary is one of Somerville's oldest and most active fraternal organizations and is made up of both women and men.

The chapter has some very committed members who are very active both locally here in the chapter as well as with the statewide organization, which does a lot of charitable work in the community.

If you would like more information on how you can join, contact by email Mr. Michael Podymatis at mpodymai@aol. com.

man in America for ten years, lived in a very modest home and not a castle-like structure. The home is actually split in the middle by the Cambridge/Somerville city line. He would receive his mail and greet people at the front door in Cambridge and dine and sleep in Somerville, all under the same roof.

The Tip we knew was the down-to earth home boy who every two years would walk in the back door of the firehouse, talk and have coffee with the guys and ask for our votes for another term. His visits just confirmed his experience that local politics were important. This was reiterated in his book, All politics is Local. The patriotic O'Neills - Tip, a North Cambridge boy, and his wife,



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# The Writers' Den

### **Spotlight on The East Somerville Community School Phoenix News**



The East Somerville Community School Phoenix News was established when the new school building opened in the fall of 2013. The online student newspaper was named by asking students for nominations and then asking the entire ESCS community to vote on the proposed names.

This year, an afterschool club to support

NEWSPAPER CLUB First Day

by Bridelia, Joseph and Idalia

Thursday, October 2, 2014. The reporters sat at a round table rolling around thinking of ideas and having fun in the rolling chairs.

Briselda spilled her orange pineapple juice and asked for a new piece of paper. Are we rolling now? Idalia said to Alan, "You're the first person who said my name right in their first try." Joseph took a lot of pictures.

We rock! So now we are rocking and rolling.

#### Homework

#### by Kyissa Almeida and Misghana Sengal

Now everyone has an opinion about homework, what is your opinion? We think we shouldn't have homework, but let's hear both sides of the story. Let's start with why we should have homework. Homework is a review and practice of what we learn during school hours. Homework helps us remember what we learned in school. It usually has a little lesson you can learn that might add to what you learn in school. So in many ways homework can help us advance in school.

Now let's move on to why we shouldn't have homework. Homework can be very stressful especially after a whole day of hard work in school. It means that school does NOT end at 2:35. It is good to focus on school and learning. It's also nice to focus on something you enjoy so you can take a break from school and have fun.

Homework can cause a strain in the relationship with your parents; for example you might want to watch TV and your guardian might want you to do your homework and that is the beginning of a fight. Now we will let you decide if you want homework or not.

#### Welcome to the Book Fair

#### by Kyissa A. and Kaylee E.

Welcome to the book fair! This year in November there was a book fair that has not been running for 5 years because the school burned down in 2007. But the best part is that since it did so well it might come back in May 2015. We did an interview with the creative mind that would bring back the book fair.

**Kaylee and Kyissa:** So to begin what is your name? **Founder:** My name is Carly Iappine

*Did you create the fair with anyone else?* I created the fair with the help of PTA

What was your motivation?

the student newspaper has been meeting every Thursday right after school. All interested 4th through 8th graders are welcome to join. In addition, all ESCS students may write for the Phoenix News, whether or not they choose to join the club. Reporters should give their work to their teachers or email it directly to kid@12zine.com.



#### Welcome Brown School 6th graders

#### by Drea Zaniboni

Somerville, Thursday, March 12, 2015. The Brown School students have to find a new school for a month. They have to find a new school because the roof of the school collapsed into a girls' bathroom. It happened a couple days ago.

Everyone was lucky because no one was in the school because it was at night. It happened because the snow and ice just fell because it was probably really heavy.

The 6th graders are going to the East Somerville Community School. The kindergarteners are going to the Capuano, and the 1st through 5th graders are going to the Edgerly School. Now people are rebuilding the bathroom and fixing the roof, so, that's going to take about a month.

Our guests will start here on Friday or Monday. Kids in the ESCS sixth grade have made a welcoming sign. We look forward to making new friends.

#### 2014 Wrap-Up

by Kaylee Estevao

In School

In the E.S.C.S, 2014 was pretty awesome. We had the book-fair, new teachers, field-trips and so much more. It was for the good and bad. 8th graders left and kindergarteners came in. There were many projects, dances, and awards. Many people transferred away, many people transferred here. From snow days to fun days, good days to bad days. Dismissed from sick days to appointments at the doctors. Being late to early to on-time to school. From test days to a day-off. This year has been fun.

#### Out of School

Out of school there have been good and bad discoveries. The good: The Winter Olympics, The Mocking Jay, Frozen, World Cup, Flappy Bird, ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, The Black and White Challenge, The Sims 4, XBOX One, Minecraft, Alex from Target, Meghan Trainor Chipotle and much more. The bad? Ebola, Robin Williams suicide, bullying, ISIS, and more.



When I was little I loved book fairs but they did not have one since 2007 and I wanted my son to enjoy book fairs, and give precious reading memories to other students and children.

Do you work for Scholastic?

No I do not. I am a parent volunteer for my son Tyler Yearley in the first grade.

*Is this the first year of the book fair?* This is the first book fair since 2007.

Will you be back next year or later this year? Well we might have one in May.

Do you think the fair was a success? Yes we raised \$1,500 for the school.

*Can you tell us why you think kids should come to the fair?* Well, reading is important and can help with everything plus this generation is hung up on technology and kids need to know how important reading and books are.

*If you had one word to describe the book fair what would it be?* I would say energetic because all the kids are full of energy.

Middle School Writers' Den at the central Somerville Public Library Wednesdays. 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM No meeting April 22 (school vacation) Are you in 4th through 8th grade (or, of corresponding age)? Do you love to write? Join us at our middle school Writers' Den 6:00-7:00 pm at the central Somerville Public Library. At the Writers' Den, writers meet informally to share our work, workshop ideas, learn some tips, hear readings for writers, and participate in publishing. There always is writing and discussion of writing.

Please pack a pencil or a pen, a notebook or a pad. Please also bring a short completed piece of writing. Poetry, fiction, nonfiction, school newspaper reporting – what's your interest? Contact: Alan Ball, 617 636-9033, aball@tuftsmedicalcenter.org (not the library, please!) THE

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# **Spring Cleanup and Barbecue 2015**

The annual Spring Cleanup and Community Barbecue this Saturday. Residents were 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 were be provided to all participants from 10 a.m. to noon at all cleanup locations and all participants were invited to a community barbecue and SomerGreen Festival, immediately following the cleanup at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse on Shore Drive. — Photos/text by Donald Norton



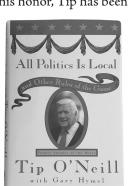
### Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

Millie Miller, a Somerville girl – were married on Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1941, and raised their five children in that home.

Welcome to America! Isn't it great that here, a bricklayer's son can climb to the heights of Washington's leadership. If you drove through Cambridge during 2012, you would have seen large banners with the likeness of Tip adorning the main streets. This was for the centennial celebration of his birth.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for there were no formal sessions or roll calls in the House Somerville: or Senate.



#### 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.

#### CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENTS (H 3399)

House 35-120, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a proposed GOP rule that would prohibit more than one consolidated amendment from being considered in a single vote.

The consolidated amendment system works as follows when the House is considering the state budget: Individual representatives file dozens of amendments on the same general subject matters including local aid, social services and public safety. They are then invited to "subject meetings" at which they pitch their amendments to Democratic leaders who draft "consolidated amendments" that include some of the individual representatives' amendments while excluding others.

Current rules allow several of these consolidated amendments, each on different subjects, to be lumped together into a single, omnibus consolidated amendment and put to a vote. The proposed rule would prohibit that practice.

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

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

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

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

#### ALLOW TWO HOURS TO READ BUDGET AMENDMENTS (H 3399)

House 35-120, rejected a Republican proposal increasing from 30 minutes to two hours the period given to legislators to read any proposed consolidated amendment to the House budget prior to debate and a vote on it.

MBTA CHANGES - Gov. Charlie Baker filed a bill to make changes in the way the MBTA operates. The proposal includes many of the recommendations made by the special panel studying ways to improve the T's operation including establishment of a Fiscal Management and Control Board and Chief Administrator to oversee the T's operations and finances through 2018. Other provisions include creation of capital plans and new reporting and audit requirements.

"The T failed its stress test this winter when we needed it most, exposing the deep operational problems and lack of planning," said Baker. "We simply cannot afford a repeat and this legislation sets in motion significant reforms to once again deliver accountability, reliability and the world-class transportation system Massachusetts deserves."

