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TEDx Somerville part deux took place this Sunday at at Brooklyn Boulders. Turn to pages 12—13 for more pictures and info.

Moving on

Meeting held to discuss future of Powder House School

By David R. Smith

"This is not a meeting about Tufts, and I'm not going to make it one," Mayor Joseph Curtatone told the residents who filled a meeting room at the Tufts Administration Building (TAB) on Holland Street last Wednesday.

The meeting, when it was originally scheduled, was to be a final community forum with Tufts about the university's plans for the Powder House School, vacant now for a decade, on Broadway behind the TAB.

Instead, the meeting was held to discuss where to go now that Tufts revealed to city officials that it had budgeted enough to buy the property but not enough to build on it. And whatever intentions it did have to build would not happen for up to 15years. The news came as a shock to both city officials and residents and was a departure from the requirements of the request for proposals (RFP) issued by the city for the property, which included a stipulation that any development at the site takes place within three years of winning the bid for the property.

"Tufts was hedging on that," Curtatone said. "Tufts could not live up to Continued on page 15

Mayor offers 50K reward during Cremin memorial

By David R. Smith

Nearly 20 years have done little to dull the grieving over the murder of Deanna Cremin, nor, however, has it lessened the commitment among her family, friends, law enforcement and city officials to find her killer.

Cremin, 17, was found strangled to death behind a senior housing complex less than a block from her Somerville Home the morning of March 30, 1995. Despite 19 years of investigations, leads and billboards asking for the public's help, her murderer remains at large.

The annual wreath-hanging ceremony at Deanna Cremin Square at the corner of Jaques and Temple streets was held this past Saturday on the 19th anniversary of her death. The square was dedicated in her honor in the summer of 1995.



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Prior to the ceremony, the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution at its Thursday, March 27, meeting asking District *Continued on page* 5



The annual wreath-hanging ceremony in remembrance of Deanna Cremin took place this Saturday, and with it came a renewed sense of determination to solve the 19-year-old murder case.

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The city street-sweeping program started yesterday (April 1 ... no joke) and runs through Dec. 31. Check the posted signs on all the streets when they are coming down. This is big money for the city, so be careful.

Coming up Friday, April 11, is Prospect Hill Academy's huge fundraiser, "The Golden Twenties," at One Seaport Lane, Boston. Tickets are \$95 in advance or \$125 at the door. You can contact Anja Bresler at 617-284-7822 or email abresler@ prospecthillacademy.org for tickets or more information. This promises to be a great program with lots of prizes offered.

The annual Somerville High Scholarship raffle is being planned by the committee for May 16 at the Highlander Café. Like every year since 1990, the raffle is limited to 250 tickets at \$100 each. The grand prize will be \$10,000 which is the last number called. Get your tickets early and support this fine organization that helps to give students at the high school scholarships. Make check payable to the SHS Scholarship Foundation and mail to the following: S.H.S. Raffle c/o Joseph Favaloro, P.O. Box 440275 Somerville MA 02144. Upon receipt of your check, your ticket will be mailed to you. Or you can call Gene Brune at 617-628-5835.

Coming up April 12 is the annual open house for the Masonic Lodge at 125 Highland Ave. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is open to the public, so come view the historic building and get answers to any questions you might have about masonry in general. The lodge was founded in 1783 in Charlestown and was the owner and builder of the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown. The lodge has many ancient artifacts, including Paul Revere's works that were donated to the lodge over the years. Drive up the driveway to the right of the building to the parking lot and come in the double blue doors to the rear building, which is the main entrance.

A reunion for all those that grew up in East Somerville. If you spent your teenage years growing up in East Somerville in the '60s, '70s and '80s, there is a call out to you. The event will be at the City Club (across from Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to City to seek creative solutions to overburdened *recreation fields*

BAN says:

Why do we need another task force? Don't we have an entire Recreation Department, and a full staff whose job is to oversee Dilboy Field?

The biggest problem is allowing Youth Soccer to play 2 seasons per year. The grass needs a season to rest and re-grow. There is also constant use of Foss Park with adults playing pick up soccer. No grass can withstand this type of use. If you look you'll see that the dedicated baseball fields are in much better shape than the soccer fields for this reason.

A.Moore says:

As soon as you see consultant and task force over growing grass you can see where this is leading. Ditto BAN

Matt c says:

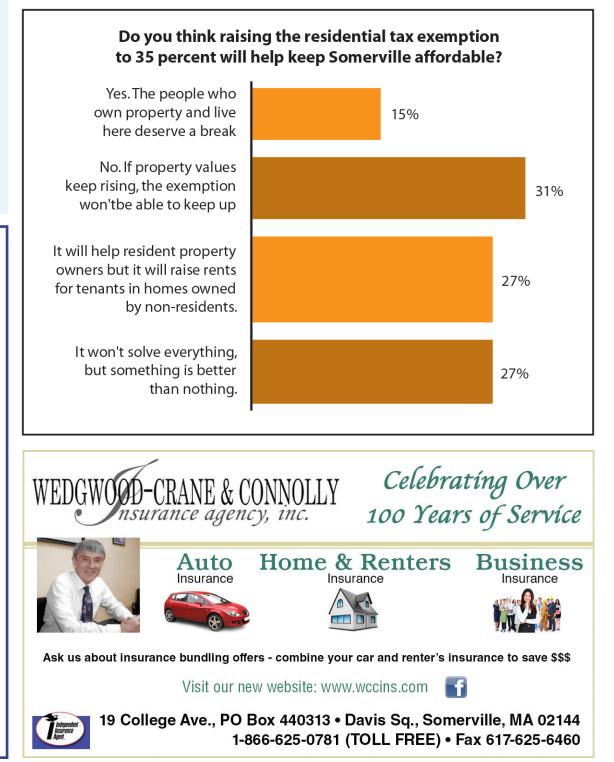
I'm sure if the draw were not there they would not fill two seasons worth of soccer. On the same hand, i hope if football and baseball were popular enough the city would enable those kids to play two sessions.

Why do you want to take away something that is popular enough to draw kids away from video games and TV.

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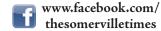
TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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 think raising the residential tax exemption to 35 will help keep Somerville affordable. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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APRIL 2, 2014 3 Ehe Somerville Times No special election following state rep's resignation

By David R. Smith

State Rep. Carl Sciortino's recent decision to accept the job as executive director of the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts will not trigger a special election to fill his seat after he officially resigns this Friday, April 4.

He has served as representative of the 34th Middlesex District, which includes wards 4 and 7 in Somerville, as well as portions of Medford, since 2004. In announcing his decision to leave the Legislature, the 35-year-old Sciortino, who lives with his husband in Medford, revealed he is HIV positive.

"As a gay man living with HIV, I am honored to lead one of the country's oldest and most effective organizations in the battle against this disease, which has raged on over 30 years," Sciortino said. "My goal for AIDS Action in the years ahead is simple: continue the work that has resulted in lowering the rate of new HIV diagnoses in Massachusetts; provide the multitude of services needed to keep those living with HIV/AIDS connected with health care providers; and continue the public conversation about HIV needed to reduce the stigma that is still so closely associated with this disease."

There has been speculation about who will run in the September primaries prior to the November election, and that includes Medford resident and National President of College Democrats of America Taylor Barnard, who said in an email that he is "strongly considering running to replace" Sciortino and has pulled the required nomination papers.

Sciortino serves on the House Ways &



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Means Committee and the House Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. He also serves on the Joint Committee on Public Health and the House Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change.

Sciortino was first elected to the house in 2004, defeating 16-year incumbent Democrat Vincent Ciampa. He defeated Ciampa in the Democratic primary by just 93 votes (51 to 49 percent). After defeating Ciampa in the primary, Sciortino faced no Republican opponent in the general election and his was the only name on the ballot. However, Ciampa launched a write-in campaign to hold on to his seat. Ciampa received 4,254 write-in votes, but Sciortino, with 8,889, defeated him by more than two-to-one.

> "He's still pursuing his passions and trying to help people."

Since then, Sciortino has worked on numerous Issues.

"Carl's entire career has been defined by his work on social justice issues and his advocacy on behalf of those infected, affected and at risk for HIV," Douglas Spencer, chairman of the AIDS Action Board of Directors, said.

That work included supporting passage of a law in 2012 that resulted in expanded HIV testing, and he has consistently sponsored budget amendments seeking increases in funding for HIV outreach, prevention and education. He has supported the right of same-sex couples to marry, banning discrimination against transgender people, expanding access to health care and increasing resources for anti-poverty programs.

In 2011, he was named Legislator of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers. In 2010, the Massachusetts School Psychologists Association named him Legislator of the Year. He is a founding member of the Young Elected Officials Network.

Sciortino will be the first person living with HIV to lead AIDS Action since its founding in 1982. The agency has been led since 2003 by Rebecca Haag. "Carl has been an invaluable legislative and advocacy partner over the last decade," Haag said. "He is uniquely posi-



State Rep. Carl Sciortino is leaving his post as representative of the 34th Middlesex District, moving on to new challenges as executive director of the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts.

tioned to advance the state and national conversation around treatment and care of those living with chronic conditions, and the need for health care reform to pay for the vital support services necessary to keep treatment costs sustainable."

During last week's Board of Aldermen meeting, a resolution was passed thanking Sciortino for his years of service.

"Carl got to the Legislature, and not for one second did he disappoint one of us," Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz said during that meeting. "I think he exemplifies everything you want in our elected officials and leaders, and he will be so missed in the state Legislature, so AIDS Action has a huge win."

Other aldermen, including Mary Jo Rossetti and Maryann Heuston credited him with his work on the Green Line Extension project and education issues. Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente picked up on that latter subject.

"The children of this state are losing a champion at the State House because of his stance on MCAS," Lafuente said. "I don't believe one size fits all, and he very much feels the same way, and I hope someone else will pick up that fight." Lafuente further praised Sciortino for the way he interacted with constituents and his fellow politicians.

to you in the same manner and doesn't demean. His elegance and his style has always been flawless, and I've always appreciated that about my state rep."

Alderman At Large Dennis Sulivan and BOA President Bill White each noted that his new position may, in fact, allow him to be more effective in his advocacy efforts for the LGBT and AIDS communities.

"I think he's going to do great things," Sullivan said, "more so than he could have done in the Legislature, and I think we're going to hear a lot of great things about him."

White echoed that sentiment." I wish to thank him for all of his service," he said."I think it could very well be a better vehicle for him to make further contributions."

Prior to being elected to the state Legislature, Sciortino worked as a research manager for Fenway Health. He holds a master's degree in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Tufts University.

Given his past work, his time in the Legislature and his new job at AIDS Action, Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaugh lin said he viewed Sciortino's new job as an extension of his past work. "I'm glad to know he's still doing positive things," McLaughlin said. "He's still pursuing his passions and trying to help people."