The bill had mixed reactions from legislators. Some praised the proposal while others took issue with various provisions. The next step will be a public hearing on the bill.

LIMIT SALE OF E-CIGARETTES - A public hearing was held on Attorney General Maura Healey's proposed set of regulations to prevent the sale of e-cigarettes to minors. Provisions include prohibiting the sale of e-cigarettes to anyone under the age of 18; prohibiting sampling, promotional giveaways and other free distributions; prohibiting the sale of nicotine liquid or gel without child-resistant packaging; and prohibiting sale of the product in stores with vending machines available to persons under 18.

Dr. David Crandall, testifying on behalf of the Massachusetts Medical Society, said, "While the tobacco industry, and indeed, some policymakers, view e-cigarettes as less hazardous alternatives to combustible cigarettes, the Massachusetts Medical Society is among those that see them as a gateway product to tobacco abuse and nicotine addiction and support restricting the sale of such products."

Retail industry representatives agreed with many of the regulations but expressed concern that the restrictions would discourage some people from quitting smoking and switching to e-cigarettes. "Every little barrier to adult access is going to mean that one or ten or a hundred people who would have quit smoking don't quit smoking and that's going to kill people," said Carl Phillips, of the retailer trade group Consumer Advocates for Smoke-free Alternatives Association.



#### Sen. Patricia Jehlen DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11,

inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county of Middlesex.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on two roll calls from prior sessions on the debate on legislative rules for when the fiscal 2016 \$38 billion budget is debated. It was vacation week for students last week so, as is customary

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

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

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

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

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LIMIT JUDGES' TERMS (S 54) - The Judiciary Committee held a public hearing on a proposed constitutional amendment that would limit the state's judges to serving ten years, at which time they would be eligible for reappointment by the governor.

LIMIT EMINENT DOMAIN (H 55) - The committee's agenda also included a proposed constitutional amendment providing that "private property may be taken only when necessary for the possession, occupation and enjoyment of land by the public at large or by public agencies." The proposal also prohibits private property from being taken for private commercial enterprise, economic development or any other private use without the consent of the owner.

The legislation was originally filed in 2008 as a response to a 2008 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allows communities to seize private homes and businesses solely for

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commercial purposes. The ruling also allows states to establish laws prohibiting the practice.

REPORT DRIVERS WITH SUSPENDED OR REVOKED LICENSES (H 4521) - A new law that took effect at the beginning of April requires the Registry of Motor Vehicles to notify the local police department when the driver's license of a local resident is suspended or revoked. The notification is only required when the offense is a specific crime committed by the offender including vehicular homicide and drunken driving, and if the person is a habitual traffic offender or poses an immediate threat to public safety. Included in the notification would be the offender's name, address, license plate number, type of car and driving record.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"No, I'm never running for president. I had enough trouble running for governor." — Gov. Charlie Baker during an interview about his first 100 days as governor.

"David Ortiz and Larry Bird." — Two of the people appointed to serve on the board of Boston 2024 – the group leading the charge for Boston to host the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"We allege this treatment center knowingly took advantage of patients by forcing them to pay exorbitant and unnecessary fees for opiate addiction service." - Attorney General Maura Healey on her office's civil suit against continued

North Andover's Center for Psychiatric Medicine.

"43 percent support and 46 oppose." — Results of a Suffolk University poll on whether Boston should host the 2024 summer Olympics.

"MassHealth ... paid more than \$3.5 million in questionable, unallowable, and potentially fraudulent medical claims for Personal Care Attendant services for its members." — State Auditor Suzanne Bump on her audit of MassHealth, which provides access to healthcare services for approximately 1.4 million eligible low- and moderate-income individuals.

"We are worried that natural gas and electric customers who have run up enormous heating bills this winter will miss out on financial help they are entitled to and have their utilities shut down. Our doors are open and we can help eligible families and seniors." — John Drew, president of Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), noting that Massachusetts residents have until May 15 to apply for fuel assistance to help pay their utility heating bills and avoid shut-off.

#### 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, re-

search, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of April 20-24, the House met for a total of two hours and 19 minutes and the Senate met for a total of two hours and 18 minutes.

Mon. April 20	No House session No Senate session
Tues. April 21	a.m. to 12:07 p.m. a.m. to 12:19 p.m.
Wed. April 22	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. April 23	a.m. to 12:15 p.m. a.m. to 12:18 p.m.
Fri. April 24	No House session No Senate session

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#### Murphy Florist closes down after over 60 years, yet the scent lingers **CONT. FROM PG 1**

walk from Davis Square. Tom Murphy Sr., the current operator's father, started the flower shop after he came back from the Korean War. When Murphy Sr. was a child, he worked for Joe Howard, the florist on Broadway who closed his store many years ago.

Murphy described the customer base that the shop has built over the years as incredible. "It's sad to say goodbye to them. They are great customers," he said. "But we'll still run into them, which is the good part."

Murphy said the primary reason why the Murphy family recently decided to shut down the store is that they wanted to spend more time with the family. "Both my wife and I work seven days a week. We have to make sure of the quality of the flowers we supply for all occasions," Murphy said.

out of respect for her privacy.

The flower shop meant "the whole world to my family, and me" Murphy said. What brought joy to Murphy himself were the customers, ranging from a veteran who ordered bouquets for his wedding to someone who was on her first date. And each of Murphy Florist's customers made an impression on him.

Pieces of the store's memory are well preserved by the Murphy's. Those include customers' thank-you letters, gifts, even the store's weather worn old sign, which was replaced about 14 years ago. Of course, there are a ton of awards that once and forever testify T.F. Murphy Florist's glory and reputation in the neighborhood as well. T.F. Murphy Florist has a facility that extends about four-storefronts long, and each section is used for a different function: design workshop, delivery section, gift room and front sales area. In fact, the overall space is even bigger, since the florist has his own office, and the store also contains a huge walk-in refrigerator for keeping the flowers fresh. T.F. Murphy Florist sold mostly flowers and plants at

first. Over the years, it started

selling gifts, candles, stuffed

animals and balloons as the

business grew.

"People always asked me which flower or which item was my favorite. I like them all," Murphy said, explaining there were hundreds and hundreds of different types of plants in his store on a daily basis. Usually, the staff in the store assisted its customers in picking specific kinds of flowers according to the occasions, such as weddings or funerals."If we don't have [a certain kind of flower], I'll find it and get it in time," Murphy added.

Tamikl Byrd, the person who works at the flower shop's front desk doing customer service, is not part of Murphy's family. But working at the store for roughly six years, she felt like a family member. "This is my second family," Byrd said, describing how much she liked working at the shop, especially while communicating with customers. Even though she felt sad that the store was closing down, Byrd said she had to move forward with her life and seek new opportunities. "You'll see me crying at the end of the day," she said. Sonja Murphy, Tom Murphy's wife, told The Somerville Times that they were sweethearts since high school, and they just celebrated their 30th anniversary on April 20. The



Murphy's, however, celebrated it by working at their store. They also skipped many family gatherings in the past for the same reason – the customers have their holidays too.

sat a foot-tall flower arrangement that was decorated with small baby roses and Gypsophilia, also known as baby's breath. A pink silk bow was tied around the vase. The piece, which Murphy assembled the day before the store closed, was ready to be delivered. The scent given off by the plants filled the store. And soon enough, the Murphy's will donate many of those plants and flowers to local residencies and organizations in Somerville as their last expression of gratitude for the community support. What was the most special thing for the Murphy's? "The whole thing is special: our customers, employees, flowers and working with my husband. I can't pinpoint one thing," Mrs. Murphy said, taking a nostalgic look around.



After pausing for a few seconds, Murphy added that a family member's health condition had been declining; spending more time taking care of them seems important.

"We put in a lot of hours here, which we're supposed to do to service our customers, but we can't do both [taking care of family and servicing customers]," Murphy said, declining to detail his mother's health condition

"That's what we do. We know how important families and friends are. That's why people come to us," Mrs. Murphy said. "Now it's time for us to do something for our family."