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Hiding place no help to suspected dealer

Based on intelligence gathered last Friday, members of the Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit and Gang/ Anti-Crime Unit, assisted by Somerville Police Department Criminal Investigation Division, established surveillance of a Woodstock St. location in preparation for a drug deal interdiction.

Police had been reportedly

tipped off about a sale of illegal drugs to be made by Steven Pinson, 38, of Malden. It was learned that Pinson reportedly had a hidden storage compartment in his vehicle, which was routinely used to transport quantities of heroin and cocaine throughout the area.

At mid-afternoon Pinson arrived at the Woodstock St. location and parked, waiting inside his vehicle, according to reports. At one point he exited the vehicle and stood waiting on the sidewalk, then returned to wait again inside his car, police said.

Shortly thereafter, a man who had walked through the Woodstock Park/Playground area while Pinson was outside of his car arrived and entered the vehicle, according to reports. Police officers immediately closed in and removed Pinson from his vehicle, at which time a plastic bag containing what police believed to be heroin was reportedly dropped to the ground by the suspect.

Three additional bags were recovered from Pinson's hand as he was placed under arrest.

After being advised of his rights, Pinson reportedly admit-

ted to police that his car had a hidden compartment and he showed them where it was.

In total, approximately 116 grams of heroin and 68 grams of cocaine, along with \$3,453 in currency, were seized by the law enforcement officers.

Pinson has been charged with trafficking in heroin / morphine / opium and trafficking in cocaine.

Suspicious behavior gets cop's attention

A Somerville police officer's suspicions were aroused as he reportedly observed a backpack-wearing man pacing nervously outside the Walgreen's store on Broadway last week.

The officer, cruising in an unmarked patrol car, said that he observed the man, later identified as Jason Gachignard, 30, of Lynn, hide himself from view as a marked police car drove by, then reemerge after the cruiser left the area.

The officer parked his patrol car nearby and continued watching Gachignard, who appeared to be waiting for someone to come out of the store.

The officer then approached Gachignard, identifying himself as a policeman, and then asked the man what his business was at the store. Gachignard reportedly told the officer that he was waiting for two of his friends to come out of teh Walgreen's.

At that moment a woman, Angelina Goss, 27, of Lynn came out of the store and walked past Gachignard and the officer. Gachignard, however, informed the officer that she was one of the friends he was waiting for. Goss was stopped by the officer, who noted that she too appeared to be nervous, and was carrying a large handbag.

A third individual, Robert Ventullo, 27, also of Lynn, soon exited the store, and he was identified as the second companion that Gachignard had been waiting for.

The officer noted that Ventullo was also carrying a backpack and that he appeared to be nervous as well, according to reports.

All three individuals were instructed to show the contents of their bags, which reportedly turned up various items taken from the store, unpaid for.

The store manager inventoried the items and listed their value at \$674.71, police said.

The three suspects were placed under arrest, each charged with larceny over \$250.

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Arrests:

Jason Matthews, 38, of 412 Main St., Malden, March 25, 9:30 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Geavanii Sharpe, 24, of 17 Lincoln St., Hyde Park, March 25, 12:21 p.m., arrested at 182 Broadway on a warrant charge of aggravated assault and battery.

Angelina Goss, 27, of 92 Clarendon Ave., Lynn, March 25, 6:28 p.m., arrested at 337 Broadway on a charge of larceny over \$250 and on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and possession of a class A drug. Robert Ventullo, 27, of 92 Clarendon Ave., Lynn, March 25, 6:28 p.m., arrested at 337 Broadway on a charge of larceny over \$250. Jason Gachignard, 30, of 27 Astor St., Lynn, March 25, 6:28 p.m., arrested at 337 Broadway on a charge of larceny over \$250. Heinsky Anacreon, 28, of 380 Somerville Ave., March 25, 10:15 p.m., arrested at 22 High St. on warrant charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle and marked lanes violation.

16 Highland Ave., Malden, March 26, 10:49 a.m., arrested at 160 Washington St. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250, failure to stop or yield, and operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

Bryan Stevenson, 34, of 115 Clary St., Cambridge, March 27, 8:44 a.m., arrested at 200 Somerville Ave. on charges of no inspection sticker and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Wilvens Julce, 24, of 20 Melvin St., March 27, 5:05 p.m., arrested at 26 Cherry St. on

den, in cocaine.

Julio Monterozza, 37, of 51 Broadway, March 29, 12:58 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Patricia Callahan, 31, of 171 Main St., Melrose, March 29, 3:14 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250, shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise, receiving stolen property, and credit card fraud over \$250.

Nancy Aviles, 25, of 15A Memorial Rd., March 30, 2:08 p.m., arrested at 220 Washing-

Ave.

March 25, 6:28 p.m., police reported a theft at 337 Broadway.

March 26, 10:14 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

March 26, 7:34 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 Mc-Grath Hwy.

March 26, 8:22 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

March 26, 8:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Marion St.

March 27, 2:30 p.m., police reported a theft at North St.

March 29, 1:47 p.m., police

reported a breaking & entering at Columbus Ave.

March 28, 7:05 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

March 29, 9:33 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Jaques St.

Theft from Vehicle:

March 25, 8:34 p.m., police reported a theft from a vehicle at Lake St.

Assault:

March 25, 6:53 p.m., police reported an assault at Canal La. March 27, 1:40 p.m., po-

Pasquale Piantedosi, 51, of

charges of speeding and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Borginy Sylney, 29, of 26 Lincoln Way, Cambridge, March 27, 8:15 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of juror failing to attend.

Lismael Moreira, 37, of 31 Century, March 28, 9:54 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operator.

Steven Pinson, 38, of 685 Broadway, Malden, March 28, 2:28 p.m., arrested at 114 Woodstock St. on charges of trafficking in heroin / morphine / opium and trafficking ton St. on warrant charges of selling liquor to a person under 21 and assault and battery.

Richard Young, 27, of 38 Russell Rd., March 30, 8:27 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, destruction of property over \$250, assault and battery on a person over 60, failure to stop for police, assault with a dangerous weapon, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and witness intimidation.

Incidents:

Theft:

March 25, 11:54 a.m., police reported a theft at Glendale

reported a theft at Mystic Ave.

Robbery:

March 28, 11:46 p.m., police reported a robbery at Richdale Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

March 26, 12:16 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Summer St.

March 27, 12:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Flint St.

March 27, 1:13 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Marshall St.

March 28, 12:35 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Chetwynd Rd.

March 28, 12:57 p.m., police W

lice reported an assault at 160 Washington St.

March 29, 12:58 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

March 29, 7:33 p.m., police reported an assault at Austin St.

Destruction of Property: March 28, 11:31 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Columbus Ave. March 29, 12:06 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Oliver St.

Drug Violation:

March 28, 2:28 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Woodstock St.

🔎 The Somerville Times -**Exemption increase moves** on to state Legislature

By David R. Smith

The fate of a proposal to increase the city's residential tax exemption from 30 to 35 percent is now in the hands of the state Legislature after the Board of Aldermen approved the request from Mayor Joseph Curtatone at its meeting March 27.

"I want to thank the mayor for submitting that request," BOA President Bill White said. "The call is now with the state Legislature."

Aldermen discussed the increase this past winter during a public hearing held to allow property owners a chance to vent after a state-required triennial valuation of properties increased many people's tax bills from 1 to, in some cases, 50 percent

or more. Prior to that meeting, the assessor's department held a handful of public meetings to explain the valuation process.

"I think it's important that when scheduled (at the State House), as many of us as possible attend," White said. "The feeling at the state Legislature might be viewed as an additional tax, and there may not be an appetite to approve it."

State law allows only a 20 percent residential tax exemption. The city successfully petitioned to have that increased to 30 percent. The proposal to go from 30 to 35 percent would also require approval at the state level for the city's home rule petition.

"The purpose of this is to promote residential home ownership in communities that have large numbers of absentee homeowners," White said.

A third of the city's residential properties are owned by people who do not live in those properties, and White noted such exemptions would not work in communities where an overwhelming of properties are owner-occupied.

"This shifts the tax to the absentee landlords," White said, noting this issue was first studied more than a decade ago under former Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay,

The move, White said, would aid in-city property owners, as well as the people who rent from them.

"We have to help them, and this a good way to help them," he said.

Body parts found near Somerville High School

Police discovered body parts near train tracks off School Street early Sunday afternoon.

was near the apartment of Somerville resident Vincent Lalli, 66, who was murdered in January and whose body parts been arrested for allegedly

were discovered in the woods behind a Norwood school.

His roommate, Antho-The location of the remains ny Canejo Sr., 52, has been charged with the murder, and Canejo's son, Anthony Jr., who also lived with Lalli, has also

assisting in disposing of the body parts.

Despite reports that the remains found in Somerville were Lalli's, the Middlesex County District Attorney's office has not publicly confirmed that claim.

Mayor offers 50K reward during Cremin memorial CONT. FROM PG 1

Attorney Marian Ryan for an update on the investigation into Cremin's murder. Deanna's mother, Katherine, was at that meeting.

"It has been 19 years. I'm living a nightmare some people read about," she told the board. "I'd like to see this come to a conclusion, not only for my self, my family, my daughter, Deanna,

to the arrest and prosecution of the person or people who murdered Deanna.

"I've often asked myself, 'Have we done enough?'" Curtatone said. "I don't know what that answer is. I know I want to continue to be side by side with Cremin's family and their friends. I will continue to pray with all of you, to pause with all of you. But our city, our police department, we're going to do more. I'm inspired by all your commitment and your tenacity."

"What I know is that love and faith are always stronger than evil," she said, "and we will bring this case to a just resolution and a successful conclusion, and that is our promise to all of you today."

Deanna's father, Bert Rogers, appeared buoyed by Curtatone's and Ryan's remarks, and he offered a few words of his own be-

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Somerville Steamers

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Somerville's Peter Forg Manufacturing Company on Park Street originally had its start in 1881 as a wood-working company. After three years, it established itself as a metal stamping and manufacturing business catering to the furniture hardware industry. It was an epic time to begin.

In 1884, the Statue of Liberty cornerstone was laid, the Washington Monument was completed, the eight-hour American workday was established, and Harry Truman and Eleanor Roosevelt were born. One hundred thirty years is a long time for any company to survive, and the Peter Forg Company did it with its family spanning over five generations. The company produced everything from bolts, catches and fasteners for doors, to automobile burners and other parts for the Stanley Steamer and Rolls Royce companies. During wartime, they re-tooled and made trench helmets and other supplies for American soldiers.



The name Stanley is a popular yet unrelated name in New England. Every year the Boston Bruins tries to present its fans with the jewel of the National Hockey League, The Lord Stanley Cup, or more commonly known as "The Stanley Cup." If you're a do-it yourselfer or a professional carpenter, you're probably familiar with Stanley, Black and Decker, the maker of millions of tools for building and manufacturing. And then there's the Stanley Steamer Carpet Cleaning Company, with its familiar yellow and black vans. This company, which operates in 48 states, named itself in 1947 in admiration of the Stanley Steamer automobile.

Twin brothers, Francis and Freelan Stanley, invented their first automobile in 1897 and were the kings of steam cars until 1925. In 1899, one of their steamers climbed to the summit of Mt. Washington, the highest peak in the northeast. It was driven by Freelan Stanley with his wife as a passenger, and was the first automobile to accomplish that feat. So when you see one of those tourist bumper stickers proclaiming that their car climbed Mt. Washington, you can smile at the fact that a Somerville-constructed steam burner powered the first car to the top. No one comes close to celebrity Jay Leno's vintage automobile collection. Jay has a reverence for steam engines and owns two Stanleys. One is a 1922 sedan, and the other is his steamer pride and joy, a 1906 Stanley Vanderbilt racer. This is one of only two ever built. In 1906, one of the Stanley Steamers set a world-speed record of 127 miles per hour. This cemented a century-old record that stood until 2009, when it was broken by the British. There is a Stanley Museum in Kingsfield, Maine, which may be of interest to Somerville fans. It was the birthplace of the Stanley twins and traces their family history through paintings, photographs, and an exhibit of the burners and boilers that were the power plant of the Stanley engine.

but for the community at large. We do not want Deanna's case forgotten. We do not want my daughter forgotten."

Mayor Joseph Curtatone echoed Katherine's sentiments at Saturday's ceremony, and he further offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading

District Attorney Ryan was also at the ceremony, and she, too, promised to keep the investigation going.

fore the ceremony moved from the square to a memorial service at St. Anne's.

"It's clear we have a great team fighting for us now, and I have hope and I believe justice is going to be served," he said. "Her memory will always be alive and in my heart."

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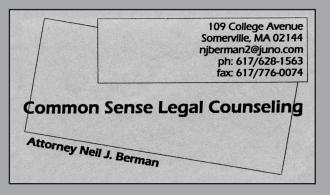
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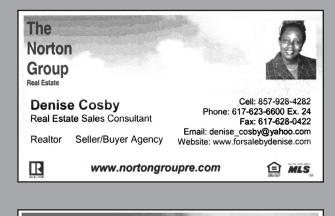
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Ethe Somerville Times Discussion scheduled as part of Autism Awareness Month

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

April is National Autism Awareness Month in the United States, and officials and advocacy groups often work hard to get local communities involved in the conversation to create a more widespread understanding of the disorder. The Autism Society has recognized April as the month to raise awareness since the 1970s, and the event has become more popular and well understood in the past several years.

As is the case with many disorders, awareness is viewed as one of the more important and powerful weapons in the fight to help those affected as quickly as possible. The Somerville Public Schools Special Education Advisory Council has helped to coordinate and arrange a discussion at the Kennedy School Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 7, during which the public is welcome to attend and get involved.

The discussion, titled "Managing Time and Energy with Children on the Autism Spectrum," will include guided conversation relating back to home schedules and routines, including leisure time activities, for both children who have been diagnosed with ASD and their families.

Mary DiGuardia, BCBA, assistant director of special education for Somerville Public Schools, proposed the discussion, and she explained that these specific topics are critically important for the average family who has a child with ASD.

"When special education teams responsible for students with autism find that the student is experiencing challenges at home, like following a daily routine or having a method of communicating with their families, a home training service is often recommended," DiGuardia explained. "The home trainer trains the parent in the home about how to create a home schedule and routine that will help the student and the family."

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She went on to add that conversations with the home trainers used in Somerville revealed that some of the strategies used in these situations might be useful for many students, which eventually led to the proposal for the discussion at the Kennedy School library.

Special Education Parent Advisory Council Coordinator Debra Higgins, who also helped to organize the event, asserted that all types of families are welcome and encouraged to participate.

"I think this workshop would be great for all," she said. "We could all use some tips with helping our children with study time, organizational skills and free time. I could use the help, too."

Home trainers Kristen Hough and Mackenzie Poulos will be moderating the discussion April 7, as both have specialized skills from working closely with children who have ASD in the Somerville area. Parents who are interested in learning more about ASD, as well as how to best manage their time and that of their children when the disorder is present, will be able to garner a wealth of knowledge from these experienced professionals.

"Many of the challenges that students with autism and their families experience are common to many of those with the disability," DiGuardia added. "We hope that, through offering a discussion, families who are not asking the questions but are having the same problems at home can learn some effective strategies for enriching their child's functioning at home."

She continued to say that caregivers have a plenty of information to share, and one of the objectives of the night is to spread some of the successes specialists have had with students in the home and community. Additionally, DiGuardia noted that parents are urged to bring their questions to the



event, and that the hope is to continue the conversation in future "Autism Nights" to be held in Somerville.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, roughly one in every 68 children has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Although ASD is more commonly diagnosed in boys than girls, it is reported to occur in all types of racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups.

Beyond ASD, the CDC estimated that roughly one in every six children in the United States had a developmental disability during a study from 2006 to 2008. However, the average child with ASD was not diagnosed until after his or her fourth birthday, despite the fact that most parents first reported recognizing certain abnormalities when their child was as young as 6 months.

The CDC further estimated

that the cost of ASD is significantly higher for families than when the disorder is not prevalent. Average medical expenditures were found to be roughly 4.1 to 6.2 times greater for children with ASD than those without. Families were found to spend an estimated \$17,000 more per year for a child who has been diagnosed.

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As more information regarding ASD continues to be revealed through extensive research, parents and other family members have myriad support structures to take advantage of today.

Residents who would like to participate in the discussion at the Kennedy School library are welcome to do so. Childcare is available, and parents who are planning to attend with their kids are urged to RSVP by April 3. More information on ASD, as well as Autism Awareness Month, can be found through the Autism Society.

Somerville woman helps Haitian girl learn English, experience America

By Tom Bannister

Yhara Casimir, 18, of Waltham, immigrated to the United States four years ago after her native country, Haiti, was greatly affected by an earthquake. She came with her younger sister, leaving behind their parents, and moved in with family friends whom the girls refer to as their aunt, uncle and cousins. Casimir entered John F. Kennedy Memorial Middle School as an eighth-grader and did not know how to speak a word of English. She was bright, but she was shy and had not been exposed to many traditions, foods and experiences that were considered a way of life for her American peers. or disadvantaged youth into adults of promise. Founded in 1998, the unique goal-oriented scholarship award-giving program pairs high school sophomores who are at-risk of not fulfilling their potential with adult volunteer mentors who can help them thrive. Hammel grew up just outside of Washington, D.C. Inspired by friends who were not as lucky as she was, she became a volunteer mentor for the program and was matched in the spring of 2012 with Casimir. "When I first met Yhara, she was quiet and a bit hesitant to try new things," Hammel said. "She had never tasted Indian or Chinese food or dressed up to celebrate Halloween. She had never experienced a sleepover with friends, and Continued on page 15



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Now, the high school senior speaks fluent English and is preparing to graduate and go to college in the northeast. Casimir aspires to become a pediatrician, following in her father's footsteps in the medical field. She is a leader of conversation and is heavily involved with her school's show choir and local church. Casimir's success can be greatly attributed to her relationship with her mentor, Jennifer Hammel, 32, of Somerville, and the John Andrew Mazie Memorial Foundation (JAMMF).

JAMMF is a nonprofit organization that operates the Mazie Mentoring Program and is dedicated to transforming at-risk

L to R: Jennifer Hammel and Yhara Casimir.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on three roll calls from the week of March 24-28. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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. Timothy Toomey DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1

ASSIST MILITARY FAMILIES (S 2052)

House 146-0, approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a bill that would expand financial and education benefits and many other services for veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families. Provisions include allowing private-sector employers to give preference to veterans and spouses of 100 percent disabled veterans; increasing penalties for disturbances of military funerals; allowing college students who are called to active duty the option to complete their courses at a later date or withdraw and receive a refund of all tuition and fees; and waiving the initial application fee for vets seeking any kind of business license.

Supporters said the state should provide these additional benefits and opportunities to the thousands of Bay State veterans who in harm's way have served and are still serving our nation. They noted that one in three homeless people in the nation are veterans, and that one in five Massachusetts veterans suffer post-traumatic stress and 11 percent suffer traumatic brain injuries.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

PROHIBIT SHACKLING OF FEMALE IN-MATES (S 3978)

House 146-0, approved a bill that would prohibit the shackling of a female prisoner during pregnancy, labor and delivery except to prevent her from escaping or seriously injuring herself or others. It would also establish minimum standards for the treatment and medical care of pregnant prisoners to promote safe and healthy pregnancy outcomes, including adequate nutrition and prenatal care. The Senate has approved a different version of the bill. The House version now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Supporters said that shackling a female prisoner during birth is an archaic practice that should have been banned years ago. They argued that all women deserve a safe, healthy pregnancy and birth of their baby.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

dollar state budget.

(A"Yes" vote is for the extension to five days. A"No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LEGALIZE SPARKLERS AND MORE (H 3262) -

The House gave initial approval to a bill legalizing some currently banned small fireworks including sparklers, snake and glow worms, smoke devices and "trick noisemakers" such as party poppers, snappers and drop pops.

Supporters said the current ban on these small-time novelty items is another example of excessive government intrusion that limits people's choices. They argued that adults and children can be properly trained to use these devices safely.

Opponents said the current ban is reasonable and has worked well in reducing the number of accidents on the Fourth of July and other times these items are mishandled and cause tragedies.

"BOSTON STRONG" LICENSE PLATES (S 2072) - The Senate approved legislation that would allow drivers to purchase "Boston Strong" license plates for an additional \$50 or more above the regular biennial \$50 fee for a license plate. Proceeds would benefit the One Fund that raises funds for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings. The House in January approved a different version of the bill. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

Supporters said the revenue from the additional \$50 fee would allow people to contribute financial support to victims who were impacted by this tragedy. They noted that the plates are one more way to honor the victims and their families.

UNCLE SAM DAY (H 2813) - The House gave initial approval to a bill establishing September 13 as Uncle Sam Day to commemorate Arlington, Massachusetts native "Uncle" Sam Wilson.

Supporters say that Wilson in the early 1800s supplied

of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



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

EXTEND DEADLINE FOR FILING AMEND-MENTS TO BILL HIKING MINIMUM WAGE (H 3896)

House 31-115, rejected a motion to increase from two days to five days the length of time representatives are given to file amendments to the bill increasing the minimum wage, making changes to the state's unemployment insurance system and establishing rights and protections for domestic workers.

Extension supporters said many legislators have not had time to read the just-released bill and craft amendments. They argued that there is no harm in giving additional time to file amendments to this important piece of legislation.

Extension opponents said that two days is a reasonable time and is the same amount of time legislators are given to draft amendments to the multi-billion barrels of meat to the U.S. Army and included the initials U.S. on the barrels. At that time, the abbreviation for the United States was relatively new and not widely used. Soldiers eventually associated the initials with Sam and the moniker "Uncle Sam" was born. The town of Arlington has led the campaign to promote Wilson. In 1976 the town erected a statue of Wilson and in 1999 the Uncle Sam Committee was created by Arlington's Town Meeting to promote an Uncle Sam Day.