When it comes shutting down their flower shop business, the Murphy's shared a bittersweet feeling. One thing that's certain is that T.F. Murphy Florist didn't perish altogether when it closed for the last time on Saturday. More flowers would be delivered to their customers on Sunday, and Monday morning would witness the store's last delivery after over 60 years of service. On Murphy's workshop table

### COMMENTARY

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### White House's new chief data scientist points the way forward for all governments, big and small



#### By Joseph A. Curtatone

The data-based approach to improving government services took a big step forward earlier this year, when the White House named its first ever chief data scientist and chief technology officer for data policy. In appointing Dr. DJ Patil to this new role, the Obama Administration is making a strong statement about the importance of data-based management and decision-making. It's not enough for government officials to simply advocate for one policy or another. We have to show our work. And we know in Somerville that sometimes the best solutions come from the community. None of that is possible unless we start with data. We celebrate diversity of opinion, but it's important that we start from the same set of facts. That means we must start by collecting data and then present it in an accessible way, so that everyone from the public to City officials can understand it and start delving into the connections we can make between the numbers. That also means knowing the right questions to ask, which is why it's important to have the right people in place to help us make sense of all these numbers. It's why Dr. Patil is now the White House's chief data scientist and why over a decade ago we founded SomerStat, our Office of Innovation and Analytics and the first municipal 'stat' program in New England.

SomerStat works with the head of each department to analyze data, measure performance and make continuous adjustments to reach our goals. We're not waiting until budget season rolls around to check our performance. We're doing it in real-time and through regular stat meetings for each department, where key managers and myself meet to study financial, personnel and operational data, identify opportunities for improvement and then track how those improvement plans are going. SomerStat launched with support for just six departments. Today, 17 City departments participate, representing \$61 million in operating expenses.

So what has this data-based approach done for you? It saves your money and improves the City services you rely on. For instance, four years ago we spent \$860,000 on electricity for streetlights. Delving into the data showed us that if we made the upfront investment and purchased the streetlights from the utility company, we could save hundreds of thousands of dollars that could be reinvested into our schools, roadways, public safety and other areas of need. We started making that investment and within one year saved more than \$440,000 in electricity costs. Likewise, analysis by SomerStat made clear that by switching our health insurance coverage to the GIC, we could avoid having to spend an additional \$20 million on health insurance costs due to lower premium increases.

Somerville has been at the forefront using data to make the lives of citizens better. On a daily basis, we use data for everything from predictive crime analysis and health issues such as rodent control to the management of snow removal operations and transportation planning. Our efforts are part of a burgeoning nationwide movement. It's why Bloomberg Philanthropies launched "What Works Cities," a \$42 million program that helps provide data training to mid-sized cities. Bloomberg points to several examples of data-based management making a difference in the lives of citizens around the nation. Since New

Orleans launched its Blight-STAT program, using data to drive coordination between city departments and decisions around combatting blight, it has reduced the number of blighted residences by 10,000 and increased the number of homes in compliance with city ordinances by 62 percent. Denver saves \$10 million each year through employee-driven improvements, such as \$145,000 saved in 2013 through reducing the number of times police had to respond to false burglar alarms. Atlanta's data-driven management program reduced that city's backlog of uninspected housing code violations by 70 percent.

These are only a few of the success stories from across the U.S. of data-driven management systems being used to make government work better. It's a proven approach that also allows residents to hold officials accountable for their performance—and helps them get involved with *Continued on page 20* 

### Two nights, two meetings: Lots to think about



By William C. Shelton

Last week I went to two of the meetings that have proliferated in response to the Green Line's imminent arrival, the zoning overhaul, and proactive efforts by city planners. ite Somerville places and how to create those qualities in designing new places.

Looking around the room, I noticed that something like 85% of those present did not live here ten years ago. I felt a surge of familiar sorrow that I imagine is always with me, but that I avoid wallowing in.

The people in the room were sincerely intent on contributing to the design of built structures that create conditions that older generations in Somerville much more effectively created through social structures. In addition to the city itself, old Somerville built community. Its extensive networks of extended families, neighborhoods, churches, unions, fraternal orders, ethnic organizations, youth sports, political clubs, and civic organizations intertwined to weave a strong and resilient social fabric. Those interweaving relationships provided multiple ways for people to know, understand, and rely on each other. Through them, citizens guided the young, swiftly helped neighbors in need, resolved conflicts, and maintained security without being aware that they were doing anything special. And their public spaces were safe, engaging, and rich with human interaction.

The people in the room were earnestly engaged in what I believe to be a righteous endeavor that will ultimately benefit all who live in Somerville and their descendants. Yet most of them were people who came to consciousness in a time and place where "community" has become a word to designate those who share a common demographic designation, or geographic location, or artificial kinship (like "online community"), rather than each other. They are not particularly mindful of those who will not benefit from their efforts-those whom the Siege of Somerville has displaced or will displace. If they have an inkling of the trauma and "root shock" that the dispossessed endure, they probably imagine that it's overblown. The taken-for-grated dominant-culture ideology in which the newcomers became who they are assumes that market forces are equivalent to morally neutral forces of nature, while broken lives are unfortunate collateral damage; that market transactions are inviolate, while enduring human relationships are expendable.

'Villens whose lived experience might dispute these assumptions while making substantive contributions to the open-space planning process were elsewhere. Many of them who post to Somerville Times' blog are dismissive. They view Somerville by Design and similar efforts as spending tax revenues on nonessentials that pander to affluent newcomers while making traffic slower, parking scarcer, and housing prices further out of reach. I understand the hurt and anger that comes through these posts-the perception that their city government has abandoned them like a nouveau riche husband who dumps his long-suffering wife in favor of a younger model. But I feel their absence in the planning of our city's future to be tragic.

and institutional memory could enrich the process through which we are planning our shared urban existence. Newcomers would learn from Old Somerville's participation, and we all might discover that what we share is more important than our differences.

So I would urge government officials, consultants, advocates, and neighbors to reach out and involve those who were born here and who built this city that has become so attractive to others.

Gehl Studio staff conducted the first one. They are the American operation of an internationally renowned urban design firm, retained by the city to solicit public participation in open-space planning. They are experts in studying people's behavior in urban settings and designing public spaces that encourage security, safety, engagement, spontaneity, and human interaction. After an insightful and stimulating presentation, they asked people to form small groups around maps of the city to dis-

cuss the qualities of their favor-

During this historic moment of great change in our city, their values, lived experience, wisdom, I would also urge recognition of finite limits, which was my takeaway from the second meeting that I attended. It was the Union Square Civic Advisory Committee discussing how much and what kind of open space should be built into a revitalized Union Square.

The minimum amount deemed acceptable by most Committee members was 35%, while others wanted more. But in the same conversation, some members opposed tall buildings, echoing a conversation from the Union Square Neighbors listserv, where some *Continued on page 17* 

# COMMENTARY

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES



# **Our View Of The Times**

It's not as if it's going to suddenly become a ghost town. Far from it, in fact. Development in the city is at an all-time break-neck pace.

In the wake of the astonishing transformation of the Assembly Row area, plans are underway all over the city for renovation and further development in terms of housing and infrastructure.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

nothing about Somerville. We heard sources telling us that our city spent in excess of \$12M. It would be bad if the feds aren't going to subsidize any large part of that amount. Again, we heard the state got only about \$60M from the feds. After Boston, Worcester, Springfield, and some other larger cities are done dividing it up, we hear Somerville won't get all that much. Too bad!

More and more sources are telling us here at *The Times* that the proposed

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Many of us, though, are looking wistfully over our shoulders and quietly yearning far quieter, gentler times. The soda fountains in the corner drug stores. The produce vendors in the streets. To know that when you walked into the neighborhood market you could know and call everyone working there by their names. Their first names at that. The recently announced closures of a couple of the city's most venerable family operated businesses has given quite a few of us cause to wonder why the comfort and familiarity of the past must give way to a seemingly colder and impersonal change in our lifestyles, all in the name of progress.

That just seems to be the way it is, and

perhaps this is nothing new at all. Did our forebears lament the passing of the horse and buggy world they were so comfortable in? What did their predecessors decry as the times marched on.

Ultimately, we adapt and go with it, as we must. Still, it's times like these when we can slow down a bit and consider what may be passing into history. Our history.

great local charity. They have raised over a million dollars in scholarship monies for deserving high school students. Buy a ticket and go enjoy the evening. It's always fun, with lots of prizes for those who attend.