The House also gave initial approval to a measure establishing October 18 as Inflammatory Breast Cancer Awareness Day to raise awareness of the occurrence of the disease and encourage regular testing (H 2901).

STATE WORKERS' SAFETY (H 2460) - The Labor and Workforce Development Committee approved a bill that would expand health and safety protections to cover state employees. The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) covers private employees but 26

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states have exercised the act's option of extending the OSHA protections to public workers. Supporters said this would cover an estimated 150,000 state workers who perform jobs that are sometimes just as dangerous as private sector ones.

LOTTERY SCAMMERS (H 25) - The Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure gave a favorable report to a bill designed to crack down on "ten percenters" who cash in winning lottery tickets for "scofflaw" winners who owe child support or state taxes. The moniker "ten percenter" is used because the people who cash in the tickets are generally given 10 percent of the winnings for helping the winners avoid paying taxes or child support. The ten percenter then gives the remainder of the money in cash to the winner.

The Lottery currently compiles reports on anyone who cashes in 20 or more tickets annually but does not have the power to withhold the winnings. The measure gives the Lottery the power to do so.

MUST LABEL FOOD WITH GMOS (H 813) -The Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture gave a favorable report to a bill that would require all foods that contain genetically modified organisms (GMOs) to be labeled as such. GMO refers to crop plants that have been modified in a laboratory to enhance desired traits including resistance to herbicides.

Supporters of labeling say that consumers have the right to know what is in the food that they eat. They note that there are safety concerns and risks involved with eating genetically modified food.

Labeling opponents say that genetically modified foods are perfectly safe. They note they are more resistant to herbicides, enhance flavor and can have vitamins and minerals added to them to provide greater nutrition benefits.

CREATE OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY (H 3888) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill creating an Office of Health Equity. The office would coordinate all activities to eliminate racial and ethnic health and health care disparities in Massachusetts and prepare an annual plan to do so. "Health care disparities" refers to gaps in general health and the quality of health care and its availability across racial and ethnic groups.

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Supporters said that while some disparities have been reduced in the past few years, many still remain.

GYM CLASSES (S 2047) - The Education Committee gave a favorable report to a bill that would amend the current law that requires physical education to be taught as a required subject in all grades for all students but allows cities and towns to determine the amount of mandated time. The measure requires that the instruction be age-appropriate and include physical activity, nutrition and wellness with a focus on physical competence, health-related fitness and enjoyment of physical activity that benefits children physically, cognitively, emotionally and socially. Another provision requires the education commissioner to conduct an evaluation of the duration, frequency and content of current physical education classes and to report its findings to the Legislature.

Supporters said that it is time to ramp up physical education requirements. They noted childhood obesity has increased 300 percent over the last three decades and led to an increase in heart disease, diabetes and other obesity-related diseases.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"As of today, both the House and the Senate have taken a stand that shackling pregnant women is barbaric and unacceptable in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." — Megan Amundson, Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts, on the Legislature's passage of a bill prohibiting shackling of pregnant prisoners.

"High health care costs are forcing Massachusetts residents to make tough choices about whether to seek medical care, fill prescriptions or pay for regular household expenses." — Audrey Shelto, president of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, commenting on the findings of the Massachusetts Health Reform Survey.

"A family ruined by addiction or a young person found unresponsive with a syringe by their side is no longer a rarity; it is the new normal." - Senate President Therese Murray testifying before the Special Committee on Drug Abuse and Treatment Options.

"It is irrefutably clear that hospitals with low nurse staffing levels have higher rates of adverse patient outcomes, poorer quality of patient care and higher treatment costs." — Judith Shindul-Rothschild, Associate Professor at Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Connell School of Nursing at Boston College, on a proposal to limit the number of patients who can be assigned to one registered nurse in hospitals.

"Codifying in government regulation staffing levels for any entity is misguided, counterproductive and costly. It is undeniable that the complexity of determining appropriate nurse staffing levels for any health care institution involves myriad factors and expert judgments that cannot be adequately reduced to regulation." - Kristen Lepore, Vice President Government Affairs for Associated Industries of Massachusetts.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of March 24-28, the House met for a total of five hours and 13 minutes and the Senate met for a total of three hours and 32 minutes.

Mon. March 24	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.
Tues. March 25	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. No Senate session
Wed. March 26	House 11:07 a.m. to 3:51 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. March 27	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.
Fri. March 28	No House session No Senate session



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Somerville's loss of Sciortino as state rep is state's gain



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Every Somerville achievement has had multiple hands that have held it, examined it and forged it. As Mayor, I rely on the intrinsic wisdom in our community, the values that the people in our community hold dear, and return to that wisdom and those values every time we face a choice or a challenge. I have partners everywherefrom individual members of the public who advocate for policies and initiatives, to grassroots organizations who rally around an issue, to my fellow elected officials who represent the values of their constituents.

Somerville is now losing one

Walking into The

Railside Lounge and

restaurant in the '70s

was not like walking into one of the bars/

ficials who has helped forge many of our community's accomplishments, but our city's loss is Massachusetts' gain. Rep. Carl Sciortino announced last week that he is leaving the state Legislature to become executive director of the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, bringing his tireless devotion to justice, fairness and equality to one of the most pressing health care issues of our time.

of those dedicated elected of-

As Mayor and CEO of Somerville, I need to be able to pick up the phone, call members of our state delegation, have them lend an ear and go up on Beacon Hill to fight for what our city needs. Carl has done that and done it with alacrity and resolve over the past decade. Despite the fact that Somerville is only a small part of Carl's district, he has represented our city in full at the Statehouse and championed our causes.

Too often, politicians are more

worried about re-election and choose the easier wrong instead of the more challenging right, or faced with challenges like an uncertain fiscal landscape, let fear paralyze them. That has never been Carl. He does not shrink from doing the right thing just because it isn't always the easiest thing. One great example of this, among the many examples from Carl's tenure in office, is his advocacy on education and transportation issues and his keen understanding how that affects the job market.

Our state has been too content over the years to pick around the edges when it comes to funding our transportation and education systems, holding back our opportunity to build the academic foundation and transportation network we need to support a 21st century economy. Last year, after Gov. Deval Patrick put forth a bold plan to provide the funding our transportation system sorely needs, the Legislature cut the proposed funding by a full one-third and then refused to take steps to ensure adequate funding in the future by simply accounting for a potential loss in toll revenue that the state already agreed upon.

But not Carl. He was willing to have the hard conversation that others avoid about revenue, investment and fairness. Carl put out a petition that called upon the Legislature to not undermine Gov. Patrick's proposal, and instead go back to the table, work with Gov. Patrick and develop policy that would produce a meaningful, longterm solution for transportation and education funding, while simultaneously creating a fairer tax system-in a state that already has a regressive tax system-that would take less from low-income earners.

That's just one example of Carl's persistence and devotion to fairness and long-term solutions. He has done so much for Somerville. His advocacy helped secure funding for the Green Line extension, bringing environmental and economic justice to our residents. Carl helped secure millions in state funds that allowed us to renovate Foss Park, providing residents in our densely populated city with the high-quality open space they deserve. He brought in grant money that created a gang intervention project at the Teen Empowerment Center, extending that helping hand to our at-risk youth and making quality of life better for all our residents. Carl was instrumental in the passage of legislation that made possible a land swap between Federal Realty and the Department of Conservation and Recreation unlocking the ability to create a waterfront park at Assembly Square that reconnects Somerville with its waterfront on the Mystic.

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Life in the **WILLE** by Jimmy Del Ponte The Railside Lounge and Bar-B-Que



restaurants in Davis Square today. You were met with a blast of cigarette smoke that stayed on your clothes and your hair. If you weren't supposed to be there, your pungent scent ratted you out! The clientele was a lot different, too, because Somerville back then was different. Salt of the earth, slice of life, work with your hands, shot and a draft beer different. They called that drink a boilermaker, and you could get a good one at The Railside. The jukebox was filled with classic oldies, but for some reason Mack The Knife got more play than any other song. The Railside was always filled with classic Somerville blue-collar workers in the old-school tradition. Everyone knew each other, and it was like hanging around with family members. The Railside had it all ... the tough guys, the bookies and the wise guys. They were honest folks who worked hard and played hard. The manager lived upstairs, and the patrons lived close by.

drank) for two days straight, and we all slept in the booths. Lol — good times!"

You can see in the picture that The Railside was across from Johnny D's on Holland Street. Au Bon Pain occupies the space where The Railside was. I remember two guys who at one time or another ran or owned The Railside. They were Jimmy and Billy.

Someone with a great memory who lived right around the corner (within stumbling distance!) shares this gem: "The Railside



A former Railside customer recalls, "During the blizzard of 1978 we all got snowed in at the Railside. We ate (and

... wow! A mixed crowd, everyone from underage kids to old timers, and everyone in between. I remember the back room. You could play darts (for money), get your drinks in a "to go" cup, so you could enjoy it while you walked around the square. College kids would open the door, look in, and turn right around and leave. I remember going in there one Sunday afternoon, and the place was trashed. Some rowdy guys from a bar on Somerville Ave. went in there and went crazy (some bars didn't get along with others back then), squirting mustard and ketchup all over the walls, tipping over tables, roughed up a couple of old guys. I spent many a night in there." Today, it would be just the opposite: A blue-collar guy coming off of an eight-hour shift may open the door of one of those bars in Davis Square today, look around, see the tattoos, brightly col-

ored hair and piercings and turn around and leave. What goes around...

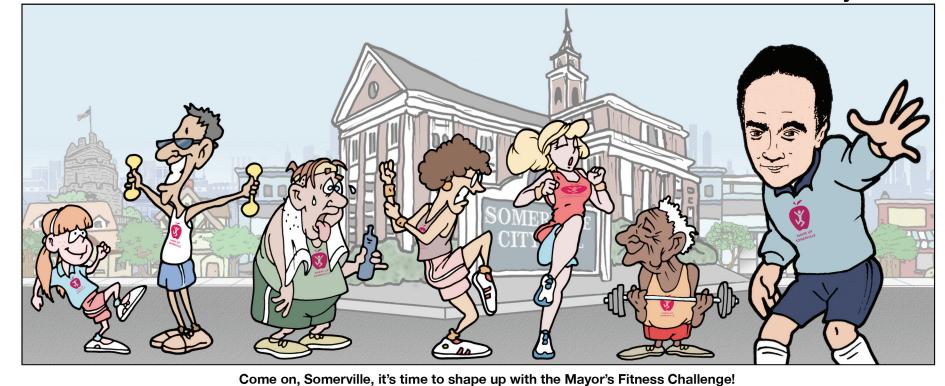
In the '60s and '70s, every bar in Somerville had a bouncer and a bookie. Some bookies would go from bar to bar, but some would be "stationed" at one particular joint. They took action on sports teams, horses and the dogs (or "the puppies" as they were called!) Everyone knew the bookies, and the ones I knew were all good guys. When there was a death in one particular customer's family, one of the most popular bookies was the one who started up a collection for the person's daughter. Bookies would also lend you money if you needed it. Also in The Railside's heyday there was always merchandise available for sale that "fell off the truck." It wasn't uncommon to pick up a few pounds of cheese, a TV or a car battery at a very low price. The patrons of the old clubs and bars of Somerville were at the very least colorful. The daily (and nightly) goings on would have made a great TV show. Oh, by the way, my cousin wasn't allowed to walk past The Railside. Geez, I can't imagine why! It seems like only Continued on page 19

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times



have hopefully benefitted from the trickle-down reward of the existing exemption and who could maybe put a little more money towards food and bills if their rents dropped by even a few dollars.