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Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente is having his third annual Cinco de Mayo fundraiser Party on May 6, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Cantina La Mexicana in Union Square. Tony sure is popular. It seems like no one is going to run against him again this year. Many of us here at *The Times* reside in Ward 4 and we think he's doing a great job. Join him, his family and friends in helping to kickoff his campaign. Villens and fans of The Times here in the city and elsewhere: A big happy birthday we missed last week was Alderman at Large Jack Connolly. We wish him the very best. This week it's cheers to Chip Koty, a newly wed local nice guy. We wish him the very best this week. One of the owners of Ball Square Café, Mike Moccia, is also celebrating this week. Maybe he and Omar created a special birthday breakfast? Happy Birthday to Linda Beebe, who is celebrating this week. We wish her

Commission (SHPC) invites all interested residents to two free events that celebrate Somerville's rich heritage. The official kick-off event for Somerville's Preservation Month will be the 2015 Jane's Walk this Sat., May 2. The event is part of a global movement of neighbor-led walking tours inspired by urban activist Jane Jacobs. This year's walk will explore some of the hidden assets of Union Sq. with a leisurely stroll through parts of the Prospect Hill neighborhood. Interested attendees should meet at 10 a.m on the Union Sq. Plaza, in front of the former police station. This event is sponsored by the SHPC and Union Square Main Streets. For more information about these annual walks, visit www. janeswalk.org. On Sun., May 3, join the SHPC and East Somerville Main Streets (ESMS) for a free walking tour entitled "Columns, Cornices, & Corner Boards: Cherished Designs of East Somerville," from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Led by Edward Gordon, President of the New England Chapter of the Victorian Society of America, the tour will step off from the Mt. Vernon Restaurant at 14 Broadway and conclude with a reception of light refreshments at La Brasa Restaurant. In the event of heavy rain, the tour will be Continued on page 20

zoning ordinance that must have cost the city a huge amount of money to develop will die on the vine, so to speak. The mayor's liaison to the Board of Alderman should probably brush up on his social skills. Someone should tell him the difference between the various branches of government! The Aldermen don't work for him, they work for the voters.

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

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Alderman at Large and President of the Board of Alderman Bill White spoke at the Somerville Chamber of Commerce breakfast this past Tuesday, and he was armed as you'd expect with facts and figures regarding the ever-changing city. The business community appreciated his candor and his knowledge, and why not? If you know Bill you'd expect no less. Some say without reservation he's the smartest man in city government. Maybe someday he'll run for Mayor?

Happy Birthday this week to some

the very best. Also this week, Florence Pulsifer Lewis is celebrating. We wish her many more. A nice lady and a great family. Former local realtor, now one of the mortgage officers at Wells Fargo, Jim Bain is celebrating this week. We wish him the very best as well.

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What a great tribute to Tom Taylor it was this past Sunday. His lovely wife Celia and family had a "Celebration of Life" at the City Club. A huge crowd showed up and exchanged fond stories of Tom, who served our city faithfully and with pride for over three decades. What a wonderful person. God Bless to Celia and the Taylor family. They have many good memories of Tom.

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The Somerville Historic Preservation

# A Celebration of Life and Love of Tom Taylor

Family, friends and colleagues of former Ward 3 Alderman Tom Taylor gathered on Sunday to celebrate his life and share their common love for him.

The event took place at the City Club in Somerville, and was attended by people from all walks of life who were touched by his passionate commitment to service and good will.















Photos by Claudia Ferro





### SPORTS

### SHS varsity softball picks up pair of wins

#### By Tom Bannister

The Somerville Highlander softball team opened up spring vacation week with a 21-3 win over Pope John last Wednesday and added a their second of the season later in the week.

"It was a great way to start the week and a great team effort," first year coach Tim Hawkins said of the Highlanders first win of the season. "We had 12 different girls, every girl that went to the plate, score runs and seven girls score more than one."

Leading the way for the Highlanders were Juniors Alyvia Baker who was four for five at the plate with two RBI's and 2 runs scored, Junior Brook Metivier going two for four with two runs and an RBI and Sophomores Kaleigh Conte and Emily O'Regan and Giana Gomes who were

a combined six for eleven with 8 RBI's and 8 runs scored. And, getting her first of the season after coming off knee surgery, Joy Jarnagin, added two hits and two runs while Junior outfielder Jessica Mantia scored three times going one for three at the plate.

Junior pitcher, Kayla Linehan, threw all five innings allowing only one hit on her way to her first win of the season. Linehan struck out six and was backed up by a strong defense that only committed one error in the field.

The Highlanders dropped a pair to Wilmington on Thursday and Saturday, but split a doubleheader on Friday with St Clement picking up their second win of the season. In the opening game the Highlanders put together 10 hits but could only



Somerville High School girls varsity softball is having a good week, according to coach Tim Hawkins.

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manage to push across 3 runs in an 8-3 loss. The bats continued strong in the second game adding another 17 hits, including a grand-slam by Alyvia Baker, and scoring followed as the Highlanders went on to a 19-8 win. Freshman pitcher, Samantha Fitzgerald, went the distance and picked up her first varsity win. Fitzgerald was consistent at the mound allowing four walks while the defense played strong behind her committing only two errors.

Leading the way at the plate

was Senior captain, Kayla O'Regan, was a perfect three for three at the plate and scored twice. Senior, Briana Lino scored twice and had a sacrifice. And, Junior, Angelica Bullen walked and scored twice, while playing strong defense in right field. Sophomore, Stephanie West, continued to hit well going one for two and driving in two runs and scoring two.

On winning their second game of the week O'Regan said, "It made me very happy to achieve that so early on in the season. I'm proud of the way everybody worked together."

"That was a great win for us. We really are a young team with heart and talent coming up. When we are working hard for each other a lot of good things happen." Coach Hawkins said about the Highlanders second win.

The Highlanders play a pair of games at Trum Field this week returning to conference action on Wednesday hosting Malden and finish the week against Matignon on Friday.

### Somerville Little League start-up

Somerville Little League will officially begin its 76th season this Saturday, May 2, with a parade, starting at the Somerville High School Concourse at 10 a.m. Led by units of the Somerville Police and Fire departments, kids and coaches will march down Highland Avenue to Central Street, to Somerville Avenue, arriving at Conway Park at 10:30 a.m. An on-field ceremony will begin at 10:45 a.m., starting with the recognition of several longtime champ ons of Somerville Little League baseball who will be honored for their service. Somerville Police and Fire units will be on hand, along with the Somerville Police Honor Guard, who will present their colors. After the national anthem is sung, a special guest will throw the ceremonial first pitch, at Conway Field, at 11 a.m. Come on down, watch the parade, and cheer the kids on. For more information, email Sean Fitzgerald at seanjfitz@comcast.net.



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- youth ages 12 and older. 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 Friday, May 1st from 2:45-4:30 p.m. in the Somerville High School band room
- (1st floor). The show will be held on Friday, May 22nd in the Somerville High School Auditorium. Admission is free. For more info contact jdelponte@somervillema.gov or phone 617-625-6600 ext. 2616 for more info.

### The Somerville Times Somerville once again opens its studios

#### By Rebecca Danvers

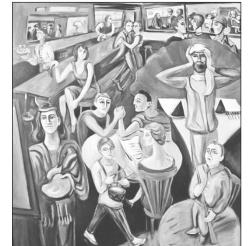
Somerville Open Studios (SOS) is set to take place this weekend, May 2–3, noon-6 p.m., with sneak previews presented at selected sites on Friday, May 1.

SOS is a non-profit organization formed for the purpose of producing an annual open studio and related events in Somerville, Massachusetts.

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

The fourth annual Art in Fashion Show, Beyond the Pattern, will take place this Thursday, April 30 at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show gets underway at 7:30.



Tango by Nancy Hall Brooks, one of the many local artists to be spotlighted at Somerville Open Studios 2015.

For more information on this live runway event, including a full list of participants, visit their Beyond the Pattern page: https://www.somervilleopenstudios.org/ fashion/.

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.

### Staying in 'The Loop' CONT. FROM PG 1

call to our open Facebook group to play. Usually it's the first six or eight people to reply who get to play the next month." Bailey said the courteous atmosphere of the event extends to the online booking process. "People are very respectful. If you played last month, you usually hang back for a while, and give other people a chance to play."

Bailey's role as the organizer of The Loop has him finding a different host for each event. The host takes responsibility for making sure the event goes well. "The host sends out the Facebook invites, organizes the set, they do all the promotion. It gives people an opportunity to book and sell a show."

Beyond the experience of booking and promoting a show, hosting The Loop is rewarding for musicians. "Hosting is a really good opportunity to sell yourself as an artist," Bailey said. "If you want to be able to meet people and make connections, you have got to be able to push the music forward." That unselfish practice of inviting others to play at The Loop gives an artist credibility and establishes trust with others in the local music scene, and makes the community stronger. "There's nothing that improves the community and the scene more than inviting an artist to play a con-



Anastasia Markov.

cert. It's so important," said Bailey.

The Loop perseveres due to the collective effort of the Facebook group, each month's host, and the strong connections between artists in the area. Bailey also credits the location. "The Armory is an incredible venue. They're all about the community, they're great to have us here every month." Somerville resident Brian Bunnell regularly attends events at the Armory. "I like singer-songwriter type events," he said, as the audience drifted in. "I was free tonight, so I decided to come in." Bunnell describes himself as an "aspiring songwriter." Would he ever play The Loop? "I'd have to write some stuff first." Bunnell's aspiration is typical of The Loop's audience. About half the audience has guitars leaning against their chairs, and will be playing that night. There were a handful of newcomers, one asking nervously, "Is this The Loop?" at the café entrance. Most are regulars, greeting friends and new acquaintances, and singing along to each other's songs.

# Help SCATV dust off and unlock their community vaults!



On Saturday, June 20th, jump back in time with us as we rediscover the history of community + place, and explore how it has changed. Or will we discover that it hasn't changed much? Community Vault will showcase archived programs from local Community Access TV stations alongside your contemporary media work.

#### Examples of curated programming:

Public Service Announcements, Retro Dance Parties, Local Flair: Then and Now, documentary, and More!

Tickets: \$7 advance/ \$10 at the door Purchase at Eventbrite: http://goo.gl/4qjafJ For more information, visit: http://communityvault.tv/

For more contact information, please contact: Erica Jones, 617. 628. 8826 or by email at ejones@scatvsomerville.org.

For more info on the event and to submit, visit: communityvault.tv.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on <u>Wednesday, May 6, 2015</u> at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

77-83 North St: (Case #ZBA 2012-68-R-4/2015) Applicant and Owner, Peter Stefanou, seeks a time extension (SZO §5.3.10) for Special Permit ZBA 2012-68 to greatly alter a nonconforming commercial structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct two, three-story, semi-detached townhouses and associated parking. RB zone. Ward 7.

26 Fairmount Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-14) Applicant, North America Development, and Owner SBKBLB, LLC, week a Special Permit to extend a dormer on the nonconforming sideyard. RA zone. Ward 7.

206 Lowell St: (Case #ZBA 2015-15) Applicant and Owner, Brett & Taryn LaFlamme, week a Special Permit to extend a a rear deck on a nonconforming sideyard. RB zone. Ward 5.

5-7 Cottage Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-17) Applicants, Victoria & Matthew Behr, and Owner, Matthew Behr, seek a Special Permit to alter the rear porch and windows and doors on the nonconforming house. RB zone. Ward 6.

18-20 Chandler St: (Case #ZBA 2015-18) Applicant and Owner, Paul Lavelle, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming 4-family structure to build an approx. 565 sf addition, dormers, and a rear 2-story porch. RA zone. Ward 6.

53 Columbus Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-19) Applicant, Peter Kaplan RCG, LLC, and Owner, RCG Columbus Renewal, LLC, seek a Special Permit to add an approximately 177 sf addition on the third floor of a nonconforming three-family house. RA zone. Ward 3.

51 Sydney St: (Case #ZBA 2015-20) Applicant, James Haley, and Owner, Mike Guarnotta, week a Special Permit to enclose a front porch. RB zone. Ward 4.

<u>78 Bay State Ave</u>: (Case #ZBA 2015-21) Applicant, Moses Ortiz, and Owner, James McCarthy, seek a Special Permit to expand a rear nonconforming deck. RA zone. Ward 6.

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 <u>www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning</u>. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to <u>dpereira@somervillema.gov</u>.



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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB 15-97

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

**Network Operating Center Construction** 

An invitation for bid (IFB) may be obtained online at <a href="http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids">http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids</a> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after <a href="http://www.somerville.gov">April 22nd, 2015</a>. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: <a href="http://www.may.somerville.gov">May 13th, 2015 at 11:00am ET</a>. 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.

The City of Somerville is seeking to create a Network Operating Center (NOC) that is clean, cooled, secured and isolated from everyday work spaces. The purpose is to protect the major investment made purchasing servers, switches, routers and air conditioning units housed inside this area. The project will also create new work spaces for personnel by constructing two modular work areas adjacent to the Network Operating Center (NOC).



CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 15-98

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

**Kennedy School Playground Equipment** 

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

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

or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 **on or after April 29, 2015**.

Sealed bids will be received **until Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.** The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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



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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, May 7, 2015** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

<u>138 South St</u>: (Case #PB 2015-03) Applicant, Groundwork Somerville, and Owner, Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek a Special Permit for the keeping of honey bees on a farm under SZO §7.11.9.10.6.b. TOD-135 zone. Ward 2.

Copies of these applications and amendments 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 <u>www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning</u>. 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 Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to <u>planning@somervillema.gov</u>.

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 4/22/15 & 4/29/15.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT BF0. # 15-101

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

#### On-Call House Boarding (and related) Services

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Please contact Michael Richards at <u>mrichards@somervillema.gov</u> for more information.

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The **Somerville Licensing Commission** is accepting applications for one available Wine and Malt Restaurant License. Interested Parties may obtain applications online at Somervillema.gov or at the City Clerks Office, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville. The deadline for applications will be <u>Friday May 29, 2015</u> by <u>10:00AM</u>

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro Executive Secretary

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Legal Notice: Sale of Property 76 School Street Somerville, MA

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 161A, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority invites all interested parties to bid on the fee-simple sale of 76 School Street, Somerville, MA, an approximately 5,700 square foot parcel of land improved with a two-story masonry brick building.

To obtain a copy of the Invitation to Bid ("ITB") and become a registered bidder, visit www.mbtarealty.com or contact the MBTA's designated representative:

> Massachusetts Realty Group 20 Park Plaza, Suite 1120 Boston, Massachusetts 02216 Attention: Matthew Hunt <u>ITB@mbtarealty.com</u>

All bids must be submitted on forms provided in the ITB and are due no later than **1:00 p.m. June 3, 2015**.

Questions may be submitted in writing by 5:00p.m. on May 19, 2015 to the Massachusetts Realty Group. A pre-bid conference will be held at the site at 10:00 a.m. on May 21, 2015.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617)768-5800

#### Docket No. MI15D0971DR

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING** 

Andrela Christina Pinheiro Kunert

#### VS. Wilton Kunert Buchacra

Upon motion of plaintiff for an order directing the defendant, to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P.Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for **Divorce other grounds**.

Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.

It is **Ordered** that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint therein on or before May 27, 2015.

If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.

It is further Ordered that the accompanying summons be published once in The Somerville Times a newspaper published in: Somerville, 699 Broadway, MA, 02144, 617-666-4010

the publication to be 20 days at least before said return day. It is further Ordered that a copy of the summons be mailed to the defendant at his/her last known address by registered or certified mail.

> Edward F Donnelly, Jr JUSTICE OF PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

> > Docket No. MI 15D0971DR

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Date 4/1/15

#### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

**MIDDLESEX** Division

#### **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**

Andrela C. Pinheiro Kunert Wilton Kunert Buchacra VS.

#### To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Desertion; Irretrievable breakdown in the alternative

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: George Maroun, Jr., Esq. 397 Main Street Woburn, MA 01801

your answer, if any on or before 05/27/2015. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 1, 2015.

Tara E. De Christofaro **Register of Probate** 

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object to building heights greater than four stories.

Indeed, 35%-to-50% open space is common among local land transformations like Fan Pier, University Park, and North Point, because smart developers realize that well-designed amenities increase the value of their office and lab space. But they pay for open space by constructing tall buildings. The size and quality of Fan Pier's Vertex Pharmaceuticals building, for example, gives it a higher assessed value than all of Somerville's commercial real estate combined.

Union Square planning exercises thus far have encouraged stakeholders to hold out for their best wishes without considering that some are imcompatible. So stakeholders have enthusiastically expressed desires to

- Maximize job creation;
- Maximize affordable housing;
- · Minimize residential and busi-

- ness displacement;
  - Improve mobility;
  - Minimize traffic;
  - + Maximize open space;
- Maximize property tax revenues;
- Build a "civic block" and library
- that pays no taxes;
- Maintain "human scale,"
- + And so on.