While it may have been a long time since any of us heard the word "Slumerville," it's important for lawmakers to understand that not all of us have cash popping out of various pockets (and other places), and some of us could use a break, wherever we may be on the housing chain.

Suburban legislators may not quite understand why the city wants to increase the residential tax exemption from 30 to 35 percent.

But most of us do.

Somerville is a victim of its own success: People want to live here; businesses want to open up here; and real-estate investors from Florida to China want to buy into the hot market here.

But there are people who live in the homes they own and who rent out apartments in those homes they own, and

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Holiday Inn) Saturday, July 12, from 7 to 11 p.m. There will be food and entertainment, and the best part is you can come and meet all your friends with whom you grew up and had a great time. East Somerville was a special place. Everyone knew everyone else, and we all had our special place where we hung out, but we also were proud of the fact we were from the best section of the city. Check out the Facebook page set aside for all who are interested, called "East Somerville Reunion." This effort has been started by Dan Rogovich, who is also on Facebook and has worked hard to get this going. Go on Facebook and let them know you are coming. They are also looking for donations to cover expenses, and all donations go directly to cover the event for the night. For now, if you don't have Facebook, contact Donald Norton at 617-623-6600, ext. 11.

they deserve some credit for that -so long as they're not gouging their tenants, of course.

A third of the residential properties are owned by out-of-towners, so it stands to reason increasing the exemption will have the unwanted consequence of raising rents in those properties.

Maybe it will, and maybe it won't, but 35 percent seems to be in the Goldilocks zone of where the exemption is increased to the point of helping one group of homeowners without necessarily bank-

for a few years now (since Mayor Gay's

administration). He's a good guy, and so

isn't Walter, so we wish them both well

Happy birthday to some of our fans

here in the Ville and some who's hearts

still here in the Ville, first of all to An-

drea Gregory, former reporter for the

in the exchange.

rupting the other.

It's a strange thing for politicians who represent areas where almost every home is occupied by the homeowner, but Somerville, for so many reasons, is a unique situation.

Board of Aldermen President Bill White suggested he and other elected officials be present at the State House when this home rule petition is taken up. He is right, but there should also be the live-in property owners present as well as (gasp!) the tenants who

guests to throw their best guacamole

recipes into the ring to battle it out in a

Burro-royale face-off Sunday, April 13.

The best of the best will compete against

one another to please the taste buds of a

panel of local celebrity judges, including

Somerville firefighter and winner of The

Painted Burro's Burro Churro Challenge

Jay McKenzie, Somerville Scout writer

day, April 6, at the Somerville Public Library Main Branch at 79 Highland Ave. The activity is geared toward families, but all are invited to attend. They will read aloud from a transgender-themed children's book and discuss how it may affect us through the lens of Jewish culture and tradition.

reading and activities at 3 p.m. Sun-

Good luck to George Landers, who is moving out of his position at DPW. We hear he is trading places with another great guy, Walter Whitney, up at OHCD. George has been with the city

Times here and presently a freelance journalist. Big-time happy birthday to Villen Jeff Lewis of East Somerville; such a great guy. Another "happy birthday" to Andrew Lafuente, who also is a good guy and works with his father, Tony Lafuente. And to Sue Pye of the famous Pye family here in the city, we wish her the very best of birthdays. Another good guy with a great sense of humor, Gene Leonard is celebrating, and we wish him a safe and happy birthday.

With green landscapes still hiding behind the cold, The Painted Burro is taking matters into its own hands and bringing the green straight to Davis Square with its second annual Guac Off. The Somerville hotspot is asking

Michelle Lahey and Jen Che of the popular local food blog Tiny Urban Kitchen. Only one guac recipe will snag unlimited bragging rights, a \$150 gift card to The Painted Burro and the honor of being featured on The Painted Burro's menu. In true Burro style, the event will be open to the whole neighborhood so guests can guac the vote alongside the star-studded judges' panel. Recipes must be submitted by Monday, April 7 to info@thepaintedburro.com. Twelve Guac Off-worthy finalists will be selected and contacted by Tuesday, April 8. The Painted Burro, 219 Elm St. in Davis Square. For more information, call 617-776-0005.

Join Keshet's Transgender Working Group and the LGBT liaison to the city of Somerville for a picture book

Keshet's Transgender Working Group works for transgender inclusion and offers education, programs and social support for Jews who are transgender and their allies. All are welcome and residents can RSVP for the free event www.keshetonline.org/events/ at ma-event-registration.

Somerville has long been known for having one of the country's largest artistic and creative residents per capita - next to only Manhattan. To celebrate this unique aspect of Somerville, Assembly Row created ASSEMBLED, a handmade arts market held every Saturday on Grand Union Boulevard throughout the summer of 2013. In 2014, Assembly Row and the Somerville Arts Council (SAC) will add Continued on page 17

TEDx Somerville's triumphant return

The second TEDx Somerville event was held Sunday, March 30, at Brooklyn Boulders.

The nonprofit TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) organization started as a four-day conference in California 25 years ago. The annual TED Conference invites the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Al Gore, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Isabel Allende and UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

bring people together to share a TED-like Facebook.

experience. While the TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, individual TEDx events are self-organized (the "x" indicates it is an individual event not run by TED).

Sunday's event, which featured 18 speakers, artist demonstrations and an after party, focused on the theme of movement, whether physical movement through the body, the future of transportation in Somerville and how people will move around the city or the exploration of what moves individuals on a personal level.

The first event was held in 2012. For TEDx is a program of local events that more, visit the TEDx Somerville page on





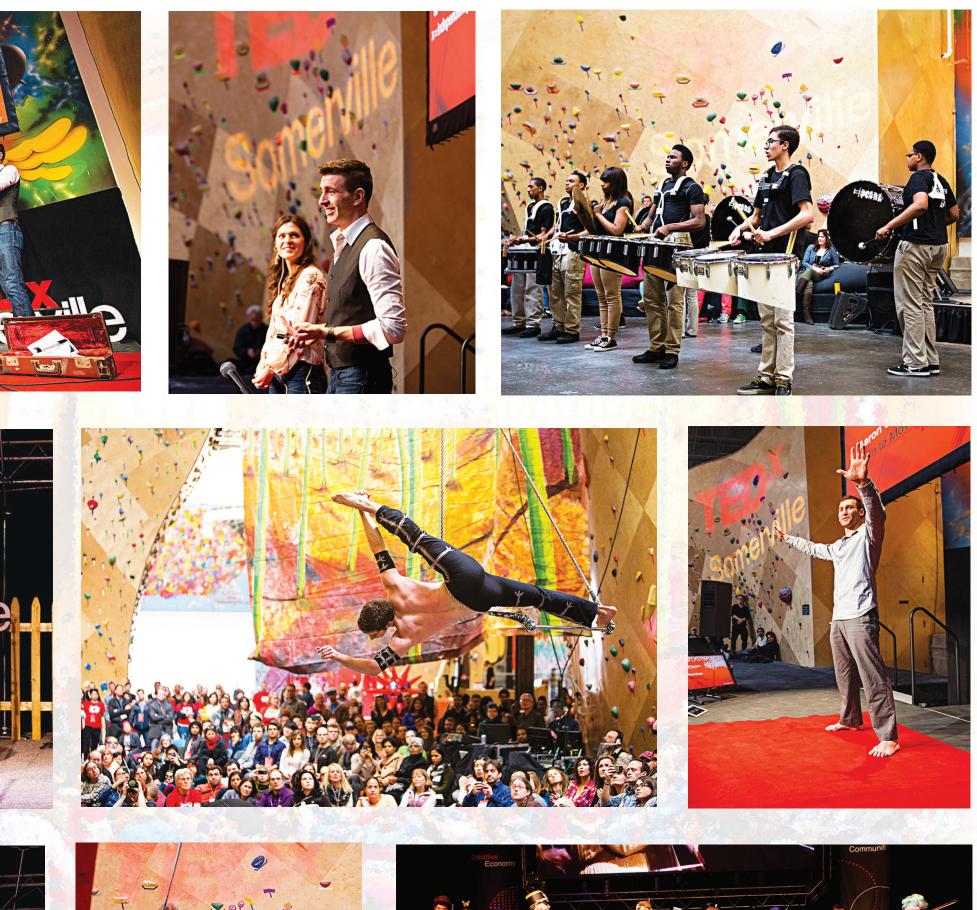








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SPORTS

Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2014 well underway

The fifth annual Somerville Mayor's Fitness Challenge kicked off on Saturday.

The Fitness Challenge is a 10week event that offers both a team fitness challenge as well as a non-competitive "lifestyle pledge" in cooperation with Wellcoin Positive Health Currency. Both offer rewards for participants ranging from better health to discounts at local businesses.

More information about the program can be found at www. somervillema.gov or by calling Director of Community Relations Carlene Campbell-Hegarty at 617-625-6600, ext. 2615, or CCampbell@somervillema.gov.









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1. What MLB pitcher holds the record for most complete games pitched in a season without recording a shutout?

2. What pitcher threw the only no-hitter on Opening Day in history so far? 7. Which drink made from mint, bourbon, sugar and water is traditionally served at the Kentucky Derby?

8. Before the introduction of the hair dryer in 1920, what common household appliance was promoted for its hair drying ability?

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Be sure to visit us online at www.TheSomervilleTimes.com 3. What was the longest Opening Day game in major league history?

4. Does a drowning person raise to the top three times before going down for good?

5. According to experts how long does the average dream last?

6. What type of ice cream is chocolate, vanilla and strawberry flavors side-by-side in the same container? 9. What year did Jack Nicklaus win his last Masters Tournament?

10. How old was Ben Franklin when he died in 1790?

11. How long was the Empire State building the tallest building in the world?

12. Whose real name is Thomas Mapother IV? Answers on page 19

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their obligations under the RFP. They never planned enough money to build."

The city did, however, keep the \$10,000 deposit from Tufts, which the mayor said would be used towards improvements to the neighborhood.