At the most basic level of tradeoffs, we must pay for our fond desires. And right now we can't even pay for a sewer system that doesn't regularly flood Union Square.

If stakeholders understand from the outset that tradeoffs must be made, they can discuss the relative importance of each objective, examine hard evidence, and formulate creative solutions that optimize outcomes as much as possible.

Last year I suggested to a developer and a city consultant one method to acquaint stakeholders with finite limits and begin this conversation

(See Sidebar: The Card Trick, below). I received no response.

Instead, participatory planning of Union Square began with a focus on visual preferences, perpetuating the anything-is-possible ethic, rather than focusing on how much of each use can and should be built, which acquaints stakeholders with finite limits.

The longer that Union Square planning is unburdened by constraints of physical, economic, and fiscal reality, the less opportunity and commitment stakeholders will have to produce creative solutions, and the more likely the Square's future will be determined by forces beyond their influence.

The more that key constituencies are absent from the citywide planning process, the less vibrant and efficacious the resulting built environment will be, and the less cohesive those who populate it.

#### The card trick: A consensus-building tool

Reaching consensus on a Union Square plan requires acquainting stakeholders with real-world constraints and enabling them to see the shared situation with each other's eyes. If there is a commitment to keep listening to each other and reach agreement, conflict can produce creative solutions.

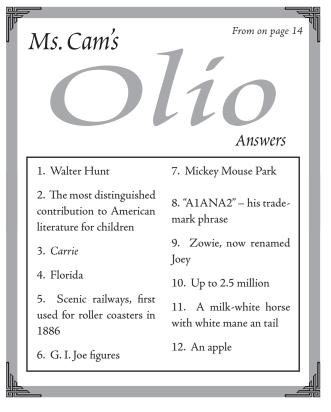
#### **Objectives:**

- Assess and understand key concerns across stakeholder groups
- Acquaint stakeholders with constraints and tradeoffs
- Create a basis for conversations that produce creative solutions

#### Methodology:

- Prepare a stack of 2" x 3" cards. On each card write one of the objectives that stakeholders commonly name.
- Ask the respondent(s) to stack the cards in the order that is most important to them and then explain their reasons for that order. Discuss the opportunities for and constraints on their top choices.
- Tell the respondent, "Now I understand how you rank the objectives. But the first one may be as important to you as all the rest together. If you had \$100 to spend on revitalization, how would you distribute it among these objectives? Why?
- If the respondent(s) represent(s) a group, ask them to take the cards with them and go through the same exercise with their group.
- Record the results to a publicly accessible database.
- Bring stakeholders together and facilitate a conversation through which they understand each other's choices, external constraints, and trade offs.
- · Use unassailable data to quantify constraints and tradeoffs so that discussion is not about whether they exist, but what to do about them.

### Spring 2015 ResiStat meeting schedule announced



Joseph A. Curtatone invites residents to the Spring 2015 ResiStat Community Meetings, a twice-yearly effort to share the latest city news and neighborhood updates directly with residents and gather their feedback. Seven neighborhood meetings, one in each ward, will be held in the coming weeks (See schedule below). Mayor Curtatone, ward and at-large aldermen, members of the Somerville Police Department, and city staff will discuss issues important to residents and take their questions. Topics will range from crime and safety reports, neighborhood improvements such as road and park projects, to a review of citywide issues like the municipal budget and Union Square development.

Refreshments will be served at a meet-and-greet before each meeting, where residents can talk with city officials and their neighbors. For more information about Resi-Stat, or with any questions, contact ResiStat Coordinator, Meghann Ackerman, at MAckerman@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2120. SPRING 2015 ResiStat Schedule: Meetings run from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with refreshments at 6 p.m. • Ward 6 (greater Davis Sq. neighborhood): , Apr. 30, Velir Offices, 212 Elm St.

+ Ward 2 (south Union Sq., Perry and Lincoln Park neighborhoods, Beacon St. area): , May 11, Argenziano School cafeteorium, 290 Washington St.

• Ward 4 (Winter Hill, Ten Hills): , May 12, Healey School cafetorium, 5 Meacham St.

• Ward 7 (West Somerville, Teele Sq.): , May 13, West Somerville Neighborhood School cafetorium, 177 Powder House Blvd.

 Ward 3 (N. Union Square, Prospect Hill, Spring Hill, Central Hill): , May 26, Somerville High School cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave.

• Ward 5 (Magoun Sq., NE Ball Sq., Cedar & Lowell St. areas, NW Porter Sq.): , June 2, Kennedy School cafetorium, 5 Cherry St.

+ Ward 1 (East Somerville, Assembly Sq.): , June 9, East Somerville Community School cafeteria, 50 Cross St.

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#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|April 29

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

Central Library Intro to Comic and Drawing Workshop Marco Jean-Baptiste- 6176256600 x2255

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball- 617 636-9033 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Thursday April 30

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

#### Friday|May 1

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

#### Monday May 4

**Central Library** 

Sing-along with Matt Heaton Cathy Piantigini- 617-623-5000 x2950 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Tuesday|May 5

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

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

#### Wednesday|May 6

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

Central Library Library Art Workshop Marco Jean-Baptiste 857-237-4206 2:30 p.m.- 6 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### MUSIC|ARTS Wednesday|April 29

Johnny D's WERS Listeners Appreciation Party featuring Kingsley Flood 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy@10 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Filmmakers Collaborative Workshop: Working with Composers 6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Shit-faced Shakespeare 7:30pm|255 Elm Street

#### Thursday April 30

Johnny D's NRBQ plus Sarah Borges and Muck & The Mires 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Riding Shotgun, Baltic Sun, Cherokee Red \$5 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

Bull McCabe's Dub Down Reggae 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory Somerville Open Studios Presents: Beyond the Pattern - The Art in Fashion Show 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Shit-faced Shakespeare 7:30pm Strange Behavior Stand-Up Comedy 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

#### Friday|May 1

Johnny D's World Music / CRASHarts presents: Noura Mint Seymali We Dig Free Friday Presents: The Red Pennys & Whiskey Kill 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Hashtag Hoedown |6 p.m. Alibis For Leisure, Strangers By Accident, Quiet Cargo \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room TBA 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Orleans Restaurant and Bar Lyricism 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Davis Square Theatre

Shit-faced Shakespeare 7:30pm Tweed River Music Festival Presents Spotted Tiger, Pat & The Hats, Cowboy & Lady 9 p.m. 255 Elm Street

#### Saturday|May 2

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch The English Beat (Ska, Reggae, New Wave) / The Allstonians -SOLD OUT-17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Stan Martin & Wicked Heart|6 p.m. Peyote Buttons, Airport, Tom Baker & The Snakes \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren** Back Room TBA

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke 65 Holland St

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

Bull McCabe's Michael Gabriel 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory The Two Ricks 10:30 a.m.|Cafe Somerville Open Studios 2015 -Community Space 12 p.m.|Performance Hall Somerville Songwriter Sessions 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** The Garcia Project 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

#### Sunday|May 3

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band 17 Holland St.]617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Amber Casares|8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m. Back Room Burren Acoustic Music Series **Davis Square Theatre** Ameranouche CD Release Concert 7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

#### Monday May 4

Johnny D's Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Nine Tonight ( Stand-Up ) Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

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

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory Boston Music Collaborators Open Mic 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Tuesday|May 5

Johnny D's The Baseball Project (members of REM, Young Fresh Fellows, and The Dream Syndicate) / The Zambonis / Amy Douglas

17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar Honkytonk Masquerade 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room 8:30pm - Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz Back Room 8:00pm Open Mic w/ Hugh Mc-

Gowan 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Post Cards to my The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Crillo

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

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

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Life Drawing 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Nils Lofgren Acoustic Duo 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Shit-faced Shakespeare 7:30pm|255 Elm Street

#### CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday|April 29

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

#### Thursday|April 30

Central Library Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund Kelly Donato|617-625-6600 x2560 6:15 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

#### Saturday|May 2

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

#### **Bagel Bards**

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

#### Sunday|May 3

Third Life Studio

Jamal

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

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

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

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

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Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

**Arts at the Armory** Youth Arts Arise: The Landscape of Watercolor DJ 10 p.m.|65 Holland St On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway |617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's TBA 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory Urban Elixir II, Urban Poetry and 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory Somerville Open Studios 2015 -Community Space 12 p.m.|Performance Hall Ludovica Burtone's String Quartet 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Future Self 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|May 6

Johnny D's Matthew Curry (Blues Rock Phenom) / Colin Dwyer / Ben Knight 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Comedy@10 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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Monday May 4

Tuesday|May 5

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

Chess Night 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79

Third Life Studio

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

Wednesday|May 6

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

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

### PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

#### HAPPENINGS R CENTER ΝΙΟ E

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 a.m. – 3 p.m. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (617) 666-5223

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

Back to the Medicare Basics – Monday, May 4 – 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. - Turning 65? Preparing for retirement? Have questions about joining Medicare? Attend this special evening "How to Register Online for Social Security" and learn Medicare basics, eligibility, enrollment, social security benefits & resources. Please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to RSVP.

Vocal Jazz Festival – Tuesday, May 5 – Join us as we head to the Berklee College of Music Friend Recital Hall for a great time. Leaving Holland Street at 3:00 P.M. with an approximate return time of 7:00 P.M. - \$15. per person covers bus transportation and entertainment. Please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

Fiore's Restaurant - Wednesday, May 6 - Check in time 10:45 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and 11:00 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 3:00 P.M. A choice between Chicken Marsala, Swordfish or Eggplant Parmesan for \$25. For more information or to sign up please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Older American's Month Celebration - Thursday, May 7 – 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Join us as we celebrate Older American's Month at the Winter Hill Yacht Club. Limited seating and transportation - please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot! Afternoon at the Movies - Monday, May 11 - 12:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – This month we will be showing "Selma" starring David Oyelowo, Tom Wilkinson, Giovanni Ribisi & Cuba Gooding. This movie is rated PG-13 and runs 2 hours and 8 minutes. Please sign up with Josephine at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 Foxwoods Casino - Tuesday, May 19 - Check in time of 7:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and 7:15 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center – With an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. \$25. fee includes transportation, \$10. bonus slot and \$10. buffet. Please call Connie at 617625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

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

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

LGBT Advisory Group – Monday, May 11 – 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, May 11 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. More details to follow. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Dinner & Movie Night – Monday, June 15 – 5:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. At approximately 5:30 we will be having a dinner with a little time to socialize followed by a showing of yet to be determined movie. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

#### **IMPORTANT NEWS:**

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

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

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

#### Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays: Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H) Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M., \$10/week for shoes and dues

Zumba for All, 5:15 P.M., \$3 per class (H)

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 A.M. Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9:00 A.M. Fit 4 Life\* Group C 12:00 P.M. \*Fit 4 Life classes \$10/month, pre-registration required.

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

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

#### Wednesday April 29

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:30 Songbirds of the Northeast (H) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbread Hanscom Air Force Base Bingo

#### Thursday April 30

9:00 Yoga (H) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 10:00 Current Events (H) 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (RJ) 11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ) 12:45 Bingo (RJ, H) Washington DC trip departs

#### Friday May 1

10:00 Book Club 11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

#### Monday|May 4

8:30 Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group (H) 9:30 Monthly Breakfast (H) 10:30 Moonlighters (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 4:00 Back to Medicare Basics (H)

#### Tuesday May 5

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 10:30 Men's Group and the Veteran's Group (H) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) Vocal Jazz

#### Wednesday|May 6

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 10:30 Joint Meeting of the Men's Group and the Veteran's Group (H) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) Vocal Jazz

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

#### **Tuesdays:**

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

#### Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H) Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H) Fit 4 Life\* Group C, Noon (H)

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the decision-making process. Some of the data we collect begs us to ask questions, and by having an informed discussion with members of the community all starting from the same set of facts, we can uncover new, innovative solutions to the challenges we face.

Before coming to Washington, Dr. Patil actually used data made available by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve weather forecasting as part of his doctoral work, so he understands how open data can result in new solutions from those outside government. This is a goal we continue to strive for, from our new Data Dashboard website that puts our data into a clear, transparent and easy to browse format, to our ResiStat meetings that bring data to the public. I am excited that the White House has

created the role of the nation's first chief data scientist. Let's hope it's a sign that the values of open, transparent government continue to spreadand everyone can benefit from the era of big data.

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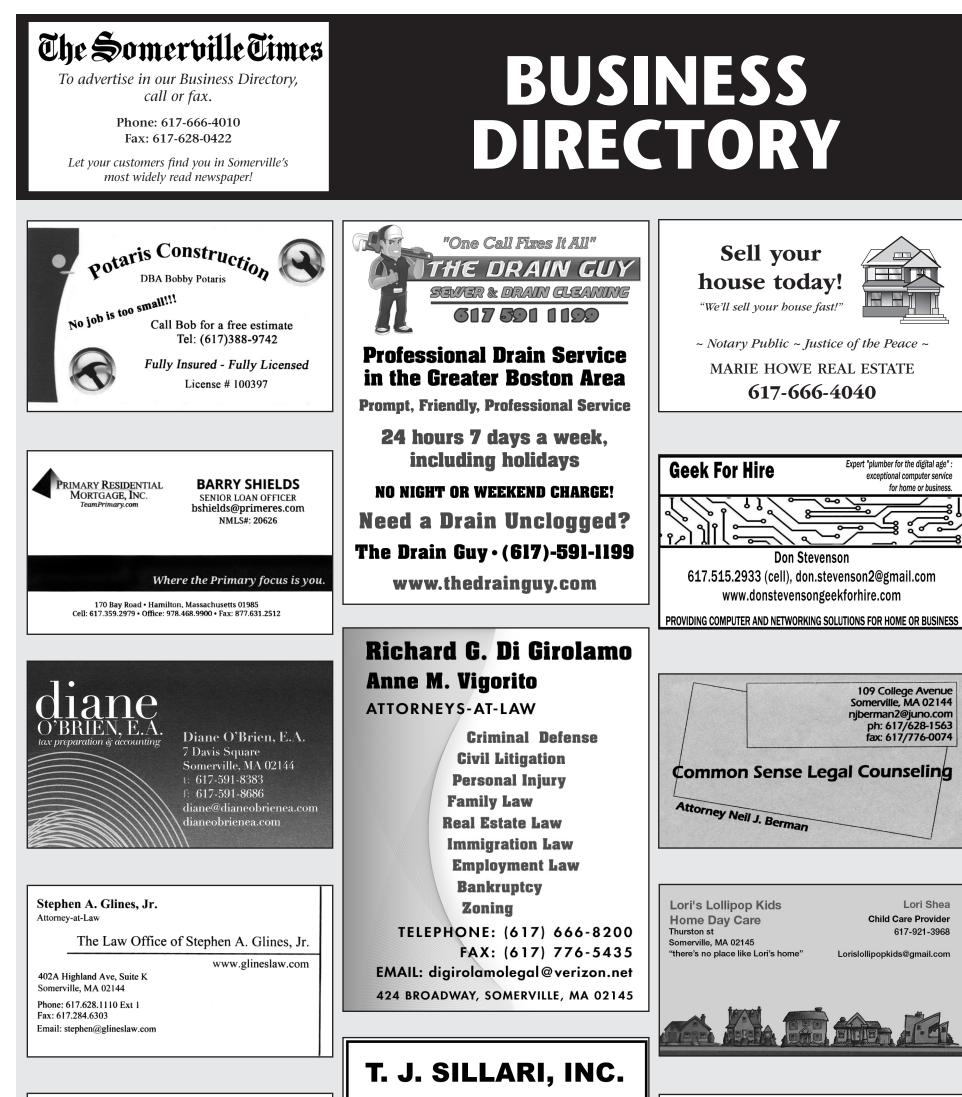
postponed to Sun., May 10. For more information about these and other events related to May Preservation Month in Somerville, contact Brandon Wilson at BWilson@somervillema. gov, or 617-625-6600 ext. 2532. \*\*\*\*\*

The Friends of the Somerville Public Library will hold their Spring Book Sale on Friday, May 15, 12-4 p.m., Saturday, May 16, 10-4 p.m., and Sunday, May 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m. The sale will be held at the Central Library located at 79 Highland Avenue (bus #88 or #90). Supporting Members of the Friends (those with memberships of \$50 or more) are invited to attend a preview evening on Thursday, May 14, from 5-8 p.m. This year's collection of books for sale includes all categories (History, Biography, Arts, Foreign Language), plus lots of DVDs, and as always - plenty of fiction. Kids books \$1, all else \$2. All proceeds from the book sale are used to support cultural and educational programs at the library including the popular Museum Pass Program. Leftover books will be donated to local non-profit groups or sold online. Please