The proposal from Tufts was one of six received through the RFP. The Powder House School Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), though not unanimous in its choice, rated Tufts the highest of the six. It recommended that proposal, as well as two others, to Curtatone for consideration. The mayor selected Tufts, and the city entered into an exclusive negotiating agreement with the university to hammer out design details and legal agreements that would have been codified in a land disposition agreement that, in turn, would have been drafted and then voted on by the Board of Aldermen.

Curtatone expressed his displeasure upon learning that Tufts did not plan to build on the site for a decade or more, and that, he said, changed everything

"My response was they never should have been involved in the process," he said."The city ended it. I ended it. I was as frustrated and disappointed as you all are."

It wasn't just his office or the planning department or even members of the TAC who had put time into the RFP process and subsequent dealings with Tufts regarding the site.

An architectural firm hired by Tufts held two design brainstorming sessions with residents over the course of the winter, as well as one of two community forums to discuss project updates. During the design meetings, each of which lasted a few

hours, residents were broken into groups to discuss design elements for the open space portion of the project, the actual building design and the vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian flow around the site.

While Tufts was quick to respond to the neighbors' desire to see the project scaled back from a two-building design, which could have included one residential building of 35 units, to one office building, school officials were less willing to discuss how they actual planned to use the building.

The two alternate bidders chosen by the TAC each proposed building condos at the site, which would include a few affordable units under the city's inclusionary zoning bylaw.

Representatives from the second alternate bidder, Diamond Sinacori, which proposed 35 condos, were on hand at the meeting, although Curtatone did not wish to address any specific developers at that point. The first alternate bidder, Davis Square Partners, put forth a 30-unit and 40unit condo proposal.

Director of Planning George Proakis explained some of the reasons the other three RFP submissions weren't selected by the committee. Mammoth Acquisitions, whose name elicited more than a few chuckles from the audience, had proposed a CVS with 35 condo units above it. Proakis said the committee was concerned a CVS would draw business away from Teele Square instead of creating something that would bring new customers to the square. Mammoth also has limited experience with housing developments.

"I don't think they've ever done more than six housing units anywhere," Proakis said.

The Somerville Community Corporation had proposed 35 to 50 units of all affordable housing but had not secured funding for the open-space portion of the project. And while the Powderhouse Development Group had proposed creating spaces for artists, its plans for 85 to 110 housing units went well beyond the 35 established as a limit in the RFP.

In outlining who bid and why some bids were accepted and others rejected, Proakis said there may be either suggestions out there should it go to bid again.

"Not that these are the only six idea in the world," he said. "These are the only six we had in front of us through the RFP process."

Although Curtatone was firm in his belief that the city is in need of more housing, noting the city's SomerVision plan calls for 6,000 new units, he, too, seemed open to the idea of seeing if there might be fresh interest from new bidders, especially, as he and residents noted, the land in Somerville is more valuable now than when the RFP was first put out.

"Maybe we have to shake up the puzzle box to see if the pieces fit together more," he said.

Curtatone, however, told residents that whether a new RFP is issued or the city works with either of the other two developers originally selected by the TAC, starting over did not mean starting over from scratch.

"Please don't think your work has been wasted," he said. "It hasn't." Proakis also noted that Tufts



Mayor Joseph Curtatone addresses residents during last week's meeting to discuss the future of the Powder House School site

had already undertaken some survey work on the site that would help the city and any future developers going forward. That work included generating a cost estimate on remediation requirements associated with demolishing the school, which Tufts placed at \$1.8 million (it had budgeted \$600,000), for things such as properly removing asbestos, as well as geographical survey work that showed the bedrock under the school would not likely allow for more than one level of underground parking.

While those estimates and that work could be peer reviewed to ensure their accuracy, the information gathered could at least be used to start talks with the next developer at a slightly more advanced level.

"Tufts is giving us all the work they did," Proakis said.

Some residents in attendance expressed concern with beginning the RFP process all over again, although many seemed in

favor it.

"I'm not sure we can just start over," resident Eleanor Ramsey said.""I'd hate for it to be another 10 years."

"We're not starting over," Curtatone responded. "We're just recalibrating."

One resident floated the idea of leasing the property in place of selling it, while others suggested opening the school to provide artists with workspace as the city figures out how to best dispose of the property.

Speaking to both the need for the short- and long-term future of the site, Curtatone agreed with the residents' comments.

"There should never be a dead lot," he said.

Another public meeting to discuss the next steps for redeveloping the site will be held within 30 days.

"We will not make a decision without coming back to the neighborhood," Curtatone said. "Whatever is going to happen, we'll do it to together,"

Somerville woman helps Haitian girl learn English CONT. FROM PG 7

was my mission to expand Yha-

pet dogs scared her. I knew it learning how to play Monopoly at Hammel's house, there is no adventure too big or too small for Hammel and Casimir as long as they are together. They work on homework at the library and often go out to eat and see a movie. One of Hammel's proudest moments: getting Casimir to attend a dog show. "Jennifer is like the older sister I never had," Casimir said.

"From sitting down to help me inspiring the adult volunteer is both a rewarding and ed-

with my homework to going out mentors who work with them. ucational experience," Ham-

ra's world, help provide her with the confidence that she lacked and show her she can handle any situation."

For the last two years, the mentee-mentor duo has tried to meet once a week to catch up and try new experiences and cuisines. From riding the T in Boston for the first time to to work on community service projects together, she has really helped me to grow as a person. I hope we can continue our relationship after I graduate." In the last 16 years, the Mazie Mentoring Program has helped more than 500 young people go on to lead more fulfilled and successful lives while Each year, 60 Framingham and Waltham High School students are accepted into the program. More than 90 percent of those students graduate from high school and more than 70 percent go on to college or other post-secondary training programs.

"To be a mentor to a child

mel said. "I feel joy knowing I have played a role in the person Yhara will become. Yhara, in turn, has taught me a lesson in patience and what it truly means to put myself in someone else's shoes. She has opened my eyes to the Haitian culture and what it is to be a teenager today."



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	NOTICE OF TAKING	
TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREUNDER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on Friday, June 20th, 2014 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Collector's Office/ Treasury, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, the following described parcels of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid in full before that date.		
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 10 KENT COURT CURRENT OWNER(S): MAJORIE M. KELLEY ASSESSED OWNER(S): MAJORIE M. KELLEY PARCEL ID: 039C00014 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 11346200 DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with	LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 16 MACARTHUR STREET CURRENT OWNER(S): CICERONE ANTONIO & VANDA ASSESSED OWNER(S): CICERONE ANTONIO & VANDA PARCEL ID: 090B00021 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 03127091 DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with	LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 30 CHERRY ST CURRENT OWNER(S): DAVID L. FYFE ASSESSED OWNER(S): DAVID L. FYFE PARCEL ID: 30/D/8 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 06261175 DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with

PARCEL ID: 039C00 DESCRIPTION OF any building thereon, containing approximately 3,255 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 10085, Page: 584.

Fiscal Year <u>2011</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$2,189.77
Interest to Date of Taking	\$142.76
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$2,701.53
Fiscal Year <u>2012</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$2,313.25
Other Assessments	\$1,254.83
Interest to Date of Taking	\$1,193.54
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$5,130.62
Fiscal Year <u>2013</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$2,737.22
Other Assessments	\$889.30
Interest to Date of Taking	\$717.04
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$4,712.56

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 84 BROADWAY CURRENT OWNER(S): COLUMBIA BUILDING REALTY, INC. ASSESSED OWNER(S): COLUMBIA BUILDING REALTY, INC. PARCEL ID: 091C00001 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 03138190 DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 6,698 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 8508, Page: 14.

Fiscal Year 2013 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$13,370.54
Other Assessments	\$2,916.60
Interest to Date of Taking	\$3,368.07
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$20,024.21

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 474 BROADWAY UNIT #28 CURRENT OWNER(S): EILEEN DUNNING

ASSESSED OWNER(S): EILEEN DUNNING PARCEL ID: 40/1/6/28 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 08315065 DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 21742, Page: 305.

Fiscal Year <u>2012</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$2,401.91
Interest to Date of Taking	\$833.27
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$3,604.18
Fiscal Year <u>2013</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$2,527.46
Interest to Date of Taking	\$525.25
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$3,421.71

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LEGAL NOTICE DIVORCE

In compliments to the disposition established legally by a divorce, has been published the following: That MR. MARCEL J. FESTA presented a divorce in city of Providence, Rhode Island, against MS. DAYANE FILS-AIME, appointed by Attorney Emili Vaziri Located on 160 Plainfield Street Providence, RI 02909.

Date the 9TH day of April 2014 at 9:00am has an appointment at Family Court in Providence, Rhode Island.

any building thereon, containing approximately 3,671 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 11987, Page: 258.

	Fiscal Year 2011 Taxes Remaining Unpaid Interest to Date of Taking Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking Total for which Land will be Taken	\$211.42 \$43.30 \$369.00 \$623.72
	Fiscal Year <u>2012</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid Interest to Date of Taking Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking Total for which Land will be Taken	\$302.56 \$81.54 \$369.00 \$753.10
	Fiscal Year <u>2013</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid Interest to Date of Taking Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking Total for which Land will be Taken	\$861.66 \$161.58 \$369.00 \$1,392.24
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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 125 HIGHLAND AVE CURRENT OWNER(S): HIGHLAND MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOC ASSESSED OWNER(S): HIGHLAND MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOC PARCEL ID: 50/F/31 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 08901139 DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 18,045 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 17790, Page: 238.

Fiscal Year <u>2012</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$45.00
Interest to Date of Taking	\$0.00
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$414.00
Fiscal Year <u>2013</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$2,525.10
Interest to Date of Taking	\$467.84
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$3.361.94

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 963 BROADWAY CURRENT OWNER(S): BEVERLY M. KEANE ASSESSED OWNER(S): BEVERLY M. KEANE PARCEL ID: 015B00014 ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 03136050 DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,760 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 21044, Page: 458.

Fiscal Year <u>2012</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$1,950.89
Interest to Date of Taking	\$575.27
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$2,907.49
Fiscal Year <u>2013</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$6,100.56
Interest to Date of Taking	\$1,113.31
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$7,582.87

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ACCOUNT: 06261175 A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 10,191 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 52121, Page: 430.

Fiscal Year <u>2011</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$16.31
Interest to Date of Taking	\$6.81
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$392.12
Fiscal Year <u>2012</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$4,455.96
Interest to Date of Taking	\$1,402.61
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$6,227.57

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 155 NORTH ST

CURRENT OWNER(S): SILVA JOSE & FERNANDA ASSESSED OWNER(S): SILVA JOSE & FERNANDA ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: 03124075 PARCEL ID: 007A00017 DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,664 square feet and being part of the premises registered at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book: 985, Page:184. Certificate Number: 0171134

Fiscal Year <u>2011</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$30.60
Interest to Date of Taking	\$13.09
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$412.69
Fiscal Year <u>2012</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$53.59
Interest to Date of Taking	\$15.29
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$437.88
Fiscal Year <u>2013</u> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$24.88
Interest to Date of Taking	\$3.34
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$369.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$397.22

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFQF #14-79

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites proposals for qualifications and fee for:

Consulting Services in support of the "Somerville by Design" Neighborhood Planning Process, on an As-Needed Basis

The City of Somerville is seeking to procure consultants to provide on-call services for the 'Somerville by Design' neighborhood planning program managed by the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development.

Invitation for Bid packages for may be obtained online at http://www. somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014.

Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, April 16th, 2014.

Please contact Michael Richards, Procurement Analyst, 617-625-

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Somerville's loss of Sciortino as state rep is state's gain CONT. FROM PG 10

equality and fairness. When we defied Gov. Romney's edict and married same-sex couples from outside Massachusetts, Carl supported us before he was elected. He continued on Beacon Hill the battle for civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members of our community, and authored

the Transgender Equal Rights bill. Carl actively supported passage of the Community Preservation Act, which passed in Somerville by the second-highest margin of any community that has adopted the CPA, and helped take the lead on the pro-family, pro-public safety TRUST Act.

He represented our community's values, and did so with statesmanship that is increasingly hard to find these days. We are fortunate in Somerville to still have Sen. Pat Jehlen, Rep. Denise Provost and Rep. Tim Toomey representing us on Beacon Hill, and Congressman Mike Capuano representing us in Washington. Our state and federal delegation continues to embody and advocate for the values of Somerville, but we will all sorely miss Carl. We all need to thank Carl for his advocacy and leadership in his work over the past decade on behalf of our community, and wish

him well as he brings that passion, advocacy and leadership to the AIDS Action Committee. People from all over Massachusetts will now have an opportunity to learn what we already know-there is no a better person than Carl Sciortino to have on your side, fighting for you.

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

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on <u>Wednesday, April 16, 2014</u> at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

25 Auburn Ave: (Case # ZBA 2014-12) Applicant and Owner, Steven Teixeira, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming dwelling to add a by-right second unit, which includes a rear addition, a dormer, and modifications to windows and doors. The Applicant also seeks a Variance under SZO §9.5.1.a for two spaces of parking relief. RB zone. Ward 1.

71-73 Grant St: (Case #ZBA 2014-13) Applicant & Owner, Evelyn Ullman, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to relocate and/or add windows, doors, and skylights on a nonconforming structure. RB Zone. Ward 4.

153 Willow Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-17) Applicant & Owner, Stephen Stack, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to add a dormer on a nonconforming side yard. RA Zone. Ward 6.

<u>399 Highland Ave:</u> (Case # ZBA 2014-18) Applicant and Owner, Rockland Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the commercial façade of a nonconforming two-story structure, which includes modifications to windows, doors, and storefront materials as well as relocated existing signage. CBD zone. Ward 6.

<u>864 Broadway:</u> (Case #ZBA 2014-20) Applicant, Mary McPartland, and Owner, Charles Kostopoulos, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.5.1 to change the nonconforming use from a furniture store to an ice cream sandwich shop and a Special Permit under SZO \$9.13 for relief from parking requirements. RB zone. Ward 6.

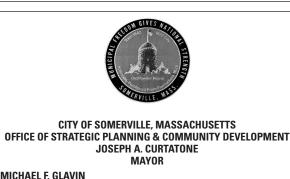
19 Cambria St: (Case # ZBA 2014-21) Applicant and Owner, Willard D. Cunningham, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming two-family structure, under SZO §4.4.1, to add 2 dormers, an approx 30sf addition and a rear deck. RA / Ward 3

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>.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

As published in The Somerville Times on 4/2/14 & 4/9/14.

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What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

When it comes to the sale of the Union Square Post Office, Rep. Michael E. Capuano (D-MA) had two things to say. First, he noted that the sale is the result of what he feels was needless congressional strong-arming. A 2006 law forces the U.S. Postal Service to fully fund its pension system. "The whole pension thing is what's causing the post office to have a loss," Capuano told the Somerville Neighborhood News. "I didn't vote for it but Congress passed a law five, six, seven years ago I think, that said that the post office has to fully fund it's pension plan now. And that's insane!" The full news story is found at www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN.





Youth homelessness is on the rise; at least 25 Somerville students are homeless. Some 13,000 students are homeless in Massachusetts, according to the state Department of Education. "We think this [number] is underestimated," Somerville Parent Information Director Regina Bertholdo told the Somerville Neighborhood News, especially when it comes to what are called "unaccompanied youth." The full news story is found at www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN.

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a new facet to the neighborhood with Art in the Park, a series of free art lessons hosted along the Mystic River in the newly opened Baxter Riverfront Park. The series of lessons will provide an outlet for artists to share their passion and allow the community to gain insight into a form of art they may have always wondered about. The call for artists is now open, and those who respond have a chance to lead Assembly Row's grand opening summer program, Art in the Park. Artists who respond to the call and are chosen to lead a lesson will be provided with a small stipend. The Art in the Park series will be free to the public and will be held every Sunday from June 29 through July 27 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Baxter Riverfront Park. All those interested in leading an Art in the Park class are encouraged to contact Lauren Jaffie for more information at info@assemblyrow.com<mailto:info@assemblyrow.com. Also, you can learn more details from the Assembly Row's Facebook page (search "Assembly Row") and website, www. assemblyrow.com/events.

will celebrate a city proud of its diverse immigrant history and celebrated for its growing foodie scene celebration. All YUM eateries are part of the city's Shape Up Approved – Eat Well campaign, which makes Somerville a healthier place to live, work, play and eat by highlighting healthier menu options at participating restaurants. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at Arts and the Armory.

regular retail price. Barrels are available in Forest Green, Earth Brown or Nantucket Gray. Rain barrels reduce runoff that can harm existing water sources and contribute to overflow in the city's water system. Additionally, rain barrels can help offset water usage that, in New England, can increase by as much as 60% during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Barrels will be available for pick up on Saturday, April 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the DPW Yard, 1 Franey Road. All orders must be made by April 5 at 5 p.m.

"Make Your Garden Look and Taste Wonderful this Summer!" will be the topic of the April meeting of the Somerville Garden Club. Barbara Emerson, a master gardener and enthusiastic grower of both new and heirloom vegetables, will discuss how to integrate edible plants into your ornamental garden or add edible flowers to your vegetable garden. Join other friendly local gardeners at the Somerville Garden Club April meeting, Wednesday, April 9, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St. Meetings are on the second floor and are wheelchair accessible. Parking is available on site and the building is a short walk from the Davis Square T station. All Somerville Garden

Club meetings are free, and the

public is invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, April 17, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA.

<u>161 Broadway</u>: (Case **#PB 2014-08**) Applicant, PJ's Motor Cars, Inc., and Owner, Somerville Realty Ventures, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO Section 6.1.22.D.5.a to alter the structure by adding a garage door and relocating a man door to provide access to Minnesota Ave. CCD 55 / 1

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 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 4/2/14 & 4/9/14.

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Somerville nonprofit The Welcome Project is celebrating the community's immigrant flavor, in partnership with the city's Shape Up Somerville healthy restaurant campaign, Shape Up Approved – Eat Well. The 2014 YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City event *****

Through a partnership with the Great American Rain Barrel Company in Hyde Park, the city of Somerville is offering rain barrels to Somerville residents at a discount to help conserve water and save money. Barrels can be purchased through April 5 by visiting www.greatamericanrainbarrel. com. Click on "Shop Local Programs," and search for Somerville. Somerville residents may purchase the barrels at a cost of \$69, a 40 percent discount from

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•••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday | April 2 East Branch Library Pre-Schoolers' Puppet Workshop! Meghan Forsell 617-623-5000 x2970 11 a.m.- 11:50 a.m.|115 Broadway

Thursday|April 3 Central Library

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

Central Library Youth Knitting 101: 1st Class Cathy or Cynthia\617-623-5000-2969 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Friday|April 4

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

Central Library Teen Cookie Stamp Workshop: PART TWO Cynthia 617-623-5000-2969 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Saturday|April 5

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

Sunday|April 6

Central Library Family Storytime with Keshet's Transgender Working Group Zoe Page (Keshet)203-451-2633 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue Veteran's Memorial Rink

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

Monday April 7

Central Library Arts at the Armory Knucklebones 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|April 8

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 9-11 Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216 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

Central Library StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000 x2910 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|April 9

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

Central Library Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball617 636-9033 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library Book Group for Kids Ages 9-12 Cathy Piantigini|617-623-5000 x2950 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

MUSIC Wednesday|April 2 Johnny D's 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Radio Bar

379 Summer St Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910 Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 3 Johnny D's J.Geils Jazz and Blues review \$20.00 CANCELED 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays Mona's Rock & Roll DJ Late Night 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar Closed for renovations 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band

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

Radio Bar 379 Summer St Arts at the Armory Singers' Open Mic with Celia Slattery and Bill Duffy

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Friday|April 4

Johnny D's The Racky Thomas Band|8 p.m. Free Friday featuring The Resurrectionists|10 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Danielle Miraglia and friends |6 p.m. American Beauties, Mount Peru |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Cover Up 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St Precinct Bar

Closed for renovations 70 Union Sql617-623-9211 PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Avel617-776-1557 Johnny Clegg Band 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Saturday | April 5 Johnny D's The Love Dogs, 20th Anniversary Show! | 7:30 p.m. Twiddle | 10 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Stan Martin Saturday Jamboree |6 p.m. The Social #11 with friends \$5 cover |9 p.m.

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

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

Radio Bar 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory Dance + Series 10 a.m.|Performance Hall David Johnston 4 p.m.|Cafe Somerville Singer Songwriter Sessions 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|April 6

Johnny D's Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band|4 p.m. BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet|7:30 p.m. 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Peter Ward & Amarillo |5 p.m 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 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar Closed for renovations 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music querors|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

PA'S Lounge Americana Night 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar Closed for renovations 70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Radio Bar 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|April 8

Johnny D's Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars plus The Macrotones|8 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Spider John Koerner|7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

Precinct Bar Closed for renovations 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Radio Bar 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory Somerville Climate Action / Rep. Denise Provost Film Series 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|April 9

Johnny D's Bill Blumenreich Presents : Members Lounge with Ken Reid|7:30 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 379 Summer St Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | April 2

Third Life Studio

nadirajamal.com

Thursday April 3

West Branch Library

40 College Avenue

Drop-In Meditation

First Church Somerville

Central Library

(Upstairs Parlor).

Third Life Studio

Roots and Rhythm

Friday April 4

Prenatal Yoga

Central Library

Arts at the Armorv

9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m

to discuss their work

Third Life Studio

Jen Farrell

Jazz Dance Brunch!

Sunday April 6

Unity Church of God

Third Life Studio

nadirajamal.com

Central Library

Chess Night

Monday April 7

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Central Library

Working Group

Groups

January 25 through March 1

10:30am-12:00pm|33 Union Sq

Zoe Page (Keshet)203-451-2633

2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Bagel Bards

St

Winter Farmers' Market

Arts at the Armory

Saturday April 5

Learn English at the Library!