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Wednesd	ay, April 29	6:00pm	TBT: Throwback Thursday	1:00pm	Art as Protest	7:30am	Eckankar
6:30am	Road to Recovery	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
7:00am	Somerville Film Group	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Life Matters	7:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Telemagazine	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape
9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	4:30pm	Culture Club	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
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2:00pm	Physician Focus	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:30pm	Literati Scene
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8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	2:00pm	Legacies - A SCATV Production	1:00pm	Art as Protest
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2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	6:30pm	Culture Club
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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### **City Cable TV Schedule for the Week**

12:00am:

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Thursday, April 30

1:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	10:00am:	SHS Softball v Malden
2:00pm:	Greater Boston Abolitionists		ecting Communities - Health Director
3:30pm:	Congressional Update	1:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball 2014-15
7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:00pm:	SHS Baseball v Mystic Valley
7:30pm:	Talking Business – Union Sq.	4:00pm:	SHS CTE Vocational Fair
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2:00pm:	2015 National Honor Society Ceremony		5 National Honor Society Ceremony
4:00pm:	Summer Camp and Activity Fair		ecting Communities - Health Director
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Wednesda	ay, April 29
9:00am:	Spring Clean Up 2015
9:15am:	Congressional Update
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY
3:00pm:	Congressional Update
3:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues
6:30pm:	Patriots' Day Ceremonies
7:15pm:	SomerViva em Português
7:45pm:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte
8:15pm:	Talking Business – Union Sq.
8:45pm:	Week of the Young Child
9:15pm:	Raising Families
9:45pm:	2015 Mayor's Business Town Meeting
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2:30am:	Aldermen at Work
3:00am:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
9:00am:	LGBT Flag Raising
9:15am:	Voices of Somerville - GLASS
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
12:30pm:	Raising Families
1:00pm:	Women's History Month Reception
1:30pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2015
1:45pm:	Congressional Update
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#### Friday, May 1

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#### Saturday, May 2

12:00am:	Connecting Communities
12:30am:	Raising Families
1:00am:	Talking Business – Union Sq.
1:30am:	SomerViva em Portugues
2:00am:	Somerville/MIT Climate Co-Labs
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1:30pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2015
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1:15pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
1:45pm:	Patriots' Day Celebration
2:45pm:	Women's History Month Celebration
6:15pm:	Spring Clean Up 2015
7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – LIVE
Tuesday, N	lay 5
12:00am:	Somerville/MIT Climate Co Labs
1:00am:	Highlander Forum - CTE
1:30am:	Connecting Communities
2:00am:	Women's History Month Celebration
2:30am:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
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3:00pm:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation
3:30pm:	Student of the Qtr Awards- ESCS
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2015 National Honor Society Ceremony

2:00am: Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance

9:00am: Connecting Communities - Health Director

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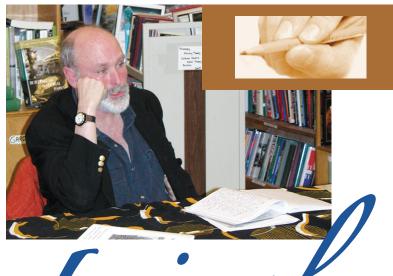
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### **Elizabeth McKim:** A poet of the poem. A poet of the people.

Elizabeth Gordon McKim is not just about getting her own work out there. A respected educator, poet and influential member of the Expressive Arts Movement, McKim engages the community and other artists and students so they too can realize their creative potential. As the poet, and McKim's late partner, Etheridge Knight said, "You must be a poet of the poem, and the people." McKim is the embodiment of this.

Elizabeth Gordon McKim has published five books of poetry, the latest being The Red Thread (Leapfrog Press). She is a teacher, performance poet, spoken word artist, and has been an adjunct professor for forty years in the department of Creative Arts in Learning at Lesley University. McKim is the poet laureate of the European Graduate School, and the Jazz Poet of Lynn where she lives in a renovated shoe factory. She is included with four others in the new anthology titled The Wild Women of Lynn, published by Blaine Hebbel and The Ring of Bone Press.

I had the pleasure to interview her on my Somerville Community Access TV show Poet to Poet/ Writer to Writer:

Doug Holder: You were intimately connected with the famed prisoner poet and civil rights activist Etheridge Knight. Can you tell us about your life and times with him?

Elizabeth McKim: I knew him in the last decade of his life. He died in 1991. I met him through a poet in Worcester, Mass., Fran Quinn. We were both going down to work in the schools in Little Rock, Arkansas. It was in the late 70s. Fran thought we should stop in Memphis where he was living. He was married at the time to a woman from Worcester, Mass. And here, I heard him read his poetry. And that was very important for me because he was one of the best readers of poetry I have heard. I never got bored, even when I heard the same work over and over again. He had a major belief in the poet, the poem and the people. He reminded me never to forget your people when you are reading or they will forget you. When I teach children I tell them not to forget their people – speak up and speak out!

There were a lot of things that were connected with music that Etheridge knew about. At Goddard College, where I got my Masters Degree, I learned so much about movement, breath and song. This went well with Etheridge and his work. He did have an amazing message for black men, but it really did spread out from there. The manuscript I am now working on now has several essays about him, interviews, and poems. I have a lot of his papers and eventually I plan to put them in a university archive. I did spend a year and half in Indianapolis where his family lived - it was a wonderful community of artists. Here, I learned how community can be so important to making art. I learned how people inspire each other-painters with poets, etc. Etheridge, when he was first in prison, at Michigan City, wrote his first book of poetry. He was published by the Broadside Press, a very important press for Black poets like Gwendolyn Brooks, Sonia Sanchez, etc., all of whom were published there. DH: You have been described as a pioneer of the Expressive Arts Movement. What is that movement exactly, as you understand it?



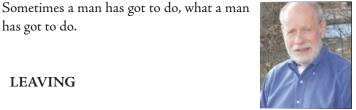
EM: The Expressive Arts Movement more or less started in Cambridge, Mass. at Lesley University. A man named Shawn McNiff , who was an expressive therapist at Danvers State, was an instrumental figure here. He believed that language, paintings, movement, etc., all inform one another, especially working with the healthy side of people. Creativity is the important thing. They named discipline at Lesley "The Expressive Arts Therapy." Antioch College in Ohio, and Goddard had small programs at that time, but now there are centers across the country and the world. Appalachia State University has one, there is a center in Toronto, another fine one in San Diego, to name just a few. I always think of Allen Ginsberg, who said, "All I wanted to do was to get back to the body where I was born." In some ways that's what the expressive arts are all about. We now train students to get out in the community and work with conflict resolution in the community. They are in rehab centers, prisons, etc.

DH: Tell me about this organization "Troubadour" that you are involved with?

EM: It is a consortium of singer/songwriters, poets, writers, going out and working in the schools. They engage the students through different art forms. They work to increase literacy – they try to turn the kids on. We make partnerships with the schools, get funding etc.

DH: You are the Poet Laureate of the European Graduate School in Switzerland. What is that about?

EM: The people who started this were the people who started out at Lesley University. Folks like Paolo J. Knill, Steve Levine, and Sally Atkins.



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has got to do.

He sits sideways in the chair His back against the wall. His left arm rests on the small table, His right arm hangs loosely over the back of the chair, A bottle of beer in his hand.

He studies his friends at the tables near him. They are seated casually in awkward silence. Each is looking intently at something, Avoiding any eye contact with anyone. Tense. Nervous. On edge.

He can feel it in them.

He has known them for the better part of five years. He has made love to a couple of the girls. Been angry with most of the bunch at one time or another. Shared laughter and sadness, sometimes even joy. Been drunk with them all. More than once.

#### He loves them.

The bar room where they hang out Is unusually quiet now.

Tomorrow is Wednesday. It is the first Wednesday that he will get out of bed With no expectation of seeing any of them. And again on Thursday.

Then Friday. And probably never after that.

He pushes off the table and chair And rises suddenly, startling them. He places the bottle on the table. They all look at him intently as He fastens the bottom snap on his jacket.

"Where you goin, man?" one asks.

"Gonna start bein' somebody else." he replies softly.

Then he turns and walks out the door.

- Tom Miller

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