(Session 1)6:00 PM - 7:00 p.m.

(Session 2)7:15 PM - 8:15 p.m.

Maria Carpenter| 617-623-5000 x2910

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program

debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 89 College Ave

For more info call: 781-762-6629

33 Unions Sq. | www.libana.com

2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

10 a.m.-12 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue

Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly

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

A Six Week Jazz Dance Class Series with

Family Storytime with Keshet's Transgender

Free First Homebuyer's Seminar

Ken Koharki|908-685-0700

for people with problems with money and

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue

Jamal

Central Library Mystery Book Club 7p.m.-9 p.m./79 Highland Avenue

7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.

Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira

Shawn Mullins plus Max Gomez 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

PA'S Lounge

Full Scene Ahead "CD Swap" 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar

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Bull McCabe's Pub

The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

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 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

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173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Radio Bar 379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory Journeys in Sound Presents One Sings, the Other Doesn't - An Evening with Glenn Jones & Nina Violet 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Radio Bar 379 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory Craft My Wedding 12 p.m.|Peformance Hall Where the Old Tree Grows, with Storyteller Joe Keane 4:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday April 7

Johnny D's Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: One Microphone 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 Con335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Tuesday|April 8

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

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

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

Wednesday April 9

Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www. nadirajamal.com

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

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HAPPENINGS: CENTE R R н $(\mathbf{0})$

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 Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

CROSS STREET CENTER:

Center open every Tuesday and Wednesday.

English Conversation group meets every Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. All welcome. Enjoy conversation, and stay for lunch with new friends from all over the world.

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

Book Club: Friday, April 4. The book club meets the first Friday of each month, except for holiday weeks. April's book is 'The Buddha in the Attic by Julie Otsuka,' the story of a group of young women brought from Japan to San Francisco as "picture brides" nearly a century ago. In most cases, copies of the book are available in the COA office. Contact Janine for details at 617-615-6600 Ext. 2321 or email her at jlotti@Somervillema.gov.

Culinary Arts Luncheon: Tuesday, April 8. Doors will open at 10:45 a.m. The Highlander Café is located at the atrium of Somerville High School, which is located closest to the library. There is limited seating and a cost of \$9 with a choice of Scallops or Chicken Parmesan. Contact Connie for more information and to RSVP at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon: Wednesday, April 9. The Somerville Council on Aging will be showing our appreciation to all our volunteers. Watch for more details.

Holiday Inn Dance: Monday, April 14. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 30 Washington Street. \$20. Come and enjoy a terrific lunch, with good music and wonderful friends. To RSVP and for more information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Taj Mahal Resort & Casino: Monday, October 13 -Wednesday, October 15. This resort, which is located on the broadwalk in Atlantic City, has world class restaurants, non-stop entertainment and a dazzling array of shops. Trip includes: Motorcoach transportation, 2 nights lodging & \$4 Slot Dollars. \$222 per person double occupancy or \$344 single. A \$50 deposit per person on or before May 5 is required. For more information or if you should have any questions, please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Mayor's 5th Annual Fitness Challenge: Spring has

officially arrived though it may not feel that way, just yet. Now is a great time to start the Mayor's 5th Annual Fitness Challenge. This year the city will be holding four kick off events which will be held between March 29-April 3. The SCOA will be at hosting a table at the Saturday, March 29 and Thursday, April 3rd events, encouraging our seniors to participate and informing people on the Health & Wellness programs we have to offer. For more information on the Mayor's Fitness Challenge please contact Director of Community Relations, Carlene Campbell-Hegarty, at 617-625-6600 x2615, or CCampbell@somervillema.gov. If you have any questions for the Somerville Council on Aging please contact us at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

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

LGBT Advisory Group: We meet the 4th Monday of each month. If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email MBastardi@Somervillema.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: For Friday, June 6. The Somerville Council on Aging LGBT Advisory Group celebrates their one year anniversary in conjunction with Gay Pride Week with a special Dinner Dance at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington Street, here in Somerville. The Dinner Dance will be from 7:00-11:00p.m. and our LGBT Dinner/Dance Committee is working on the details.

April 2

Bowling at Flatbreads Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Holland Street Center

Fit 4 Life A|8:45 a.m. Fit 4 Life B|9 a.m. Lunch|11:30 a.m. Fit 4 Life C|1 p.m. Zumba for All|5:15 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

April 3 **Holland Street Center** Current Events|10 a.m. Lunch|11:30 a.m. BINGO|12:45 p.m. LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m. Strengthening Exercise 10 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

April 4

Holland Street Center Lunch|11:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

April 7

Holland Street Center Moonlighters 10:30 a.m. Lunch|11:30 a.m. Wii Bowling League 12 p.m. Lunch|11:30 a.m. Fit-4-Life C|1 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

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The Railside Lounge and Bar-B-Que

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yesterday that you'd be sitting

The Railside?

at the bar at The Railside and Please join me as I host a night salad you can eat plus a couple your glass would start shaking of comedy at Giggles Comedy of hours with some hilarious because of the freight train roll- Club (Prince Pizzeria) on Route professional comedians. It's all to ing through the square. After all, 1 in Saugus, Wednesday April benefit Somerville's only Masonwhy do you think they named it 2. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The ic Lodge, King Solomon's Lodge.

price is \$25 for all the pizza and



Answers

FOR SALE: Beautifully cared for in great condition a Cherry Wood dinning room set, with two leaf table, six chairs, large wall china cabinet and large corner glass cabinet, also custom pads, asking \$500. A must see. Email donnortonera@yahoo.com for appointment. Must be able to make arrangements to move it out.



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complete games with no shutouts	7. The mint julep
2. Bob Feller (Cleveland Indians) in 1940 against the Chicago White Sox	8. The vacuum cleaner – which could be converted into a hair dryer by attach- ing a hose to the exhaust
3. April 5, 2012 between the Cleveland Indians and	9. 1986
Toronto Blue Jays – they played 16 innings	10. 84
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much air the person has in	12. Tom Cruise

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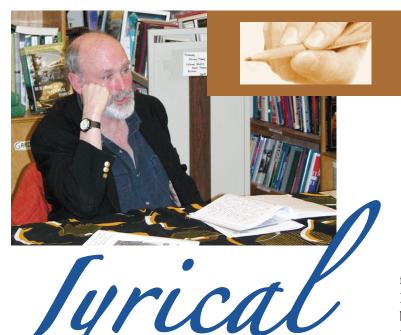
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14th annual Boston National Poetry Month Festival:

April 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Well, for the 14th year I have been on the board for Tapestry of Voices (an organization founded by Harris Gardner, pictured far right), that every year brings to you the much lauded Boston National Poetry Festival to the greater metro area. Somerville poets are well represented including: Yours Truly, Lloyd Schwartz, Bert Stern, Kirk Etherton, Lucy Holstedt, State Representative Denise Provost, Harris Gardner, and Gloria Mindock. Below is a peek into what the Festival offers:

The Boston National Poetry Month Festival Boston Public Library, Copley Square and Old South Church (Thursday) April 10-13, 2014 Free admission

More than 75 established and emerging poets.

Now in its 14th year, this annual festival begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night, April 10, with a new feature, an evening of poetry set to music and dance across the street from the Library, at Old South Church.

Events at the Library start on Friday at 11 a.m. when 15 Keynote poets will read in the Salon. All are widely published and highly acclaimed. One example: David Ferry won the 2012 National Book Award in Poetry, and the 2011 Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize.

The Festival continues on Saturday and Sunday, with readings by local established and emerging poets in Rabb Hall, plus open mics and a writing workshop.

Thursday, April 10, Old South Church, 645 Boylston St., 7:30 p.m. Free.

16 perfomances of poetry set to music and dance. Guild Room, 4th floor. Accessible.

Friday, April 11, Commonwealth Avenue Salon Room at the BPL, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free. 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Lloyd Schwartz, Miri-



am Levine, Tino Villanueva.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.: Dan Tobin, Christine Casson, Jim Schley.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.: David Ferry, George Kalogeris, Martha Collins.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.: Diana DerHovanessian, X.J. Kennedy, Alfred Nicol.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.: Kathleen Spivack, Richard Hoffman, Fred Marchant.

Saturday, April 12, Rabb Lecture Hall at the BPL, 10:00 a.m. – 4:40 p.m. Free.

40 poets read for 10-minutes each. The day begins with five Boston-area high school students. Other poets include Regie O. Gibson, C.D. Collins, Charles Coe and State Rep. Denise Provost.

Sunday, April 13, Rabb Lecture Hall at the BPL, 1:10 – 4:40 p.m. Free.

21 poets read for 10-minutes each. They include Ifeanyi Menkiti, Lainie Senechel, Doug Holder, Lo Galluccio, and January O'Neil. (Concurrent with open mic. and workshop)

OPEN MIC. Sat & Sun 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Room 5-6. **FREE WORKSHOP** with Tom Daley Sun 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Festival co-sponsored by Tapestry of Voices and Kaji Aso Studio, in partnership with the Boston Public Library.

FOR INFORMATION — Tapestry of Voices: 617-306-9484. Library: 617-536-5400.

LEGO Replica of Boston Public Library Unveiled

Nina Alonso Hathaway is the publisher of *Constellations: A Journal of Poetry and Fiction.* She wrote *The Times* about the new release of *Constellations 3* and told us us about a reading for the launch of this new issue of the literary journal at The Somerville Public Library, Main Branch, April 23, 2014 at 7 p.m.: When I settled on the theme "Life Revisions" for this issue, I was thinking of the



bumps and shifts of growth, the winding river's hidden rocks and waterfalls, the arid spells, the psychological collisions, the surprises and disappointments, the collapse of relationships that sort of thing. The Marathon bombing struck innocents on a fine April day, terrorism in Boston, gun battles in Watertown, close to where we live. The week before this event I strolled down that exact segment of Boylston Street to attend a poetry festival at the Boston Public Library with writers in this issue. Here is a poem I picked from our new issue."

Meditation

Cupped hands blooming on my lap

I re-integrate my island self with the

coastline from which I'm prone to

detach, like a man floating on a raft.

We once belonged to the sea, but now

we draw the wind that sweeps across

the land into our lungs. If we choose

to estrange ourselves from the billions

who breathe with us, we float further

and further away from who we are.

So, I sit, seemingly alone, but in fact

finding my way back across an ocean

to the dry land where my tribe abides

— Lawrence Kessenich

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu



A LEGO replica of the Boston Public Library was unveiled this week at LEGOLAND* Discovery Center Boston. The 2.6-square foot replica, which was constructed from approximately 6,350 bricks and took 47 hours to design and build, will be on public display until April 5. The model is the first to be revealed from the MINILAND* attraction at LEGOLAND* Discovery Center Boston, opening May 23 at Assembly Row in Somerville.

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